

The Charlottetown Guardian

Head Office at Charlottetown, Branch Offices at Summerside, Alberton, Souris and Montserrat.
Subscription and Advertising Phone 22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100
News and Edit. Phone 22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1916.

DEPLORABLE TACTICS

Nothing, perhaps, that the war has brought to Canadians either in personal sorrow or financial loss is as much to be deplored as the fact that hitherto reputable Canadians could so far demean themselves as to exploit the war and its horrors to further their selfish political ends. Each political campaign, whether in connection with a general or by-election has had its harvest of slander and calumny, and practically all, ringing the changes on the alleged short comings of Canadians and of the Canadian government in connection with the war. Criticism, abuse, falsehoods, repeated over and over again, and never a word of cheer or encouragement for those who were doing things, those who were doing their best in the biggest job ever undertaken by Canadians! Never a suggestion of help or helpfulness! Always that continued muck-raking and sneering until the souls of our people have become wearied and disgusted and many have wondered whether it were worth while to send their sons to endure hardships and if necessary die for a nation that harbors such contemptible self-seekers.

The coming to the United States of the German submarine Deutschland and the German report, true or false, that she carried away a cargo of nickel, gave the political ghouls a new string to their harp and since then we have had that new scandal sown broadcast about the Canadian government selling nickel to the Germans. The scandal grew to such an extent that the British Admiralty found it necessary to give it official contradiction and to declare that the Imperial Government was perfectly satisfied with the arrangements made by the Dominion Government for the handling of the nickel business. The Canadian government also officially stated that not a pound of Canadian nickel had found its way to an enemy country since the war began. Notwithstanding this the political ghouls persist in repeating the scandal. At the recent by-election in Toronto it assumed its most brutal and heartless form when the Liberal candidate, Mr. Hartley Dewar, declared that Canadian nickel was being "supplied to the enemy and returned in the bodies of our Canadian soldiers"! This, in the face of the fact that he knew it was false, in the face of the fact that every Canadian minister whom he tried to implicate had one or more sons at the front, some of them in unmarked graves in France and Belgium. And the heartlessness did not end at South-West Toronto. It is being repeated in the Liberal press as if it had never been disproved. A "penny-a-liner," under the name of "Gadsby" real or assumed, and evidently hired for such service by the "Liberal Fake News Bureau" incorporates it as original in one of his canned syndicate letters to the Liberal press, embellished with a profusion of slang phrases, most of them the language of the gutter.

Such a slander might be worth something to the Germans if Canadian young men who have yet to enlist were such fools as to believe it, or such cowards as to be influenced by it, but it is certainly humiliating to Canadians to find that political preferment is sought among them by such cowardly and dastardly means. Canadians are today discussing the building up of the nation, the founding of a better Canada after the war. If we are to become a great nation, such a nation as our natural resources should enable us to become, we must eliminate the meanness from our politics, we must learn to measure men, not by their misrepresentation of those whose positions they desire, but by their own proven and tested honesty and integrity. It has been well said that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," and surely no scoundrel ever exploited patriotism more contemptibly than in trying to persuade the bereaved fathers and mothers that the government was a party to the death or mutilation of their sons.

TRADE AFTER THE WAR

Sir Geo. E. Foster and other Parliamentarians who have been in England and France attending the trade and economic conferences, have returned to Canada and while they are not privileged to give all the details of what has been done, or rather what is to be done, we gather that they are well satisfied with the results of their visit, says the Moncton Times. Sir George's farewell address in England was delivered in the Liverpool Town Hall to the representatives of commerce, industry, agriculture and labor of Liverpool and district, including the members of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce. Sir George's visit was arranged through the instrumentality of the British Empire Producers' Organization. This association has been formed for the purpose of promoting and fostering production, manufacture and interchange in and between various parts of the British Empire. Although the organization was formed only at the beginning of this year it already has organized sections to deal with various Empire industries. The organization advocates briefly:

- (1) That the Empire shall produce and manufacture all its own requirements.
- (2) That British capital shall be attracted to British industries.
- (3) That British merchandise shall be carried in British ships.
- (4) That British working men shall be employed in preference to foreign working men and be secured against competition by sweated alien labor.

