

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE FEDERAL CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN CANADA.

The party system in government, which has obvious defects and drawbacks, is always at its best when a strong Administration is faced by an active, alert and able Opposition. It is not therefore a matter for comfort or congratulation that the federal Opposition is at present too weak in the number of its prominent men, while otherwise divided in its counsels.

Mr. Borden seems to an onlooker by far the best man in sight in the federal arena to lead his party. There is not another Conservative of equal ability, character and repute in either of the two Houses. He is universally respected throughout Canada. He is in the prime of vigorous manhood, and his knowledge of public affairs is ample. He is as public men go, a comparatively wealthy man, and with the salary allotted him can give his time and services without stint to the party's service.

It is a matter of regret that he has but very few lieutenants of ability to support him. Mr. Foster is temporarily, if not permanently disabled from public life. Mr. McLean of the World has undoubted ability, but works on independent lines and is about as critical of Mr. Borden as he is of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Monk, the leader of the small contingent of Quebec Conservatives, is almost in open revolt. Ex-Judge Doherty of Montreal is almost the only man of real ability in the party whom Mr. Borden can count upon as a fighting lieutenant.

Mr. Borden is not by nature aggressive enough for an Opposition leader. The want of able and energetic lieutenants accentuates this defect. Another great want is that of a clear-cut and definite policy. Under such conditions there can be at present but little hope within the party of a victory at the next election, which may be looked for next year or the year after, unless something extraordinary shall occur in the meantime.

These conditions are most unfavorable for the federal Conservative party and they are not good for the country, nor do they tend to keep the dominant Liberal party in its best form. There is a growing tendency to extravagance and waste, partly due to the great prosperity of the country and the overflowing revenue, and still more to the want of such wholesome check as a strong and alert Opposition might and would afford.

It now seems doubtful whether the Conservative Convention announced to take place during the coming summer, will be held, or would do much good if it should be held. The party is rather hopelessly divided, even upon the question of its leadership. And yet Mr. Borden has no real rival for the position of leader. No change, likely to be made would improve matters in that regard. He is the best man in sight. In the meantime the Opposition weakness adds to the power and dominance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A SHORT SEASON OF WINTER NAVIGATION.

Considered from the standpoint of navigation the past winter was not only a very mild, but a very short one. In ordinary years we are dependent upon the winter steamers for four to five months of the cold season. During the past winter the time was reduced to a fraction over three months. The Steam Navigation Company's boats continued their service down to December 29 and have now resumed it on April 4. This has brought down the season of service by the winter steamers to three months and six days. Perhaps few of our readers will realize how altogether exceptional and remarkable this is.

It has been a case of a late fall and an early spring, shortening the winter at both ends. The open navigation in December enabled the farmers and shippers of farm products to send away what they desired by the summer boats and summer routes. There was no accumulation of freight awaiting the winter steamers, as is frequently the case, and the early opening relieves them of carrying much of the spring importations. These conditions along with the short season have made the freight business by the winter steamers rather light.

The Loyalists, who came northward in 1783 were told they were coming to a land where the year was made up of "nine months winter and three months cold weather." A winter of three months such as that just passed, is a very welcome change in many ways and would be more so if the new order of things could be made permanent.

THE LAND TAX AND THE INCOME TAX.

Whatever may be said of the inequality of valuation for land taxes, there can be no question that the incomes and some of the biggest that notoriously unequal and unjust. There are few farms that escape an assessment of some sort. There are many incomes and some of the biggest that escape altogether, or at one quarter to one half they are entitled to pay. The names of persons paying income tax ought to be published for the instruction and astonishment of all. The income tax as it is might be properly designated a law for the punishment of those employed on sal-

ary. This is a class that has been very hard hit by the increased cost of living, so hard in fact that a salary of \$1250 a year today will not go as far as \$1,000 would ten years ago.

It is notorious that the salaried classes, whether clergymen, clerks, civil servants or other employees, have about all they can do to live and make ends meet. These are the persons who pay the bulk of the income tax. A wealthy lawyer, money lender, merchant or property owner, whose actual income may be ten to fifty fold greater than one of the salaried class, is either omitted from the list altogether, or taxed upon a mere bagatelle of income.

Let the list of income tax-payers be published so that the public may see who are paying and who are shirking or allowed to shirk. An interesting list would be that of those in our own city who have been assessed

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COMING EVENTS.

