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A Liberal Funk

Our local contemporary refers deprecatingly to an article recently reprinted in The Guardian, to the effect that prohibition is likely to be abandoned by the Liberals of Ontario as a major political issue at the forthcoming party convention.

Our contemporary seems less interested in getting at the facts about the situation in Ontario than in reviving a political controversy in this province on the merits of prohibition versus government control—a question which, as it stands, the people have already decided; but which it fondly hopes—might be revamped so as to obscure the real issue now before the people.

If the Government organ is dissatisfied with the verdict of the electors of Second Prince and desires further to ascertain the opinion of the people as to the Government's prohibition record, we again suggest that it urge Premier Lea to issue the writs for those two by-elections which are still pending.

The Big Music

Complaint is made by a writer in the London Saturday Review that Scotchmen, "through a pathetic national sense of humour," have become ashamed of the classical music of the bagpipers.

The writer explains that there are three definite divisions of Scottish pipe music. The Ceol Beag, or Little Music, consists of dance and march tunes such as are commonly heard by Scot and Sassenach alike.

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Notes by the Way

If a bill now before the House Immigration Committee at Washington becomes law, immigration will be suspended for the next five years. The effect of such a law in the interests of America's unemployed will be to aggravate the condition of the unemployed in Europe.

It is seldom that a public man has such nice things said of him as the Liberal papers are now saying about Hon. Howard Ferguson. It would be a different story if he suddenly changed his mind, says the London Free Press.

Count Keyserling has discovered that "the higher the standard of life becomes, the more difficult will it be to find human beings for the lower tasks of life." It is a great truth and the greatest condemnation of the democratic idea yet promulgated.

Premier Bennett has returned to Canada and will be back in harness at Ottawa this week. Those who say that the mission of the Canadian delegates has been a failure are prejudiced or have not read aright.

One of the greatest of the MacCrimmons' pupils was John Mackay (1666-1754), better known as Am Ploaire Dal. The Blind Piper, who so far excelled his fellow students that they attempted to kill him by throwing him over a cliff.

"Perhaps," concludes the Saturday Review writer, "the best of the Big Music are the laments: two of the finest being 'MacLeod of MacLeod's Lament,' a MacCrimmon piece, and 'The Mackintosh's Lament,' said to have been composed by the bride of the Mackintosh in question, married and widowed in one day. Yet, today, instead of this wealth of incomparable music being broadcast in every country, known to every race, we must go to some base-shedding or to the Highland Games to hear any among the three hundred tunes of the Ceol Mor.

It is worth while now to take a survey of the opinions expressed by the overseas dominions at the recent Imperial Conference and thus ascertain whether progress or failure has been the result. Premier Bennett stated the object of the Canadian delegates in these words: "We come to this Conference in the strong belief that by concerted action we can advance the interests of all sections of the Empire."

West Indies Edition

The Halifax Chronicle has issued a special British West Indies edition highly creditable from both a commercial and tourist point of view. The review of the sugar industry shows that it is in no better condition than Canada's wheat industry; the decisive factor of the moment is that buyers are keeping out of the market and the producers, the planters, are left with unsold stocks on their hands.

Editorial Notes

Referring to him as Mr. Forbes, the English weekly, Truth, has some sarcastic things to say about the new Canadian High Commissioner. "We predict," comments the Toronto Mail and Empire, "that he will not be in office long before all the newspaper offices in England are aware of the Commissioner's name."

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

USING JUST A SMALL DOSE OF THE ANAESTHETIC

During a boxing match one night, one of the contestants swung so hard at his opponent that he threw his right shoulder out of joint.

I attempted to put it back in the usual way by turning palm up, throwing arm outward and then up, ward across his face, but without success. I then had a chap administer ether as an anaesthetic, but although I used up the contents of the bottle in my emergency bag it had no effect.

Because some individuals can absorb a great amount of ether or other anaesthetic without it affecting them very much. Similarly with other drugs.

Just how much ether or other anaesthetic the patient needs to put him under, and yet keep his condition satisfactory, cannot be estimated although an expert anaesthetist gives thousands of anaesthetics without accident.

It is very gratifying then to learn of the method of Dr. Willard Bartlett, St. Louis, by means of which very little of the anaesthetic is necessary for the operation as the patient is given a drug pheno barbital by mouth, three hours before the operation.

By this method the patient is quite previous to the operation, is not nervous or excited; there is no nausea or vomiting, and he sleeps for a number of hours after the operation.

Just how much of this drug should be used on any particular case is learned by the effect of a very small dose or doses sometime previous to the operation.

Now none of us want to undergo an operation, but as operations mean relief from pain and the saving of life, they sometimes become necessary.

It is gratifying to know that this method greatly reduces the amount of anaesthetic necessary, and renders the patient more comfortable before and after the operation.



MORE LOVELY GROWS THE EARTH

More lovely grows the earth as we grow old. More tenderness is in the dawning spring. More bronze upon the blackbird's burnished wing. And richer is the autumn cloth-of-gold. A deeper meaning, too, the years unfold. Until to waiting hearts each living thing For very love its bounty seems to bring. Intreating us with beauty to behold. Or is it that with years we grow more wise And reverent to the mystery profound— Withheld from careless or indifferent eyes— That broods in simple things the world around. More conscious of the Love that glorifies The common ways and makes them holy ground? —Helena Coleman.

Corroboration does not mean that if two persons tell the same lie it is true!—Mr. J. D. Cassels, K.C., Recorder of Brighton.

