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Saturday being Empire Day and a public holiday The Guardian will not be issued on Monday.

"NOTHING TO ME"

One of the poorest, perhaps the meanest, excuses for refusing to help any public undertaking is that "it is nothing to me."

Who is there whose blood does not thrill with pride when the praises of "The Island" are sung in other countries or whose ire does not kindle when its people or even its climate are disparagingly compared with those of other provinces or other countries?

In the drive for the Tourist Association, for example, the objection was frequently met with that "it's nothing to me."

There are small streaks of selfishness in most of us which we would do well to rid ourselves of. It would be a better country to live in, a more prosperous country and a happier country, while it abundantly helps ourselves, we would spare a little of our time and our means to help the other fellow and especially to help those public undertakings which are designed to be of benefit to all.

OUR ROADS

Complaint is freely made that the roads are rougher than they ought to be and that little if anything is being done to improve them. It is well known that the only time in which effective work can be done on the roads is the Spring when the clay can be made comparatively firm.

THE LIBERAL REVOLT

The revolt in the Liberal party against the Budget is much more formidable than press reports would indicate. Here is the record of the vote on Friday morning last.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Canada Year Book 1922-23 is a bound volume of 1028 pages, and the title page tells that it is the Official Statistical Annual of the Resources, History, Institutions and Social and Economic Conditions of the Dominion.

The change of Government in 1878 was generally recognized as due to a growing feeling in favor of a protective policy for Canada, a policy which the Conservative party had adopted, but to which the Liberal leader, MacKenzie, was strongly opposed.

The writer for whom Hon. Mr. Low has made himself responsible, whether himself or another, evidently wrote this favorable notice of the National Policy before his leader had decided to sound "the death knell of protection" as embodied in the Robb tariff.

The same writer, on page 77 of the Year Book History, pays the following kindly tribute to Sir John Macdonald, the founder of the National Policy:

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Hon. Walter Mitchell, resigned from Commons because of opposition to Budget.

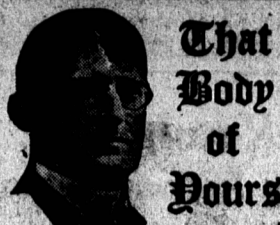
Sir Lomer Gouin, absent from House, without a pair.

Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs, absent from House (though in Ottawa) without a pair.

Hon. Charles Marcell, Bonaventura, absent from House (though in Ottawa) without a pair.

Mr. Fournier, of Belchasse, absent from House (though in Ottawa) without a pair.

That constitutes a more impressive uprising against the present tariff changes than took place over Reciprocity. And in 1911 the uprising in the country was much more extensive than the attitude of the Commons indicated.—Ottawa Journal.



By James W. Barton, M.A.

That Body of Ours

WHICH WAS THE HAPPIER? I passed an express train the other day and was admiring the sturdy horses, when I happened to look at the driver.

He was an old man with white whiskers, apparently seventy or more years of age, but his vigorous commands to his horses betokened plenty of physical strength. He looked wiry and strong. It was rather a cold day, and as I looked at his dray load of broom handles, and realized that he would likely have to unload same, I began to feel just a bit sorry for him.

With me, even if they were not indeed painful, as I looked back at my friend the stevedore and heard his sturdy "whoa" again, somehow or other I did not feel quite so sorry for him.

There he was driving a team in truth, but able to take his part in the world, physically at least. This meant a real enjoyment of meals, a good digestion, and refreshing sleep. I could not picture the more prosperous individual as really getting as much out of life as he.

I don't think any of us are anxious to see old people forced to work for their living. It gets you a little to see some of these aged fellows trying to wield a shovel or broom on the city street.

But what I have in mind is that as the folks grow older, the children, themselves adults, naturally try to lessen the labour of the old parents. Many a woman and man also has been carried away from their loved humble cottage and given a place of honor in the home of the son and daughter, and told to do nothing but rest.

Well, they miss their old neighbors, the familiar faces, the little odd jobs of necessity and often of charity. The mental processes begin to slow up, and soon follow the lagging of all the physical activities.

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In answer to the statement that the Potato Growers Association is "paw fed" by the government, I will offer proof that it is not, and I shall also offer a few proofs that it is the dairyman who can be more properly classed as "paw fed."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

CANADA

The land of the Maple is dearer to me Than any far country by any far sea;

My own dear young mother, thy face I miss; My own dear love, yet love I thee more.

Oh! love ye our Canada, come here who will.

The French love Old France, the English, be sure, Can find in Old England still much to allure;

The Irish—Heaven bless them—lean to the old sod, The Scotch place their country but next to their God.

But all join their hands with hearts nobler grown Because of the love for the lands once their own;

And they bring the best forces to prove the new way, Our own fair young country, to have her life true.

And we ask of all nations that come to our doors To give of their best for to prosper her shores;

And thus we shall honor our far different lands, And in beautiful Canada join we our hands.