Red Rose meeting, Lodge Prince Edward, S.O.E., Tuesday, April 12.

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50 patterns at 25c sq yd.

25 patterns at 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c.

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OUR SPRING FOOTWEAR

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High Cut Shoes full of goodness, beauty, style and artistic shoemaking.

Low cut shoes and Oxfords Ribbon Ties, Pumps. A gathering of the newest and best just the right shoe for every man and woman

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on income, but have refused to pay and have been allowed to go free. Any readjustment of taxation that takes no account of the inequalities and injustice of the present income tax will miss the main point in a much-needed reform.

Mr. Arsenault did not, as reported, favor an increased vote for county exhibitions, but asked for an increased vote for the local exhibition at Egmont Bay.

Among the imports from the United States to be hereafter admitted to Canada at lower duties are dates, figs, prunes, currants, nuts, photographs, chromos, paintings, drawings, pictures, soap, perfumery, china, porcelain and ironstone table ware, watch movements, dressed leathers, and leathers natural and artificial for ornament. The value of these goods imported last year from the States was \$3,731, 038. These should be cheaper hereafter. We shall see.

FOSTER FILES APPEAL IN LIBEL CASE.

TORONTO, April 2.—Hon. G. E. Foster's solicitors put up \$200 at Osgoode Hall today as security for costs in his appeal against the verdict in the libel action against J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Thursday night—Grace Church Choir Concert. 4-5dl1.

**Make your plans to come to Grace Church Thursday night. 4-5dl1.

**A meeting of the Orlebars will be held in the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 7.30. 4-5dl1

**Canadian Order Foresters, Court Charlottetown, 576, will meet in Wright's hall at 8 p.m. tonight. Important business. 4-5dl1.

**The annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Club will be held on Thursday afternoon in Y. M. C. A. parlour at 3.30 o'clock sharp. 4-5dl1.

**A social for Knights of Columbus and their lady friends will be held in Columbus Hall this evening. The chaperones will be Mrs. (Dr.) McLellan, Mrs. Wm. Moran, Mrs. P. W. Clarkin. 4-5dl1.

"Spring is here and now you will want to put away your furs. Pack them with moth balls or Camphor and they will open up all right in the fall. We sell both—also moth proof bags. The MacKinnon Drug Co, Cor Gt. Geo & Kt Sts. drf.

"The Fifth International Speed Contest for the Miner Medal was held at the Eastern Commercial Teachers' Association, Washington, D. C., March 26, 1910. There were eighteen contestants: fourteen Pittman writers and four Gregg writers. Fred. H. Gurtler won first prize and the medal, Charles L. Swen the second prize, Salome Parr third prize, all of whom wrote Gregg shorthand. 4-5dl1.

Window Cards

Any person who depends upon their show windows to support their advertising—and who doesn't—can greatly strengthen their exhibits by some artistic window cards.

I have with me at present Mr. E. D. Snyder a man with extensive experience as newspaper cartoonist and illustrator. Mr Snyder is at present working on a series of attractive show cards that will appeal to any line of business.

These cards can be purchased individually, or you can have a service that will come much cheaper, and be a constant attraction to your windows. If you are at all interested phone 123 and Mr. Snyder will call with samples of the service.

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Twenty Million Mark is Passed

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Ladies' English Rubberized Raincoats just opened 8.50 They are beauties

Canada Life Policy-holders

who hold policies taken out previous to the year 1900 and with profits at each quinquennial period can obtain their 1910 certificates by calling at the Charlottetown Office.

Profits are from 30 p c to 40 p c. Greater than at the previous quinquennial division in 1905. Out of town policy-holders will receive their certificates by mail in a few days.

Amy G. Burrows, W. K. Rogers, Agent, Summerside Manager, P. E. I. Branch, Lewis H. Beer, Field Manager. dmwrcwtf

P. E. I. RAILWAY

Commencing April 7th, 1910, the trains of this Railway will run as follows:

Table with columns: Trains Outward, Read down, Stations, Train Inward, Read Up. Lists various routes and times.

Table with columns: P.M. Noon, A.M. P.M. Lists times for various routes.

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G. A. SHARP, Sup't. P. E. I. Ry. Railway Offices, April 2nd.

There's No Business Too Small for a Phone

A telephone in your store is just a mark of ambitious industry—a sort of proof that you are determined to make a success in your business, that you are going to start right by giving your customers a good service.

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