

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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A SECOND CAR FERRY

While the car ferry steamer Scotia is no doubt giving as good a make-shift service as could be expected of her and while her substitution at present for the regular car ferry, the Prince Edward Island, is unavoidable, she is clearly demonstrating both her unfitness for this service and the immediate need of a second steamer adapted to the route. During windy weather the spray washes over her and passengers are obliged to remain in the cars while the nearness of the deck to the water, especially in a rough sea, is somewhat terrifying to those unaccustomed to this mode of travelling. Hundreds of visitors are coming in daily and those of them who happen to have a rough crossing are by no means enamoured of the trip. Undoubtedly many who would have come by the regular car ferry have abandoned their visit both because of the uncertainty of the crossing—as the Scotia will not cross on a stormy day—and the possible unpleasantness in case of a rough crossing.

Our representatives at Ottawa should again press this matter upon the authorities and there is no better time for pressing it than now when the only substitute available is proving her inadequacy for the service.

We might add here, in order to allay any fears regarding the expected visit of the Imperial Press during the latter part of the month, that the work on the Prince Edward is being so arranged that she will be in a position to go on the Capes route during the day on which the visit is to take place, after which she will return to Charlottetown to complete her repairs.

SOME ADVERTISING

Mr. T. E. McDonnell, Vice President and General Manager of the Dominion Express Company, Toronto, who was in Charlottetown recently, in a letter to Dr. Leo Frank thanking him for a set of souvenir photos of Rosebank Farm, gave this interesting bit of information:—

"You will be interested to know that while waiting for a train last night in Montreal I dropped into a moving picture theatre on St. Catherine Street, and part of the performance was the picture taken at your farm and quite prominent in the picture was your "Welcome" sign. The photographs were clear and were well received by the audience."

Casting one's "bread upon the waters" is a proverbial test of faith. In this case Dr. Leo Frank exemplified his faith in advertising by casting considerable "bread" in the shape of cold cash and we have no doubt that it will return to him. The fact that the "movies" taken during the recent editorial visit found their way into the leading theatres within a few days is in itself most gratifying and by the time they are shown, as they will be, in the leading theatres throughout the United States, Dr. Frank's fox farm and Prince Edward Island will be given an advertisement that will be worth much to both.

The incident is a valuable lesson in advertising and will, we trust, be remembered in a practical way during future visits and future events which will serve as a medium for advertising the province.

The visit of the Imperial Press, scheduled for the latter part of the month will afford another opportunity for boosting the province and its outstanding features, including the fox industry. No doubt the "movie man" will again be in evidence and it is hoped that every facility will be afforded to include in the exhibits as many as possible of the beauties of the Garden of the Gulf.

"OFF AGAIN, ON AGAIN!"

The Patriot after a month's silence has come to itself again in one of its old time brain storms. It devotes nearly four columns to home manufactured political history consisting chiefly of flat denials of statements of facts known all over Canada. It alleges that "Borden in the 1911 election, appeared on the same platform as Bourassa; . . . . . and Borden did not repudiate the joint leadership." Doubtless Sir Robert has stood on many a platform with many public men with whose views he had nothing in common. To say that, because of this he was in alliance with these or any of them is an argument worthy of the Patriot. Can it give a single instance in which either Sir Robert or Mr. Bourassa claimed alliance with the other? The Patriot publishes planks from the Nationalist platform which it claims the Liberal Conservatives accepted. The fact that Sir Robert Borden from his entry into public life till his retirement, acted in direct opposition to every one of these is itself irrefutable proof that no such alliance ever existed and the bare unsupported word of the Patriot cannot create one.

We would recall the Patriot's attention to matters nearer home, of greater import to the people of this province, and which it has studiously avoided, namely, that little matter of uncollectable 1919 taxes, to which we referred in our Friday's issue. This, at present, is what our people are interested in. It not only affects the private pockets of our people and the revenues of the province but revives the question as to the extent to which the public affairs of the province are being bungled by the Bell government.

