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OUR RIFLEMEN WIN

PRINCE Edward Island has every reason to be proud of her Riflemen and their achievements. Although vastly outnumbered by the larger provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, they, in competition with them in the Inter Maritime Rifle Match which was shot at Bedford, near Halifax, yesterday, achieved a magnificent victory and hung up a record score of 779 points, or an average of 97 points per man out of a possible 105 points.

It will be remembered that Prince Edward Island won the Internation trophy at Charlottetown a year ago with 763 points. This replaced the previous record made in 1911 of 762 points, also made by an Island team.

It will be noted that there are now three successive records to the credit of Prince Edward Island, a truly wonderful achievement. The Guardian extends congratulations to the Provincial Rifle Association, whom the team represented, also to the Captain, coach and members of the team.

THE OPENING SEASON.

THE summer season is already open, somewhat earlier than usual, and is developing satisfactorily. Already there are many automobiles here bearing the markers of our sister provinces and of the United States. Quite a number of our early visitors are members of the Canadian Medical Association whose convention here next week is no doubt responsible for the earlier than usual opening of the season. With such a favorable early start we have reason to anticipate a more than ordinarily busy tourist season. This is gratifying and our thanks are due to the Prince Edward Island Publicity Association and the Canadian National Railways for the excellent publicity given to the province and for which we are indebted for the increasing tourist business enjoyed during the past few years.

It is gratifying to note that there has been a marked improvement in the condition of some of our highways. A most unfortunate beginning was made and conditions looked very unpromising but many of the early mistakes have already been corrected and now there is good reason to expect that our summer roads will be as good as in former years. That this should be so is the desire of everyone who has any interest in the welfare of the province. Every one realizes the difficulty of keeping clay roads in good condition, and all are ready to overlook evident difficulties but, for the present at least, most of our principle roads are in fairly good condition and, we believe, will help to make the stay of our visitors very enjoyable. Preparations are well advanced for the first important convention, namely, that of the Canadian Medical Association which opens next Monday. Nothing remains to be done in connection with this convention except to look after the weather. Everything is assured, our farms at their best for the time of the year, our reception committees with their programs completed, automobiles at their disposal—all, in fact, that willing men and women can do to make the first convention of the season an enjoyable one. It is now up to the weather man whose early summer activities are more concerned with the watering of our fields and gardens and forests, than with the delectation of pleasure-seekers. However, we shall hope for the best.

The success of the first convention will mould to a certain extent most of the ensuing ones, and we feel sure that all that can humanly be done shall be done to make it and those yet to come, the success that a convention ought to be in so highly favored a province as the Garden of the Gulf.

PLEDGING CANDIDATES

THERE are two good reasons why a prospective member of parliament, federal or provincial, should be pledged beforehand. One is that, without being bound beforehand he is not to be trusted; the other that, if elected, he shall carry out the best of certain constituents, no matter what other constituents may desire. The first is an insult to his intelligence, the other an insult to parliament and to the electorate generally.

If a man is at heart a free trader, a protectionist, a prohibitionist, or whatever else, he may be or ought to be, depended upon to support the policy he believes in. If he needs to be pledged it is either because he cannot be trusted or because he is expected to advocate and support a policy which certain factions believe in and certain others, perhaps a majority, do not.

In either case the pledged man, or the man of whom a pledge is exacted is not the kind of man a free and independent electorate should have as their representative, nor is he the man who should be in parliament.

We have had our experiences in pledging candidates before elections in this Province. We pledged candidates to oppose the introduction of automobiles on our roads. Some of the men thus pledged had their automobiles in their garages, others were looking forward to the day when they would own their autos but in every case the pledges became a joke. Later, and still well remembered, we had candidates pledged to support prohibition, some of them signing the pledge on condition that their constituents should not know anything about it as, if they did they could not be elected.

In every case the pledge became a joke and the pledged candidate a laughing-stock to their constituents and to the public. We are moving at a very rapid pace these days of feverish world regeneration. We no longer trust each other to use the brains which God has given them or has denied them. To do the bidding of those of us who see only one way towards civilization, and that way ours, we must pledge them beforehand to do our bidding like automations whose only prerogative is to jump when we pull the string!

The people are still the rulers, the creators of the powers that be. It is up to them to choose as their lawmakers, men who have minds and opinions of their own and who may be depended upon to act upon them, or mechanical figures to do what the string we have attached to them compels them to do.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"What is so fair as a day in June?" is all right now.

