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THE DUNCAN REPORT

WE publish in this issue a statement issued by Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the government of that province, with respect to the Royal Commission and the criticisms thereon by certain interested newspapers. Premier Rhodes makes a clear case and his comments cannot fail to convince any fair-minded reader that the recommendations made by the Commission are fair, just and reasonable. The objection put forward in certain quarters that the report asks the Dominion Government to subsidize Maritime freight rates is effectively answered by the fact, as stated by Premier Rhodes, that freight rates in the Maritimes have been increased since 1912 by 92 to 100 per cent., whereas the increase for the rest of Canada has been only 55 per cent. Such palpable discrimination as this against the Maritimes cannot be justified. Andrew Rae Duncan, Chairman of the Commission, saw the discrimination and recommended the only possible solution for it, namely, to reduce the Maritime freight rates to an equitable figure. He points out also that the Intercolonial Railway was originally built not merely to connect Maritime cities with Quebec and Montreal but to provide a gateway to the Atlantic for the benefit of all of Canada. The I. C. R. had been planned before Confederation and, on the advice of the Imperial authorities, for strategic reasons, was built where it is, having a longer route by 250 miles than would have been required to connect the Maritimes and Quebec. Thus freight over the Intercolonial has an excess mileage of 250 miles to pay for on account of its national and Imperial location. In short, the Intercolonial Railway was a principal factor in the inducements held out to the Maritimes to enter into union with Upper and Lower Canada and, since the consummation of the union, the inducement has been, if not withdrawn, practically almost nullified by almost prohibitive freight rates. The recommendations of the Commission have been illogically criticized and objected to in certain quarters. A serious blunder was made at the outset in refusing to make the Commission's report public as strongly urged by Sir Andrew Rae Duncan. The delay in publishing it afforded opportunity for interested parties to misrepresent and to work up popular feeling against its findings. Much mischief has been caused by this device of publicity which cannot fail to produce results. But the Association properly insist upon the recommendations being carried out to the letter. We commend a careful study of Premier Rhodes' comments.

P.E.I. PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION.

ACCORDING to the report of the Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Publicity Association published in The Guardian this week, 21,000 people came to the province last summer by the Car Ferry and the Pictou-Charlotte routes. It may safely be assumed that the great majority of these were tourists or transient visitors, here for days or weeks or months. From information gathered from visitors it may be assumed, without question, that the visit was enjoyed and enjoyable and we have it on good authority that many of them will return in future summers. To increase the number of such visitors is the great aim of the Tourist Association. It is not too much to say that the Association has done more effective work along this line, in proportion to its means at its disposal than any other organization of its kind in Canada. All the railways and

steamship companies in the Eastern States and Canada are now familiar with the advantages of Prince Edward Island as a health resort and summer resting place, and the Passenger Traffic officials of all of these are featuring the island as a desirable place in which to spend the summer holidays. The advertising campaign conducted by the Association in the United States has had very tangible results, but a full harvest from such a campaign cannot be realized without more generous outlay than the means at the disposal of the Association could permit. The amount spent in advertising is but a drop in the bucket as compared with the amount spent by visitors from the Maritimes to the tourist business to an extent proportionate to the privilege we have to offer our visitors the advertising campaign that has been only paid but not only in 55 per cent. Such palpable discrimination as this against the Maritimes and in our own middle and western provinces. An undoubted drawback in attracting summer visitors and inducing them to come again is the difficulty of coming to the island. The railway service is still far from satisfactory from the tourist's point of view, and will not be until the Railway authorities are compelled to reform the service. It is not necessary here to specify in detail the reform needed. The service from Sackville to Prince Edward Island points, is in need of thorough re-organizing both as to accommodation and speed. It is up to the railway authorities to find out what reforms are needed and it is up to the people to see that they are put into effect. The difficulties have been repeatedly and persistently pointed out. Some improvements have been effected, much yet remains to be done to make the service what it really ought to be. There are great possibilities for an indefinite expansion of the tourist business in this province if it is given the necessary publicity and the hearty co-operation of our people. The co-operation of the people throughout the country is needed. An effort must be made to provide such accommodation in favorable places as visitors are looking for. They require comfortable accommodation, good food, out-door attractions at moderate costs. These provided, there shall be no lack of summer visitors. Mr. Justice Arsenault, President of the Association, is a live wire, and knows how to secure the assistance and co-operation of his associates in carrying out a scheme of publicity which cannot fail to produce results. But the Association cannot do it all. They require funds and they may be depended upon to utilize the funds at their command as to produce a manifold return. Everyone in the province should be a member of the Publicity Association.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The mild winter helps to keep the coal bin from becoming prematurely depleted. Every law has been enacted for a beneficial purpose, but no law can have any beneficial result unless it is obeyed or enforced. Every law broken and left so is an invitation to break another law. Let us observe the laws we have. For young of old the most interesting reading is the biography of great men, of the men to whom civilization owes its longest steps. To learn of obstacles overcome, and difficulties surmounted is itself an education and an inspiration. We are very careful means at its disposal than any other organization of its kind in Canada. All the railways and

