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IN MEMORY OF PAARDERBERG

Twenty-seven years have come and gone since General Cronji surrendered, unconditionally, at Paarderberg. Many of the men who took part in that notable British victory have gone to their reward. But several of the soldiers who volunteered in Prince Edward Island yet remain among us, and were here to take part in the memorial service, which was yesterday held in St. Paul's Church.

The news that Paarderberg was taken and Ladysmith relieved was, however, received with evidence of public rejoicing, such as had never before been given in this community; and the result of the victory at Paarderberg and the victories by which it was followed had justified the elation with which the news was received.

"Sons of the nation that never did yield. Men of the Empire whose sun never sets. Look to the future—the past is revealed. Bright with a glory man never forgets."

THE McNARY-HAUGHEN BILL

Canadians in Prince Edward Island, as elsewhere, have cause to be glad that President Coolidge refused to sign the McNary-Haugen Bill. That bill was passed by both Houses of Congress for the avowed purpose of adding to the protection afforded the agricultural interests of the great Republic. To say that the bill would not have affected the potato trade between Canada and the United States is to say that the men who framed it and passed it didn't know what they were doing. If the bill had not been vetoed by the President, farmers in the United States would have drawn upon a fund supplied by the nation to enable them to forestall and prevent the importation of all kinds of farm produce—except in case of famine or the requirement of seed. There was no exception of potatoes for family use. Without a doubt our farmers would have had to look elsewhere than in the United States for a market for their potatoes if the President had permitted the McNary-Haugen Bill to become law.

MODERN INFLUENCES.

It has been said that to be happy at home ought to be the ultimate result of all ambition and the end to which every enterprise and labor should tend. The love of home ought to be instilled by every parent and teacher and strengthened by all the influences which prevail over mankind. In one of his lectures to the students of Mount Allison University, Sir George Foster pointed out that "the family is the primal unit of civilization." The virtues of obedience, unselfish service, wholesome discipline, respect for author-

ity and helpful relationships, are there inculcated. Good habits, cleanliness of life, regard for truth and respect for the rights of others are there impressed. How touching as Sir George remarks, is "the family pride in its good name." How satisfying the simple amusements and innocent pleasures supplied in the well-governed home of the family. What a source of mental and moral culture is the home in which good literature is read at the family table and good music discoursed by fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters seated or standing, in the winter evenings, around the piano!

It is to be regretted that in these later days there are so many pleasures and attractions apart from the family and the home. As Sir George Foster pointed out "the institution of the Family is menaced from many sides." It is now easy to go abroad. The auto is as he remarks "a means of rapid transit to evening pastimes which are not as healthful and not so innocent as those of the home. The town and city attractions call loudly, are ready prepared, and within easy reach. Home restraints are temporarily absent, parental supervision suspended, and freedom of acquaintance unchecked. Temptation to risky entertainment, to chance intimacies, to over indulgence and late hours, is ever present and little checked by the healthy restraining force of home caution, influence and warning." These warnings of Sir George Foster are timely; and they ought to be heeded.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

It has been announced that a National Convention of the Conservative Party in Canada will be held in Winnipeg on the 11th of October next. The delegates to this Convention are, it appears, to be drawn from the ranks of Conservative Privy Counsellors, Senators, Members of the House of Commons, Conservative candidates at the last election, the Conservative Provincial Premiers, and Conservative Leaders of Provincial Opposition. Each federal constituency will, in addition, select in the same manner as Conservative candidates are selected for federal elections, four additional delegates men or women, or both, as the district shall decide to represent the riding at the Convention, and also four substitute delegates to attend and act and vote in the absence of any one or more of the delegates first selected. As the future policy of the Conservative Party will be formulated at this Convention, and the Leader of the Party will be selected, the selection of the delegates will be an important duty to be performed by Conservative electors throughout the Country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The women of Quebec are now agitating for the right to vote at elections; and it is stated that "the feminine franchise movement is making progress in the province."

It was formally announced at a meeting of the Canadian and New England Passenger Association, held this week, that a direct tourist train will operate next season between New York, the New England States, and the Maritime Provinces, and that there will be a through sleeping car train from New York to Saint John and Halifax. It is stated, too, that the direct train from Boston to St. John and Halifax is to be daily for ten summer weeks, to accommodate summer tourists.

Notes by the Way

After all, Premier King, in search of rest, went to Atlantic City to repose under the Stars and Stripes. Thence a short journey by rail may convey him to Washington any day, where he may meet the Hon. Vincent Massey, and again, in the day time, see the Red Ensign as a reminder that Canada is still a British country. May it not disturb the rest he is seeking.

