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RETIREMENT OF SIR ROBERT BORDEN

The retirement of Sir Robert Borden from the leadership of the Union Government announced in our telegrams today will not cause any surprise. It has been expected for some time but is none the less regrettable. Sir Robert, it is now known, is one of the casualties of the war. Through devotion paralleled only by the men who stood in the trenches and fought the Hun to a finish, he stood by his post not only till the war was over but till his country was well advanced in its reconstruction, but he did it at the cost of his health; did it against the advice and warnings of his physicians; did it until he had gone even beyond the limit of human endurance. And now to the deep regret but even on the solicitation of his friends he is obliged to abandon the heavy responsibility of leadership. Political opponents, as well as political friends, and the friends of Canada and the Empire which he served so faithfully will join in the fervent hope that the respite which he has now consented to take has not been too long postponed and that a goodly and enjoyable measure of health and strength will be vouchsafed him and continue throughout the evening, as yet the early evening, of his busy and well spent day.

The question of a successor has not yet been solved but while it creates much interest it is causing little anxiety. There are several men in the party who can wear Sir Robert's mantle worthily and we have no doubt that the choice will be wisely made after the manner adopted by the caucus which is fully explained in our telegrams this morning.

AFTER THE TAXES

Notices claiming income tax for the year 1919 are being circulated throughout the province, whether to political friends or opponents. Whether these notices shall bring the expected and belated harvest or not we are not in a position to declare, but appearances are that the Bell government has muddled this business as they have done in practically everything they have touched.

In their anxiety to pile up an adverse balance against the Arsenault government they neglected to realize upon the revenues and deliberately neglected to provide for the collection of the taxes for the year 1919. This was designed for the double purpose of showing a large adverse balance against the late government and, as they figured, augmenting the receipts for 1920 by the amount thus carried over. As a result of this manoeuvre the province may stand to lose many thousands of dollars made uncollectable either by the carelessness, ignorance or neglect of the Bell government.

The statute 1911, section 9, is mandatory and requires that the schedule setting forth the amount of income for which each person is assessed "shall be made up and filed in the office of the Provincial Treasurer of this Province on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year." Such schedule not having been filed within the time specified could not be legally filed or prepared thereafter and there is grave doubt whether an attempt to collect taxes on the basis of a tax list subsequently prepared and not authorized by statute would be successful.

In a notice accompanying the tax bills they practically admit their default and give as a reason why the notice is given at this late date instead of in October of last year, that "owing to a change in the method of ascertaining the income on which each person should be taxed for that year... has been unavoidably delayed." In point of fact this change in the Act was made in 1913 and the government offering it as an excuse for their neglect in 1919 is too flimsy to be entertained. The government should have known the requirements of the Act and should have acted upon them. Because they have failed to do so the province must suffer.

JUDGES SALARIES.

We are pleased to note by the Hanzard report of the amendment of the Judge's Act, details of which were not given to our telegrams, that the judges of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island have been placed on the same footing as those of the other provinces. The Guardian has always advocated this equality and it is difficult to understand why the difference had been permitted to exist so long. The Chief Justice of this province, according to the amendment, will receive the same salary as those of our sister provinces, namely \$10,000, the Master of the Rolls and the Vice Chancellor each receiving \$9,000.

The salaries of the County Court judges have also been increased by \$1,000 giving them now in all the provinces a salary of \$5,000.

We heartily congratulate Chief Justice Mathieson, Justices Fitzgerald and Hanzard and County Court Judges, Stewart, MacQuarrie and Fraser on the too long delayed but none the less welcome addition to their salaries.

CURRENT COMMENT

Government reports from cold storage warehouses are already commencing to indicate the expected large crops to be reaped in this year's harvest. Butter, eggs, margarine and several kinds of meats are stored in decidedly larger quantities than last year, while the excess of poultry is enormous. When we find conditions thus, this early in the season, what must we look for in quantity when the heavier midsummer supplies are added, to say nothing of the natural large product in the fall. Cheese is nominally about two cents lower than at the same period last year, while butter is if anything slightly firmer and higher in price. This latter is due to speculative purchasing and holding, rather than to scarcity of supply, and there is liability of recession in price at any time. Good pasture produces good butter in increased quantities. If that increase amounted to only one ounce per acre per day of butter, it would aggregate nearly a half million pounds in this province within the season and if we multiply this by the millions of acres of dairy lands on the continent we will have a slight conception of the enormous increase of butter supply for the coming year. And the same reasoning may be applied to anything that grows or is produced.

Buttermilk, that simple but often highly valued by product of the dairy, has been put to many and varied uses. It has been often prescribed and relied upon as a wash to dispel those freckles which some of the fair sex detest in the imagination that it is a mar to beauty. It has also been frequently and properly recommended by the medical profession as a corrective in cases of disordered liver, as a blood purifier and a nourishing agent. Many others esteem it as a pleasant beverage, without regard to its health-giving qualities. The most novel use however to which it has yet been applied occurred in Kansas where it was effectively utilized to extinguish a fire. The home of Philip Rupinger was in flames, the water supply gave out and a supply some distance away had to be reached. While this was being done the dairy was raided and large cans of buttermilk dashed upon the flames, kept the fire in check until water was available, and the property saved. And the heat converted the milk product into a kind of Welsh rarebit which the fire-fighters pronounced quite good to the taste.

