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UNCHARTED POLITICAL SEA

Since the Mackenzie King government came into power in 1921 it has not taken a definite step in any direction. Today, after three years in office, there is nothing to indicate that a definite step in any direction is contemplated. By the pre-election promises there was to be a lowering of taxation and of cost of living and a reduction of the public debt. Taxation has not been reduced and we are now informed that it cannot be reduced and we must make the best of it. The public debt has been increased by \$178,000,000 during the past three years, while the revenue has fallen off by many millions and the expenditure is increasing by millions. Taxation has not been reduced and the cost of living is higher than before the King government came into power. Unemployment has reached alarming proportions and has become a matter of grave concern in our principal cities. According to R. A. Dunn's report 2,200 concerns failed since 1921 with liabilities of \$100,000,000. There were more failures during the Mackenzie King regime than during the 20 years previous to the war. And the end is not yet. There is an election in the offing and the only concern of the King government is to win it by hook or by crook. There is even a probability of their being another session before the election. If for any excuse it can be held and the party can hang on so as to get another sessional indemnity end of it it will be held. The main business of the present session is to put up spectacular pretenses to deceive and delude the people. The breaking of an alleged shipping combine a combine claimed to have been discovered by a man who has been in the pay of the Liberal party for the past 25 years and whose word is discounted 100 percent all over Canada, is one of the spectacular projects. The means by which the breaking up is to be effected has already become a stalling joke but the King Government is still showing how it is going to benefit shippers and, through them, the people generally. Royal Commissions have scoured the country during these three years at enormous expense to the country. Investigating nothing and with nothing as the result. Strikes and labor disputes were to be abolished but strikes and labor disputes are more rampant today than ever before. The country is hopelessly adrift heading for nowhere in particular, except economic subjection to the United States.

SEEING THINGS

Sir George Paish, reputed to be a great authority on finance, said to the Toronto Star the other day, as reported in The Guardian's dispatches yesterday, "I think we are at the beginning of the greatest trade expansion in history." And the Star was glad to hear it and to pass the good word along. The reason Sir George gave for thinking he saw this expansion coming was that "every government today is approaching the problems which have to be faced with a desire to solve them instead of heretofore refusing to look at the problems and endeavoring to carry out policies which were utterly impracticable." The Toronto Star was glad to hear this, also, and to tell it, "Every government," of course, included the Mackenzie King Government and the Star had often expressed a similar opinion about it. It was the common thought of two great minds. Others besides Sir George Paish and the Toronto Star had seen these visions of unparalleled prosperity; some of them casual.

had seen it "just around the corner". Many of them had seen it in December 1921 and thanked God that the Golden Era had at last dawned upon Canada!

It is only to the comparative few that these visions are vouchsafed and it is of peculiar significance that these few are either Liberals or men of independent means. Others have looked in vain for the arrival of that prosperity which was "round the corner" three years ago while very many, watching the play at Ottawa and seeing things go from bad to worse declare it will never come until there is a change at Ottawa.

To the men who are today struggling under a crushing load of taxation and industrial and commercial depression, nothing can be more disgusting than these occasional heraldings of "unparalleled prosperity." Everyone knows how conditions are today, how even ordinary prosperity and ordinary progress have practically disappeared from the country and everyone knows it is because of the shuffling, bartering and tinkering at Ottawa. It is simply insulting to ordinary intelligence to continue this childish prating about the unparalleled prosperity that is supposed to be coming in the hope that it may divert attention from the political mess which has thrown the country into the condition in which it is today, a condition of unparalleled depression in every line of activity. The optimistic song hilariously sung by fat office holders and \$10,000 a year men sounds harsh and raucous to struggling merchants who are day and night fighting the depression that has fallen upon themselves and their customers sounds mocking and insulting to the men and women who have been driven out of employment and out of the country by the bartering of policies which has kept the King government in power. Let us at least face conditions as they are and endeavour to mend them rather than seek to deceive ourselves and others by pretending to see what does not exist.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The City Council believes in the maxim, "When in doubt advertise."