Notes by the Way

A GLANCE at the map of China shows the Young-tse-Kiang or Great River, which flows eastward from its source in Tibet entirely across China to the Yellow Sea and divides China into two nearly equal parts. In its winding course of 3,200 miles it drains and irrigates a vast area. It has numerous tributaries, some of great length. It is navigable 1,000 miles for large ships and at Hankow, 700 miles from the sea it is a mile in width. The great city and port of Shanghai lies at the river's mouth.

The strong man at the head of great movement now going on in China is Chiang Kaishek, according to an article in the New York Times. It tells that "in all Chinese history there is no parallel of the amazing series of sudden victories which have enabled the Cantonese general to lead his troops northward a thousand miles, across mountain passes, to defeat Wu Peifu and capture the industrial cities of Hankow and Wuchang and make himself master of half of China in a comparatively few months. The central government at Peking is weak and there is continual strife between the North and the South with the movement centering at Canton gaining rapidly on those centering at Peking."

The Australian treaty has been the subject of much controversy in political circles in Canada. The Opposition have condemned it as especially injurious to the interests of Canadian farmers by giving admission to butter, meats, eggs and other farm products at prices with which Canadian farmers could not compete and so crowding the latter out of their home market. As it appeared at the time they made out a strong case against the treaty on that ground. But just now Premier Bruce of Australia, passing through Canada on his return from the London Conference has presented a different view of the matter.

Premier Bruce condemns the treaty, but not on the ground that it is a bad one for Canada. His view is that Canada has so much the best of it that her exports to Australia have very greatly exceeded her imports from the southern Commonwealth, the inequality being so great that the treaty must be revised or Australia will denounce it and end it. Canada's exports in that direction are largely in motor cars and other factory products. In that Canada may be content with the treaty, but the objection of the Canadian farmers stands as strong as ever. So it may be said of the treaty as was once remarked about an egg, that "parts of it are good." The egg was not merchantable.

Montreal Presbyterians very properly call for the closing of the moving picture theatres in that city on Sundays. These places, as stated in a resolution "are running on Sunday for gain and breaking not only the provincial, but the federal law as well; and we humbly and very earnestly request that the Government will see to it that these theatres are closed on Sundays and that the laws in regard to the Lord's Day are respected."

Premier Coates of New Zealand, now in Canada on return from London, has been talking about Empire defence, a subject in regard to which Premier King and Mr. LePointe were notably silent at the Conference. No one of the Dominions has done better than New Zealand for Empire defence, but Premier Coates hopes she will do yet, more in the future, gradually increasing the amount until it compares favourably with that of the Mother Country.

