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HON. MR. ARSENAULT ON THE BUDGET

The speech of the Leader of the Opposition delivered during the budget debate, a report of which appeared in The Guardian of Thursday last, is deserving of more than a passing notice. It fairly sets forth all the principal matters that are in controversy between the two political parties in this province. The statements made are so buttressed and supported by indisputable facts and figures that nothing is based upon mere assertion. Mr. Arsenault's speech is the more persuasive and convincing from its moderation, from the absence of epithets applied to his opponents, from the undoubted sincerity of the speaker, whose faithful and honourable course in public life give him trust and credence whenever he is called to speak.

In his great speech, worthy of any political leader, our province has produced, Mr. Arsenault has turned the clear searchlight of truth upon the Bell government and its record. That record is their condemnation for all time to come. For a time they were able to obscure some of its blackest features and to confuse the public mind in regard thereto. Mr. Arsenault has so clearly stated the facts that he who runs may read and he who reads must be convinced of its entire fairness and

truth of his contentions. The Bell aggregation stands hopelessly discredited and condemned before the country today and only awaits inevitable defeat at the polls when the hour of election shall strike.

CANADIANS IN THE STATES

It is gratifying to learn from the United States census returns that there are fewer Canadians in the United States than there were ten years ago. The figures now show the total to be 1,117,186, which is \$7,501 fewer than were there at the date of the preceding census. Together these would make up the population of a very considerable city. Our people are evidently coming back to us, and for the very good reason that Canada is quite as good a country as the United States, or any other in which to live.

We shall no doubt, have another gratifying fact to note when the Dominion census is taken a few months hence and shows the increase of United States born people who have become residents of Canada. The increase from this source should be much larger than the diminution of Canadians in the States as noted above. It should run into hundreds of thousands. Thus Canada is slowly coming into her own in the matter of population and we may hope the increase shall be more and more rapid in future years.

Current Comment

The House is closed, and for a time now the people may breathe easy in the relief that further legislative damage is at least postponed until another session commences. In some respects it has been the most remarkable ever held in this or probably any other country in the civilized world. As to producing results that can be of any benefit to the people of the province, it may be said to have been absolutely barren. The sum and substance of its legislation may be centralized in the idea of further taxation along previously forgotten or omitted lines, and the correction of their blunders of the previous months of their administration, and in attempts to strengthen their processes for squeezing the taxes out of the reluctant and unfortunately impoverished taxpayer. In a few lines of public policy they were compelled to accept the advice of the Opposition, given to them at the last session, and to amend their acts in accordance therewith. We are not inclined to crow over this triumph but rather disposed to compliment them upon their belated good sense. And yet much of trouble, and delay and annoyance would have been averted, if they had acted upon Hon. Mr. Arsenault's advice when first given a year ago.

Notably amongst these was the matter of the interest rate on the funded debt. Their proposal to offer debentures at a 5 1/2 per cent rate of interest, was pointed out to them as being impracticable in the present state of the money market, and after a year of effort they have had this truth pressed upon them to the extent of changing the rate to six per cent, which they have done. And in this connection we offer them in all sincerity, and without political prejudice, our advice TO GO SLOW IN FLOATING LOANS, PARTICULARLY LONG TERM ONES, AT THIS HIGH RATE. It does not seem possible that money will continue to command such a high interest as this for a much longer period, and it seems to us that it would be good business on the part of the Government to limit their debenture floatations to the shortest terms, and the smallest amounts possible to get along with. We are not suggesting a calling off of the necessary programme of public works, but rather that transient arrangements be made with the banks to meet necessary expenditures. It would be better to pay this six per cent to the banks for a transient advance for a year or two than to saddle the country with a high fixed interest charge for the next twenty or thirty years.

The session is notable again in the fact that the committee on Agriculture was not convened, probably for the first time in the history of the province. With what the Patriot calls a "most up-to-date practical agriculturist," at the head of the Department of Agriculture, and a body in charge claiming to be a Farmers Government, it is strange that this most important of committees was never called together. If there is one interest greater than another in this province it is by long odds that of the farm and soil, and this session with all its pretensions of progress and advancement closed without reference to this committee. And people want to know the reason why? The Chairman and the majority are selected from the Government side of the House. The Opposition have nothing to do but attend when summoned. But they have certain powers and privileges when there. They can ask questions, call for witnesses, papers and documents relating to the affairs of administration, AND THEREIN LIES THE DANGER TO THE GOVERNMENT, especially in the matters insufficiently answered in the House. It would not do to give the Opposition members an opportunity of enquiring for instance too closely into those cattle transactions. That Holstein Bull, and those Holstein heifers had better not be disturbed. The "red rag" might produce trouble to the Commissioner.