Canada's public debt has increased Two Billions in Ten Years, and is still being augmented notwithstanding the war was over six years ago.

The Railways last year exceeded their estimates by \$8,000,000, and are \$3,000,000 worse off than in the previous year. But we suppose all the same Premier King will be claiming a surplus.

The sad double drowning fatality at Alberton and the narrow escapes at Rocky Point should serve as a warning against using the rivers further this season. The unusually early spring has made the ice everywhere unsafe.

Our Tourist Season will open on June 24, when the Union of Municipalities will meet here, and include in its company such distinguished people as Premier Tassachereau of Quebec and the Mayor of Montreal. Charlottetown ought to bedeck itself and give the visitors the heartiest of welcomes.

The Thomas D'Arcy McGee Centennial dinner is to be held in the Chateau Laurier Ottawa, on April 18. Alas, Senator Murphy's presence will be missed. He was one of the foremost in furthering the movement, and shortly before his death was in communication with the Guardian on the subject. Mr. D'Arcy McGee is now likely to take his place as Prince Edward Island's representative on the occasion.

Notes By The Way

They had a Civil Service day in the House of Commons on Friday last. It is the usual thing. Year by year the alarming cost of turning the wheels of administration comes under review, and members make their speeches in regard thereto and the Government states its economical intentions. All of the three or four parties stand strongly for economy, but in the end the millions are voted as in other years. Of course some rather startling facts are blurted out and occasionally a few facts that read like comic opera.

On this occasion one of the items under discussion was salaries, \$615,941, and contingencies \$75,000 for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Shaw, an Independent member from Calgary, gave some illustrations of how public money is wasted. There are three departments, he pointed out, that have to do with dredging the St. Lawrence River. No one department can tackle the job. The Department of Marine and Fisheries dredges the ship channel in the middle of the river. The Department of Public Works dredges on both outside of the ship channel and the Department of Railways and Canals dredges the bottoms of the harbors.

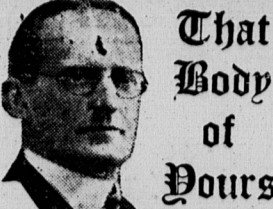
Each of these Departments is equipped with its staff of engineers, assistant engineers, mechanics and other helpers, and with dredges, tugs, scows and tools. There is no special difference in the dredging involved, but it requires three different staffs of management and proportionate overhead costs. Formerly it was all under the one Department of Public Works and Railways, but now it takes three Departments to do the dredging in one river. And it would not be so bad if they didn't fight!

But these high official staffs are very punctilious and jealous of their rights and privileges. So it fell out that when some dredging was thought to be necessary at Port Nelson, for the famous Hudson Bay Railway—to-be-or-not-to-be—they all had to go. And, as in the case of Tipperary, its a long, long way to Port Nelson. When the three-fold outfit arrived at the far northern port they proceeded to squabble over which should do this or that kind of work. The result was a deadlock had temper, nothing doing, and matters had to be referred to Ottawa and the expedition had to be recalled. "How not to do it" was thus strikingly exemplified.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, pointed out that some of the finest men in Canada are in the Civil Service, but there are also a lot of "barnacles" that should be got rid of. Members of all parties charged, or admitted that the service is greatly over-manned, that there are many incompetents, that salaries are by no means in proportion to the work done that many capable officials had been superannuated to make room for new appointments, that the superannuation list has grown enormously within the past few years while the country is in hundreds of cases paying two men for the same job, one "retired" while still in his prime and the other in office.

"There is more politics in the Civil Service," said Mr. Hocken Toronto, "than in the Liberal party, or the Conservative party. There are men in the Civil Service that are playing politics all the time I do not mean party politics but they are playing their own politics. One Deputy says, You help me here and I will help you there. Some Civil Servants were busy building up their own branches in order to build up their own salaries. Altogether it was a sorry picture that was presented, and leaves the impression that half the present number of officials if properly organized and supervised would be more useful and efficient than the present host."

