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IMMIGRATION TALK

No other subject, except, probably the road making proclivities of the Bell government, has been as volubly discussed as that of immigration. In the latter case the volubility originated in Ottawa where the MacKenzie King Liberals set out on their mission of political repercussion. We were to have a new flow of hand-picked immigrants within the year; all our unoccupied lands were to be taken up by skilled farmers from selected sections of Europe and through these and, the domestic blessings which were to flow from the Liberal regime, we were to have a population of many millions within a few years. But the stream did not flow Canadaward. On the contrary all that was desirable in the stream flowed to New Zealand and Australia. Thousands of prospective emigrant farmers in Great Britain wanted to join the exodus to Canada but the exodus did not materialize, it started southward. The government of New South Wales attracted the British emigrants and within the past few weeks arrangements have been completed for the settlement of the first 6,000 people in our southern sister commonwealth. Our recent cables announce that there was great disappointment in England and Scotland over the slowness of the Canadian government in preparing its immigration scheme.

It was announced also by the Minister of Immigration that great care would be exercised in the matter of admitting immigrants to Canada. Only the best that Europe could produce would be permitted to set foot in Canada and the same newspapers which published this statement by the Minister contained the information that 5,000 Menonites were on their way to Canada!

In the fulness of its early aspirations on this subject the federal government announced that a joint arrangement with each of the provinces had been concluded or was in course of preparation by which each province would be enabled to extract from the stream of immigrants the exact number that it could comfortably accommodate, paying its share of the cost. This was the end. Somehow we in this province at least, can sail along gracefully and with all our canvas set towards some desired haven until someone finds out that there may be some port-dues to pay, then we 'bout ship and return to our original starting point.

For the past year we have listened to Ottawa talking and watched it doing nothing; for three years we have been listening to the provincial government talking about our roads and doing little else. Now we have no roads and little else.

SHOUTING

It is said that certain armies of savages won victories by terrifying the opposing armies with fierce shouting, and threatening. The noise created an impression of vast numbers and unlimited strength. Usually the ruse worked only once and proved a hindrance rather than a help in later combats as the noise and the shouting came to be regarded as only a cover for recognized weakness.

This ancient custom is recalled by the noise and the shouting of our Liberals friends as they are arraying themselves for the inevitable battle of the ballots to take place next summer.

For three years the party has concentrated its efforts on the roads. By means of a federal contribution which they had opposed tooth and nail when in opposition and a loan which they then predicted would be taken advantage of, he ruinous to the province, they entered upon a scheme of road work as extravagant as it was unbusiness-like. Roads that needed no repairs were torn up as well as roads that really needed repairs. Two results were obtained; hundreds of prospective electors were given jobs and many miles of road were made practically impassable for weeks at a time. It looked like work the party kept shouting that it was work, great work, a work that the province needed. No attention was paid to the work that was done, the only idea was to tear up more roads, do more shouting, employ more prospective electors and still shout.

The roads today are said to be in the worst condition they ever were in, a condition which is now irremediable as they have become frozen in deep gullies and wash-outs and must remain so till next summer. The curious thing, however, is that the worse the roads become the more the party shouts. The people now realize that the vast expenditures made in this vote-catching propaganda are practically wasted, that it will cost as much now to put the roads in as good condition as they were in originally as it did to make and to neglect them.

The people are watching this and listening quietly to the shouting. They are "laying" for the ones who did it however and hereafter any expenditures made on the roads will have another object besides making work for prospective voters.

HOW U. S. SEES IT

Our friends the British are a wise and far-seeing people. Proud of their Empire they propose to be prepared at all times to defend it. Alive to their imperial responsibilities, they are not trying to shirk them. They think so much of peace as to be ready to fight for it. Permitted by the terms of the Five Power Treaty to add to their existing naval strength two super-battleships, their Government has decided to proceed with the construction of these new defenders. Doubtless British eyes have been opened by the course of recent events in the Near East to the possibility of future combat. Instead of blinding themselves to the fact that the lack of preparedness of any one country, now as always, is an invitation to another country to trespass upon the rights of the ed-

The Public Forum

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THE PLEBISCITE

Sir.—The impression that I am opposed to voting out the liquor exporter having gone abroad, would you kindly allow me space to state the cause and my position in the matter. I do not however consider it absolutely essential to my eternal welfare that I should endorse Prohibition as we know it in all its details. But this aside. On the afternoon of the 22nd inst I was informed that Mr. D. Schurman representing the Temperance Alliance would address the prayer meeting that evening and as I had intended seeking information relative to the coming Plebiscite from another source, I went to the meeting in the hope of gaining this knowledge. After preliminary devotional exercises Mr. Schurman took charge, read Mr. Bentley's letter addressed to the Temperance Alliance and then called for a show of hands of those who would vote at the polls in conformity with the wishes of the Alliance. As the information I was seeking along with others had not been given, I asked certain questions. Mr. Schurman could not supply the answers, but adopted the subterfuge of intimating that my discussion would prove discouraging to the sentiment of the meeting and endeavored to choke off discussion. I am reminded of the proposal story of the young man asking "shall we?" the young lady replying "Let's" but as Mr. Schurman could not tell us what was embodied in his "shall we" I could not, neither do I intend to answer that question at the polls without certain information. I would not be a party to the "blind being led by the blind."

It is possible that I committed a grave offence in daring to think for myself in an event organized for a campaign was decided upon without any one present being in a position to say what is what.

The information sought was as follows:—

1. Has part IV of the Canada Temperance Act anything to do with the importation of liquor for personal use?
2. What bearing, if any, has Chief Justice Mathieson's decision upon the importation of liquor? Is it now legal to import liquor into the Province for personal use?
3. Is the Doherty Act operative in this Province at the present time? If so, why is liquor allowed to be imported for personal use?

