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THE FIDDLER'S CHANCE

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement of a Fiddlers and Dancers competition to be held under the joint auspices of the Prince Edward Island Publicity Association and the Intercolonial Club of Boston.

The competition will be held in the Strand Theatre, Charlottetown, on March 30. All particulars may be obtained on application to Mr. W. R. Tinney, Secretary P. E. Island Publicity Association, Charlottetown.

This competition offers an excellent means of publicity for this province. Boston, the home of the Intercolonial Club, is full of Prince Edward Islanders who will watch the contest with great interest. Prince Edward Island, also, is well supplied with fiddlers of Ye Olde Time, many sections east and west, having long been noted for musicians of this class and step-dancers as well, so that the keenest interest is already being taken in what promises to be a unique and enjoyable function. It will be remembered that a few days ago, a Prince Edward Islander won the Fiddlers' Championship in Winnipeg and the achievement was blazoned abroad over the whole Dominion and carried by the wires over the United States.

It is hoped that our sister sections throughout the province will see to it that their best fiddlers are given an opportunity to compete and their best step-dancers to put their best foot forward. The contest will be of international interest and we trust our citizens, for the sake of the publicity involved as well as for the promised enjoyment, will give the contest in the Strand Theatre their fullest patronage.

PLAYING THE GAME

All good citizens delight in a clean game by our young sports. This is amply proved by the large attendance at our hockey matches and our baseball contests. To the credit of our sports and equally to the credit of the fans who attend our games, we rarely see anything but a cleanly played and cleanly won or cleanly lost game.

Naturally young blood is easily heated and, until the rules of the game and of many conduct in every emergency are learned, incidents will occur in the heat regulated clubs to bring down the disapproval of the on-lookers and shame the players into better conduct.

It is well that this disapproval should be shown wherever deserved. The fans are the public opinion whose approval all real, manly players desire to win and such players rarely run counter to it. Should the fans applaud the mean trick or the unfair advantage, though it win, the unfair and tricky player considers it justified and he repeats the offence; others follow his example and the club or the association acquires bad habits and a bad name. A noticeable improvement in our manner of playing, especially hockey, has taken place in recent years and one of the main reasons is the weight of public opinion, as represented by the fans, against anything that savors of shadiness or questionable smartness.

It is to be regretted that, regarding higher circles in our national life the same cannot be said. A game is being played at Ottawa and a questionable goal has been scored by what hockeyists would call a shady trick, or rather a succession of shady tricks. By securing the assistance of an outside group elected by the people

mission, unable to function as a government has usurped the powers of government and now asks for time to reconstruct and to fortify themselves by what is admittedly unfair and unstatesmanlike tactics.

The remedy in this case as in the former is public opinion and that is distinctly and indignantly against them. Regrettably for the national healthfulness of Canada, a number of the fans shout approval of the smart tricks, but the about is already becoming indistinct and incoherent. Shortly, we trust, public opinion shall have an opportunity to declare itself and the discredited gamesters will be relegated to the boards and, after the lesson learned, the game will be resumed by a new team and played fairly.

AN INTERESTING BOOK

One of the most interesting and most informative books published in Canada, although the least read, is the Public Accounts, printed yearly in three ponderous volumes. Were they more widely read the public generally whose main relation to the government is to vote for or against it and to pay, pay, pay, would probably think of more than mere party before voting and would perhaps even pay less than they do now.

A writer in a recent issue of MacLean's Magazine draws attention to some interesting items in this year's issue of the Public Accounts. Here are some:

"Travelling and living expenses of Canadian delegates to The League of Nations, Senator Dandurand \$3,130; Hon. E. M. Macdonald \$5,000; Dr. O. D. Skelton, Advisor to Canadian delegates \$914."

"Just how it came that what cost Senator Dandurand \$3,130 cost Mr. Macdonald \$5,000, the Auditor does not explain. Neither does he tell by what process Dr. Skelton managed to get to Geneva and back again for \$2,000 less than it cost the country to have Senator Dandurand make the same trip and \$4,000 less than it cost Mr. Macdonald to make it."