Another development of the session was that of filling the public school vacancies with teachers who had never taken a college course, and under our Education Act, not qualified to teach. Special license or permission it appears was granted by the Department of Education to enable these to teach and draw their salaries, and now by a special act they have taken power, by statute, to continue this procedure. It has been their boast in recent days that they have filled many of the vacant schools, but now the process by which they have done so REFLECTS MORE OF DISGRACE THAN CREDIT. They preached and talked of improving the standards of education in the province until the people could scarcely think of anything outside of the classes, but now comes this rude awakening that a college training or advanced education is not a necessary qualification, only in a sense a sufficient pull with the Government to get a special license, and we presume that a knowledge of the alphabet and multiplication table will at least insist upon. What inducement for those who wish to become teachers to waste time and money in college, when they can earn the

same money in the same way without this sacrifice?

Other advice which we gave the Government was that they had all the powers within themselves of restraining and prohibiting importation of liquors. Their temperance ideals or sentiments have not measured up to this occasion, and those amendments to the Prohibition Act which were within their prerogatives have not been made. Rumor has it however that they are after more taxes from those exporters whose taxation-license fee has been increased to \$5,000. If this is so, then, so far so good but it might have been vastly better, by putting an absolute stop to the business as they should have done.

While as if by preconcerted arrangement a great portion of the debate on the Government side of the House in the first five weeks consisted of throwing bouquets at each other, there was on the other hand latterly a liberal application of verbal brick-bats, making the Assembly room to have the appearance of a miniature bear garden or a menagerie where the chattering of monkeys supercedes the human instincts of decorum. Expressions were thrown across the floor by some leading lights of so coarse and unparliamentary a character that good taste prevents our proclaiming them to the world, and undertone mutterings which if spoken in a louder voice would surely have incurred the correction of the speaker. The Attorney General and the lay aspirant for legal distinction, representing the City on the floor of the House, were above all others not billing and cooing in the same nest. Between them there was not that beautiful connecting chord of harmony so frequently and eloquently described in the columns of the Patriot, and if some of the language used in these passing wordy bouts had been used by Current Comment, there might have been then some grounds for their complaints against us. When the Hon. Mr. Johnston declared on the floor of the House, THAT HIS LEADER WAS OUT OF ORDER, it seems to us to have been an opportune time for one of them to resign.

The Old Gardener Says

Rose lovers should become better acquainted with the remarkable new variety known as Paul's Scarlet Climber. It is a very much better rose than the old-fashioned crimson Rambler. The color is about the same, but it holds its leaves until fall, and never looks untidy or unkempt. Moreover, it blooms very freely, and the flowers are large. This is one of the best new climbing roses introduced in a long time.

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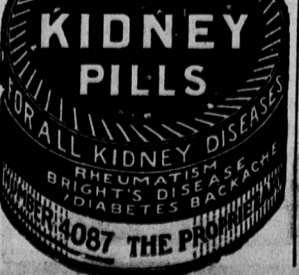
LIFE

(Wm. W. ock, in the Melbourne "Spectator.") My days are like the down upon the grass. That flies before the summer wind and rain. In wonderment I watch them, quickly pass— I know I shall not pass this way again.

My life is but a transitory thing. A perishable web, a slender skein And if I mourn or triumph, sob or sing— I know I shall not weave this warp again.

My years speed swiftly as a tale is told; Then let me learn to lose that I may gain, To love Right more than riches, Good than gold— I know I shall not run this race again.

To laugh, to love, to lift; to guide and give, And that this transient life be not in vain, To help some poor, discouraged heart to live— I know I shall not pass this way again.



Happenings Of The Week

NO TIME LIKE SPRING

There is no time like Spring, When life's alive in everything, Before new nestlings sing, Before cleft swallows speed their Journey back Along the trackless track— God guides their wing, He spreads their table that they nothing lack— Before the daisy grows a common flower, Before the sun has power To scorch the world up in his noontide hour.

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and party are bringing their western tour to a close, being expected back to Ottawa early in May.

Canadians will be interested to learn that the Duke of Connaught has been staying on the Riviera at his recently purchased villa at Cap Ferrat, near Beaulieu since his return from India. Captain and Lady Patricia Ramsay have been on a visit to him. The Duke is going to London about the end of this month, when he will settle at Clarence House for the season, but intends to pass a part of the summer at Bagshot Park. It is probable that he will visit Sweden in August.

Wednesday was At Home day in Brighton and many ladies were engaged in this pleasant duty.

