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THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1920.

OUR RAILWAY FACILITIES

During the recent visit of the railway officials several important facts were elicited at the Board of Trade meeting. One of these is that outside of the expense of the car ferry and the terminals there is no deficit against the Prince Edward Island Railway. The expense of running the car ferry is not chargeable to the P. E. Island service. Deficits on the P. E. Island Railway had become a standing excuse for curtailment of expenditures here and as a result our railway service has not been and is not yet what it ought to be.

Another and very important fact elicited is that the railway officials express their full concurrence in the Island's claim for a second car ferry steamer and the standardization of the whole Island railway and are prepared to stand behind these. The only obstacle in the way is the question of finance; if the Finance Minister, Sir Henry Drayton, can be assured of the necessity of this extra accommodation, notwithstanding the other heavy calls upon him, he will authorize the necessary appropriation.

So the matter stands, Sir Henry Drayton was here only a few weeks ago. The authorities here had the opportunity then to convince him of the Island's need, to prove to him that the one great need of the province is better transportation facilities, but he was allowed to carry away with him an impression that the Island had about all the transportation facilities it deserved and that all it needed was to get the duty knocked off such agricultural implements as are now dutiable.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. W. M. Lea, who of all men should have been able to give the Minister the information he needed, knew nothing about it; didn't know how many farmers there were in the province, didn't know what the annual average production was, what the annual export from the province was, didn't even know the area of the Island.

The only information of any value to the province given to the Minister was that given by Mr. John O. Hyndman, after the departure of the Commission, in a letter sent through a personal friend, Mr. Hyndman not having had an opportunity to present his views in person before the Commission. If this letter can by any means offset the inane evidence given on behalf of the provincial government, there is some hope that something will come of it but if our hopes for railway improvements depend upon what the provincial government witnesses placed before the Commission it will be a blue outlook for Prince Edward Island.

With men thoroughly acquainted with our Island needs now in the head office at Toronto, men who know and admit the need of a second car ferry and the standardization of our railway there is an excellent opportunity to press our claims and a move should be made at once to have the whole service improved. The link between Sackville and Prince Edward Island with its second class, antiquated, kerosene lighted cars and its long and frequent stops along the way, must be sufficiently modernized and improved before another season's passenger traffic opens if Prince Edward Island is to remain on the map and we cannot begin too soon to set the necessary machinery in motion to effect it.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL"

Mr. Roger H. Williams, Vice President of the National Bank of Commerce, New York, at a meeting of the Converters Association said: "To my mind there is no greater service that can be rendered to-day to business and to the public than to re-establish a normal volume of buying. And to do this business and the public must come to an understanding."

There is no question as to the soundness of this doctrine. In a small community like ours especially, the merchants gauge their purchases to what they know from experience to be the purchasing capacity of their customers. They do not and cannot accumulate surplus stock in large quantities; what they purchase they must sell within a reasonable time limit; to go beyond that time limit would mean an actual loss. This loss they guard against by not overloading.

There will necessarily be fluctuations both in buying and selling but normal fluctuations amount to very little and are not unexpected. It is when buying falls below the normal, when for any reason the public generally shorten up on their buying that the mischief is done not only to the merchants but to themselves. This is what, in the larger centres at least, results in reduced orders to the manufacturers, in reduced output by the manufacturers and in unemployment. The other day in New York several thousand garment makers were thrown out of employment because there was an abnormal shortage of work caused by a falling off in public buying. When this occurs in a number of large centres it ends in widespread unemployment, in reduced wages and even in soup kitchens.