It was early in the spring of 1919 in which an editorial appeared in the Patriot, headed, "A Dwindling Department of Agriculture," where in the usual complaints and charges, so familiar at that time, were indulged in. There was "no secretary" to the department, the services of Prof. Ross having been dispensed with. And then another calamity, there was "no District representative for Kings County." This was surely of all things at that time an unpardonable offense. Besides all this, it was outrageous beyond all things that there was then, "no instructor in soils and crops," and the then report of the Commissioner of Agriculture was esteemed by the Liberal daily as

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

"WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM"

What are you going to do about it? In an artist's studio a friend noticed a pile of things in a corner and asked, "What's all that?" "Oh," said the artist, "those are what I call my disappointments, pictures I worked upon but would not come right." I think God has heaps like that, men and women, boys and girls who fail to come up to His expectations. Are you going to be one of these? Bishop Theobald tells a beautiful story about a picture of his dear child. It seemed a very imperfect photograph, so blurred that scarcely a trace of the loved features could be seen in it. But one day he took the picture to a photographer, and asked him if he could do anything to improve it. In three weeks the bishop returned, and as he saw the picture in its frame on the wall, he was started. It seemed as if his child were living again before him. The image had been in the old picture, but was concealed beneath the blurs and mists that were there also. The artist, however, had brought it out in strong, living beauty, until it was like life in its tender charm. In every true disciple of Christ there is the image of the Master. It may be very dim. Its features are overlaid by blurs and blemishes, and are almost unrecognizable by human eyes. It is the work of Christ in our lives to bring out this likeness more and more clearly, until at last it shines in undimmed beauty. This is what Christ is doing in many of His ways with us. — J. R. Miller.

worthy of a two column editorial criticism.

We would like to recreate the Patriot's enthusiasm on behalf of agriculture, and to invoke a renewal of its condemnation, now more than needed, of inactivity and neglect in this department. We would repeat its old question as to the appointment of a secretary, and ask, has this been done? And is Kings County as yet in the happy possession of a separate "District representative"; or is the province at large enjoying the services of a special "instructor in soils and crops"? If not it is more now than ever before the duty of that paper to condemn, for its own friends are in power, placed there by an electorate who have a right to expect the suggested benefits. And the conditions described by the Patriot in such language at that time are no better, and if anything worse, than when it was thundering its invectives against the late government's administration in this department.

In the passing away of Judge Aeneas McDonald the community has lost one of its best men. In his younger days of public activity, and later, since his appointment as Judge, in public patriotic work, the writer was frequently in close touch with him, and can speak from personal knowledge of his excellence and worth. He followed out that splendid precept of scripture, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" always applying diligently to his task and never sparing himself as against the call of duty. In his part in connection with the administration of the Patriotic Fund he was ever sympathetic with those in distress and his determinations always favored the deserving and needy. He was ostentatiously loyal to his country and a warm lover and admirer of British institutions. As Judge of Probate his kindly nature was frequently manifested in official courtesies, which will be pleasantly remembered by many who have had business in that court. On the street and in the social circle every one who enjoyed his acquaintance knew him as a sincere friend. We sympathize with the home wherein is the greatest loss. The light has gone out and the days of former happiness are enshrouded in sorrow. But to soften the grief there is the sweet remembrance of a life for which there is no regrets an example of love and devotion which can never fade, and which cannot fail to bring its comforts, even in these hours of their darkest sorrow.

There is a something noticeable in the report of the Grand Jury, in regard to Falconwood Hospital, similar to which can not be found in any such report during the whole eight years of Conservative Government. It reads thus,—"With regard to the provisions supplied to the inmates, the Grand Jury is of the opinion that there is room for improvement in the fresh meat supply." When we consider the tendency of contractors to have the best quality in evidence on the occasion of these visits, what must the quality be in common every day experience? Some years ago, under Liberal rule, a similar condition was disclosed, and public opinion forced the government to act, which they did and without complaint until the Bell Government took charge. What does it mean? Is it a return to the old time jobbery or is it government penuriousness, or neglect, or both combined?