It has been suggested—we do not know how far it has gone—that some sort of modus vivendi should be arrived at in preparation for the coming week, to place the visiting medical men on the same footing as our local men in the matter of issuing prescriptions for certain remedies, now only at the disposal of locally registered practitioners. An honorary membership for the visitors in the local association would probably be within the law.

There is one thing about a vote of censure which, whether it can be carried against the votes of the censured or not, the people are made acquainted with the reasons for the censure, and that is the important thing. During the recent session a number of votes of censure and of want of confidence were discussed and the reasons plainly disclosed. The censured voted against them but the people were informed and, in every case the Government's victory was a defeat.

Notes by the Way

THE problems of taxation, revenue, expenditure, and debt are ever present and should be carefully considered by the municipal, provincial and federal authorities that have to deal with them. How they shall be dealt with depends largely upon the growth of population within the territorial jurisdiction of each of these several authorities. This becomes obvious when we remember that all the revenue of a city or a province is derived from the people. And it follows that there is a wide difference between a city or province whose population is increasing by leaps and bounds and another city or province in which the growth in population is stagnant or retrogressive.

In our own Province we are faced with the unpleasant fact that the number of residents is fewer than it was fifty years ago, and in Charlottetown the increase in numbers has been but a very few thousands within the prolonged period. Within the same period, especially in recent years the province has borrowed and expended upon the highways hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the city in like manner has borrowed and expended many thousands upon its streets, sidewalks and sewers.

Let it be admitted that these are valuable improvements, adding to the convenience and comfort of the people and increasing the facilities of transportation. Most people would say they are indispensable. But improved roads and streets make no return in revenue to repay their cost or the interest thereon. Many believe that our civic government has been more prudent and economical than the provincial, and even the provincial less extravagant and wasteful than the federal, but we need not discuss that aspect of our financial affairs.

Our point is this, that vast sums have been expended by the various taxing and spending authorities, which expenditure produces no revenue in return, and which in future will be as barren of revenue as it always has been. Meanwhile provincial deficits and new borrowings are being added to provincial debts and increased interest can only be met by increased taxation.

More revenue must be had if we are ever again to have a balanced provincial budget, notwithstanding what has been gained under the recommendations of the Duncan Commission. The people have by their votes shut out a lucrative source of revenue which seven of the nine provinces have opened up to their financial advantage. Here the profits of the liquor trade, which are elsewhere filling the provincial treasuries are absorbed by the smugglers and the bootleggers; and the cry of alleged prosperity is raised to cover a swelling deficit.

We must face the facts. We cannot go on incurring new obligations for works that produce no revenue. Taxation, federal and provincial, has grown too heavy and burdensome for the remnant of a people that have diminished by 20,000 in twenty years. Heavy taxation swells the exodus. Retrenchment and economy must supplant reckless borrowing and spending. And some new source of revenue must be found that will not add to the burden of taxation.

Members of Parliament are returning home since the conclusion of their sessional labors at Ottawa. As they meet with their constituents it will be fitting and desirable, that there shall be a frank interchange of views in regard to what our Liberal representatives have done, or tried to do for the Province and for themselves respectively. The Province is still without its promised representation in the Cabinet. The miserable narrow gauge track and trains are still in evidence in King's and Queen's counties and many are crying out, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Thus it is with the Province. How is it that 55 years after the union with Canada such conditions exist? And, while our representatives were unable to get anything done, or even promised toward remedying the neglect here referred to, what about that "round robin" conspiracy to increase members' pay from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per session? Did our Island members sign that disreputable document? The people have a right to know. And if the members concerned are not ashamed of what they did they will make a statement on the subject.

A new razor strip includes an attachment that keeps its surface moistened with a germ killing solution. The longest non stop commercial airplane service in Europe has been started between Paris and Berlin.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

TREATING STOMACH AND INTESTINAL ULCER

There are now so many cases of ulcer of the stomach and ulcer of the first part of the intestine (duodenal ulcer), that all over the world the treatment for same is becoming standardized. As you know it is now agreed that it is the hydrochloric acid of the stomach juice getting into the little ulcer that causes the pain. That when digestion reaches a certain point and the hydrochloric acid gets a certain strength in the stomach juice, a definite time in most cases, usually two to three hours, the pain commences and remains until more food is eaten. The food eases the pain until digestion gets to the definite point again, when it comes on again.

Now it is definitely proven that it is the acid juice that causes the pain you would expect the natural treatment to be the use of alkalies; and such is the case.

For many years now baking soda has been the great standby for these patients.