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald appears on another page under the head of "Militia and Defence," where he drew for travelling expenses the modern sum of \$6,914. When it is recalled that the Hon. E. M. draws, in addition to his travelling expenses, a ministerial salary of \$10,000 and a sessional indemnity of \$4,000 and has a free pass on all Canadian railways, it may be assumed that his frequent excursions abroad may easily be very enjoyable. He has been called the Minister of Self Defence and it would appear that the principle of Safety First is somewhat characteristic.

The Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture in the King Cabinet, one of the survivors from the wreck of October 29 does not suffer much deprivation either in his longer or shorter excursions. Here is an item which at least partly explains itself: "Maintenance of Mr. Motherwell's automobile \$961.55; uniform for Motherwell's chauffeur \$130; Mr. Motherwell's travelling expenses \$2,200."

Mr. Motherwell of course draws his Ministerial Salary of \$10,000 and a sessional indemnity of \$4,000 together with a free pass on all Canadian National Railways.

These are but a few stray samples from the three ponderous tomes to which we have referred. A careful perusal of them would furnish many gems, if not of literature, at least of present Canadian history. The thoughtful reader will naturally ask what have these two gentlemen given to Canada for

Notes by the Way

Closure is working at Ottawa. Three times in one day it stopped all further talk on three questions and set the division bells ringing. An easy and quick way to end obstruction, forsooth. Was it a new invention, or discovery, that could bring such magic results in such brief space of time? No. Closure had long been a familiar process in the Mother of Parliaments at Westminster. It had been tried also at Ottawa so long ago as before the War and had proved as effective then as it has just now.

Does somebody rise to ask. Why was not closure applied weeks ago? Why have Ministers and their supporters complained about "obstruction" from day to day and from week to week when they had right at their hand a weapon that would have ended it in an hour? For it is true that closure would have done its work quite as effectively had it been applied in the second, third or fourth weeks of January or in any of the weeks or days of February as it did at the beginning of March.

Yes, Ministers and their supporters in the House complained, and the Liberal press throughout Canada printed column after column of despatches and editorial ranting, denouncing "Tory obstruction," and the painted hypocrites knew all the time that under the rules of Parliament their Ministers at Ottawa could terminate any long debate in an hour.

They called it "obstructing the business of the country" and waxed indignant over it and all the time they knew there was no business to obstruct! The proof of this is known to every newspaper reader in Canada. What happened when the so-called obstruction was killed with one bludgeoning blow of closure? Did the wheels of Parliament begin to move? Did the government bring down its promised measures? Nothing of the sort! Closure was utilised again immediately to close the doors of Parliament!

Oh for a forty parson power, To chant thy praise hypocrisy!

So eager were these Ministers and members Liberals and Progressives, to get on with the business of a distracted and impatient country that they shut up the shop in which alone the business of the country could be done. Yes, they shut the shop and sent the members and officials to their homes for two weeks. They cut the session in two in what ought to have been the middle of its winter's work, quite after the manner in which the voters had cut the government in two and cut off its head in October.

And this they did when not a bill had been introduced, not a report submitted, not a single necessary step taken or attempt made to legislate or perform any of the business functions of a parliament. And in the name of all that's federal, who is it that has obstructed Parliament if it be not the men who have shut its doors? And nobody else than the Government and its majority could have done that if they would. No Opposition party, be it made up of Liberals or Conservatives, has that power.

No Opposition party in any Parliament has power over closure or adjournments. Only the Government of the day can exercise these powers. The Government and the Government alone had full power to close out at any time the long discussions of the past two months. They deliberately chose not to stop the discussion and they themselves occupied time and filled up Hansard day after day along with the speakers on the other side of the House. If talk were obstruction the ministerial party shared in it to the full and then blamed it all upon the Opposition.

Is this the kind of Government that the people of Canada want? Is it the sort of Government that the people of Prince Edward Island desire? Perish the thought! Day by day and month by month the treasury has been robbed and plundered at will by smugglers hand in hand with corrupt officials and their nefarious transactions winked at by the men in power. Witness the revelations before the Probe Committee, only begun as yet. But this is the kind of Government that was supported by the Solid Four members from this

That Body of Hours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

MEETING THE PATIENT HALF WAY.

A British physician of high standing, Sir Arbuthnot Lane, after a visit to the United States and Canada, has been talking very plainly to his professional brethren over there. He says that in America the doctor and his patient meet on equal ground, the patient telling all his symptoms, and the physician explaining just why he thinks these symptoms are due to certain causes, and also just why they cannot be, or are not likely to be, due to anything else.