As to trade with Canada, it would appear from Mr. Coates' statement that the balance is against New Zealand as it is against Australia for Canada sells five times as much to his Dominion as she buys in that quarter. Yet New Zealand prospers, while depending mainly on pastoral industries which give people a very high average of purchasing power. An official booklet tells that there is an average of one dairy cow and eighteen sheep per head of population and that during recent years that Dominion has become the world's largest exporter of dairy produce.

The death penalty for murder is again a subject of discussion in Michigan, where years ago it was repealed and life imprisonment was substituted. It is now proposed to revert to hanging, or some other form of execution. The change is proposed in order to cope with the numerous murderers and desperadoes who make life in the State and particularly in the city

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

PAIN AND BLOOD PRESSURE

That pain can cause your blood pressure to rise is the statement made by two Europeans, Drs. Martini and Graf. They studied the blood pressure in patients during the manipulations of dentists, and found that the blood pressure increases as a rule in proportion to the pain. It was found that if the patient was in good ordinary health, and not too nervous, that the dentist could do work on the teeth of a painless nature, without sending up the blood pressure. However, in nervous patients these same painless manipulations caused the blood pressure to rise. This gives you an idea of how the very thought of pain can affect the blood pressure, and thus all the processes of the body. It was found also that patients with high blood pressure, also had a rise in blood pressure, even when there was no pain. Now of what value is this knowledge? That most of us can go to the dentist and get the ordinary dental work performed, and should have no after effects, because there is no increase in heart rate nor rise in blood pressure. Nervous patients should try to remember that if they can take hold of themselves, keep cool as it were, that they will not feel so tired out after a visit to the dentist. As for those with high blood pressure anyway, it would be wise for them to be well rested before they go to the dentist, and to rest for some time after the dental work is finished for that day. Further it might be well for them to have just a small amount of work done each time, so that the rise in the blood pressure would not reach an alarming height. There would not be so many weak spells after dental attention if these little points were watched.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I have lots of time to wait." Say "plenty of time." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: veracious. Pronounce the a as in "day," not as in "hat." OFTEN MISPELLED: bale (bundle); ball (security). SYNONYMS: peace, calmness, quiet, quietude, rest, response, stillness, tranquillity. 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: LACRIMOSE; shedding, or given to shedding tears. "Her lacrimose complaining became intolerable."

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 15th

"To say that ghosts appear clothed, is to admit that coats too have ghosts."—HERBERT SPENCER.

EDUCATION—That man, I think has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold, logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength, and in smooth working order; ready like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the gossamer as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with a knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of Nature and of the laws of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; who has learned to love all beauty, whether of Nature or of art, to hate all villainy, and to respect others as himself.

—THOMAS HUXLEY of Detroit so hazardous. There are many criminals who have much more fear of the gallows or the electric chair than of a life sentence with its after chances of escape or pardon. Deadly weapons are easily obtained these days, even machine guns, and a ready weapon prompts to deadly deeds.

One more victim of the Montreal theatre tragedy a youth of sixteen, is now recorded.

MODEST MAN:

The following is told of Mark Twain: They were standing beside the cradle, gazing fondly down at their first-born, and the proud mother, in a burst of enthusiasm, exclaimed: "Well, Sam, don't you love the little darling?" "Well," came the deliberate reply, "I respect it for its noble father's sake."

Happenings of The Week

Viscount Willingdon, Governor General of Canada, has signified his acceptance of honorary membership in the Rotary Club of Ottawa. Another new honorary member is Lieutenant Colonel J. L. Raiston, Minister of Defence. Happiest congratulations are extended to Premier J. D. Stewart who today celebrates his 53rd birthday.

The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Hieatt have as their guests at Edgewater, Prince Charles and Mr. Earle Spicer who are being cordially welcomed to the city. On Thursday evening His Honour and Mrs. Hieatt invited a number of the younger people in for dinner and bridge to meet their guests and a most delightful social time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Noel DeBlois entertained at a delightful bridge at her lovely home on Water Street yesterday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Storey who are leaving this morning on return to their home in South Bend, Indiana.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. W. E. Cotton entertained for her friends at five tables bridge at her home in Brighton.

