

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION.

It is related that Philip of Macedon, fearful lest in his elevation and in his royal feasting he might forget what manner of man he was, employed a man to stand always behind his chair at the royal table and to say to him from time to time, "Philip! remember that thou art mortal." And it was counted a wisdom in Philip that he remembered that he was liable to forget, and had provided this reasonable and frequent admonition for himself.

In those days in Macedon Philip was the Government. In our days we divide the functions of Government between some fifteen ministers of state, and the man who stood behind Philip's chair is represented by the Opposition. Our government is mortal as was Philip and has a much need to be reminded of the fact if our Philip becomes extravagant, riotous, or neglectful of public duty carries too long at the wine, bestows favours at the public cost upon the unworthy, or unduly burdens the people, it is the duty of the monitor behind the chair to raise his voice and say, "Philip, remember."

There are those who take an entirely different view of things, who believe that all governments partake somewhat of a sacred character and ought not to be impugned, or called to account. They hold that this is doubly true in these days of democratic rule, when governments are created of and by the people's choice and for the people. They take thought to themselves that in the days of Job and Theocracy Satan was the first leader of the Opposition and that he and all the Opposition tribe then and since are to be regarded as the enemies of the state, and the established order of things.

These are obviously extreme views, and we must not force a parallel between celestial and mundane affairs. The Government against which Satan led the Opposition was perfect, infallible, supreme, invulnerable. It was not opposing it by constitutional means but by open and wicked revolt. With us on this lower plane governments are imperfect, transient, institutions of our own creation, needing admonition and correction from time to time, as Philip felt that he needed it. Wherefore the people keep the monitor always behind Philip's chair, and we regard him not as a rebel but as a necessary and useful officer of the state.

We go farther in this line than Philip of Macedon had planned. We not only demand that the monitor behind the chair shall remind Philip of his wrong doings, "his frailties and foibles" but if the wrongdoing is flagrant and persistent we clothe the monitor with the right to eject Philip from his royal seat at the head of the banqueting table and take the seat himself. And herein we place a great temptation in the way of the man behind the chair, which must often tend to unduly stimulate his ambition and sway his judgment.

All governments are self-righteous. The members thereof may as individuals go to church and there humbly confess themselves as miserable sinners, but on the hustings before the people, or in Parliament in presence of their enemies, they always arrogate to themselves the qualities of wisdom and righteousness. They confess neither to wrongdoing nor mistake. They are Pharisees. We are not speaking here of any particular government, but of all. The fault is inherent, and it is also an apolitic one. The people feel and now that no government ever was or will be so wise and pure as all of them profess to be. The publican in the parable who confessed himself a sinner, was not only nearer right, but more in the way of popular favour than the self-righteous Pharisee.

In these days, contrary to all modern precedents, we pay the man behind the chair. That is, the Government pays him, as we presume Philip some sort paid the man whom he employed. It is hungry work, standing and doing duty as monitor while others feast. Complaint is made by the banqueters that this man has rudely interrupted the feast. Perhaps here goes with this the thought that being well paid for waiting he should be less obtrusive and persistent in his admonitory interruptions. It is well that in some sort, Philip should be reminded, and should remember that he is mortal.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is evidently making a solid Quebec in the coming election. He proposes to take the French-speaking Province more than twice as large as was the entire Dominion of four Provinces a 1867 and four times as large as France or the German Empire. There is too much of Quebec aggrandizement in this proposition to suit the other Provinces, and especially the smaller Provinces. No doubt it will help to keep Quebec solidly Liberal but it will not be a source of strength to the Maritime Provinces, at least.

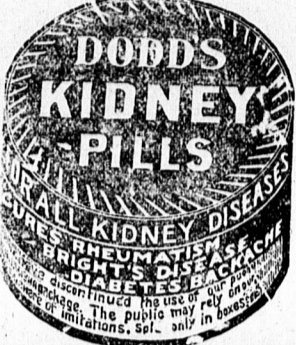
That was a pretty and graceful tribute to our fair Island and its people which was paid in the letter printed in yesterday's Guardian by "A Stranger Within Your Gates." It is a no breach of confidence to say that the writer is a clever St. John's man who had just paid a first visit to our shores and was quite enraptured with what she saw and experienced here.

