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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1916.

## TRUMPING THEIR ACE.

The Patriot in its yesterday's issue was wroth with the Hon. A. E. Arsenault because he trumped their ace. The present Opposition has proved an utter failure in the legislature. They have accomplished absolutely nothing during the three weeks the House has sat. Their whole stock in trade has consisted of petty faultfinding and slanderous innuendo. The government has covered itself with credit and proved its measurably superior in debate and in the conduct of the affairs of the House. The Opposition are mere pigmies compared with the giants on the government benches. No one denies this not even Liberal partisans who have been present with any regularity while the House was sitting. The Leader of the Opposition and his two colleagues have hardly ever opened their mouth without "putting their foot in it." The strength of the Opposition is their weakness. They are great at planning booms which inevitably have a boomerang effect. Their special *bete noir* in the government is Hon. Charles Dalton. We suppose because he defeated their erstwhile leader. They have been after him with a tomahawk or hand grenade or bomb ever since the session opened, only to find that their would-be victims rises and flays them, driving them back to their holes. In caucus the other night the Opposition seriously discussed the most effective means of getting rid of Mr. Dalton and hit upon the scheme of making a demand for his disqualification on account of his connection with the Board of Trustees of the Dalton Sanatorium's temporary loans from the government under statute for the purpose of making advances to contractors during Mr. Dalton's absence from the province. This was to be the trump card they were to play but lo and behold there were one or more traitors in their camp who communicated the result of their deliberations to their opponents. And this is how Mr. Arsenault came to trump their ace: "It is a crying shame, and if there is one thing that the Opposition will have occasion to remember with regret and to their sorrow it is the bringing up of a matter of this kind, in this House and before the country. It is a crying shame that a member who had offered \$25,000 to the province and spent \$60,000 when not obliged to do it should be threatened with a lawsuit because technically he committed a breach of the independence of Parliament."

## ANNIVERSARY OF YPRES

It is fitting that Canadians should celebrate the anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres; fitting that every home in Canada should fly the flag for which our Canadian troops, a year ago tomorrow and Sunday and Monday, made a name for themselves that will live forever in history. To quote from Sir Max Aitken's splendid record, "Canadians in Flanders," "As long as brave deeds retain the power to fire the blood of Anglo-Saxons, the stand made by the Canadians in those desperate days will be told by fathers to their sons; for in the military records of Canada this defence will shine as brightly as in the records of the British Army the stubborn valour with which Sir James McDonnell and the Guards beat back from Hougoumont the Division of Foy and the Army Corps of Reille. The Canadians wrested from the trenches, over the bodies of the dead and maimed, the right to stand side by side with the superb troops who, in the first battle of Ypres, broke and drove before them the flower of the Prussian Guards."

The Second Battle of Ypres, the celebration of the anniversary of which has been invited by the Dominion Government, as announced in our Ottawa despatches yesterday, is still fresh in our memories. Within the past few weeks we have welcomed home several of our own young men who brought with them honourable scars won at Ypres, and there are sons of our Island homes who laid down their lives for their friends during the three historic days of April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th one year ago.

These three glorious and terrible days, so full of pride mingled with sadness are so recent that it is unnecessary to repeat the story. It was here that the "Canadians saved the situation." It was of the work done there that Lieutenant-General Alderson, commanding the Canadian troops said in a speech to his soldiers after the twelve strenuous days from April 22nd to May 4th, "If we had retired on the evening of April 22nd—when our Allies fell back before the gas and left our left flank quite open—the whole of the 27th and 28th Divisions would have been cut off. This is what our Commander-in-Chief meant when he telegraphed, as he did, that "The Canadians saved the situation." My lads, if ever men had a right to be proud in this world, you have."

"The story of the Second Battle of Ypres," says Sir Max Aitken in his admirable book, "is the story of how the Canadian Division, enormously outnumbered—for they had in front of them at least four divisions supported by immensely heavy artillery—with

a gap still existing, though reduced, in their lines, and with dispositions made hurriedly under the stimulus of of critical danger, fought through the day and through the night and then through another day and night; fought under their officers until, as happened to so many, these perished gloriously, and then fought from the impulsion of sheer valour because they came from fighting stock."

We are asked by the Dominion Government on behalf of the Canadian people to fly our flags tomorrow and Sunday and Monday to commemorate these three grandly terrible days of one year ago and in honour of the living and the dead who made the days so gloriously historic and so honouring to Canada. Let the flags fly, let every housetop be decorated and let the city be made red with the flag for which our splendid men stood through these three days and nights—or fell where they stood.