In a community like ours, compact and all moderately well off there is little danger of general unemployment and less danger of soup kitchens but in a lesser degree the effect of sub-normal buying is similar. We cannot get away from the fact that the interests of merchants and customers are so interwoven that what injures the one will certainly injure the other. There should be no panicky cessation in buying; no unusual waiting for a reduction of prices and, while there should at no time be un-

CURRENT COMMENT

Illustrating the great power of the people to enforce their right to rule under responsible government we referred to the case of the Davies Ministry, a far brainier and more powerful one than the Bell conglomeration, who were forced to throw up the sponge at the people's command. The Patriot seeks to draw a streak of support from this to bolster up its taxation iniquities. It says, "Then as now a fearful howl was raised throughout the country on account of taxation, and the Davies Government went out of power." This is not so; the Patriot's memory or record is at fault. Then as now the "howl" was not against fair and equitable taxation but against the Government's "obnoxious" methods of assessments, valuations and collections. Under the old land tax, with which the people were familiar and contented, about \$30,000 annually was collected. The Davies Act provided for only a slight increase over this, about two to four thousand dollars, but the methods of valuations, unequal assessments, and the waste of a large portion of the funds collected in paying a horde for extra officials, just exactly as it is today, aroused the country to a force which the Government could not resist, and to avoid a motion of want of confidence they resigned.

The Conservative Government following, true to promise, repealed that obnoxious act and conducted the business of the country for the balance of their term of twelve years ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT TAXATION and by so doing relieved the taxpayers of the country of taxes amounting to over a quarter of a million dollars. It is true that they left a trifling debt, certified to by responsible EXTERNAL AUDITORS of \$124,000 with claims assets at Ottawa to offset it, as the total indebtedness after twelve years of administration. Our Liberal friend will no doubt not forget to tell us the old, old story, that they also drew \$200,000 from capital. That is also true, drawing from capital for public works, some what as the Bell combination are now doing, with this difference, however, they drew from cash at their credit, while the present conglomeration are drawing from borrowed money. We lost the \$10,000 a year interest we were receiving on that capital at 5 per cent but even then it is not as bad as paying out \$11,000 as the present government are doing at 5 1/2 per cent. But to more than cover this the Conservatives secured an increase of \$30,000 subsidy from the Dominion Government, leaving the revenues better than before to the extent of \$20,000 net. And our withdrawal of this capital indicated to

necessary buying or extravagance, it will be best for all concerned that buying and selling should proceed as nearly normally as possible. "Business as usual" was a useful slogan during a much darker time than this; it is a good slogan still.

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Ottawa the financial need of the province and no doubt influenced the getting of our increased subsidy.

We instanced past history neither for recrimination or glory but to illustrate the power of the people to control their own affairs. But the Patriot has sought to draw political comfort from these regions of the dead, and we have no objection to give it accommodation. The Davies Government, as we said before consisted of brainy men, and the Public Schools Act is the lasting and creditable monument to their record. If it can only resist the onslaughts of the Bell Government and weather the stormy seas of their neglect and stupidity it will be the greater for having survived a period of such adversity. But how about debt and finances in those ancient days? The Davies Government assumed office with a balance of cash on hand, bequeathed by Conservatives, of \$14,637.46. From this they expended \$40,654.10 on construction of the new Falconwood Asylum. Instead of paying interest upon a public debt they received from the banks \$4,099.43 interest on deposits, in their first year. They left office only two years later with the credit balance reduced from \$14,637.46 to \$12,797.58. They left also unpaid accounts amounting to \$60,071.95 to be paid by the Sullivan Government, and a further sum of \$56,296.67 the cost of completing the Asylum. By deducting these sums from the debt left in 1891, by the Conservatives, it shows the total increase of debt in their whole twelve years was only \$9,000.

Then in 1891, upon the resumption of Liberal rule, both taxation and debt commenced to increase in lively earnest. From \$124,000 when they took office it vaulted up to \$1,072,000 when they retired in 1911. And in taxation it forged up from absolutely nothing to about \$150,000 per year, when they left office. This is how debt and taxation mounts up under Liberal rule. Then there was a partial relief for eight years under the Mathieson and Arsenault Governments. Notwithstanding the great stress and enormous cost of government under war conditions, in the whole eight years there was less than fifty thousand dollars increase in the public debt, and comparatively no increase in taxation. And now again, under the Bell Government, we are up to our necks as a province in the slough-pond of debt and taxation on a scale vaster than anything in previous history. As we suggested above we are dealing with the living present and are willing to leave the dead past to its resting place but if the Patriot insists, we will not object to deal with its resurrections.

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