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CLEAN UP TIME

City and country are now emerging from their wintry covering and the need of a clean up and grooming is as apparent as is that of a bath when one rises out of bed in the more or less early morning. The city is slowly putting on its summer appearance but in many sections of it the early bath and the grooming have been neglected. When the grounds and the street sides have been raked and swept the result is pleasing and attractive. But there are others and these are the spots by which the city is sized up by strangers, the spots which give the reputation of being untidy and unkempt.

A little community pride, pride in the street or the block in which one lives, pride in the city, and province is a virtue which should be insisted upon. It is a well known fact that both cleanliness and neglect become epidemic. A thrifty member of the community sets the pace. He tidies up his grounds, snags up his buildings, applies paint where needed, sees to his fences and his groves—and the neighbors follow his good example. The whole community is benefited, property in such a community is enhanced in value and it all goes so far in adding to the general prosperity and good name of the city and province.

Untidiness is similarly epidemic. There are slovenly sections in every city. In these property is at a discount, houses become vacant or are tenanted by undesirable, respectable tenants avoid the locality. Such sections should not be permitted to exist. There are slovenly communities to be found throughout the province the result of want of leadership in tidiness and upkeep. In these communities property deteriorates in value; if there are vacant farms they remain vacant because thrifty farmers would not want to live in such surroundings. The community prospers or deteriorates very largely, if not wholly, according to its outward appearance.

In the country the fields will shortly be in the hands of the plowman. In the meantime the buildings should be set in order, the house grounds tidied up and general preparations made for donning the Island's summer dress.

In the city much is yet to be done in the way of tidying up, but the good example is being set and in many places being followed. Let us make it the cleanest, tidiest and healthiest city in the Maritime Provinces. Our beautiful streets and excellent sidewalks give us an advantage to begin with, the rest can be done with the rake, broom and the garden tools. And this is the time to do it.

POLITICAL DEGRADATION

"It is one of the penalties," says an exchange, "that we pay for a government that cannot call its soul its own, that lives by hand-to-mouth politics and that is willing to sacrifice its own honour or the national interest to cling to the sweets of office."

To this political degradation has Canada come and she is paying the penalty in distracted and disturbed industry. In discontent throughout the country and in log-rolling and inactivity at Ottawa. The political degradation which began in bartering and shuffling of policies in order to "cling to the sweets of office," has extended down to the lower official ranks leaving in its trail a hideous, calamitous mess of political corruption such as Canada had never looked forward to. Those who love to do a thing, and cut-throat switching, smuggling, interference with judicial processes, never listen to gossip, and keep the guilty out of jail for the service they might render at elections. And all this fall within three or four years because the government "could not call its

soul its own" and was willing to "barter its own honor or the national interest for the sweets of office."

We look back with pride to the names of the men who made Canada, who laid its foundations, men of honour, probity, vision, who built for the future not for themselves, who could not be turned aside from the path of national interest, or of personal honour for the paltry, temporary sweets of office.

How shall posterity read the history of the present period in Canada? What kind of posterity and what kind of Canada shall they be to whom we are about to hand over this inheritance for which only a few years ago, 60,000 of our best and bravest gave their lives?

Neither Canada's present prosperity and she has prospered within the past two years through her bountiful harvests, her unlimited natural resources, and in spite of the hand to mouth policy at Ottawa nor any measure of relief embodied in the last budget, can wipe out the stains left upon her national honor by the political corruption of the past few years. Prosperity and the budget may be extolled with all possible bombast and pretence but Canada today sees only the stains and, through them, the hope that in the near future she may have a government with a soul and one which it may call its own.

WHERE THE BUDGET FAILS

In cancelling the allowance to the individual taxpayer for taxes previously paid by a corporation, whose shares he holds, says a writer in The Financial Post, the shareholder is left in the position that the government first takes 9% from the company and then taxes the shareholder to the limit on the remainder without any allowance for the tax previously paid by the company; whereas if the investment is in bonds or real estate or any other form than stock in a corporation, the personal tax is the only tax he will pay. The effect is to discourage investment in business and industry and this is surely not good policy; for investments of this character result in the development of the country and the employment of labor to an extent that is not possible with investments of a quiescent nature, such as in lands or bonds. Should the Government pass the legislation proposed, it will be exceedingly difficult to find money to finance new industries or to extend those already existing.

Concluding the article, which is too long for insertion here in its entirety, says: "It would look as if the proposed legislation has been drafted to meet certain special cases without regard to the fact that it takes effect, it will operate to discourage investment in Canadian business and industry, and will drive to the United States capital which is sorely needed here."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is not because he is in a hurry to reach his destination that the autoist steps on the gas and tries to get across the track ahead of the engine, it is because he is a fool. If he is killed it serves him right, if he escapes he should be arrested and punished.

Your Birthday

APRIL 28.—You are sympathetic, kind, and loving, and generous to a fault. You are not communicative, and will struggle alone with trouble or worry rather than take those you love into your confidence to do a thing, and cut-throat switching, smuggling, interference with judicial processes, never listen to gossip, and keep the guilty out of jail for the service they might render at elections. And all this fall within three or four years because the government "could not call its

Notes by the Way

The discussion of Maritime Rights and claims will go on for a good while to come, as the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry will of necessity carry the final decision over to the next session of Parliament. And comparatively few persons now remember who were the members from their own Province who were first elected to the Dominion Parliament. We have before us a small volume which purports to give the names of the candidates and the votes polled for each in all the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, at the successive federal elections from 1867 to 1882, inclusive, with some other information connected therewith.