By no means all the evils that infest the Civil Service are chargeable to the present Government. Past governments had allowed evils to creep in, and while efforts have been made from time to time to bring about a better order of things they have been in no case more than partially and temporarily fruitful of good. There is a widespread feeling that the departments were never in so bad shape as they are now. The weakest Government since Confederation exercises but a feeble control over its subordinates. That is inevitable. Instead of ruling it has timidly submitted to be ruled by the official class, increasing their salaries to an extent never before known and submitting to dictation from its servants.



By James W. Barton, M.D., FAT CHILDREN

Some British scientists have been investigating the matter of these very fat children we see from time to time. It is felt that one of the small ductless glands is responsible for the condition, the lack of a sufficient quantity of the juice of one of these tiny bodies allowing the starchy kinds of foods to form fat. Accordingly, some of the juice of the pituitary gland from the head of an animal, and some juice from the thyroid glands in the neck, have been used with a fair amount of success.

However, it was interesting to learn that they made suggestions regarding the diet that were significant. They recommended that as most of these youngsters are in fact nearly all the youngsters were fond of sugar, candies and pastries, the first step would be to cut down on such articles of food.

The second suggestion was that milk, butter, and the fat part of meat should be avoided, as they likewise help to form fat. It is not that they form the fat directly, but they prevent wear and tear on the body itself, whereas this wear and tear is just what a fat body needs.

The third suggestion was that such foods as meats, eggs, and cereals should be eaten quite freely, as they seem to stimulate action on the part of the youngster, and this "action" would serve to keep down the weight.

This looks so sensible, that I've been wondering if this cutting down on the sugary and fatty foods would not be sufficient in a great many cases, aside from any juice or extract from the ductless glands. In fact a great many of these youngsters could have all their food supply cut down somewhat without injury.

The trouble with so many of them is that they get so heavy that they feel awkward when they attempt to play with other children.

This extra weight makes them less inclined to exert themselves, and a desire to sit down, or lie down, seems to be always present. However, your physician will tell you that there are cases where this cutting down of the food supply doesn't seem to get results, and that weakness may be the effect of lessening the food supply in a growing boy or girl.

It is in these cases that this juice or extract may give results. However the point here is that this should only be given under the direction of the family physician.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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GIVING GETS:—There is that scotch and yea increases; there is that withholdeth more than he meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24.

PRAYER:—O God, Thou didst give us Thy best beloved. May we learn of Thee, and then we shall give as Thou hast given, and grow into the likeness of Thine own Image.

ASSURANCE

For ev'ry ill that waits upon mankind, There is a balm; For ev'ry storm that hurls the foamy deep, There is a calm.

For ev'ry flow'r that droops its gentle head, Beneath the sun, Another bares its golden, perfumed heart, Ere day is done.

For ev'ry cloud that drifts across the sky, To hide the light, There is a ray of sun to pierce its gloom, Ere comes the night.

For ev'ry day of wavering and dread, There is a day, When nature's smile will banish ev'ry trace Of pain away.

For ev'ry hope that fades into despair, Or, fainting, clings To fragments of a joy, a brighter hope, The morning brings.

And ev'ry time a man shall doubt his God, Or fall'ring stand, To brace his weakened trust shall be outstretched, A helping hand.

By Verna Loxeday Harden.

That Body of Yours Breaks The Rules Also The Records

Paavo Nurmi's legs have put Finland on its feet financially. Up to the present time these extraordinary legs, in the opinion of Leonard Astron, Minister to the United States from the Republic of Finland have been worth \$10,000,000 to his country and every time that Nurmi breaks another record the financial value of the feat to Finland is believed to be at least a hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Astron arrives at this reckoning as a result of the statement of Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York that it was because of the remarkable showing of the Finnish team, captained by Nurmi, at the Olympic games, that he sponsored three loans to Finland. He reasoned, rather obscurely as it seems to us, that a "people stalwart enough to produce a pair of legs like Nurmi's would make good use of the money and be able to pay off the debt when it fell due." Undoubtedly the exploits of Nurmi have given his country more advertising than ever it received before, and there can be no doubt that Nurmi's running has been a valuable asset to his country.