We are glad to note that the big supplementary estimates contain a grant of \$85,000, most of it to be expended in boring for coal in Prince Edward Island. This is the work in which Premier Hazard, Mr. Irving, M.L.A. and others have for years taken so deep an interest and which The Guardian has advocated for many years past. Most sincerely do we hope that it may result in the discovery of coal, of which there is more than a hopeful probability.

We must express our profound regret that in the vast sums voted at Ottawa for various public services no item has yet appeared that will in any way help forward the Tunnel project. Has Sir Wilfrid forgotten his promise of 1891? Our people are impatient for the one sovereign remedy which alone can be hoped to terminate our winter disabilities and make the Island an integral part of the Dominion. We shall return to the subject, which must be kept to the front till the Tunnel is a fact accomplished.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra is very fond of visiting the tenants at Sandringham, and some time ago she had an amusing conversation with a poor old woman who was busy darn- ing stockings. Thinking to put the old lady at her ease, the Queen said: "I am sure you cannot heel a pair of stockings as quickly as I can." "Oh, so the King wears stockings, do 'e?" asked the dame in surprise. "Only you an' me, mum, who mend stockings, knows what terrible bad 'oles men do make in their 'eels."



Children's wear as sent by Jas. Paton our buyer from London. Remember these goods were personally selected children's pinafores, white dresses, christening robes, lawn aprons with and without bib, children's sailor suits in serges, huster and sailor suits, children's Norfolk jackets, ladies' Norfolk, new style, mannish design, novelty net with nuns veiling waist. No. 1, scarfs, black, cream and white. English outing hats and caps in canvas. Motor veiling in black chiffon, taffeta. Belts and collars. Jas. Paton & Co. 6-24druf.

Canadian wall paper factories introduced the flat price system of 1867 and four times as large as France or the German Empire. There is too much of Quebec aggrandizement in this proposition to suit the other Provinces, and especially the smaller Provinces. No doubt it will help to keep Quebec solidly Liberal but it will not be a source of strength to the Maritime Provinces, at least.

Save a dollar by buying you next hat at H. H. Brown's.

Nothing more comfortable for summer wear than a cool Negligee shirt. This season's styles are away ahead of last, and the change is a good one. Stripes and figures with white and black decided favorites, are here in an assortment that cannot help but please you. We handle all the padding make, we never disappoint. Prowse Bros Ltd. 7-13dr31

Buy "Perfection Brand" clothing at H. H. Brown's.

Sanitary French hair pads just received another lot by mail. The colors are black, light brown, brown dark brown and grey. The prices is 30c each. Anley Bros. 7-14dr4j

AS A RESULT OF THE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM OF SHORTHAND—the system used by REPORTERS and EXPERTS—the CHARLOTTETOWN BUSINESS COLLEGE is able to supply from its classes VERBATIM REPORTERS for the meetings and conventions. A GOOD SYSTEM IN THE HANDS OF EXPERT TEACHERS. EXCELLENT RESULTS. 10-10dr4j

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Sanitary Plumbing. Let us tell you how little it will cost to install a system of up-to-date sanitary plumbing in your home. Do you approve of luxuries? To have up-to-date plumbing in your home is one of the greatest luxuries. We carry the very latest fixtures in stock. Get our prices they will interest you. Fred H. Trainor, Grafton St, Opp Opera House dmwftf

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GOOD CHANCE

A Merry Widow Now

- 5 dozen Merry Widow Sailors in black, white, tuscan, brown blue, fawn, cream, and navy. Well worth from \$1.25 to \$2.25 Your choice for 50c
3 dozen Flops in assorted colors worth from 90c up to \$1.85 Your choice for 29c
Ch Idren's Straw Hoods assorted colors 65c to 85c for 29c
Any Untrimmed Hat in the store in colors for 15c
Any Black Straw Hat in the store for 49c
Any Trimmed Hat in the store for \$1.50
Many worth up to \$7.00. All this season's Hats we keen nothing over from one season to the other.
At Half Price. One lot of samples in ladies collars to clear At 49c. A lot of Ladies' Corsets some worth up to \$1.20.
200 yards veiling worth up to 48c for 2c

JAMES PATON & Co.