Working from the standpoint that if enough soda or alkali is given to neutralize the acid and prevent pain, some British physicians are advising the use of huge doses of the alkalies daily, thus giving the ulcer a chance to heal. They use a powder with baking soda 1 part; magnesium carbonate 2 parts; bismuth subcarbonate 2 parts; and the dose is a teaspoonful, level, every two hours, taken in water or milk.

If in addition to these powders the patient restricts himself to a liquid diet, he loses his symptoms and the pain ceases within a day or two. If after a few days of treatment the patient still complains of pain it is probable that it is not an ulcer. This is of help in the diagnosis.

These physicians recommend that this alkaline treatment with these powders be kept up even during the night, if possible, and so give the patient a double dose immediately before retiring.

Also a couple of powders are left at his bedside and he is advised to take one if he has any pain during the night.

After a few weeks the amount of powder is reduced until it is gradually left off. That stomach and duodenal ulcers are now being cured in this manner, thus lessening the number of surgical operations, is only too true, nevertheless it means care in eating ever after because it is not difficult to start the trouble again.

Of course there will always be some cases that will require operations.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "we have a lengthy trip ahead of us." Say "a long trip." Use "lengthy" only when referring to discourses or writing. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: abysmal. Pronounce the s as z. OFTEN MISPELLED: grieve; ie. SYNONYMS: conduct, behavior, deportment, demeanor, manners, breeding. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: REGENERATE; to form anew; to renew spiritually. "One great thought breathed into a man may regenerate him."—Channing.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

Renewing Old Yarn Raveled yarn can be revived and made to look new by wrapping it in a towel and placing it for a short time in a colander or a steamer over a vessel of hot water.

Left-Over Pie Crust To keep left-over pie crust from spoiling, wring out a piece of cheesecloth in cold water and roll the crust in this. Then roll in a thick dry cloth, put in a cold place and it will keep fresh for a week.

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The Public Forum

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FOR BETTER ROADS

Sir,—I am not in any sense unfriendly to the Government, but I am certainly with you in the demand for highways fit to travel upon. Our summers are very short, and unless something is done, and done quickly to smooth out those handicaps to travel, a season of pleasure will be lost to our people—and a black eye given to our tourist trade.

When a man of Mr. J. A. Dewar's travel and experience, a supporter of the Government in the last election, declares them "the worst roads I have seen this time of year," it is useless for any one to try and proclaim them as gilt edged—common knowledge declares that they are nearer to an engineering disgrace.

You say rightly that it "does not matter a hoot whether the bad roads originated with or through the fault of any political party." In one sense or another they have all had a finger in the pie. The substantial fact is, we want roads to travel over, and we look to those in command of the department to give them to us, or to hand the supervision over to some one who will.

There can be nothing gained by shaping the subject into a political

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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GOD'S DELIGHT—The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight.—Prov. 15:8.

PRAYER—We retrace, O Lord, in the simplicity of that which pleases Thee.

THE LAST RESTING PLACE

I would not wish for her a fairer resting-place than that, amid green fields, where now she lies; I would not wish her couch a brighter canopy than the great skies.

I would not wish her rest soothed by a melody more sweet than bird-song and the whispering breeze; I would not see more staunch friends standing sentinel than stately trees.

When on the dew-bathed grass I lay my offering of homely posies which she loved the best, I pray that I may share that same green coverlet when I shall rest.

—Wilfred Howe-Nurse.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

Yukon River Navigation

Q. What is the extent of navigation on the Yukon River? A. The Yukon River is navigable for large steamers from its mouth to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada for 2000 miles. The only serious obstruction is at Five Fingers Rapids at certain times of the year. A cable attachment overcomes this difficulty at present. An ever increasing transportation traffic is carried on over this great international waterway.

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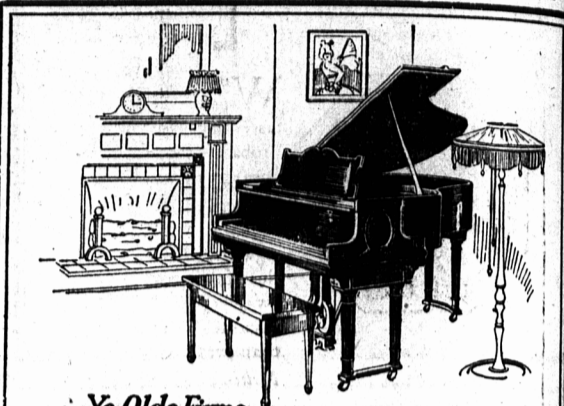
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