BRITISH BIRTH RATE

The British Birth-rate Commission recently issued its annual report. There has been a gradual decline in the British birthrate during the last thirty-seven years and the Commission expresses the opinion that a further decline is inevitable. An analysis of the report, however, shows that while there has been a decline in the birthrate since 1878 the births in that year exceeded the deaths by 436,454. In 1913 the excess of births over deaths was 430,658. And there has been no decline in population. During the high birthrate period, 1867 to 1891 the decennial rate of increase in the population was 8.2 per cent, while for the low birthrate period 1901 to 1911 the decennial rate of increase was 9.1 per cent. This would indicate that while there was a decline in birth there was also a decrease in the deathrate, and the annual addition to the population suffered no diminution.

Between 1871 and the outbreak of the present war the United Kingdom increased 14,000,000 in population. During this period the population of Germany increased 28,000,000, Sir Rider Haggard recently figured the total white population of the Empire as only 38,000,000 as against Germany's population of 67,000,000. If, therefore, the movement of population should be the same when peace returns as before the war the numerical superiority of the Germans over the white inhabitants of the Empire will increase.

In 1915 England's birthrate dropped to 21.8 per 1000 or the lowest ever recorded; 814,527 children were born in England and Wales, as compared with 881,840 in 1913, the last peace year. The war is affecting the English birthrate unfavorably. On the other hand the number of marriages last year, namely 19,3 per 1,000 as against a normal rate of 15.8 exceeded all records. In 1915, 360,026 marriages were registered, as against 294,401 in the previous year.

France has had a stationary birthrate for a number of years. Since the war began the deaths have greatly exceeded the births, apart altogether from the war casualties. During the second half of 1914 the deaths exceeded the births by 29,390. During the first half of 1915 the deaths were again in excess of births by 117,113.

In the British Medical Journal of May 27th last 775,000 is stated to be the average number of births per year in France under normal conditions. For 1915 and 1916 the births are estimated by the same periodical at only 415,000 and 335,000 respectively. Deaths will probably total 875,000 in each year, as against 750,000 in normal times. In these same 77 department 27,664 marriages took place in the first of 1914, when the nation was still at peace. Since the French people believe in small families, the likelihood of these losses in population being made good appears very slight. France therefore bids fair to come out of the present contest with a permanently reduced body of citizens, while the United Kingdom bids fair to increase, notwithstanding the war's casualties.

KEEP OUT THE HEARST PAPERS

Monday's issue of the New York American had two editorial articles on the subject of Great Britain. In one it was alleged that Britain is to blame for the suffering in Poland; in the other there was a fiery protest about the stopping of two neutral ships bound from the United States to Manila, by British cruisers. It was argued that Britain had no more right to stop these ships than if they had been going from New York to Boston. "Our rights are violated, our sovereignty is insulted, our sovereign flag is scorned." This article is headed, "No Insult Too Bitter for Us to Swallow." In Tuesday's issue there was a double-column editorial protesting against the interference of the British censor with messages and letters sent from Germany to the United States. In the course of this editorial the bitterest hatred of the British Empire was displayed, and profound sympathy for the German people and the German Emperor was manifested. Such articles as those referred to have appeared in almost every issue of the Hearst papers since the beginning of the war. Hearst has done his best to inflame the American people against the cause of the Allies. Had he the power he would probably plunge his country into the war as a Teutonic ally, not because of his love for Germany, but because of his hatred of England.