In other words the physician on this side of the water actually takes his patient into confidence in every way. That in America the day is gone by when the doctor is a man of mystery, and a patient would hesitate to ask the doctor the diagnosis of his complaint. It is so different in Britain where the physician stands aloof from the patient. He is as well equipped as any physician in the world, but this very stand off attitude makes the patient stand in awe of him, and there is not the same straightforward chance for the patient to unobscure himself completely.

How far is a physician going to get in treating a patient for some disability when the patient will only answer the questions asked him, and gets little or no opportunity of telling everything. A rapid heart, an irritable stomach, a congested gall bladder or other conditions, may be due to some emotional disturbance and in the patient's life, and the doctor's diagnosis and treatment is going to be of no avail until this thing is cleared away.

A few months ago Dr. Mayo, America's great surgeon, made the statement that a doctor was simply out of date who did not take his patient into his confidence, tell him frankly what he thought was the trouble, and outline to the patient in a general way his line of treatment. In this way he got the co-operation of the patient because the patient saw the "reasonableness" of it.

The doctor of today knows more than his predecessors, but his patient knows more also.

The fact that it is a Britisher who is telling the British physicians that our way out here is the better way, may get this idea into the profession there, and the patients and doctors themselves, will be greatly benefited thereby.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

March 8, 1926

A RENEWED PROMISE—"Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand shall he let them go." Ex. 6:1.

PRAYER—I love the Lord, because He heareth my voice and my supplications.

THE UNATTAINABLE

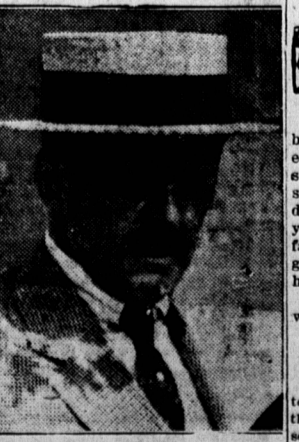
A little child shed futile tears So fraught with pain, In longing for a cherished toy— Yet all in vain.

When as a boy at school he craved A coveted prize, Which he must see another gain Before his eyes.

And, oh! the sighs in after life To manhood grown For a fair woman he would fain Have called his own.

But when he laid him down to rest In that last sleep He did not pray to God in vain His soul to keep. —Malvina Pasmore.

Count Von Bernstorff



German ambassador to the United States during the war, who conducted the campaign in that country against the allies. He is now to be Germany's representative on the

Winter Reflections On Summer Attractions

GEORGETOWN'S HARBOR, HOTELS AND OTHER SCENES, MAKE THE CAPITAL OF KINGS AN IDEAL CENTRE

Historical

The drive from Montague to Georgetown, the Capital, offers a lovely sight for the Tourist. The scenery on both sides of the Montague is decidedly beautiful, whilst the Brudenell River, which almost parallels the Montague, is embowered on both sides with natural gifts in groves, fields, and glowing orchards. Looking southward from the Capital town one obtains a full view of Pannure Island. The great harbor lies inside with St. Mary's Bay adding to the wide expanse of its sheltering area. Two ferry steamers accommodate the public and trade and traffic of the town.

Landing from the eastern side of the ferry there is St. Georges, Newport and DeGros Marsh, all on the way to Launching, Bouj Bay and Island. The country in this section is among the most prosperous, and has fine dwellings, including the magnificent new mansion of the Misses McDonald, which is not excelled on this island. Crossing from Launching by ferry we come to the stirring village of Annandale, a good shipping centre in which Mr. Ed. McFarlane carries on a large business. East of the Grand River there is a fertile stretch of country up to Bridgetown, another live business locality, with one good hotel and fine stores.

The tourist turns here for the east and has a delightful route to Souris an enterprising and modern town with fine stores and other branches of business. The town is situated on a high elevation with a splendid view of Colville Bay, and is the business emporium of a prosperous country. Fortune Bay and North Lake are two famous fishing grounds some eight or nine miles from the town and a paradise for anglers, and all who visit there for boating and surf-bathing. There is a colony of Americans who spend the holiday season at Fortune and Souris.

