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WHY THE CONCEALMENT?

Much of the disappointment prevalent throughout the province today is because of the concealment practised by the aggregation which is now in control in this province. Concealment is written across every office door. No information is given out relative to any of the government's doings. Practically all that is known is that the government is committed to an expenditure which for a province the size of ours, is stupendous; we have been told, by way of encouragement perhaps, that the government has already borrowed large sums of money which are to be expended upon the roads; we have not been told where or how these loans were negotiated. The faithful are expected to look towards the crib and to stop kicking. We have been told at a public meeting in Charlottetown, by way of encouragement to the overtaxed citizens, that the city taxes are nothing to the taxes to be imposed upon the farmers, yet the farmers' tax bills are still hanging over their heads and the fear of their falling upon them at any moment is more trying probably than the actual arrival of the bills themselves. Why are those tax bills withheld? It has been said that a few have been sent out to different far-apart localities by way of feelers just to see what impression they will make; some of those were exorbitant and, when exposed, were declared to have been issued in error. What is the matter with the tax machinery. Is there a hitch in the tax office.

We were informed some time ago that the assessors had been called before the executive and given their instructions. Some time afterwards we were informed that the assessors had not been appointed. Who were instructed? Did they object to the instructions? Have they been appointed and, if so, who are they and what instructions other than those specified in the act were given them?

These and many other questions are being anxiously asked. Why is the information withheld. The questioners are not "a few Conservatives and agitators;" the great majority of them are old time Liberals, men who served under Liberal leaders who were not afraid to take the people into their confidence; men who are today suspicious and ashamed of the straits into which a once honorable party has fallen; men whose own actions are open and above board and who look for the same in those who are handing their money and enacting their laws. Let there be light on the operations of the government.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

In the political gospel according to a recent expounder in the Patriot, it is written "to the victor belong the spoils." In the light of this ology the government is to be congratulated upon having secured a successor to Col. R. H. Campbell whose appointment to the responsible position of Superintendent of Education will not do violence to the Liberal creed. Mr. R. H. Rogers, son of ex-Governor Benjamin Rogers, Albert C. Rogers, has been appointed to the position. We are not informed what the salary of the new Superintendent is to be, whether the government's generosity which is known to be quite elastic under certain conditions, has been stretched in recognition of one of the victors or remains as rigid and unyielding as when it permitted Col. Campbell to vacate the position. In view of the many rumors floating around at present and the suspicion that salaries contract or expand in accordance with the political proclivities of the incumbent, the government would have been well advised if it had made this announcement at the outset. There is also a shrewd suspicion that the cavalier manner in which Col. Campbell's resignation was accepted by Premier Bell without consultation with his colleagues is explained by the fact that his successor was already in sight and that in accordance with Liberal tenets the "spoils" of this office would fall to one of the legitimate heirs. Be this as it may Mr. Rogers has before him an ample field and a most important position to fill. He is succeeding a capable and justly honored educationist and at a time of considerable uneasiness with reference to our school affairs. We congratulate him on his appointment and trust that he will worthily discharge the honorable and responsible duties that have been entrusted to him.

ST. JOHN ALBERT CONTEST.

From comments in St. John papers of both political parties it does not appear that the candidature of Mr. Emery in opposition to Hon. Mr. Wigmore is going to redound to the honor of Mr. MacKenzie King to whom the constituency of St. John Albert is indebted for the needless and useless election. It is conceded by all that Mr. Emery has no more chance of election than he had at the general election at which he lost his deposit, and he was persuaded to nominate against his own and his friends' wishes, simply in obedience to Mr. MacKenzie King's mandate that there must be opposition in every constituency.

Mr. King in his missionary tour to the west probably had no desire to explain why the two Eastern by elections had been lost by default. He could find no Liberal in Colchester to oppose McCurdy; some show must be put up in St. John and Mr. Emery was made the goat.

CURRENT COMMENT

When many have the thought, and some the painful remembrance, of profiteering pressing against their better judgments, a little reflection, retrospective and prospective, relative to the conduct of our Island merchants, during and since the great war, will not be out of place. It is suggested primarily by their generous protection of our home consumers during the spasmodic jumping up of commodity and food prices during the progress of the conflict, and today by their prompt adjustment of selling prices to those of the delinquent markets, and in both cases at serious losses to themselves. Particularly we remember the advances in flour from five up to seventeen dollars in the mainland markets, our merchants, always buying largely ahead and carrying large stocks, rarely overtook advantage of the increased values but gave their customers the benefit of the lower prices, and only advancing figures when the cheaper stock was exhausted and they were forced to repurchase at the higher cost. At one time flour could be purchased here at \$13 to \$14, per barrel when our dealers could have disposed of their large holdings at \$16 to \$17 making a large profit if they were disposed to be grasping. Again within the last year molasses, which could be disposed of wholesale at \$1.20 to \$1.40 per gallon was retailed to consumers at the old price of \$1 until the last punchon was emptied. The same is true of our dry goods, boots and shoes, hardware and other mercantile concerns who in only rare instances followed the trend of prices upward, until compelled to replenish their stocks.