CURRENT COMMENT

Sir Robert Borden has retired from the Premier's office in Canada, after passing through a period of the most trying experiences and strenuous labors that ever fell to the lot of any man, in a similar position, in the history of the world. That he has made mistakes it would be foolishness to deny; no man has reached that height of perfection in human operations to enable him to absolutely avoid error. These, where they have occurred, are but trifling in character, and insignificant in comparison with his marvelous accomplishments. In civil government, prior to the outbreak of the Great War, his programme, then fairly commenced, for the development of the country, the enlargement and extension of facilities for transportation, and the working out of processes to enable the country to realize to the full upon her great natural sources of wealth were grandly beyond the ordinary conception. When hostilities commenced, in disregard of the slanders and calumnies circulated by the Liberal press, that he was bound to Nationalist and anti-Imperial factions, threw the whole force both of his personality and his government without reserve into the conflict, with the result of an irreparable injury to his own health and prospect in political and social life, but after making the name of his native Canada immortal, and giving to her heroic sons that opportunity which made for them a reputation for valor and accomplishment, as imperishable as the hills.

That he engendered a certain amount of discontent among hide-bound party factions because of his breaking up the old order of things for the formation of a Union or national government, as still further by the abolition of patronage which in his opinion was vicious in principle, may be easily admitted. The situation was grave, and at that time a mistake upon his part might have been disastrous to the Empire and the peace of the world. It was essential that all parties in Canada unite to "the last man, and the last dollar," for the defense of civilization. It was no doubt a great hardship for him to tell half of his colleagues in the cabinet, men with whom he had associated in progressive government, and who sustained him in political conflict, to step out and make room for a like number of their party's foes, but in loyalty to the Empire and

his country's cause he resisted all pressure, never swerving in the task, and accomplished his purpose, Union government, as it then existed, is obviously not popular today, but its worst enemies will admit that it was then indispensable and that it has successfully produced results which could not have been attained in any other way.

In the abolition of patronage, I was pressed upon him, by those strongest in his support, and no doubt also by his own common sense, that he was cutting away one of the main bridges over which it would be necessary to return into power. But power in comparison with right, as he viewed it, counted for little and deliberately he cut away the supporting pillar. With him, in all things, right and the good of country, took precedence over politics, party or personal ambition, and with this pure record behind him of duties well and faithfully done, and with a record of services and accomplishments which can not be duplicated by any premier or leader in a like position during the World's great war, he now retires from his strenuous labors, appreciated, honored and beloved by those who value disinterested service, and giving to himself the first position amongst Canada's greatest men upon history's page.

The retirement of Sir Robert from the cabinet, means practically the formation of an entirely new government. In a sense it will be a return to party times, with additions to former Conservative ranks of those Liberals whose association and experience with policies of advantage and stability to Canadian prosperity will outweigh their earlier training in schools of Liberal mythology. They have already risen to the occasion and placed before the people the outline of a policy which is eminently designed to meet every requirement of all classes agricultural, trades and industrial interests of the country. Conservatism has been growing in strength since the close of the war, but it has grown more and in full accord with the needs and announcement of this progressive

policy, than in months or even years before. With the advantages of a policy, national in character, and in full accord with the needs and demands of all classes, when pitted against factions with heterogeneous or, in most cases, no policy at all, there is little doubt that the new government, when, earlier or later, it appeals to the people, will be handsomely sustained.

We trust that the Liberals will take the lessons of the Manitoba elections sincerely to heart, that not one of its wholesome teachings may be lost to them. If ever there was a prophetic handwriting upon a political wall it is surely there. A government which came in fresh and new only four years ago, with an almost unanimous backing in the House, to lose fully one half, if not more, of its support, is surely an index of collapse to bring abject terror to their stoutest hearts. It is made more emphatic in the fact, that the Conservatives whom they so frequently pronounced as derelict and undone, have come back with a quadrupled strength in point of representative numbers, and a still more impressively large increase in the popular vote. And a further taste of wormwood is in the fact that these results were produced in a great growing centre, where above all other places Conservatives were supposed to be weak, and where the free trade fads of Liberalism were expected to abundantly prevail.