Violates the Canons.

The Finn has been hailed as the greatest distance runner of all time, and the ease and frequency with which he breaks long-standing records may be accepted as proof of this fact. That his triumphs have been achieved in one of the most ancient spheres of athletic rivalry is another fact that is worth emphasizing. Ten thousand years hence, if baseball, golf and tennis continue to be international sports and if champions arise in them whose feats surpass the feats of all who have gone before them, their relative superiority will be hardly as great as Nurmi's. Baseball, tennis and golf are in their infancy. Foot racing is thousands of years old and has produced thousands of champions. There is also the curious fact that Nurmi does not run in the way which experts have thought the most effective. He violates all the accepted rules, and this has prompted some old trainers to say that Nurmi would be indeed a smart runner if he had been taught as a youth how to run properly. It is now too late to train him. His habits have become fixed.

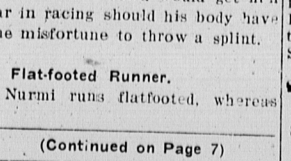
Muscles Nothing; Mind Everything

Nurmi eats and drinks, according to an article in the Springfield Republican, whatever he takes a fancy to. He eats three good meals a day and has two or three cups of strong coffee with each of them. It is also reported that he does not shrink in dismay and confusion when someone proposes a drink of greater alcoholic content. He says himself that as a rule a milk and vegetable diet and a generally healthy way of living are essential for success as a runner, but he is not a slave to rules. In fact, there are no material secrets which make one man superior to another. His own idea is that what makes him superior is not his legs, but his mind. "Muscles? A piece of rubbish!" he cried scornfully. "Muscles are nothing. Mind is everything. An athlete is the product of the crystallization of his mind and his muscle is the visualized form of his will power and intelligence. All I have achieved is due to my spiritual not my physical faculties. Body is merely the instrument on which the mind plays." But the mind must have a perfect instrument if records are to be broken, and we doubt if even Nurmi's mind would get him far in racing should his body have the misfortune to throw a splint.

A Flat-footed Runner.

Nurmi runs flatfooted, whereas

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The Public Forum

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MISSIONS AND UNION

Sir,—The following statements are substantially correct: 1. The Province of Ontario contains about 60 percent of the entire membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; and in the present year of 110,918 the Presbyterians have \$3,999, against the organic union to 52,918 for leaving a majority of 11,080 against union.

2. In the Dominion, out of a vote of 165,430 there were 83,896 against and 81,534 for. The Presbyterians are about 2,632 ahead.

3. There are about 12 percent more members in Canada now than in 1915. The 2,471 mission stations and augmented charges called by the union leaders, congregations, aggregate about 10 or 15 percent of the entire membership. In 1915 they probably polled their maximum vote in most cases, and it aggregated about 20 percent of the vote polled and accounted for over 38 percent of the majority for union in 1915. There were less than 54 percent of the entire vote polled in Canada in 1915.

4. The self-supporting congregations in Canada comprise about 85 percent of the entire membership, and in the aggregate, about 55 percent will remain Presbyterian.

5. If disruption is forced by the union leaders, then their 45 percent cannot raise more than 45 percent of the \$2,215,440 required for homes and foreign missions and benevolences, because at present the Methodist Church has a deficit of about \$300,000, and the Presbyterians about \$400,000.

6. The Presbyterians in New South Wales voted against union, and although they constituted only about 40 percent of the population, at last 8 p.m. dropped the question, discharged their committee, and appointed a committee to promote cooperation and Christian unity.

7. Organic union is discredited in practically all the Protestant world.

8. The continuing Presbyterian Church will have to furnish ministers and means for 55 percent of our present home and foreign missions and augmented charges, and purchase back from the United Church of Canada our own property in these centres or allow them to be abandoned. For these reasons the vote in the augmented and mission congregations should be entirely disregarded.