"The boyish hob is here to stay" admitted Joseph Byrne, editor of Beauty Culture in an address before the opening session of the annual Beauty Shop Owners convention at the Waldorf-Astorian, Tuesday last.

Mrs. R. T. Holman of Summerside, entertained at a small but prettily arranged bridge at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Grant Gregory entertained at a mixed bridge on Wednesday evening for her house guests Mrs.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 15, 1927

A SHORT TRIUMPH:—Knowest thou not the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? Job 20:4, 5.

PRAYER:—O God keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me.

January 16, 1927

IS THERE A WAY OF ESCAPE?—Do ye not know that the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? They shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. Job 21:29, 30.

PRAYER:—Help Lord for we have all sinned. Enable us now to flee for refuge to Him who saves to the uttermost.

"AND HIS WILL IS OUR PEACE"

O restless soul man, unsatisfied With the world's empty noise and feverish glare; Sick with its hopes of happiness denied, The dust and ashes of its promise fair;

Baffled and buffeted, thy days perplexed, Thy cherished treasures profitless and vain, What comfort has thou, captive, thwarted, vexed, Mocked by mirage of joys that merge in pain?

Though love be sweet, yet death is strong and still Inexorable change will follow thee! Yea, though thou vanquish every mortal ill, Thou shalt not conquer mutability!

The human tide goes rushing down to death; Turn thou a moment from its current broad And listen: "What is this the silence saith? 'O soul! Be still and know that I am God!'"

The mighty God! Here shalt thou find thy rest, O weary one! There is naught else to know, Naught else to seek—here thou may'st cease thy quest, Give thyself up. He leads where thou shalt go.

The changeless God! Into thy troubled life Steals strange, sweet peace; the pride that drove thee on, The hot ambition and the selfish strife, That made thy misery, like mists are gone.

And in their place, a bliss beyond all speech; The patient resignation of thy will That lifts thee out of bondage, out of reach Of death, of change, of every earthly ill,

Norman N. Gregory and Mrs. Hugh S. Gregory of Saint John.

The many friends of Miss Nan Read will regret to learn that she fell on the icy sidewalk about ten days ago breaking her arm. Miss Read is spending a week with Mrs. E. T. Higge recuperating and it is hoped she will continue to make a good recovery.

Mrs. A. W. Weeks was hostess on Thursday afternoon for the weekly Bridge Club.

Miss Janet Hegan is leaving this morning on a visit to South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. Walter Bears and Mrs. Manning Bagnall were joint hostesses at a very pretty Bridge Tuesday afternoon at the Ritz apartments.

Mr. Percy Pope's many friends are glad to see him out again after his recent serious operation looking so well.

Mrs. J. A. S. Bayer was a Bridge hostess on two occasions this week entertaining very pleasantly at her home on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Mr. R. L. Cotton is receiving congratulations on his appointment as President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

The Misses Hunt of Summerside were among the hostesses this week entertaining at Bridge on Monday for their friends.

Mr and Mrs Alexander Agnes, and family who have been in Vancouver for the past year returned home last night to reside. They are the guests of Mrs. T. F. Fullerton.

Mrs. J. G. Macphail of Ottawa, entertained at a charmingly arranged house dance last week for out-of-town guests including a number of the Royal Military College cadets who are in the Capital for the holiday season.