A paradox of the aftermath of the Great War is that while it increased emotionalism, the increase is greatest in the United States, which, of all the countries engaged in the struggle, should have been least affected because its participation was of the shortest duration.

The Public Forum

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

LIBERALS AND PROHIBITION

Sir:—Your recent telegraphic news items relating to Liberals and their attitude towards prohibition are of the kind to induce a cynical smile from those acquainted with facts.

It is a law of physics that there must first be an attachment to before there can be any cutting of, or Casting Adrift under any process. From the fact that, since the passing of Hon. N. W. Rowell from its leadership, the Liberal party have themselves been "Adrift" from prohibition, the task of Ont. Liberals to "Cast Adrift" that with which they have no connection is confronted with insuperable difficulty.

In real fact it is many years since the Ontario Liberal leaders funk from their traditional temperance policy, and it is, to them, painfully in evidence that their collapse as a party, after twenty five years in power, synchronized with their defection from prohibition.

Prohibition has not been a straight issue at any Ont. election since the defeat of the Hearst Government. The depravity of the despatch statement that "opportunities previously given the Ont. electorate to pass upon the prohibition issue" is therefore self evident.

Premier Ferguson appealed to the electorate upon a clear "wet" issue. The Liberal leader refused to champion prohibition, twitted his head towards Control, then wobbled in favor of the "will of the people," and tried to snare votes with an all things to all men policy.

The wet wing, at Toronto, are in search of a scapegoat. Some of them would scalp Leader Sinclair for his sacrifice. Despite the fact that his policy on prohibition was in mid-air, far above the altitude of Mohammed's Coffin, these illogical contentionsists try to impeach him as "dominated by" and "dictated by the Prohibition Union!" Can you beat this for realistic stupidity?

For fool-hardy strategy the wet wing leaders could capture first honors from all competitors. Don Quixote could fight shadows in futile imagery. The Young-Hardy twins hope to conquer real substance with shadow implements. They claim, truthfully, that "the party can receive no more support from prohibitionists" than in 1926-29. No need of a Solon to sense this—under like conditions, prohibitionists, like other classes, are prone to vote for a definite policy, and will not tumble over one another to support a leader without any policy.

Only a half demented politician would undertake sheep stealing from the Ferguson Control Fold. These can not be enticed away to follow a wobbling shepherd into uncertain swamps. And the wobbling shepherd, leaving his own sheep—by a "Cast Adrift" policy—is losing the substance to catch the shadow. The majority of Liberals in Ontario are for prohibition. With these eliminated the Party is reduced to a cypher.

It is the enemy within the walls that is throwing the monkey wrench into the Ontario Political Machine. I am sir, etc. POLITICAL STUDENT



SHOP EARLY AND SAVE at the Metropolitan Store

Christmas Trees

(Natural Resources)

Under title of The Christmas Tree trade in Canada the Forest Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa has a pamphlet dealing with the subject of the annual harvest of coniferous trees—pine, spruce fir and cedar—for use at Christmas.

Christmas trees are, in the main, secured from sites of three kinds. The best trees for the purpose are open grown; with many sturdy branches; usually seedlings on old pastures adjoining forests. The supply may also come from land being cleared for farming, or finally, from the natural forest, the plantation, or the woodlot.

It is evident that there can be no objection to utilizing trees from old pastures or from clearing operations. In the first case the trees are detrimental to the pasture and, owing to the many knots unsuitable for lumber, in the second, falling their sale for Christmas festivities, they would be cut and either burnt or left to create a fire hazard.

It is only in the case of trees from the third site that there can be any objection to this traffic and this can be surmounted by intelligent selection of the trees removed. Of the total number of seedling trees on any acre, only about 25 percent, (and often less) reach maturity. The rest are crowded out by their lusher neighbours in the battle for food, moisture and light. Experience will indicate in ample time those individuals in a crop of young trees that nature will eventually eliminate. They may be culled out and an interim dividend thus realized on the forested area. Not only does a revenue result from this thinning but the trees that are left to mature benefit by the lessened competition.

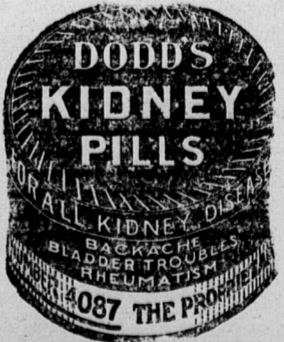
Two practices are to be condemned. First, the felling of mature trees from which only the top is removed for Christmas tree use, and, second, the wholesale, indiscriminate hacking down of young growth, the trees that are marketable being afterwards selected, while the remainder are left to waste.

The pamphlet, which may be secured upon application to the Forest Service, points out in conclusion that an area of 96 square miles permanently and entirely devoted to the growing of Christmas trees would take care of an annual harvest of 5,000,000 trees—a number considerably in excess of the present cut.

The Russian Bear

(T. M. Knappin in the magazine of Wall Street)

Kipling's phrase "The bear that walks like a man," comes to mind when Soviet Russia is contemplated. In Kipling's poem it was the man-like bear of the Coors that threatened British supremacy in the Orient, always looking hungrily at India. Now, the whole world seems to be included in the hungry purview of the bear of the Soviet Republic. Everywhere the bear arouses sinister apprehensions, even when he comes walking like a man with great sheaves of orders for foreign goods in his shaggy paws, payable on delivery. The world views the orders with greedy eyes, accepts them, solicits, plots and intrigues for more, and yet has portentous misgivings. Is it only fattening and strengthening the bear for the day when he will drop on all fours and devour hurriedly where he once brought suavely?



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