## MR BELL WRONG AGAIN

Mr. Bell and his mouthpiece, which Hon. Murdock McKinnon has designated the Liberal Bureau of garbled statements and misrepresentations, have been at it again. Mr. Bell alleged in the House that the Department of Agriculture had overdrawn its subsidy from Ottawa by three months and had thereby exhausted in twelve months the wherewithal for carrying on the work under the Agricultural Aid Act for the first three months of 1915. There is absolutely no foundation in fact for this allegation. The Dominion financial year ends on March 31st and the grants are paid half yearly in advance. The provincial financial year ends on Dec. 31st. The provincial grants are payable on the first of April and first of October, both within the provincial year though the second portion is carried for three months into the next financial year. Reference to the financial reports for 1914 and 1915 will make this clear. In 1914 the entry is "By grant for year ending March 31, 1914, \$26,529.85" and there is given "To Balance of grant unexpended \$6,426.48" which is the three months proportion carried forward to the next financial year of the province. Similarly in last year's accounts we have the entries "By grant for year ending March 31, 1916, \$27,832.81" and "to balance of grant unexpended," that is the proportion of the first three months of the present financial year, \$6,673.16. Now this is as clear as crystal to anyone who has any knowledge of figures or any perception of truth and accuracy. Whatever else Mr. Bell may be he is not a statistician, and whatever else the Patriot may be it is not a disciple of truth. We leave it there with little hope of either one or the other attempting to clear their reputation.

## OUR LOCAL FLAG DAY

Apropos of the commemoration of the Second Battle of Ypres by the display of flags throughout the City is the "flag day" on Saturday in aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital. There is no worthier institution and no worthier cause than that which ministers to our sick and no more appropriate day to lend our assistance than the anniversary of Ypres. A band of young girls will offer flags for sale tomorrow, Saturday, the proceeds to go into the funds of the P. E. Island Hospital. The flags are suitable for interior decoration or may be worn, in honour of those three days which all Canadians will observe in remembrance of the gallant achievements of their sons and brothers a year ago, and in recognition too of the claims of our Prince Edward Island Hospital. It is hoped that no one will appear abroad tomorrow without a little silken flag which the committee of young girls will gladly furnish for the nominal sum of ten cents. Let it be a real flag day and a real helping day for the Hospital.

## IS IT THE SWAN SONG?

The Opposition is in sad straits. There never has been really any opposition in the ordinary sense to the present government. During the last four years there were two members in the Opposition benches and it must be admitted they put up a bold fight for their party, though sadly outnumbered. Mr. John Richards is a finished politician, knows when to take advantage of an opportunity and knows when to remain quiescent. The present Opposition is considerable in numbers but woefully lacking in weight and cohesion. Last week they were all at sixes and sevens over the drainage bill and yesterday they went to pieces on the budget. Mr. Bell has no control over his nominal followers. They speak as they like and do as they like, being apparently out of hand. In the two principal debates they have expressed radically different opinions on what should be vital principles with their party. A crisis was reached on Wednesday night in the closing hours of the debate on the address when the Leader of the Opposition was deserted by nine of his twelve followers and was left practically single handed to discuss the estimates in the Committee on Supply. The Patriot seems to feel, this desertion keenly and has resorted to the extraordinary expedient of pillorying the offending members by specifically naming them. We are doubtful if this will have the effect anticipated by our contemporary. It will more than likely have a tendency to make the Opposition more recalcitrant. The fact of the matter is, and it cannot be denied, that the Opposition are heartily sick at their complete failure in the House. They have been led from disaster to disaster and in the course of the whole three weeks proceedings have not a single petty victory to their credit. They have been outgeneralized in every instance and are now crestfallen and ashamed. The Easter recess yesterday came as a profound relief to them and never did schoolboys after a hard six months term welcome a holiday more than did the Opposition after a pitiful three weeks attendance in the Legislative Chamber.

## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The last week of Lent was closely observed this year, nearly all entertainments public and private having been cancelled.

Preparations are going on apace for the several Bridges, Dances and Bazaars which are to be held here next week, all of which are being eagerly anticipated.

With the Easter Season naturally comes the thought of flowers and never before was the variety so choice and plentiful. The conservatories are centres of attractive loveliness and no doubt on Sunday the display of flowers and Easter millinery in the Churches will be the cynosure of all eyes that stray from their devotions.

Sir W. W. Sullivan is enjoying a short holiday with his daughter Mrs. McMannus of Memramcook, N. B.