And now prices are on the downward trend and what are our merchants doing? There are necessarily large stocks of sugar within the province, every pound of which cost the merchants not less than 23.35 per pound. This being handed over the counter in the city, and we presume at other points, for 21 cents, a straight loss to the merchant of 2.35 plus his wrapping and handling costs. The same is true of flour of which our dealers must always carry considerable in stock, and ordered. Quick as the miller is to drop his prices our merchants fall in line and put up with the consequent loss without a murmur. We cite these as only in part an evidence of the splendid spirit of our merchants which we do not believe will find a counterpart in any other province. This has not been without at least one measure of compensation, at least to staple commodity houses, for adhering to the old prices upon their goods, while the big mail order houses kept on advancing in touch with increasing costs, our purchasers began to discover that home buying was by far the cheapest in many lines, and as a result the buying has been more from the home merchant with less sending of our money abroad, laying a better foundation for the principle of trading at home. Because we believe that our merchants are going to be up against it in the days to come, as prices may continue downward on every drop in which they will have to meet a loss, we commend these acts to the consideration of our fair minded buying public.

At the unveiling of the monument...

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

- General Facts: Per square mile Prince Edward Island has: Twice as many people; Four times as many horses; Four times as many cattle; Four times as many sheep; Six times as many swine; Almost eight times as many poultry as any other Province. More cattle than any one of the United States, except Iowa. More farms; More cultivated lands; More farm production; More post offices; More miles of railway; More miles of telegraph lines; More miles of telephone lines; More shipping ports; More churches and general attendance than any other Province of Canada.

Climate and temperature: Least extremes of heat and cold of any Province east of Rocky Mountains; no fogs or cyclones; hail or summer frost very rare.

Try to Stop Investing Abroad

(Special to The Guardian.) TORONTO, Sept. 10.—On the authority of Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, who is tonight attending a demonstration in honor of the Prime Minister, Hon. Arthur Meighen, in St. Henry's constituency, Kingston, Ont., the following statement has been issued regarding the financial situation in Canada. "Owing to the financial conditions arising out of the war and the change in Canada, in recent months, from a favorable trade balance, to an adverse trade balance, the Minister of Finance has requested the Canadian banks to decline to facilitate the importation or carrying of Canadian and other securities which have been held abroad.

The Remedy Proposed. "To that end, the Minister is requesting the banks to have purchasers of sterling or foreign exchange in amounts of one thousand dollars or over, and drawers of drafts received for collection from outside of Canada for the like amounts, certify that the exchange is required for the draft from abroad does not represent the purchase outside of Canada of such securities. "The Minister is of the opinion that it is impossible for Canada to absorb this portion of its foreign debt or foreign securities at the present juncture without embarrassment to general financial conditions. Every available dollar now in Canada is required for the business of the country and particularly to finance the crop movement, and if money is withdrawn in the way referred to, the withdrawal will seriously affect and restrict the commercial activities of the country."

ment to the memory of Sir George Etienne Cartier, the Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, and Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, stood side by side to do homage to this the greatest of the sons of Quebec, and with Sir John A. Macdonald one of the most powerful forces in bringing about confederation. In the review of his life it was pointed out that during his lifetime he was the subject of the customary partisan vilification and attack, and denounced as a Tory Minister and jobber, and as a bigot, secretly designing the Anglicization of his people. But time has been his vindicator, and the fair and final judgment of his country now gives the just and universal verdict in these ceremonies and in their tributes of praise.

In this the Cartier spirit of a united people was further emphasized. He was a strong advocate of British connection, and outspokenly in opposition to annexation to the United States proposals, an active supporter of the working together of the French and English races in Canada, standing by these principles unflinchingly throughout his whole life. It is to the fulfillment of these splendid precepts, by conforming to them in practice, that Premier Meighen, Conservative, and Premier Taschereau of Quebec, Liberal, together with many other of the best of our upper province citizens are giving their attention. In both the great provinces societies have already been formed for the drawing together of our people into this stronger Canadian unity, and when the French speaking people of Quebec and the other provinces can join hands in the bonds of sincere friendship and social co-fraternity, then will the labors and spirit of Sir George E. Cartier be vindicated by accomplishment.

There was a time when the Patriot was not slow to speak. The smallest mud puddle upon the roadway, a shingle out of the roof of a public structure or a loose plank in a bridge, would be made the subject of a double column tirade of abuse, and often three or four of these, some of them of the most trifling character, would bring forth a combination of flash-headed editorials to the extent of almost half a page. But these things have been pressed upon it in the present more strenuous days in greater abundance and with more intensified force than ever before, and it is as silent as the grave. They have a perfect knowledge that the conditions of the roads and public works of the province were never in such an all round disgraceful condition as they are now, and this notwithstanding that the Government are collecting more taxes than they can reasonably spend, yet their denunciations have ceased, and they haven't a syllable of an excuse to offer. When it pleased its own sinister purpose, to malign others, it painted a most unlovely picture of Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary, but now with the same conditions prevailing, plus nearly an other year's wear and decay, its silence is painful. And why?