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MORNING DAILY AND RURAL DAILY. The Island Guardian Publishing Company, Proprietors

Sworn Average Circulation Last Year of 7,072 For the Morning Daily and the Rural Daily

The following statement of distribution shows the advertiser the value of The Guardian as an advertising medium. A detailed sworn circulation statement will be given to any one interested for the asking

Morning Daily Average for 1907,---3,084 DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Circulation. Includes Daily average to City of Charlottetown, Daily average to towns, villages and country post offices, Daily average to Canadian cities and United States, Total 3,084

Rural Daily Average for 1907,---3,987 DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Circulation. Includes Daily average to towns, villages and country post offices, Daily average to Canadian cities and United States, Daily average in Charlottetown, Total 3,987

Sworn Average for Morning Daily and Rural Daily for 1907

7,072 A Net Gain of 748 Over Average for 1906.

A.A. Leckie, M.R.C.V.S. Government Veterinary Inspector. ELDON HOTEL TELP. 31 CHITOWN

Hotel Dufferin ST. JOHN, N. B. Foster Bond Co. H. BOND Manager

HOTEL BRUNSWICK MONCTON, N. B. The Largest and Best Located Hotel in the City. Accommodating 200 guests situated in the center of spacious grounds and surrounded by elegant shrubbery, making it especially desirable for tourists during the summer season. 2841yr G.F.O. MCSWENNEY, Prop

GRAND Tea Party -AT- Saint Columba ON Tuesday, July 2

The parishioners of St. Columba, Fairfield, Lot 47, intend holding a grand Tea Party on the beautiful grounds adjoining the church, on Tuesday, July 21st, 1908. All the delicacies of the season will be supplied in abundance, and all the amusements usual on such occasions will be provided. Refreshment saloons, dancing booths, bowling alleys, pipe music and whatever else may minister to the comfort and entertainment of visitors will be arranged for. The tables will be of the very best, and all who attend will be most hospitably entertained. If you want a day of real enjoyment in the cooling breeze from the bounding sea, come to St. Columba on July 21st. NEIL McEACHEN Secy.-Com. 7-8dmw5fjrw4j

PLANT LINE Direct Route to BOSTON. The well-known S.S. Halifax of the Plant Line will sail from Charlottetown Friday June 26th, at noon and every Friday thereafter. Returning will leave BOSTON Tuesday's at noon. Halifax to B. on Tuesday's 7 a.m. Friday's 7 a.m. and Saturdays at midnight. Passengers by Pictou can buy through tickets and connect at Halifax. For freight, passage and all information apply to WM. MOMBOURQUETTE, Agent, Charlottetown. H. L. CHIPMAN, Eastern Manager, 5-7drth6m Halifax, N. S.

SATURDAY EVENING MARKET. Michael Duffy wishes to announce that he will open his hall, Lyceum building, Prince Street, as a market for Saturday evenings. Tables will be supplied for those wishing to take space. Terms reasonable. Apply to Michael Duffy, Prince Street. 7-10dtufctuf3w.

Stewart & Campbell. Barristers, Solicitors, etc. Offices in DesBrisay Block, Corner Queen and Grafton Streets, Charlottetown P. E. Island. MONEY TO LOAN W. S. STEWART K. C. N. A. CAMPBELL mwftf3m

Sparkling Drinks

- We have a large stock of Appolinaris Water Radnor White Rock Pure Apple Cider Soda Water Grape Juice

We keep the first four on ice. Our soda is considered the finest in the city. J. G. JAMIESON, DRUGGIST.

Tourists

now visiting our shores will find in our large stock a suitable Souvenir of "The Garden of the Gulf" Many new patterns in belt pins, brooches etc.

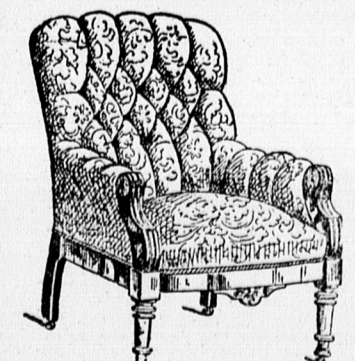
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Opposite Railroad station to large rooms. Hot Water. Electric Light. Rent \$160.00.

D.O.M. Reddin.

Ask your tailor for 'Briny Deep' Serge.



This Chair \$5.00

The above chair is one of the most comfortable ever designed. Made in our own workshops—thoroughly constructed—and a better article than can be imported at the price. Every home should have one. Easy chair, hardwood frame, golden oak finish, covered in black, brown or dark green heavy canvas cloth. Same as cut but in "sleazy" 10'0" x 14'0" only. Price \$5.00

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