There are two hotels—the Seaview and McInnis—in Souris, which are largely patronized and are highly spoken of by the tourist folk. Several large mercantile houses conduct an extensive trade. Fish in mackerel cod, hake, had dock are caught outside and land in town where considerable employment is derived from curing the catch, which is exported in large quantities to the South American Republics and the West Indies, at least our information is to that effect. All sections of the country we have sketched look very thrifty and in line with the country in general, it is not excelled for rich verdure, panoramic beauty and the production of live stock, grain, potatoes, hay, oats wheat and fruit—in a word with our resources, and keeps up the reputation of this famous Garden of the Gulf.

There is a stretch of about 15 miles in width along the north shore to which we must now devote some of our space. It extends from East Point to St. Peter's Bay and depends a good deal on the harvests of the sea as well as the products of the soil. For scenery it is not afraid of competition. The view of the Gulf from the homes and hearts of the inhabitants develops a spirit of adventure which is often tested when ships are cast ashore or fishing craft are caught out in raging seas. Men and even boys can handle these boats with marvellous skill and often effect rescues where landsmen would give up in despair. This is at most the rule as far west as St. Peter's Bay. We may state in passing that these fishing boats are operated in connection with lobster canning as well as taking the finny varieties of the sea's harvest.

Leaving the coast in all its rugged grandeur and awe-inspiring aspects, its fascination for the brave and the free, tourists generally strike across country to the Head of St. Peter's Bay which is a noted watering place, and one of the most exhilarating summer resorts in the catalogue; the tourist then feels in need of refreshments and repose, hence he wends his way to the Bayview, a well-kept and convenient hotel, where at bed-time he is soon lulled to sleep by the Mermaid's Song as it floats inland on the murmuring winds from the Atlantic.

Yours in the Day

MARCH 8.—You are fond of books and music, and have considerable ability as a critic. You are scrupulously honest, frank and straightforward, and care a great deal for personal attentions shown you. Your love is true and steadfast. Try to be hopeful, and avoid gossip. You will travel far, and have a happy home life.

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The Public Forum

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WINTER ROADS

Sir,—It would be a great benefit to the travelling public if the Road Masters were compelled to break passing places over on each side of the track, at say 200 yards apart and brush them to put the teams through them every time they break the roads.

I am Sir, etc., ROAD MASTER.

Auto Record Breaking Party Met With Disaster

(Canadian Press) MONAYA, Italy, Mar. 7.—The attempt by a team of five Englishmen and a young English girl, Miss Violetta Cordery, to create a new world's record for a non-stop automobile run of 40,000 kilometres (24,854 miles), on the famous race track here, came to grief today. Ward one of Miss Cordery's comrades, fell asleep at the wheel while speeding at 100 kilometers an hour, and the car went over the edge of the track. Ward was thrown some distance and suffered bruises, but was said at the hospital not to be in a serious condition.

The team, taking three hour turns each at the wheel had circled the track 1,551 times for a total of 8,329 kilometres (5,175.39 miles) at an average speed of 93.4 kilometres (58.03 miles) an hour.

Goods Shipped Out by German Ex-Heir

BERLIN, Mar. 7.—The former Crown Prince Frederick William Hohenzollern is packing what possessions he can, and preparing to get them across the German border lest they be seized by the German government.

The radical newspaper, Welt am Abend reports that the former Kaiser's son moved sixty loads of furniture, carpets and similar household goods from his castle into Berlin recently, and that he has stored them in a warehouse preparatory to shipping them out of Germany.

No Panic in London

LONDON, Mar. 7.—The London Stock Exchange apparently was very little affected by the recent New York slump. Hundreds of prices were marked down in the list of American railroad shares and bonds, as well as some Canadian and American utilities securities, but the practical effect of the New York losses was said to be almost negligible.

This circumstance according to the financial editor of the Morning Post reveals one of the startling changes resulting from the financial effects of the war. Time was when a panic in Wall street would have been a matter of acute concern to genuine holders of and speculators in American shares on this side of the water, while there would have been apprehensions in the money market of heavy demands for accommodation. Today, however, our holdings of American securities are meagre, and speculation in them practically non-existent. It is generally believed American balances in London are quite moderate, and that fact alone lessens anxiety.

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