There is another lesson to the people at large, in the danger of stable government being destroyed by a needless division of the councils of the country, brought about by the multiplication of factions and groups. The situation in Manitoba today does not promise well for the correct management of public affairs. Whichever group attains to the position of office, is more or less dependent upon the whims of caprices of one or other of the remaining factions, in the carrying out of their policies. With rival factions pulling a helpless government in one direction and another there can be no concentration of energy and purpose and the province must suffer. Better far that any one of these factions, even the least worthy, would have

THE PUBLIC FORUM

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The City's Answer to Country Born

Sir,—Kindly permit me space in your columns to say to "Country Born" how glad I am that he is an exception in his class, and not the rule; but it was kind of him to point out the "real moral in the Ellis Case", for we are sure not many would have considered that the most important lesson to be learned. Nearly ten years of rusting out our mind and soul while wearing out our body (in the country) has somewhat dulled our sensibilities; and the angry contemplation of the almost universal obscenity of speech conspicuous in some parts of this Island Province has doubtless soured our temper just as truly. We are inclined to think withal, that cleanliness of life and purity of thought and speech should first be chosen; and the man has great presumption who expects to find that in his wife which he knows not!

And, next in order, gentle writers, sakes say:—"There is nothing so kingly as kindness, and nothing so royal as truth." We were reminded of this when reading some remarks of the Attorney General, in the late trial, also:—"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." We often hear; and we might add, "to marry wisdom"; but it is high time a land with any claim to Education and Christianity should make a better provision for the development of mind and soul. "Man can not live on bread alone." is a text not sufficiently preached; and the daughters of men, in the country, God knows, are sorely needing food

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a preponderating control. The lesson to Canada at large points to the distinct necessity for limiting those class organizations, and accepting either one of the national all-round parties, of which the national Liberal Conservative and the Liberal parties may be classed as representative types.



FLEET FOOT

The Summer Shoes that are Kind to your Feet

THEY are the coolest shoes you can wear because the light canvas uppers let the feet breathe. They are the easiest shoes you can wear because of the springy, pliable rubber soles.

There are Fleet Foot styles for work and play—colored and white—for men, women and children.

Wear Fleet Foot all summer, save money, and be kind to your feet. The name "Fleet Foot" is stamped on every shoe.



Fleet Foot Shoes are Dominion Rubber System Products. The Best Shoe Stores Sell Fleet Foot.

Advertisement for Macdonald's Cut Brier Smoking Tobacco, featuring a pack of tobacco and the text '1/2 lb. Package 15 Cents MACDONALD'S CUT BRIER SMOKING TOBACCO'.

Advertisement for Fox Rancher Meetings, organized by A. E. Arsenault, with dates for July 5, 7, and 8.

Advertisement for E. R. Brow, a fire and life insurance agent in Charlottetown.

Daily Selections Guardian Readers, furnished by W. S. Louson.

GAPS, by George Matthew Adams.

It wasn't meant that everything should run smoothly all the time. Human nature—the most wonderful thing in the world—was made fallible.

Our whole life experience is broken into by gaps—things which we have missed, things which have meant disappointment to us, and things which didn't come to pass at all.

A really good road is much more appreciated after running over a very rough one.

And that is the way it is with the gaps the make up every one of our lives. They may bother us a bit, and cause us great anxiety—but they also make us think, and plan, and re-consider.

If we didn't pass thru the gaps of darkness and misunderstanding, there would be little impetus given to us to rise higher and higher.

And then to fill up the gaps to keep improving the roads over which you tread from day to day means a happier ending of each stage along the way—a greater, finer trail that you have blazed when all is done.

That heart must indeed be poorly nourished which cannot feel its gaps—in longings for better things, for a correction of mistakes and errors, and for a solidifying of purpose and effort.

Gaps had to be, you see—so that Nature's breath might cast its fragrance abroad, and there might be meaning to the stars and reason for smiles and kindness.

You know how it is to have your own gaps filled. Try, then, to lessen the gaps in the hearts and lives of those whom you know and love.

It is the things which you lack to which you may aspire!

Advertisement for Dodd's Kidney Pills, for all kidney diseases.

Large advertisement for Used Cars, featuring Dodge, Chevrolet, and Ford models, and the McLaughlin-Canadian National Car dealership.

Advertisement for Ladies' Look Here, featuring white boots and hosiery from Goff Bros.