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ROCKY POINT FERRY

Charlottetown Harbor has been clear of ice for some three weeks and the people on the Rocky Point side of the river are obliged to use a small and inconvenient gasoline launch.

On the 17th instant, during consideration of the Estimates, the Minister of Public Works was asked regarding the delay. He replied that they were obliged to send to Scotland for some of the repairs needed.

It will be remembered that when, during the Stewart administration, a delay of a week occurred in opening this ferry service, the local Liberal organ fairly screamed daily with complaints about the delay.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Few Ministers of the Crown, if any, have been subjected to such a grueling criticism as has the Hon. Peter J. Veniot, Postmaster General of Canada.

Mr. Veniot is a rabid politician, clever, slippery, and possessing the astuteness and unscrupulousness of one who goes after his quarry without regard to justice or fair play.

During the present session there has been a further inquiry into the causes for dismissals by, and other acts of, the Postmaster General, and the record is by no means to the credit of the Postmaster General.

Street traffic would be made much safer and more convenient both for pedestrians and vehicles if as in many other cities, the centre of the streets were indicated by a white band or strip such as is used in marking the parking zones and street intersections.

years of his life in ease. Mr. McGibbon, scored the Postmaster General in these scathing words: "Then my first complaint is that this house has been deceived by the return tabled. I say any minister that would so deceive this house is not worthy of his office."

WHITHER RADIO?

Modern science has introduced so many wonderful inventions and discoveries that we have ceased to wonder. No invention can be so astounding as to raise our incredulity. The impossible is being made possible every day before our eyes.

Had our grandfathers and grandmothers been told that we could some day sit in our private homes in Prince Edward Island and listen to a concert in New York, London or anywhere on the other side of the globe, they would treat the prediction with scorn.

How is this going to affect our present institutions? Shall these also go into the discard along with our scrapped machinery? When we can sit in our parlors on Sunday mornings and select from a dozen church services one we desire to listen to, either in our own province or anywhere on the Continent, what is going to become of the home church?

EDITORIAL NOTES

With the best we can do now, this Spring must now be classed among the late ones, but the crops will be none the worse for this. Late springs have invariably been followed by good crops.

Another nuisance which should be made a criminal offence is the dumping of coal into cellar hatches adjoining the sidewalks. This is a relic of the pioneer days of the city and should be discontinued.

Our little province is at present in the unhappy position of being ground between the upper Liberal millstone at Ottawa and the nether Liberal millstone in Charlottetown.

Several amendments were required to the "Act to incorporate the Legislative and Public Library and the Robert Harris Memorial Gallery."

Notes By The Way

Just what the Saunders-MacIntyre legislation would be like had the Opposition chose to remain silent and let it go through as it was presented, only those in the know can form any idea. But according to the full and reliable reports in The Guardian there was scarcely a bill of any public importance that did not have to be pruned and altered almost beyond recognition.

The "Act to further amend the Motor Vehicle Act," reached the committee stage only to be hastily withdrawn. The Government members could not agree among themselves and the Premier terminated the discussion by announcing that the Motor League was not satisfied with the bill and had requested that it stand over.

The "Act to further amend an Act to further Amend the Act to incorporate The Telephone Company of Prince Edward Island," which proved as wordy as its title, was utterly valueless.

Other measures, like the "Act to Amend an Act respecting registration of life insurance agents," the "Act to incorporate Seale Hydro-Electric Company, Limited," and the "Act to incorporate North Tryon Electric Company Limited," were so badly riddled in committee that their own parents wouldn't have known them.

THE LAND WE LOVE

BY FRANK YEIGH

CANADA'S AGGREGATE WEALTH

Q. What is Canada's Aggregate Wealth? A. Canada's wealth is estimated by the latest computation of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$28,691,482,000 for 1928, as against \$23,673,174,000 for 1925, and \$22,195,000,000 for 1921.

Teacher of Astronomy Class: Freshboy, can you give me the name of any star that has a tail? Freshboy: The only one I know is Pin-Tin-Tin.

The amendment to the Road Act was first introduced improperly and had to be withdrawn and placed again on the order paper. It finally went through in such form that the machinery for collecting the tax is defective, and the Act will probably have to be redrafted and amended next year.