Women's Institutes In Educational Progress

Report of address given at the Women's Convention, Charlottetown, September 2nd, 1920, by Wilfred Boulter, Director, Elementary Agricultural Education:— At the opening of his address, Mr. Boulter commended the Institutes for the good work accomplished throughout the island. Their keen interest in the schools the direct result of giving mothers having children of school age the right to vote at the school meetings. He urged the delegates to see that every Institute exercised its rights and it was within their power to see that their sex was represented on every Board of Trustees.

When we have done the things we set out to do and accomplished much that is worthy, we must not cease in our efforts but strive to make the best a little better until our schools are giving every child the chance to secure an education which makes for his best mental, moral and physical development. "Progress" results from having clear and worthy aims carried out by a good organization made up of individuals who know how to cooperate. "The Women's Institutes conforms to this definition. He urged that they cooperate with the young teacher. Going out to her first school. She cannot but do many things that are wrong. Show her sympathy rather than criticism; commend the good in her work and suggest ways to overcome her difficulties; cooperate with her in a demand for better conditions, more sanitary outbuildings, a tidy and clean school-room and see that the pupils have a respectable school-ground on which to play and not leave the schoolhouse on the public highway with nothing but the dusty road as a place for recreation.

Speaking of the work the Department of Agriculture was attempting to do, he described the organizing of the "Boys and Girls Clubs." The loaning of money to enable the members to purchase stock, and the grant offered this year to every school fair in the province that complies with the regulations, encourages the work. Will urging that the teachers receive encouragement to carry on the work he pointed out that any dishonest acts on the part of the pupils in bringing exhibits not representing any individual effort on the part of the exhibitor reflected on the honesty of the parent. He regretted that any parent should, for the sake of a party prize, suggest to the child a dishonest practice. Mr. Boulter asked the Convention to study the platform for Agricultural Education as presented by Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen of Huntington, Quebec, Convenor of the Agricultural Commission of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. The parts enumerated in the books along agricultural lines, (c) To seek Government aid and prizes for school fairs, school gardens, competitions in stock and live stock, home flower and vegetable gardens. (d) To give every possible help to those conducting the school fairs. And while other parts which he had not time to consider were just as important as these quoted, these were nearly along our line of possibility.

Successful Mission At Grand River

Rev. George F. Bradley, S. J., during his visit to the Province gave a very successful mission in St. Patrick's Church, Grand River, of which Rev. John A. McDonald is pastor. The mission opened on the 22nd, August, and closed on the following Sunday. The masses, sermons, and exercises of the week being largely attended. As a proof of the deep interest taken in the mission by the good people of Grand River it may be stated that the parish consists of about eighty families, having about 325 adult members and that during the week not less than 1500 persons approached the Holy Table, among whom were a considerable number from the neighboring parishes. The large number of communicants may be taken as an evidence that the exercises of the mission, and particularly the earnest appealing sermons, stirred anew the religious fervor in the hearts of the people to a degree that was gratifying to their good pastor. On the afternoon of Sunday the 29th Father Bradley, accompanied by Father McDonald, visited the latter's faithful little flock on Lennox Island where he blessed the Indian children and their mothers and preached a touching, impressive sermon on the great importance of Salvation. The grateful little flock in their simple way showed that they appreciated the visit of the Missionary Fathers and their good kind pastor. Before leaving Grand River Father Bradley had the pleasure

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of a visit from Rev. J. J. McDonald, Summerside, Rev. Martin Monaghan, Miscouche, Rev. A. J. McIntyre, Borden and Rev. F. L. Connelly, Wellington. The fraternal visit of these Reverend Fathers was greatly enjoyed and warmly appreciated by the Rev. Missionary and the genial pastor of St. Patrick's, the Missionary Father referred to is a son of Mr. Francis Bradley, Kelly's Cross and during his short stay in the Province was a welcome visitor to his old home and friends. Father Bradley returned last week to Montreal where he is a member of the faculty of Loyola College.

LIVE FOXES TO BE EXHIBITED.

MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—At a largely attended meeting of the Montreal Fur Dealers' Association in the Windsor Hall last evening, James White, assistant chairman of the Conservative Commission, outlined plans for a live silver fox exhibition to be held in Montreal in November and asked for the co-operation of the Montreal fur trade towards making the event a success. Mr. White explained that the Conservation Commission wished to arouse public interest in fur farming in Canada. In order to conserve fur bearing animals it would be necessary to restrict trapping or increase the output by breeding animals in captivity as has been done with the silver fox. This point had been discussed at the meeting of the Commission held here last February and it was suggested that an exhibition of live silver foxes be held in order to demonstrate the success obtained in breeding this animal and the possibilities of raising other varieties of fur bearers. The Dominion Government has granted \$2,000 to help defray the expenses and the Prince Edward Island ranchers have obtained a grant of \$200 from their Provincial

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