The debate on the Budget was deeply interesting this week and nightly ladies and gentlemen crowded the Legislative Assembly to hear the Speakers. The House yesterday adjourned for the Easter recess.

Mrs. Carson Flood, who has been visiting in St. John for a few weeks, was quite widely entertained by her former friends. She left this week for Boston where she is the guest of her mother Mrs. William Green.

Mrs. A. A. McLean was a guest this week at a Bridge given in Ottawa by Mme. Rodolphe Lemieux at which Lady Foster, Mrs. John Pugsley and Mrs. L. Bertrand were the prize winners.

Much interest socially centres around the invitations issued for the marriage of Miss Mary Bartlett, daughter of Major A. A. Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett to Lieut. Allan Battiscombe Cosh of the 105th Highland Regiment, which takes place next Wednesday, April 26th.

Mrs. H. W. Longworth and Miss Rose Longworth are spending Easter in New York.

Mrs. Fielding, Miss Agnes Fielding and Mrs. J. F. White Jr. who have been visiting Mayor and Mrs. Agnew for the past week have returned to Charlottetown.

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. B. Louisa.

## EASTER TIDE COMFORTS.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
 In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they are far away?

Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
 Jesus has vanquish'd death and all its powers.

Christ's life outwardly was one of the most troubled lives that was ever lived: Tempest and tumult, tumult and tempest, the waves breaking over it all the time till the worn body was laid in the grave. But the inner life was a sea of glass. The great calm was always there. At any moment you might have gone to Him and found Rest. And even when the blood-bounds were dogging him in the streets of Jerusalem, He turned to His disciples and offered them, as a last legacy, "My peace." Nothing ever for a moment broke the serenity of Christ's life on earth. Misfortune could not reach Him; He had no fortune. Food, raiment, money, fountain heads of half the world's weariness—He simply did not care for; they played no part in His life; He "took no thought" for them. It was impossible to affect Him by lowering His reputation. He had already made Himself of no reputation. He was dumb before insult. When he was reviled, He reviled not again. In fact, there was nothing that the world could do to Him that could ruffle the surface of His spirit.  
 HENRY DRUMMOND.

## ALBERTON ACCOMPANIED BY MISS AMY AGNEW.

Mrs. Robert May is being welcomed home having spent the winter months in St. John. She is the guest of her sister Mrs. D. Davies, "The Rowans."

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tidmarsh are at present in Halifax with their son Captain Clarence Tidmarsh, who leaves shortly for Overseas.

Dr. George Warburton and family are receiving the deep sympathy of their friends on the news of Corporal Richard Warburton's death, which was received here this week. It is but another instance of the nearness of the war to this Province.

It is pleasing to know that Eric Warburton son of Dr. James Warburton who was so very seriously wounded in the Dardanelles is now convalescing in England.

Among those returning home this week for the Easter Holidays were Senator and Mrs. McLean, Senator and Mrs. Murphy and Senator and Mrs. Prowse.

## RATS BOTHER BOYS IN TRENCHES

The following is a copy of a letter received by Miss Gertrude Sanderson in answer to a note which she placed in a pair of socks donated to the Red Cross Society in November 1915:

Dear Miss Sanderson:—

I received a pair of socks while in the trenches not many days ago and found your note enclosed with them. My chum also got a pair which you had sent and is leaving it to me to thank you for both pairs. During the past few days we have had the largest snow fall of the season for these parts. It has only snowed a couple of inches in three days so we are not minding it. The big guns are busy these days and it is nice to listen to them just as long as they are not firing over us but when they are registering on us it is not so pleasant. Registering is an artillery term meaning "getting range." We have a great time fighting the rats out here. They are so cute that they blow out the candles and steal them so we can't see them when they come back to eat our rations. The P. E. I. rats are midgets compared with the ones out here so you can consider yourself lucky not to be out here. I came from Chatham, N. B., and have seen rats come off ships but they look like mice when put alongside of these French specimens. You can imagine what sporty times we have out here when we have to fight with the dogs to see who will occupy the dog's house when we are in.

## RUN-DOWN WOMEN

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## PATONS

That is "straight goods" I assure you. Water is so scarce (that is good drinking water) out here that we have to use it very sparingly. It requires a knowledge of cooking to get along out here at the very least a person has to know how to put up mulligan or as it is often called Irish stew.

Well, I will have to close now hoping you are in the best of health and thanking you for the socks.  
 I remain,  
 PTE. ALBERT McL. LUKE.  
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 Stratcher Barrers,  
 1st Battalion,  
 C. E. F.,  
 B. E. F. France.

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