Mrs. J. S. Morris who has just moved into her new home the Tidmarsh residence in Brighton was at Home to a large number of callers on Wednesday afternoon.

The several Bridge Clubs that have been meeting weekly during the winter months are being terminated very pleasantly just now with the usual awarding of prizes, etc.

A host of friends are cordially welcoming Dr. Ivan McKinnon home on a visit from England.

The death of Mrs. (Dr.) Heartz of Amherst is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends in this Province.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth are enjoying a delightful visit to Boston and New York.

Sarah Bernhardt, now seventy-six years of age, departed from Paris for London recently to fill her engagement in "Daniel," in which she interprets in her own wonderful way the role of a twenty-five year old love-stricken youth. Bernhardt, whose vitality is nothing less than marvellous, underwent the amputation of her right leg in 1915, and was for many months a prisoner in her room, but her gallant spirit and her histrionic genius conquered her physical disability, and she is drawing idolizing crowds in the world's metropolises.

A number of entertainments were given last week in honor of Miss Maude A. Wait, of New York, whose engagement to Mr. William Steel Louson, of Charlottetown has recently been announced says a Montreal exchange. Miss Wait's sister, Mrs. A. F. C. Ross, entertained for her at tea last Thursday. On Wednesday, Miss Wait was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Mrs. John W. Ross, and at a tea given by Mrs. C. T. Williams on Sunday. Mrs. Murray Williams entertained at tea and on Monday Mrs. George S. Wait gave a luncheon in honor of the bride-elect. Miss Wait's marriage has been announced to take place today, April 30th.

The Misses Hunt of Summerside

have returned from an enjoyable visit to different points in Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Blake of Summerside had as their week end guest Miss Josie Blake of this city.

The public function of the week was the 102nd anniversary of the I. O. O. F. celebrated very fittingly by a banquet on Tuesday evening and the presentation of the Veterans Jewel to several prominent members, Col. A. G. Peake, Mr. J. E. Bell, Mr. W. K. Rogers, Mr. W. C. Whitlock, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, Mr. Wm. Brehaut and Mr. T. J. Morris. A delightful toast list was carried out and everyone remembers with delight the 102nd anniversary of this growing order.

Lady Stavert and the Misses Jean and Jeddie Stavert of Montreal are leaving early in May to spend the summer in England and France.

That Spring is here is evidenced by the large numbers of cars that are flitting around the city full of passengers enjoying the bright sunshine and longing for the May 1st when they can drive out into the suburbs and townships.

The Golf Links are getting into fine shape and already several enthusiasts have made the round of the Links.

While the State of Massachusetts was celebrating Paul Revere's ride on the 19th of April, a very pleasant social event was transpiring in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Campbell of 1851 Mass Ave, Cambridge, Mass, in honor of the birthday of their eldest daughter, Miss Pauline Revere. Only the very near friends were invited and among the guests of honour were Rev. Jas. MacDoughall and Alex. McDonald of Lawrence, Mass.

Miss Helen Bagnall has been visiting in Halifax the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hyndman, Young Avenue.

Several Bridge parties passed off very successfully this week, hostesses favoring even more than usual, this form of entertainment for their guests.

Although colors are to rule this Spring and Summer, and in the most vivid of tints, the black and white toilettes are by no means to be neglected. The black and white dresses of this year will be carried out in soft silken materials, simply made, with long slim lines, and in some cases relieved by the merest touch of lingerie. All items of the toilette worn with these gowns—such as fawceter, gloves, hosiery, millinery etc.—must be of the best to be successful.

Mr. George J. Rogers is leaving this morning for Ottawa to attend a meeting of the Canadian Building and Construction Industries.

Mrs. (Dr.) Alexander McNeill of Summerside has gone up to Danvers, Mass., on a visit.

The order authorizing the training of the P. E. I. Heavy Brigade was good news to the boys this week and they are now enthusiastically rallying to the call of their Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D. S. O.

Family Want Son Imprisoned

MONTREAL, April 29.—At the request of his parents Chief Justice Drapeau this morning sentenced Jos. Regnier, 24 years, to five years for stealing an overcoat from his father, an overcoat from his sister and \$5 from his mother. The family were all present when the sentence was pronounced.

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Ernest W. Stairs Given Good Hearing

FREDERICTON, April 29.—Campaign in York and Sunbury on behalf of Ernest W. Stairs the Progressive party candidate, which opened this week with meetings in various parts of the constituency was further advanced last night when a public meeting was held in the Opera House here. A large audience heard the candidate and Hon. T. A. Crerar, Progressive Federal Leader. Mr. Crerar was given a careful hearing and received hearty applause. It was the first occasion in which he spoke in Fredericton.

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