The Grand Jury also nominate that the old meat chopping blocks be replaced immediately. Antique worn out germ laden wooden utensils should not be tolerated in an institution of this kind. And it further recommends that "needed repairs to the Hospital for the Insane be immediately attended to." These repairs were in contemplation and in part provided for by the Arsenault Government a year ago. They were the subject of sensational articles in the Patriot five months ago, and the fact is now officially disclosed, by an independent court of enquiry, that this shameful condition of affairs is still perpetuated by the sleepy, careless and incompetent combination called the Bell Government.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

King George, on Saturday, entertained at a garden party three hundred and fifty men, who have won the Victoria Cross in campaigns. The men marched to Buckingham from Wellington Barracks and were joined in a few minutes later by relatives and friends. The men were arranged in groups according to seniority without regard to rank and each was then presented to the King. The lists of guests included many names that will live long in British history, from Captain Carpenter, of the Vindictive, which attacked Zebrugge and Ostend, down to two drivers who saved guns at La Cateau, Private Lynn, who won the Victoria Cross, the D.C.M., and the Cross of St. George and was then killed, was represented by his fiancé.

King George will visit Wales on July 16 and 17 to open two large sanatoria near Denbigh and Talgarth, which have been built by the King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial Association. The association was founded in 1910 to perpetuate the memory of King Edward and to fight the inroads of consumption in Wales.

Capt. Hammond Johnson and bride, who are spending a week in Eldon, are receiving the hearty congratulations of numerous friends.

Mrs. A. D. Cartwright and son, Master Robert Cartwright and mother, Mrs. Hart, have arrived at Brackley Beach to spend the summer. Mr. Cartwright is expected here for the month of August.

Major and Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Cosh are joining the summer visitors at the Cox Hotel, at Souris today.

The Olympic Trials brought many visitors to the City on Dominion Day and although the weather was very disagreeable in the early morning, the afternoon was ideal and large numbers attended the sports, which proved the best held for years. A keen interest is again being manifested in sport in this city.

Senator John Yeo, of Port Hill, celebrated his 83rd birthday on June 29th amid the good wishes of his host of friends.

Miss Ball, of Montreal, has arrived in the City to spend the summer months.

Mrs. (Senator) McNicholl, of Philadelphia has arrived in Cardigan. Mrs. McNicholl is having a magnificent summer residence erected overlooking the Cardigan River.

Mrs. James Barrett, left on Wednesday morning to visit for a few weeks with Mrs. L. M. Poole, who will later come to Keppoch for several weeks.

Picnics and river outings are the popular pastime just now, everybody is trying to make the summer as enjoyable as they possibly can.

An eight day's automobile trip to Prince Edward Island was greatly enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schofield of St. John, who arrived home a few days ago.

Miss Katie McLeod is being welcomed home from an extended stay in the Canadian West.

The twin Dollar Day shoppers had a busy time Tuesday and Wednesday and are still talking about the success of this big undertaking and the different bargains they secured.

Miss Irene Longworth is being welcomed home from a successful term at Havergal, Toronto.

Among the interesting visitors here this week was Mrs. DeRaymond who came here from Ottawa. Mrs. DeRaymond is studying animal life and was deeply interested in the fox industry of this Province, visiting several of Mr. W. K. Rogers' ranches during her short stay. Mrs. DeRaymond who sails in the near future for Brussels, was simply delighted with the natural beauty of the Garden Provinces and those who met her hope that this visit is but the precursor of others.

Miss Dora Mathieson is visiting in Summerside the guest of the Misses Wyatt.

The tourist season has already begun and the summer hotels at Brackley Beach have their quota

Others' View Points

LEATHER MEDALS LOOKING UP

(Kingston Whig) Leather medals! We used to talk of them with derision. They are now more costly than bronze medals and universities may soon bestow them with a marked degree of pride.

THE ANSWER

(Hamilton Herald)

Quebec Members of Parliament are demanding that the Ontario Hydro Commission be compelled to pay the excess profits tax. They point out that the private electric companies in Quebec are taxed heavily on their excess profits; why, then, should the Ontario Hydro escape? To which there are two replies—that private electric companies in Ontario are also taxed; and that the Hydro has no excess profits, because it supplies power at cost.

of visitors, with others arriving daily.

Genuine sympathy is being extended to Mrs. McDonald and family in the sudden demise of Judge Aeneas McDonald, which came as a severe shock to all.

Mrs. A. G. Pittman, of Newcastle is spending the summer at her old home in Eldon.

The Fashion Forecast says: The newest lingerie dresses of egypt embroidery and lace will be worn over black satin—for contrast rules in the world of fashion.

Two graduates of Mount Allison go to Oxford, England, as Rhodes Scholars this year: Frank Skinner, of St. John and W. G. Guy of Carbonara (Nfld.) Frederick Winters, of Lunenburg (N.S.) becomes instructor in mathematics at Yale and will study the Ph.D. course at the same time, and Lorne F. Lea, of Victoria (P.E.I.) has been chosen instructor in chemistry at Harvard under the Austin teaching fellowship, and will study for the Ph.D. degree.

FOX RANCHER MEETINGS

Meetings of all interested in the organization of the Silver Fox Fur Selling Association will be held in the following places on the dates set out below:—

BEDOUQUE, SATURDAY, JULY 3. O'LEARY, MONDAY, JULY 5. KENSINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 7. ELLERSLIE, THURSDAY, JULY 8.

All the above meetings will be held at eight o'clock in the evening.

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