It is a scandal that the Canadian authorities should permit the Hearst papers the use of the Canadian mails. They have barred papers printed in the German language and published in the United States, papers that had a small circulation, whose obvious German origin would render them harmless, since they would be read only by such people of German origin as sympathize with the Fatherland. Yet the Hearst papers, with their wide circulation, printed in the English language, and disguising their anti-British sentiments under the cloak of "Americanism," are given all privileges by the Canadian post-office. It is probable that the Hearst papers have a larger circulation in Canada than any of their American competitors. They are read here for their sporting news, and for their special comic features. Malignant and distorted though their editorials are, they are written by a man of keen mind and great powers of expression, a writer, it is said, who is the most highly-paid in the United States. Why they should be allowed to circulate here at this time we do not know. A man who stood at a street corner and preached sedition would be arrested anywhere in Canada. Why should the Hearst papers be allowed to vilify the British Empire every day of their issue with the tacit approval of the Canadian censorship? Either there should be no censorship at all, or the Hearst papers should be kept out of Canada while the war lasts.—Mail and Empire.

"Assurance, that most wise and beneficent invention, which mitigates the anxiety of the breadwinner and promotes the security, the blessed security of the home"—
LORD MORLEY.

This beneficence finds its highest expression in the Policies of The Great-West Life providing Life Insurance at the Lowest Net Cost anywhere available.

The Mail Service of Information will carefully attend to your letter of enquiry.

The Great-West Life Assurance Co.

Head Office - - Winnipeg
Branch Office - - Charlottetown

Hyndman & Company, Limited

Managers, P. E. I.
Offices 61 Queen Street. Telephone No. 67 S.M.T.

JUST OUT! "PREJUDICE" A STUDY IN "SOCIOLOGY"

Some stimulating notions aptly combined by an Expert for the relief of jaded bench warmers and disconsolate directors of erratic charlatans in "Psychic Research and social science." The personal spiciness, the local coloring, the native setting,—all quite to the manner born,—conspire to make an hour's delectable reading. Ask for the edition with the epigraph, and take no other.

25 cents the copy at Maritime Stationers, and McDonald's News stand, Victoria Row. 1673-8-26M31.

Get Your Harvest Supplies at "The Farmer's Store"

Here at "The Farmer's Hardware Store," you can save money on every purchase and be absolutely sure of the good quality of your supplies, tools and implements for your work.

Today you can get good values here in

- Binder Twine
- Bolts and Nuts
- Whetstones
- Scythes
- Binder repair parts
- Hoes
- Pitch Forks

Fennell & Chandler

VICTORIA ROW

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by
W. S. Louson.

LIVES THAT GO DOWN.

It is no unusual thing to witness a shipwreck on life's sea. Every now and again some soul goes down, as it seems to us, completely wrecked. Almost every day we pass persons who plainly bear the flag of distress; poor crippled souls tossing here and there and sure to go to pieces before long just as the hulls of vessels, tossed against the rocks must at last fall to pieces.

It is only natural to speculate a little as to just what does happen to these souls when their inevitable disappearance takes place. But it is easier to speculate a little more as to what happened to cause the wreck. Was it due to inherent weakness? Almost always, it will be found the captain was ruined because success was easy, too easy. Perhaps he possessed a pleasing personality, a brilliant intellect, fortune, influential friends or otherwise friends who constantly flattered instead of constantly urging to greater exertion and higher attainments. Life's favors were showered upon the captain, to his eternal undoing.

Better, by far, to be born to poverty and real hardships; to the struggle that tries one's soul and finds it ready rather than to the ease that ties one's hands and enfeebles one's intellect.

(St. Paul Pioneer, Aug. 6.)
John A. McLean, of Bismarck, pioneer of Minnesota and of Dakota territory, friend and co-worker with James J. Hill, was buried in Oakland cemetery yesterday beside the bodies of his first wife and two sons.

Mr. McLean died in Boston, where he had gone to receive treatment for cancer.

Funeral services were held in Oakland chapel. Rev. Harry Noble Wilson paid a glowing tribute to Mr. McLean and other hardy pioneers, who paved the way for civilization throughout the Northwest.

Many friends of the family in St. Paul and from North Dakota were present. There were floral tributes from friends in cities from Halifax to Bismarck.

to Bismarck, Dakota territory, and took a prominent part in laying out the town.