—Nettie Campbell Hall

Mrs. Wiffle: Don't you know it's very rude to whistle while you are waiting on a lady?

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by its correspondents.

CHALLENGE THE WORLD

Sir—I wish to say a few words about poultry. As we all know, P. E. Island is noted for egg production and the raising of poultry for the foreign market, for which fair prices are received each year.

We also all know our climate is ideal here for the raising of our young chicks. With a little good management and a little careful culling of our brooding stock in the early fall, and above all with a strain bred from a heavy laying strain which is two thirds the battle, poultry are sure to pay. Now to show this. Out of eggs set in incubators and also under old Biddy which meant more than one setting, I defy the world to beat me on hatchability.

They hatched one hundred per cent and every chick living and strong, some of them over a month old and raised with a mother and have not lost one, just because they were from well bred, well fed, strong healthy stock. S. C. Ferris white leghorns of the 300 egg strain, which I have been importing from Grand Rapids Michigan for the past three years which cost me \$2.00 per 15 eggs.

But one need not count on merit if he does not have the genuine article to start with. If you get clean, healthy stock, you may expect, with good, careful handling to come out and always have success. Don't be afraid of the price when you know what you are buying, how let any poultryman beat this for fertility. We all can improve. Just try. A short time ago I noticed in one of our island papers where Mr. So and So had eggs that hatched 80 per cent. I think that is fair. Let us hear what some one else thinks about this.

I am, Sir, etc., JOSEPH H. LIVINGSTONE Murray Harbor, P. E. I.

STILL ANOTHER DAIRYMAN

Sir—There have appeared two anonymous letters in your forum columns which have been particularly critical of the Potato Growers Association. The most recent letter says the Potato Growers are "paw fed" and the letter is signed "Dairyman." Lest such should create a false impression on those not familiar with the facts possibly I might be allowed to answer as I have been somewhat connected with the dairying interests of the Province with the Potato Growers, and held positions for several years on the directorate of both their organizations.

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The dairymen have benefited from the Provincial Government about \$3000.00 a year for inspection service. They have also benefited by the employment of a nearly full time in the dairy industry. His salary and expenses would be around \$8000.00. The Provincial Government has also provided short courses for cheese and butter makers at a cost of many thousands of dollars.

The grants to the exhibitions are given largely for dairy cattle and the public accounts show considerable items for live stock promotion. In times past the Provincial Government has ever maintained dairy cow stable at a considerable expense.

All the above expenses—possibly nearly \$20,000.00 have been borne by the Provincial Government out of its current revenue and grants. In addition the Dominion Government has expended probably as much more on cow-testing, R. O. P. work, Experimental Farm cattle, and in general live stock promotion. I do not state that these expenditures are improper, I believe they are most proper in many instances.

In contrast with above "paw-fed" I would like to emphasize the lack of anything except moral support that the Potato Growers Association has received to date from the local government. It gets the use of one room and part of another without rent, free telephone service and some free stationery (not including postage). Nothing else that I can recall.

The Potato Growers pay their own stenographers and bookkeepers, pay their own secretary (who is also Secretary of the Department of Agriculture), and the Secretary of Agriculture. But it is not. It has been assisting the Department in the past and has supplied fertilizer, poisons, etc., of the same excellent quality and low price that any member obtains and this work is done by the Potato Growers staff. These services are given free to over two thousand farmers who are not members of the Potato Growers Association. Probably in the

Happenings of the Week

London's social season of 1924, which is expected to be the busiest and most brilliant since the glorified days before the war, began Tuesday night with the regal splendor of a royal court held by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

As the custom with the first court of the season, the guests, numbering about 1,000 were drawn mainly from diplomatic and official circles, but there was also a small number from the general circle of society, among them several Canadian debutantes. When all the invited guests were assembled the King and Queen with their courtiers and royal kin passed through the entire range of the state apartments, the court officials, with the white wands of office, proceeding, with their faces to their sovereigns. When the last presentation was made the King and Queen withdrew; the bands again played the National Anthem, and the brilliant function was at an end. The King wore the uniform of colonel-in-chief of the Coldstream Guards. The Queen was attired in a creation of gold tissue, embroidered in gold and diamonds; the train was of emerald green and Indian gold kincob, the color scheme being continued in her coronet of emeralds and diamonds and emerald and diamond ornaments. Bouquets were rarer than usual this year, feather fans largely taking their place.

Her friends are rejoicing with Mrs. C. Lomer Miles who is looking forward to the arrival of her sister Mrs. Bright of England, who is expected to arrive early next week, and whom she has not seen for ten years. Mrs. Bright expects to remain in Canada for three months, and before returning will make a tour to the Pacific Coast.

I am, Sir, etc., J. WALTER JONES, Bunbury Farm.

WINTER ROADS

Sir—A number of letters have recently appeared in your paper regarding the use of the side shift bar on the winter roads of this Province, some of the existing conditions. All will freely admit that the nature of the road is a reflection as to truth of facts made by others, who might choose to differ from their views.