I can assure you, Sir, that if these questions are intelligently answered a number of voters in this community will be enlightened and obliged.

I am, Sir etc.,
W. C. LAWSON
Alberton P.E.I.
Nov. 25th 1922.

Our Future Citizens

Sir.—While on my way to town the other day, my attention was attracted when passing the new Headquarters of the Red Cross Child Welfare Health Centre on Grafton Street, by the baby carriages in front of the entrance.

Curious to know what was going on, I entered and found boys and girls, babies and young mothers with one of the Red Cross nurses in charge, weighing, measuring and talking health to them all in turn.

I asked what it all meant and was told that it was part of the work being carried on by the Red Cross for Child Welfare.

I learned that their work was preventive and constructive beginning with the child at birth and followed him through the school age.

Literature can be had for the asking on all subjects relating to health.

Advice is given to the mothers as to the care and feeding of their infants and their children of preschool age. The older children's interest is aroused in their own physical condition and in the possibilities of improvement through better health habits.

Some of the children seemed elated on finding out that they had not only made the average monthly gain but that they were gradually making up what they had been below standard and immediately connected the gain with some special effort made on their part. Most of them seemed to consider the extra milk or porridge taken or the longer hours of sleep responsible for their improvement. In some cases the tonsils and adenoids had been removed.

The illustrated health charts on the wall were being studied and it was indeed interesting to hear the different comments made by the children.

It struck me that these children were receiving health education in a very interesting and practical way and that it could not fail to bear fruit both now and in years to come.

I am, Sir, etc.,
AN INTERESTED CITIZEN.

There's Still Hope

Sir.—Times are becoming lively in this old world of ours. Every day we read of some new and wonderful discovery which larger minded scientists are wrestling from the mysteries of nature and not wishing to be altogether overlooked while others are becoming famous, Mr. John D. McIntyre has taken a trip of exploration to P. E. I. in the interests of the Amalga-

Notes By The Way

It is not pleasant to read the widely published statement of the American immigration authorities that in the first five months of the current year the migration of Canadians from the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion was at the rate of 10,000 per month, or over 50,000 during the five months period. For some unexplained reason no account of the number of Canadians removing to the States is kept at Ottawa, but the American figures seem to be accepted there and have caused serious concern. It is noted that while the United States has greatly restricted immigration from over the sea, permitting only a limited number to enter from any eastern country, no such limit has been placed upon immigration from Canada. They receive our people there as the best that come to them, as undoubtedly they are but the loss to Canada is an alarming one. How can it be prevented or curtailed?

Various causes have been assigned for this migration southward. One of these is the cold of the Canadian winter, coupled with the relatively high cost of fuel in Canada. Another assigned reason is that the revival of business after the war came a little earlier in the States than in Canada. Still another reason is found in the desire to travel, to see greater cities, new scenery and learn the ways and fashions of the world in other lands than our own. Travel across the border is facilitated by scores of railways and steamship lines and motor highways. Common language makes travel pleasant and the formation of acquaintance easy.

Regrettably most of the above-named factors behind the southward movement are more or less permanent and must remain in operation. Other factors will change, or tend to our advantage. The States are fairly full of people and do not need immigration. Canada greatly needs settlers for her vacant lands. In time there must be an overflow from the Republic northward and Canada will come into her own. Ours is the "last West." In the years to come we may yet have a greater influx of settlers than we can properly assimilate which would not be an unmixed benefit.

Hon. Messrs Fielding and Lapointe have been making prolonged efforts in Paris to effect a new trade treaty with France, and are still on the job with prospects of success we are told. But France, since the war has become a highly protectionist country and hence the prospect of greatly enlarged trade is not bright.

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Knockers' Association

While the little boar pig running loose with his neck adorned by a yoke; the spavined horse trot, and other fallacies are also mentioned in the history of Mr. McIntyre's tour. Our trotting horses, spavined or otherwise, need no champion, performers speak louder than words, and P. E. I. race horses are known far and wide. Our hogs, alive or dressed, almost double in value near corn-fed brothers across the line, while our lambs bring the highest price of any in North America. In short one begins to wonder in what part of the Island Mr. McIntyre's observations were taken and why his vacation was not spent among more congenial surroundings, they certainly would not be hard to find within the confines of the garden province.

And now we get down to per-

haps the greatest jewel of all, for our worthy friend informs us that the children in P. E. I. are being shamefully ill-treated, kept home from school to work and then, with half an education, sent out into the world, handicapped to earn their living and become a discredit to their homeland. It requires no list of well-known names to remind us that not all who have left our shores have brought discredit to their native land, and while some as in all other places, have not worthily upheld the honour of the homeland, they are more than counter-balanced by those who have brought not only respect but fame to themselves and the land which sent them forth.

I do not know who Mr. McIntyre is, but if as I suppose he is a native of P. E. I. I would like to ask where all his marvelous education was acquired? If in the U. S. I would suggest that in future he make use of it by writing sensational stories for the numerous half-time yellow journals of his beloved land of adoption, rather than for the purpose of maligning and misrepresenting the land which gave him birth.

Personalities are seldom in good taste (Mr. McIntyre's opinion evidently to the contrary notwithstanding yet one cannot help but wonder if those awful conditions so luridly portrayed are not the result of some evil hallucination, caused by poignant memories of his own boyhood days, brought vividly before him by the sight of once-familiar scenes? At any rate we hope that he will be in a more optimistic frame of mind when next he invades our shores.

I am, Sir, etc.,
W. B. CREED,
Bridgetown.
Nov. 23rd, 1922.

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