A pretty post-nuptial reception was held on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Grant Gregory received at her home 161 Euston Street, welcoming a long list of callers. Mrs. Gregory was assisted in receiving her guests by her husband's mother, Mrs. Norman N. Gregory of Saint John, the hostess wearing a lovely gown of peach crepe with velvet and rhinestone trimmings. Mrs. Gregory senior, who received a cordial welcome, was dressed in a blue green georgette with sequin and pearl trimmings. The floral decorations in the drawing room were pink carnations and in the dining room pink roses and smilax. Mrs. J. A. Matheson and Mrs. J. D. Stewart poured coffee and Mrs. A. A. Bartlett ushered the guests. Assisting in the tea room were Mrs. Hugh S. Gregory of Saint John, Mrs. V. L. Goodwill, Mrs. E. W. MacKinnon, Mrs. Claire Campbell, Mrs. C. S. Drew, Misses Emma Nicholson, Lillian Wonnacott, Nell Stewart and Avila Mathieson.

The sympathy of relatives and friend will go out to Mr. J. E. Dalton and family of Summerside in their recent bereavement. Embroideries for evening frocks are generally used in connection with beads and sequins. Fringe is very smart again for afternoon and evening. Gaiters for wet or very cold days which are both chic and comfortable are exemplified by the new Highland spatter mode. Hemlines are having many ups and downs, and moreover, have both on the same frocks as often as not. Ink-blue is one of the newest popular colors. Jewels are immensely important and fashionable, both real ones and those rather too good to be true. Necklaces are as much of a craze as ever; a neck looks quite undressed without one of some sort. Pumps are no longer smart; sandals, strapped and laced shoes have displaced them. The social event of the week in Halifax was the annual Medical dance held at the Studey Gymna-

The Public Forum

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

PUBLICITY BUSINESS

Sir,—Patriotism means love of country, and love of country includes love of the city, town or village in which one resides. If one loves his place of residence and is patriotic to it he takes pride in making it known to others, he takes pleasure in beautifying it and making it still more desirable as a place in which to live. This desire of publishing to the world the beauties and advantages of a country, city, town or village is realized through the medium of publicity. Publicity then is a business like any other. In its application to a country or to a city or town it can be distinguished from its application to the business of the individual in as much as it does not particularize but is intended for the good of every citizen. Business cannot be carried on without money and publicity involves the expenditure of a great or less amount of money in proportion to the amount of advertising done. The Prince Edward Island Publicity Association, as its name implies, has for its object the making known at home and abroad the beauties and charms of our little province and its advantages as a place of residence and one in which to spend a vacation. The Association has a still wider field of operation. It includes in its activities everything that pertains to the betterment of the inhabitants, to social, industrial and commercial conditions. To carry on this work this Association is dependant on two principal sources of revenue, one grants from the Provincial and municipal Governments, the other voluntary donations from public spirited citizens. On next Tuesday the annual drive of the Association will be inaugurated. Let me again impress our citizens that the canvassers who will call on you are not seeking charity. Deserving charities are to be encouraged, and let it be said that such charities always meet with a ready response in Charlottetown. Our canvassers however will be out on a purely business mission. If you as a citizen believe that the Association is doing a good work, we ask that you generously subscribe in order that the work be carried on; if you do not believe in the work then do not begrudgingly give a donation in the nature of a doler.

I can testify that our business men of this city, as a rule, have received our canvassers with courtesy and have given their subscriptions as part of their advertising appropriation. These men for the most part understand the value of advertising and they understand that money thus spent always brings in good returns. As President of the Association I bespeak for our canvassers a cordial reception, one that will make them feel proud to be a cog in the wheel that is bringing progress and sum at Dalhousie on Monday evening. Approximately 600 persons were in attendance. The large gymnasium was prettily decorated with black and yellow streamers which gave a pleasing effect. A feature in the decoration scheme was a skeleton suspended over the heads of the dancers in the centre of the floor. The management reflected much credit on the committee in charge which was composed of G. A. Winfield, A. E. Dool, K. M. Grant, S. Giddings, D. Campbell. Among the guests present were Miss Phyllis Winchester, Miss Mildred Harrington, Miss Keltie Holman, Mr. David Mathieson of Charlottetown.

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