Members for the four provinces first named were chosen between August 17 and September 20, 1867 at the general election then held. The elections then were not simultaneous as they now are. Manitoba first elected members to the House of Commons in 1871. British Columbia also did so in 1871, and Prince Edward Island in 1873. It was in the stormy days of the Pacific Scandal that this province held its first Dominion election. Six members were elected, two for each of our three counties. The members elected were as follows:— Kings—Hon. D. Davies; Hon. A. C. Macdonald; Queens—Hon. D. Laird; Hon. Peter Sinclair; Prince—Hon. J. C. Pope; James Yeo.

The session of Parliament opened on March 5 1873, and was prorogued on August 13. In the meantime the charges made by Hon. L. S. Huntington were presented and a royal commission was appointed to investigate them. As this Province was not united to the Dominion until July 1, the Island members were not elected till after that date and did not take their seats until the short fall session of that year, which began on October 23 and closed on November 7. During that short session the scandal charges were further debated and the Macdonald Government resigned without the House coming to a vote.

Hon. Alexander Mackenzie was called upon to form a new Government, which task he speedily completed and asked for a dissolution of Parliament which was granted. The election was held on January 2, 1874, when the votes polled in this Province were as follows:

Kings County
 Hon. D. Davies (L) 1704
 Dr. McIntyre (L) 1530
 Hon. A. C. Macdonald (C) 1496

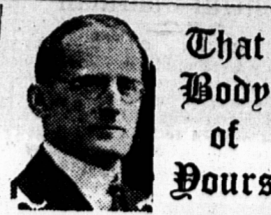
Prince County
 Hon. James Yeo (L) 2188
 Hon. S. F. Perry (L) 1894
 J. Ramsay (C) 668
 F. McNeill (C) 337

Queens County
 Hon. D. Laird (L) Acclamation
 Hon. Peter Sinclair (L) "

When Manitoba was made a Province it was given four members in the House of Commons and the population being small, a comparatively few votes were sufficient to elect a candidate. Dr. Schultz was elected in 1871 in Lisgar with 315 votes, and his only opponent got but 65. In Marquette two candidates for the single seat got 282 votes each. In Provencer the successful candidate received 172 votes and his only opponent got but 29. In Selkirk, Donald Smith, later widely known as Lord Strathcona, was elected with 239 votes, and his only opponent did not get half so many.

In British Columbia, which had six members from the start, the votes in the federal election of 1871 were almost equally small. Mr. Thompson was elected by acclamation in Caribon. Nelson was elected with 125 votes in New Westminster. Nathan and De Cosmos were returned by acclamation in Victoria and in Yale there were only 143 voters on the list. Of these 43 supported Dewdney and 19 gave their votes to Smith. All the candidates for the six seats were Conservative in 1872.

In those old days there were twice as many names on the voters' lists in Prince Edward Island as there were in all the region between the Big Lakes and the Rocky Mountains. Our province elected six members and they but four. Today the Prairie Provinces together return 54 members and our Island Province only four. Prince Edward Island was represented in the Macdonald Government by Hon. J. C. Pope and in the Mackenzie Government by Hon. David Laird, both of whom held portfolios. Today our Province is not represented in the Dominion Government in any of the three Cabinet Ministers, the Premier being one of them. The three



By James W. Barton, M.D.

PROGRESS IN GLAND STUDY

Some idea of the direction medicine is tending can be seen in the report in one of the medical journals, on the "progress" in the study of the ductless glands. It is not very long ago that no particular attention was paid to these glands except perhaps the thyroid gland, and now we see a definite report on eleven different ductless glands.

Considerable more is now known about the little pituitary gland in the skull, and its definite relation to the growth of the individual has been proven. Notwithstanding that it is not much larger than a pea, it has two distinct lobes, each one having a definite action upon the functions of the body.

The front lobe is concerned with the growth of the bones, muscles, and hair, whilst the back lobe has some control over the action of the starches in the body.

The thyroid naturally gets a great deal of attention from research men, and they are now calling it the "gland of life" and severe, the latter showing heart, eye and nerve symptoms, besides the enlarged gland. The discovery of insulin from Lanting's work on the pancreas, is of course known to everybody, and insulin is now being obtained from other sources than the pancreas of animals. No recent discovery has so stirred the imagination of research men as has the discovery of insulin.

The little adrenal glands on top of each kidney are the source from whence adrenalin is obtained. They are now learning that in addition to its ability to stimulate the muscle including the heart that adrenalin has a regulating action on the thyroid gland left to itself, might stimulate to much cell activity, and the adrenalin slows, or steadies, cell activity.

But the most recent discovery is that our old friend the liver, not a true ductless gland however, in addition to all its other jobs, has something within its cells, that when properly extracted, can lower or high blood pressure in man. This investigation of the glands is a new field, a wonderful field, and it is just in its infancy.

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