What is of more consequence is that the Duncan Report awaits his return before it can be considered by Parliament and the Maritimes have grown impatient of one delay after another, amid many disquieting rumors, to learn what the King Government intend to do with the report. Premier Rhodes referred pointedly to this delay and impatience in the Nova Scotia Legislature last week, and charged that even at this late date there had been no assurance, either from Premier King or any member of his Cabinet that the recommendations of the Report would be implemented.

It is now over seven months since the Maritime Commission reported to the Government and nearly three months since Parliament met in December last. The report recommended "immediate financial aid to the Maritimes in interim subsidies and as yet the Maritime Governments and Legislatures are as much in the dark as they were before as to what the Ottawa Government intends to do in the premises. The Report clearly shows what was justly and immediately due to the Three Eastern Provinces, justice which by long and unreasonable delay is being from day to day denied them.

Here is one more story about Mussolini, taken from John O'London's Weekly. He demands of all his followers that they shall follow an iron law, as he does himself. One morning a high official sauntered into his office, humming a tune, some time between nine and ten. Office hours begin at 9 o'clock. To his astonishment he saw a man in the seat before his own desk. Moved by righteous anger he protested, and then to his amazement found it was the President himself! Mussolini looked up and said to the astonished official, "Your place is taken," and waved him away. The official left without a word.

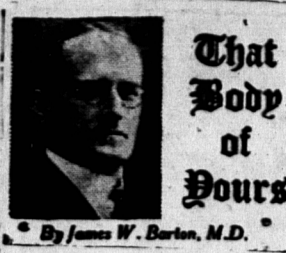
Stray dogs are again appearing on the streets. Two were seen on the sidewalk of Longworth Avenue on Friday afternoon last, without muzzles, or tags, quite unattended and apparently as unconcerned as if there were no regulation or police, or Board of Health in the city to fear.

Is Charlottetown market losing its interest? We hear complaints from both sellers and buyers that it is not what it was. Farmers complain that it is not worth while to bring their stuff where on market days there are so few buyers and on the other hand house-holders object that neither in quantity nor variety is the supply of foodstuffs what it used to be. Formerly the market was a big weekly meeting place for a host of housewives who liked to make their own purchases and meet their friends and acquaintances in friendly chat, but times seem to have changed, and by so much also the close relations between city and country folk have been lost. No doubt the extended use of the telephone in part accounts for the change, but it does not wholly do so.

The budget debate has gone over the week end and more members want to speak. And yet we are told that prorogation may come before Easter. That seems very improbable in view of what has yet to be considered and done. This talk of early prorogation looks like giving but little time to such matters as the Duncan Report, the bestowal upon the Prairie Provinces of their natural resources and other very important business.

The further inquiry arises, is Premier King taking his unexpected vacation in hope that his controversy with the Ottawa Journal may be evaded or forgotten while he is away? He has been badly cornered and hard hit by the Journal, and there are many who believe that it was one of the main causes of his present absence.

More than three-quarters of the states have been visited by film companies in search of outdoor backgrounds. Following are just a few in which photoplays have been made in the past three years: Arizona, Utah, Texas, Mississippi, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida, New Jersey, all of the New England states, Pennsylvania, Georgia, West Virginia and Colorado, South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE SUN, THE GREAT HEALER

The smoke nuisance in years gone by aroused the anger of the folks in the vicinity, but as many of them were dependent upon these factories for a living nothing much could be done about it. Sir Henry Gauvain tells us that the effect of the loss of the sun's rays upon the people in England, due to this smoke, is considered so important now that scientists are working most diligently to get methods of burning up the coal more completely and thus doing away with the smoke.

In his special work with tuberculous children he has had great success with the sunlight treatment by the sun itself, and the ultra violet rays. These rays have the effect of actually killing the organisms, and an interesting point is that although they only kill the outer or superficial organisms, nevertheless the effect upon the blood is such, that the blood of itself has been able to destroy these organisms. The haemoglobin or food and oxygen carrying power of the blood is increased, and the circulation of the blood itself is strengthened. This increase in the quality of the blood and the circulation, means that where there is any congestion it will be broken up to a great extent and the waste products from the congestion will be carried away by the circulation. Any accumulation of the poisons manufactured by organisms is likewise destroyed. The power of the blood to build tissues is greatly increased thereby, now giving way before the power of the sun and ultra violet rays.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS. Monday, Feb. 28th. Most of our pocket wisdom is conceived for the use of mediocre people, to discourage them from ambitious attempts, and generally console them in their mediocrity. —Stevenson.

GLADNESS.

I know a Jew fish crier down on Maxwell Street with a voice like a north wind blowing over corn stubble in January. He dangles herring before prospective customers evincing a joy identical with that of Pavlov's dancing.