There he had his first big fight. A corporation known as the Puget Sound Land company undertook to file on the site of the future capital of North Dakota. Mr. McLean undertook the fight for the citizens of what was then a frontier village and he carried it through to a finish, paying the expenses from his own pocket.

After his return from Washington where the final victory was won, he was elected the first mayor of Bismarck. Then he engaged in construction work for the government, exploring the Yellowstone country in Montana and doing much contract work there. He went to the Black Hills and brought back the first gold taken from that country.

Mr. McLean, together with Alex. McKenzie and other prominent North Dakotans, conducted the fight which transferred the capital of Dakota territory from Yankton to Bismarck, and afterwards made it the capital of the State of North Dakota.

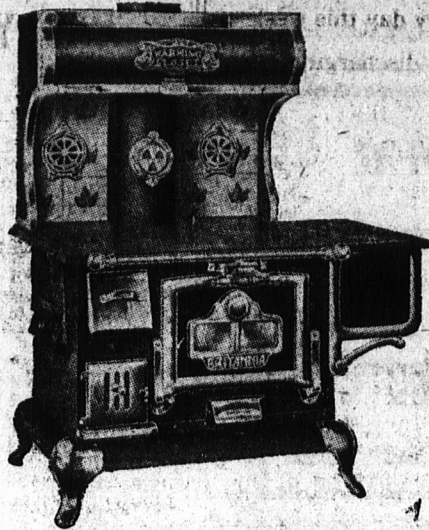
The Mr. McLean above referred to was born at High Bank, son of the late John and Christina McLean. He is survived there by his sister, Mrs. Anne Livingston, also Mrs. John T. Nicholls of Boston, Mass. His brother, Mal. J. and two sisters, Mrs. Donald McLeod of High Bank, and Mrs. John McKenzie of Kaslo, B.C., having predeceased him. Mr. McLean visited his old home recently, and had many happy recollections of his boyhood days.

We are Specialists in Stoves, Stove Fittings, Fire Clay, Fire Brick, Etc.

and we carry one of the largest, most varied and carefully selected stock at rock bottom prices. We compete with all comers including foreign catalogue houses.

Don't send your money to strangers for a stove you never inspected and that nine times out of ten won't suit as well as one bought right here, for the same or less outlay.

No advance yet on last year's prices except on silver moon base burners.



Select Your Range from this List all of which are in Stock Now

- Enterprise Monarch
- Alderman
- Empire Richmond
- Aberdeen
- Pilot
- Britannia
- Cameo
- Harvest Home
- and others including the Enterprise high double oven.
- Glenwood
- Royal Oxford
- Chancellor
- Combinatore
- Enterprise Majestic
- King
- Prince
- Happy Thought



We have almost everything worth while in heaters. Better buy now for fear of higher prices in the Autumn.

- Hillside
- Cupid
- Home Jewel
- Favorite Oak
- Glenwood
- Westminster
- Standard
- Crown Jewel
- Bright Light
- Dandy
- Etc., Etc., Etc.
- Mogul
- Special Oak
- Carbon
- Fairy Queen
- Black Prince
- Souvenir
- Diamond Cone
- Senate
- Fireside
- Tidy

All our stoves from the cheapest to the most expensive give entire satisfaction and a host of satisfied customers is our best advertisement

An Extensive Range of Oil Stoves

New Perfection one burner 3.50, two burners 7.75, three burners 10.75.

The J. M. Williams 5.00 three burner oil stove for 2.00
Three burner heavy granite 3.00 for 2.00.
Other stoves for 50c, 60c, 75c, 80c and 1.00.
No better value anywhere.

The Crabbe Hardware Co., Ltd

28-8-M31Mtt.

Military Boots The Latest

Bankers \$5.50 Slaters \$6.50

Strong School Shoes for Boys and Girls good value.

We will sell Holeproof Hosiery. 6 months wear guaranteed.

G O F F B R O S