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The Prohibition Scandal

The electors of this Province have a right to expect of the present Provincial Government that it rigidly enforce the Prohibition law. It was elected on the specific assurance that it would do so. In fact, it would never have secured power had it not given solemn pledges to this effect.

It is difficult to probe into a situation of this kind for the obvious reason that the persons most informed are themselves concerned and are the least likely to volunteer specific information. The following facts cover only recent happenings in Charlottetown, and probably not all of these.

On March 18th a man young in years though old enough to be a repeated offender against the Prohibition Act, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without option of a fine.

On April 14th a woman, an old offender, was convicted and sentenced to six months in jail without option of a fine.

On April 17th a woman, an old offender, was convicted and sentenced to eight months. She went to jail but was released shortly afterwards.

On May 15th a woman was convicted and sentenced to three months or \$200. She has paid no fine, nor has she served any time in jail.

On June 27th an old offender was placed in jail. He had been sentenced to six months without option of a fine. He has already been released.

On July 9th, an old offender was convicted and sentenced to nine months without the option of a fine. This was a particularly notorious case. So far this man has not served any part of his sentence.

On July 11th a woman, an old offender, mother of one of the offenders above referred to, who was convicted and sentenced to six months without option of a fine, was committed to jail. She was released a few days later, and has not been recommitted.

In many of the cases referred to above, where the offenders have been released before their time or where they have evaded serving any time, they have gone back to "business" and are laughing at the futile efforts of the law officers to place them where they belong.

In other instances, some of these convicted bootleggers have become very prosperous. One of them, released before her time, has since purchased an expensive property in one of the principal parts of the city. There are other instances of bootleg gentry purchasing expensive cars and high-priced residences outside the city.

This is an indication of the manner in which the Prohibition Law is being enforced in Charlottetown and if the facts could be ascertained in other sections of the Province we believe the same damning evidence would come to light. It is a situation which no amount of hypocritical cant should be permitted to conceal.

Editorial Notes

The nomination of a Conservative candidate to contest the seat in the Provincial Legislature made vacant by the resignation of Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M. P., will take place tomorrow evening in the Conservative committee rooms, and it is expected that every poll in Charlottetown and Royalty will be fully represented.

The news that another child has been born to the Duke and Duchess of York is of particular interest to people of Scotch birth and descent, because the infant is the first royal child to be born in Scotland since the days of Mary Queen of Scots. Glamis Castle where the little girl first saw the light, is of the very warp and woof of Scotland's history.

Notes By The Way

Lashes might well be restricted to those crimes in which physical violence or brutality figured. For mere crimes against property, the infliction of flogging has no redemptive value, and suggests human vengeance rather than impartial retribution.

The United Kingdom is without doubt gradually coming over to fiscal protection. We have seen the effect of the safeguarding duties, introduced by the Baldwin administration, and we have witnessed the conversion of the Conservative party and a great section of the Labor party to the programme of two-way Imperial preferences denounced by Mr. Bennett in this country.

In proposing the toast to the guests at the annual dinner of the Canadian Bar Association Hon. Hugh Guthrie made a passing reference to the name of the association of peoples yielding allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth. "Can we not," asked Mr. Guthrie, "stick to 'The British Empire'?" He knew, he said, that the phrase "The British Commonwealth of Nations" is in use in certain circles, but he considered it too ponderous. Not only is it ponderous; it is also, as Dr. Johnson would say, but a hubbub of words.

In a resolution passed at Calgary the organized letter carriers ask to be removed from the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission and to be returned to the direct control of the Postmaster-General.

While imprisoned Gandhi is offering terms to end the passive resistance of his followers, the embattled tribes of northern India are in retreat on some sections and in at least one are suing for peace. The British authorities are winning, whether by firmness and patience in southern India or by firmness and vigorous military measures in the north.

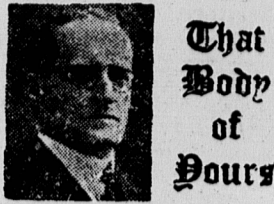
Henry Ford is quoted as saying that experience is the only thing we can take away with us when we die. It is a curious notion, especially in view of the fact that it is about the most useless thing we could take. However, it seems equally worthless to others, most people being influenced by no experience but their own, and not always by that.

On August 21st for the first time in over three years, as noted by our live stock reporter, a shipment of Canadian cattle will leave Canada for the United Kingdom. This shipment of forty head is an experiment that will be watched with interest by western, as by eastern, cattle raisers and shippers. Now that the United States border has been closed to our animals, it becomes all the more desirable to revive the lapsed business with the Mother Country. It is prophesied that, if shipping facilities can be arranged, sixty thousand head can be sent across the Atlantic this year. This is not the first time that the American Republic, by sudden fiscal departures, has forced us to look to the British family circle as an outlet for our farm products.

It would appear that Mr. Philip Snowden, British chancellor of the exchequer and unregenerate free trader, means to place as many obstacles as possible in the way of Imperial economic unity before he and the Government to which he belongs are forced out of office. Some time ago he made an arrangement with Argentina which will hamper his successors in giving special advantages in the British market to Empire wheat and other products. He has now negotiated a similar treaty with Roumania, under which British goods are to have a preferred entry into that country in return for the undertaking that Roumania will be entitled to any trade preferences which the Mother Country grants to her own dominions. As The Montreal Gazette truly says, if Canada is to trade with Great Britain on a basis of reciprocal preferences, the British people must depart from their traditional free trade policy in so far as their Empire trade with other British countries is concerned.