Any expenditure of money should be in the direct interests of the majority of those whom it affects, especially when it has to be paid by them.

As this side shift bar can be operated only for the rural sections of this Province, it behooves all to consider the requirements of the majority under the existing conditions. All will freely admit that in the rural sections of this Province at least 95 per cent of the population are producers from the soil, hence the system that must prevail must be one filling the requirements of these producers.

This brings us to the question—What do these producers produce from the soil under the improved methods of farming to-day? Do they to-day haul heavy loads of produce on the winter roads? Most assuredly not. Today the producers do not haul away their oats, or hay, or straw, or wheat, or turnips to market on the winter roads. There are all kept on the farm and converted mostly into cream—a relatively light and concentrated product—thus retaining all the surplus to enrich the soil. Surely the producer does not produce in winter every day a 4 or 5 ton load of cream requiring double teams, as the few advocates of the side shift bar claim are hauled on the roads they want made. Another

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TARIFFS, ETC.

Sir—The Star sometime ago gave much information as how our Ottawa Government was handling Canada's public affairs, but has for some reason given little of what the public is anxious to learn of late. We want more independent men like Senator Bennett, Gratton O'Leary and H. M. Marler, who come to the plain facts as how the people's money is spent piling up such a huge debt as it is doing today. The present day method of twisting figures has become so common that they can be made appear to the common people that there is a surplus when there is a huge debt piling up, and we are looking to such independent men as above for the plain facts for the hard worked taxpayer has little chance of knowing how Canada's position is financially and how the people's money is spent.

We can learn from public accounts the running expenses is enormous and we are feeling it in taxes. Canada—with eight millions population is costing twice as much in running expenses as England with forty millions population. That should not be. England is economical in every way possible till now she is coming out yearly with a large surplus. Most all nations are coming out with surpluses over expenditure yearly only Canada, still increasing debt. We don't wonder when we find the civil service is costing Canada fifty million dollars yearly—the different departments are over-crowded till one should do the work that is allotted for three to six—but are a dumping ground for men who helped out in elections and members and so other position for them.

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1500 people were present. On Monday morning the usual Lawn Drill was held and was watched with genuine interest. In the afternoon the closing exercises of the Academy were put on. There was quite a number of matriculants to the University. In the evening the best of all was the Ladies' College Closing. The music was simply grand (the exercises were broadcast) and very much enjoyed. A large number received diplomas in Household Science and in the Commercial and other diplomas in Household Science and in the Commercial and other departments. On Tuesday afternoon the Alumni and Alumnae Societies held their annual meetings. In the Alumni meeting Mr. Ivan C. Rand, B. A., LL. B., and Dr. Oulton, of Moncton, and Mr. C. C. Avaré, M. A., of Backville, were declared elected to the Board of Regents of the University. In the evening Convocation of the University took place. Some thirty-eight degrees were conferred. Twenty in B. A.; 11 in B. Sc.; 3 in M. A.; and B. D.; and three honorary degrees D. D. Rev. C. W. Keirstead, B. A. was one who received the M. A. He was the Methodist minister at York last year. Mr. John Chesley Dawson, son of the late Rev. John L. Dawson was among the number in the B. Sc. list. There were no Islanders in the graduating class (B. A.). The annual banquet of the Alumni and Alumnae societies was the concluding function. This followed on the heels of Convocation. It was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

The forthcoming marriage of Miss Adele I. Gordon to Dr. William F. Harper, of Selma, Alabama, is being pleasantly discussed among her numerous friends here. Miss Gordon is coming home about June 1st and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gordon until after the happy event on July 3rd.

The Empire Day exercises in the public schools were bright and inspiring, attended by a large number of the interested parents and friends of the children participating in the several programs, tree planting, etc.

Mrs. W. F. Tidmarsh left yesterday on a visit to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parsons and family, Montreal, will spend Victoria Day at their country home at Comox and will take up their residence there towards the end of the month. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gillespie Reid will accompany them to Comox for the week-end. They expect to leave for St. John's, Nfld., very shortly. Mrs. Reid was formerly Miss Kathleen Parsons.

The Mount Allison College players were greatly enjoyed in their three act comedy last night entitled "Green Stockings." The cast was very pleasantly entertained while in the city.

Sincere sympathy is being extended to Mrs. G. A. W. Robertson and family in their sad bereavement. Mrs. Pethick and Mrs. Carthy are with their mother at present.

The many friends of ex-Premier Bell are pleased to learn that he is making rapid recovery from his recent operation in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

The attendance of visitors and old students at the closing of the Mount Allison Educational Institutions was the largest for some years. On Sunday 18th, Rev. Dr. Borden, ex-president of Mt. Allison University, preached to a large audience in the Methodist Church. In the evening the Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered by Sir Robert Falconer, President of Toronto University, and by the way a native of P. E. I. This was a rare occasion. There were many who could not get seating room, fully

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