In the "Act to amend the Statute Law" there were buried important amendments in connection with the Prohibition Law which, as the Opposition pointed out, had no business there at all.

In the "Act to further amend an Act to assess, levy and collect on Income and Personal Property," there was a clause putting a maximum tax of \$2,500 on trust companies. The promoter, the leader of the Government—who had "prepared all the legislation before he went to Ottawa"—confessed in committee that he had not seen this provision before, and moved that it be struck out.

Here are outstanding examples of the blind attempting to lead the blind, and those acquainted with the Scriptures know what to expect therefrom. As Mr. Horton insists, men of vision are necessary to save the province, be they Liberals or be they Conservatives.



Dr. James W. Horton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

FREEDOM OF THE FEET

A great military leader once said that winning battles was due to "getting there first."

Another said "The army that marches best, other things being equal, is the successful army."

In the final examination of the men before they left for the front the examination of the feet was just as thorough as of the heart.

Because it has been found that as many as one in ten are unable to "carry on" because of foot injuries that are due, not to deformities, but to carelessness or thoughtfulness in the care of the feet.

And the cause of most of the foot troubles was the wearing of shoes that were too small.

As a matter of fact the way to really think about your foot is to think about it from the standpoint of the hand.

The toes have as many little bones as the fingers, the foot proper has as many bones as the hand, and the ankle has almost as many—just one less—bones as the wrist.

Now how do you treat your hand? In the warm weather you keep it absolutely free even of covering, and in the cold weather you put on mitts or gloves as a protection against the cold, but the fingers, hand and wrist, are all free to do their work.

Now as a matter of fact your foot has the same little ligaments holding bones together, and also muscles and tendons that pull on these bones and thus allow the foot to move in various directions. And it is these muscles that hold the bones in position to support your weight.

Now how do most folks think of the feet? Simply as a support that needs a leather shoe to bind the front part of the foot, corresponding to hand and fingers, into a small solid space.

Nature meant this part of the foot to be free and movable. She supplies us with two arches, one we call the instep, and the other supporting the ball of the foot.

What is my thought? That in buying shoes the idea should be to have this "front" part of the foot able to move freely, so that all the muscles will have a chance to work instead of being bound as in a vise.

The shoe should fit snugly about the ankle because the ankle bones are used to support the weight.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

MARKET SQUARE OWNERSHIP

Sir:—There is very little conflict between Judge Stewart's contention and my statement on the above subject. The Judge should not forget that the Governor of Nova Scotia acted only as the representative of the Imperial Government, giving effect to its edicts and program.

In addition to what I outlined in my letter, Government House and Victoria Park were similarly granted. These were in lively dispute, and settled by legislation when the park roadway was constructed. Several Governors in recent years have asserted their claim of right to Government House by virtue of these conditions, and have defied interference with those rights.

No doubt Judge Stewart is correct in saying that it is the property of the Province, and that the legislature as the representative of His Majesty has powers of diversion. This has been done in part when the Post Office property was transferred to the Federal Government, ratified in the compact of union by Imperial legislation, and in the further sense of control given to the Province under responsible government.

I am Sir, etc.

HISTORIAN

COMPLEXITIES

Sir:—In Monday's Guardian I note the Rev. Mr. Norton's too truthful indictment against "petty politics" and the amplification of his claim in your legislative reports. I have no political axe to grind and must ask your indulgence if in hewing to the line my instrument may scarify the timber on both sides.

There is altogether too much of hiding behind the skirt of the Temperance Alliance and the temperance people, on the part of the Government, when seeking escape from deserved strictures for acts which are inconsistent with their promises to the people in the matter of prohibition. That there has been a community of interest between these parties is not open to dispute, but this fact does not justify the Premier or his supporters in making the Alliance and its supporters the buttress of refuge from criticisms of their failures to make good.

From the outset the cooperation has not been satisfactory and because of this the Alliance and temperance forces have suffered serious deflections from their ranks. It would require a long stretch of the imagination to say that the Government has given satisfaction to the temperance people to the extent of anything near a hundred per cent fulfillment of their pre-election promises. We would have to strain a point to admit that in performance they have much exceeded the fifty per cent medium.