Who can read the riddle of the modern world; or tell what it forebodes? We are travelling faster, but where are we going? We have the most tractable of servants at our beck and call in science, the liberator. What are we doing with it? Are we giving man lasting happiness, or a new toy to amuse him until it palls, and he cries for something else? In brief, are we one whit the nearer the Golden Age?

We speak of hard times, business stress, lack of rain. We count our misfortunes on both hands. But we have carelessly formed the habit of days when they were merely blue forgetting our blessings. We have and pink spots on the map in our some, too, if we would just make geography book.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

TREATING THE MINDS OF PATIENTS

It has been found that about one-fourth of the patients in hospital with medical disorders, need treatment for their minds as well as their bodies, because of some fancied ailment. This is called neurosis.

On the other hand fully 95 per cent of cases in hospital who have what is called anxiety neurosis really have some organic ailment.

That while any physical disability needs immediate attention that the majority of patients really need treatment for their minds also.

As mentioned before, the social worker in the hospital can be of great help to patients by her work or interest in the home of the patient during the sojourn in hospital.

However there are a great many things that trouble the patient in which the social worker cannot be of help.

In some hospitals, ministers and priests work along with the doctors and nurses in helping the patient, but after all, the physician is the one that can do most by recognizing the fact that the emotions are a tremendous factor in the life and health of his patient.

Dr. John Favill, Chicago, suggests a tactful questioning of the patient on such matters as financial strain, worries, religious difficulties, fear of the future, fear of disease, past shocks or griefs and so forth.

And as Dr. Peter Basso, Chicago, points out, the problem of dealing with patients of this type is one of restoring to normal mental poise, by allaying fears, restoring self respect, and ridding them of any inferiority complex.

Now my suggestion is that before you get down sick, before you get to hospital, that you go to your family doctor and have him check you over; head to foot—eyes, ears, nose, throat, teeth, heart, lungs, kidneys, blood pressure, blood, nerves, everything in fact, and find out whether you are free from all organic ailments.

If you are perfectly sound and yet have a depressed feeling, fears, anxieties, or other emotional disturbance take a look at your daily habits of life, because after all there are only three factors to watch—food, rest and exercise.

If you are organically sound, you are watching your daily habits of life, and you still have an inferiority complex, or an anxiety neurosis, then ask your doctor to recommend a good nerve specialist. He should be able to straighten things out for you after two or three interviews.

Remember your emotions affect you just as much as food, sleep, or air.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "LYCIDAS" Weep no more, woful shepherds, weep no more, For Lycidas, your sorrow, is not dead, Sunk though he be beneath the watery floor; So sinks the day-star in the ocean-bed, And yet anon repairs his drooping head, And tricks his beams, and, with new-spangled ore, Flames in the forehead of the morning sky; So Lycidas sunk low, but mounted high Through the dear night of Him that walked the waves; Where, other groves and other streams along, With nectar pure his oozy locks he laves, And hears the unexpressive nuptial sing In the blest kingdoms meek of joy and love. There entertain him all the saints above In solemn troops, the sweet societies, That sing, and, singing, in their glory move, And wipe the tears for ever from his eyes.

Hunger sharpens the wit, we are told. We know a few seaside boarding houses where the conversation must be positively sparkling.

A few comparisons between our own state of affairs and those of other parts of the world. Sometimes it seems that China and Russia are as far away from us in this modern age of extensive communication and transportation as they were in the old days when they were merely blue forgetting our blessings. We have and pink spots on the map in our some, too, if we would just make geography book.

The Public Forum

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PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE

Sir:—Disappointment disturbs mentality. Our evening contemporary is disturbed. Election results struck hard. Promise and performance was the real issue. King promised and forgot—and he failed. Bennett promised; traditionally Conservatives fulfill promises, the country knew this and returned him handsomely to power.

Thus the Liberal organ, uneasy and disturbed, intitled "OH PROMISE ME," it published 23 articles, of theory or of shadow faith. These it tabulates as Bennett or Conservative promises. Needless to say over seventy per cent of them are the product of the evening organ's confused and disturbed imagination—never thought of or spoken by the Conservative leader.

In similar strain it switches to our successful Islanders, to impute to them promises which they never made. Amongst these are that branch railways to Bonshaw, Rustico and other points were promised by Myers and McLure in the Queens County campaign. Of course accuracy and fidelity to exact truth does not figure in Liberal political propaganda. Where facts are scarce, imagination fills in the deficiency.

The Liberal organ's difficulty is its inability to understand the difference between a promise to do something, and a declaration that such is needed.

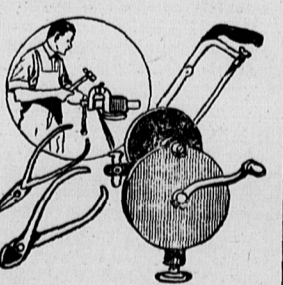
Messrs Myers and McLure did refer to necessary improvements in the public service. They pointed out many neglects of the King Government in these respects. They spoke of faulty transportation. They promised to give their attention to these matters. Those who know them best have the fullest confidence in their ability and determination to do so.

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