9. If the union leaders still desire to become a small appendage to the Methodist Church, then they should consent to the repeal of all Dominion and Provincial legislation so far as the Presbyterian Church is concerned and substitute therefor a provision allowing any self-supporting Presbyterian congregation which might in the future vote two-thirds in favor of uniting with the United Church of Canada to do so and take all their congregational property with them which would be in accordance with the British legislation of 1905. The Presbyterian Church in Canada would compensate the local minorities in such congregations.

10. If they will not consent to that then the legislation in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should vest all property located in these provinces in the continuing Presbyterian Church in Canada until some equitable protection is afforded to Presbyterian minorities in the Western and Maritime Provinces and some just allocation made of the home and foreign missionary enterprises and property.

11. Action should also be taken in the Supreme Court of Ontario to have the Dominion Act and the Union proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly declared ultra vires and void, see Appeal Cases 1904, P. 504; 53 D.L.R., P. 491; 26 O.W.N., P. 107; 4 O.W.N., P. 1542.

Already petitions have been filed for the disallowance of the Dominion and Manitoba Acts on the ground of the same being Soviet legislation. I am, Sir, etc.

MALCOLM A. MCKAY, Secretary, Prescolym Church Association, Port Arthur.

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Maritime Life Makes History SECOND ANNUAL MEETING LOCAL INSTITUTION The Second Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Maritime Life Assurance Company, was held at the head office, Halifax, on Friday, February 27th, 11 a.m. The report of the Directors disclosed that notable progress had been made during the nine months period, closing December 31st, during which the Company was actively soliciting business. Although at the outset practically unrepresented by any field force, total applications received during this time far more than crossed the million mark (the goal the Company had set itself) and reached the handsome figure of \$1,289,000. Of this amount \$1,105,500 had been passed on and accepted at the close of the year. Comparison with the experience of other successfully established life companies for the same period emphasizes the power of the appeal the Company makes both as a Maritime institution and through its policies. With the extension of the Company's field force, steadily going forward with almost unlimited opportunities for expansion, and with the strengthening of the appeal of the Maritime idea, interesting prospects for solid growth stretch before the Company. The policy reserves set by the Dominion Insurance Department have been fully covered and The Maritime Life has been successful in making profitable re-insurance arrangements with other companies so that it is not limited in the number or amount of policies it can accept. The Company's funds are largely invested in bonds and debentures of the various governments, cities, towns and municipalities of the Maritime Provinces, thus helping our home interests, one of the objects for which it was organized. A noteworthy feature is that fact that a marked appreciation in the market value of the Company's securities over their book value, as allowed by the Insurance Department, has already been shown. Another development of importance is that the Maritime Life has been able to get a strong foothold in Bermuda and Nassau where a most satisfactory quantity and quality of business is being secured. Shareholders expressed themselves as gratified with progress for the period and the Directors were unanimously re-elected as follows: The following Directors were elected: J. T. Wilson, Halifax, N. S.; J. G. MacDougall, M. D., C. M., Halifax, N. S.; Angus McLean, Bathurst, N. S.; W. A. Black, M. P., Halifax, N. S.; E. Albert Reilly, K. C., M. P., P. Moncton, N. B.; D. H. McDougall, Sellarion, N. S.; W. H. Dennis, Halifax, N. S.; Hon. E. K. Spinney, Yarmouth, N. S.; Hon. Sen. John McLean, Souris, P. E. I.; G. H. Murphy, M. D., C. M., F. A. C. S., Halifax, N. S. Following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting the new Board of Directors met and elected the following officers: J. T. Wilson, President and Managing Director; J. G. MacDougall, M. D., C. M., 1st Vice-President; E. Albert Reilly, K. C., M. P., P., 2nd Vice-President; Bernard Lockwood, F. F. A., A. A., Secretary and Actuary.

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