There was no cast iron pledge to this effect, but there was a general and tacit understanding that in matters of temperance and prohibition the Temperance Alliance would have a dominant position. So definitely was this understood by Liberal members that after the election the office of the Alliance was besieged by those elected to get prohibition appointments for those on their patronage lists. As capacity for performance and qualification for duty was of more importance to the temperance voters than the minor matter of political preference, the wedge of cleavage was entered, the Alliance became rife and more considered as only useful to rubber stamp their operations. Petty politics dominated the situation, and patronage dictated the majority of appointments. Some care however was exercised in those selections, and they could have at least in some instances been worse.

An outstanding pledge to the Alliance and the people was that "Three Magistrates would be appointed" with the special object of enforcing the Act. Premier Saunders declared that he had "Changed his mind" as to the need of this, but, if the Alliance wanted them they would be appointed. This conveys the inference that the Alliance and temperance people were parties to this betrayal.

In point of fact representations were made on behalf of the Government in this relation, including a proposal respecting the City Court, in which the Alliance Executive took the substantial ground that neither they nor the Government had any right to violate a solemn promise to the country, and they refused to rubber stamp the pro-

ALLIANCE MEMBER

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gram. The people had decided at the polls and that decision should prevail.

Accordingly three gentlemen were nominated by the Alliance and recommended for appointment in the three counties. One only of these—Mr. Geo. Tweedy, an excellent official—was appointed.

Poverty and financial distress was the plea upon which the one man program was advanced. One or more of the nominees it is said declined to act for the meagre stipend offered. The temperance people, sympathetic to a fault, believing in this scarcity of funds were not too insistent; they believe in charity, even to governments. The announcement that Prohibition revenues are on an increase, that \$25,000 is in the enforcement treasury unused is certainly an unexpected eyeopener to those so lenient to the Government in the stress of poverty.

The fundamental object of the Alliance was and is, an abolition of the use of intoxicants as a beverage, amongst others a drastic reduction of "scripts." A reliable doctor insisted that 10 would be ample. The Premier (then plain Mr. Saunders) gave no pledge, as some have claimed, but most emphatically expressed his belief that 25 should be the limit. Coming from such a source it became crystallized into a popular belief as a certainty, and the votes were recorded upon that as a part of the prospective program.

When a delegation from the Alliance sought a fulfillment of this policy they were confronted with the poverty cry in the Premier's declaration that the Act must be self sustaining. An expected reduction of scripts of about 75% has not materialized. Admittedly there is a reduction of about 25% which is to that extent at least an improvement upon the preceding past. It is known to the ruling powers that a few at least of the medical men are not in sympathy with prohibition, and not over cautious in the selection of their patients. Considerable of the Vendor's liquor is being used as a beverage, and medical offenders have not been brought to justice under the provisions of the Act.

If not directly charged, it was very strongly hinted that the amendments to the Prohibition Act, recently before the House, were dictated by the Alliance. It was not so. The amendments were wholly of Government origin. They were however submitted to the Alliance Executive by a delegation and after a few suggested changes (in the original draft) were unanimously approved.

Chairman Brown of the Prohibition Commission and Magistrate Tweedy were the nominees of the Alliance, and it would be hard to find two men better fitted for these positions in the Province. If there is neglect or failure it will not be of their volition. The enforcing staff may not be fully up to expectations but, apart from the transfer of Mr. Barbour to Federal work, it is proving in efficiency to be better than ever before.

It is the power behind that the people must consider and, while willing to give credit for what has been done, to insist upon it that the terms of contract with the public are not being implemented in good faith—that there is a falling short in fulfillment of the obligations of the Government to the temperance people who elected them for the special purpose of making our province a sober country to live in.

As my letter is already rather lengthy I will pause, and ask leave to appear again.

I am Sir, etc.

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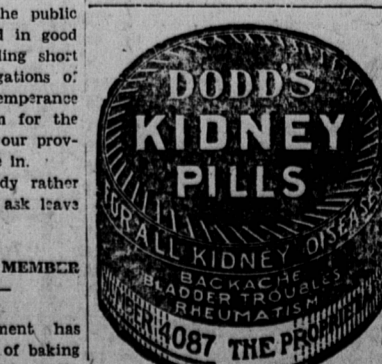
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