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LEGISLATURE PROROGUED.

The last session of the Bell administration closed yesterday with the usual ceremonies. The House was in session for a little over six weeks, and the results are, or shortly will be, before the people as the proceedings have been very fully reported by the press.

There was no time for anything but defence and explanation and attempted concealment, but on every hand the defence was broken, the explanations did not explain, and the hiding places were ferreted out.

OUR PROVINCE.

Our despatches these days give some idea of the blessedness of our province as compared with our sister provinces and our much vaunted southern neighbor, the United States.

Here in Prince Edward Island the unusually heavy snow fall of the past winter is quietly soaking into the earth and assuring an abundant crop for the coming season.

snow covering disappears, and a smiling landscape has already taken the place of the winter garb of the past few months. The winter, it is true, was severe, hard but honest, and without any malice or treachery hidden under its snowy mask.

Like many others we have complained of money stringency and some of us have been lured away by the false lights of bigger wages and assumed prosperity. Many of those thus lured away have already discovered their mistake and will return when they can.

UNSTABLE AS WATER.

We note that the Hon. W. S. Fielding had announced two different dates for the bringing down of the budget, the last date being Tuesday of this week, has again opposed to it, and that it was so transparently a gerrymander that it would prove a ruinous boom-erang to the party.

Why are people leaving Canada by the thousands? Why had such a general exodus never taken place in Canada until the Mackenzie King government came into power? The reason is the same as that which prevents Mr. Fielding from presenting the budget to parliament.

The Mackenzie King government has no tariff policy because one section of its supporters wants a lower tariff, another section wants a higher tariff and still another section does not care a hang whether there is a tariff or not so long as they can retain their seats and their jobs.

In our own legislature the other day a resolution calculated to strengthen the hands of the federal government in protecting the Canadian farmer was deliberately strangled by the Bell government because it appeared to clash with a section of federal Liberal policy.

Notes by the Way

No other province in the Dominion is so isolated as Prince Edward Island. It is, in the classic language of one of its representatives, "entirely surrounded by water."

All the other provinces are stretched in string-like formation across the broad continent. A three-fold cord of railway and telegraph lines binds them together and through this the great currents of social, commercial and political life have been flowing for fifty years past.

Such are some of the elements and conditions of our isolation, every one of which is more or less a drawback. The absence of any mineral resources and the scantiness of our forest wealth make our province more dependent than any other federal unit of the union upon agriculture.

The stagnation of trade during the long cold months of the past winter rigorously enforces the same lesson. At best it must be long before our province can recover from the great world earthquake of the war which has bankrupted and overthrown great nations and threatened our own beloved Empire with insolvency.

It is at such a time and under such conditions that our province is saddled with a government whose wicked and reckless folly doubled the people's burdens and doubled the provincial burdens in a single year!

The authors of this flagrant wrong must shortly stand at the bar of public justice to be judged for their misdeeds. They deceived the people; they burdened the people as never before had they been burdened; they seized upon the people's money and look it to themselves.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the expression of views on questions of interest. The Editor does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

EXTREMISTS

Sir,—I often wonder if people ever realize that there are always too extremes. I have read a good many extreme views in the Public Forum. I may have been enlightened more or less by them.

There is a good deal of popularity these days in being a good temperance worker. That is a good name for those who cannot get popularity in any other way.

The poor drunkard is the victim. He is the one to be pitied. But you will find more principle in him than in the class already described. He is rightly pictured in a little story written by an American author, as follows:

"Two young brothers helped an old farmer to drive some cattle. When they got the cattle home the farmer gave them each a dime, and as all young boys are likely to be disposed of the money and went home with their purchases.

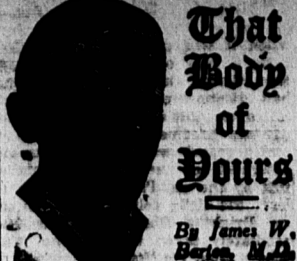
By this letter you will judge that the writer is not a temperance man, that he wants the old traffic back again, and that that is the reason he is firing point blank at the temperance workers. Not by any means! I believe in temperance laws and temperance workers.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection.

THE ILLS OF YESTERAY.

Yes, let them pass, the ills of yesterday. The deed unlovely and the speech unkind. The whispered hint—betrayal of our trust.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Bates, M.D.

DID YOU EAT SOMETHING BAD?

Whilst driving with a friend one day a youngster who was with us complained of feeling 'sick at his stomach.'

You have dined somewhere where your good sense advised you otherwise. Perhaps you have eaten something that your good sense has likewise condemned.

But it is better to be sure than sorry, and not wait until the injurious substances get further down the intestine and other means must then be employed to secure relief.

to the moonshine, and it kills him quickly. He might live long enough to reform if they would let him have something fit to drink.

What do you call a good temperance worker? You ask. Are there any in Charlottetown? Yes, most certainly! But you do not hear much about them.

"As you know, we recently called for tenders for this service, and of the three boats offered, the 'R. W. Hendry' was the only one that was in any way suitable.

"Within a few days, we expect to issue a call for tenders for this service, to commence in 1924, and extending probably for a period of five or ten years.

How do we compare them with those Temperance Alliance mudd-

New Curtain Muslin from New York

Everything shown here now is new and the prices quoted are all under the present market quotations. For instance: Curtain Scrim, a fine quality, fancy edge at 18c, 30c, 32c and 48c per yard.

S. A. McDONALD

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THE MACDAL EN SERVICE

Sir,—By way of reply to your editorial in Saturday's issue, on the Magdalen Island steamship service, and the correspondence relating thereto, between Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King and Mr. J. A. Messervey of Charlottetown, there seems to me, to be some misunderstanding in regard to this matter.

"On the same date we received the following telegram from the Magdalen Islands: 'House Harbor, N. S. April 18th, 1923. H. H. ACORN, Souris: 'Deputy Minister assures me 'Stanley' will be instructed to call at Souris.'"

"As you know, we recently called for tenders for this service, and of the three boats offered, the 'R. W. Hendry' was the only one that was in any way suitable. They have offered to perform the service, charging the same rates as those in effect last year.

"From this you will readily see that the call for tenders to which you refer, as closing on July 4th next is for next season's service, called early to give intending tenderers time to look around for a suitable boat and that instead of this route being abandoned in the meantime, as one would infer, the 'R. W. Hendry' has again secured the contract for one year and as a matter of fact, is now loading freight at Halifax, preparatory to taking up the service, as soon as ice conditions permit.

"The plan has been drawn up by Lord Rawlinson, Commander-in-Chief of the army. In explaining it he says: 'The government considers a start should be made at once so as to give Indians a fair opportunity of proving that regiments offered by Indians will be efficient in every way. The eight units in question will be chosen judiciously so as to include as many representative types as possible.'"

Automobile Toll In Philadelphia For April

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Includes text: 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS BRIGHT'S DISEASE DIABETES BACKACHE' and an illustration of a person's head.

Advertisement for EIGHT INDIAN REGIMENTS TO HAVE NATIVE OFFICERS. Includes text: 'DELHI, India, May 2—The Government of India's plan for the trial "Indianization" of a section of the Indian army has been approved by the Legislative Assembly and is to be put into effect at once.'

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