His face is that of a man terribly glad to be selling fish, terribly glad that God made fish, and customers to whom he may call his wares from a pushcart. —Carl Sandburg.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I am well posted on the subject." Say "well informed." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: let-tuce. Pronounce last syllable as "is" in "this," not as "us." OFTEN MISPELLED: barbarous. SYNONYMS: digression, divergence, diversion, deflection, deviation, swerving. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: PROPRIETY; conformity to established rules or custom. "It is not in accordance with the laws of propriety."

Odd and extremely attractive are lamps made of a composition that resembles transparent stone, which allows the light to shine through. One is in the shape of a quaint little Chinaman, another is a small monkey. Repapering a room or two will sometimes make the whole house seem more attractive.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

PAYING OFF NATIONAL DEBT.

Sir,—The Hon. R. B. Bennett's suggestion re-The Government getting a part of the profits from Savings Bank Deposits, Insurance Securities, etc., is along the right lines, but too modest. Why not the Post Office Savings Department receive all Savings deposits at 3 per cent. instead of dividing this business with the Banks.

The June 30th, 1926 Bank Statistics show the Banks to have \$1,238,225,287 on which they paid 3 per cent. and lent it largely at 6 per cent. or over, some to the Government I presume. Now if the Government received that amount on deposit direct through the Post Office, they would have \$37,611,995.48, and we would save no more Home Bank deposit mourners, or any more half million dollar partial Compensation votes to pass. The same report shows the Bank Notes in circulation issued by the Banks to have been \$166,371,587, and if the Government had issued these, the saving would have been \$4,982,296.22, or a grand total of \$42,594,291.70. Which with the amount Mr. Bennett figures would come in from Insurance Companies deposits etc., would make a total of about \$125,000,000.

These savings alone would pay off our National Debt in about half the time Mr. Bennett's proposition allows. There are many other natural sources for financial income that would pay it off in very much less time, but a beginning such as Mr. Bennett proposes will I believe be followed quickly by other sources, to bring about the desired results quickly.

I am Sir, etc. W. O. SEALEY.

A HAPPY SUGGESTION.

Sir,—The wonderful increase of interest which is being manifested by different sections of the province in curling and the fact that other sections of the Dominion are capitalizing our winter season has led the writer to make the following suggestions. Why cannot we in Charlottetown have a carnival week next winter? We could start off with a bonspiel to which we could invite the curlers from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. By securing the skating rink, on which at least four rinks could be accommodated at the same time and with three sheets of ice available at the curling rink, we would be able to handle, from the first of thirty five (35) contests, one in the morning, two in afternoon and two in the evening. If there were more entries than this we could take care of, we could provide additional rink accommodation on the harbour. The space cleaned would then be available for a fancy dress moccasin dance, a form of entertainment which is proving very successful as well as entertaining in the Province of Quebec.

Additional entertainment would be provided by horse-races on the recently established speedway, a carnival in the skating rink, a fancy dress masked ball in the Prince of Wales Hall, and you might also be able to hold indoor skating championships to which we could invite skaters from the other Maritime Provinces. I would suggest that a public meeting be held to which could be invited representatives from the Publicity Association, the City Council and a strong committee formed along the same lines as that which handled the "Old Home Week" a year ago last summer. Charlottetown has the enviable reputation of being able to put off big anything that they undertake, and I feel satisfied that if

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

BETTER THAN GOLD:—The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring and ab true; the ordinances of Jehovah are true; the righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than such fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19: 9, 10.

PRAYER:—I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness: I will sing praise to the name of the Lord.

DOING WITHOUT There's beautiful art that is sadly neglected. And daily I wonder to see it rejected. By some who'd be healthy and wealthy and wise, By just condescending to open their eyes.

And look at things fairly with never a pout—I refer to the fine art of doing without.

Can't do as you like! Then do as you can; I am sure you will find it the very best plan.

Can't have what you want! Take what you can get; No better device has been patented yet.

'Tis the bravest and blithest and best way by far Not to let little losses your happiness mar.

'Tis an art that needs practice, of that there's no doubt, But 'tis worth it—this fine art of doing without.

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OLIVE OIL as a MEDICINE. Pure Olive Oil is becoming generally used for indigestion, rheumatic and kidney troubles, gall stones, etc. Olive Oil is not only laxative, but seems to exert a soothing, healing and nourishing function throughout the system. A large number of people are finding that the daily use of a few spoonfuls of the oil keeps them in fine physical condition.

The Tendencies of Trade. (W. L. COTTON). Apart from the situation in China and the Rights of the Maritimes, there are important questions concerning Canada's trade to be considered by the peoples representatives now assembled in Parliament. Under existing conditions, Canada imports from the United States, every year, upwards of two hundred million dollars worth of goods more than she exports to the United States; and that large amount has to be paid to the United States in cash. Yet Canada voted for parliament of Mr. Meagher-King—whose policy, announced and repeated is the abolition of Protection and a tariff for revenue only.

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