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THE LEGISLATURE

THE Legislature of this province will meet tomorrow for the transaction of business. On the part of the Opposition it is complained that "there is not a ripple of interest regarding this notable occasion."

Premier Stewart and his colleagues will meet the people's elected representatives tomorrow with Prince Edward Island in its happy condition—in so far as its provincial administration is concerned. It will be admitted, of course, that there were some parts of the roads which might have been better than they were in the Spring and Fall of last year; but, upon the whole, the roads were, it will also be admitted, never better than they were throughout the whole open season.

It may perhaps be alleged that some public institution or office was not so well managed as it might have been; yet upon the whole, the business of the province was, it will be admitted, carefully and well conducted. The ingenuity of the talented Leader of the Opposition will, indeed, be puzzled to find any good ground of offence upon which, in the session that will be opened tomorrow, to base an attack upon Premier Stewart and his colleagues.

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ario will, in future, be sold exclusively to the official Board of Liquor Control; that no intoxicant of any kind will, in future, be legally consumed in public; that all liquor consumed must be consumed in the residence or home of the consumer; that there will be an individual permit to a temporary resident, good for only one month; that physicians, dentists and ministers of the gospel must secure a special permit to use liquor; that druggists will not be permitted to dispense intoxicants; that the establishment of stores in which the sale of liquor may be permitted will be in the control of the Board; that prosecution for infringement of the law will be conducted by the Attorney-General; that any person found guilty of selling liquor contrary to the law will be imprisoned for the first offence; and that there shall be no public advertising of liquor.

But, as in respect to every law for the abatement of the Liquor Evil, its effect, to a great extent, will depend upon its enforcement. If carefully and properly enforced it will certainly be more effective than a Prohibitory Liquor Law, which has not public opinion behind it. The provision that prosecutions under the law shall be conducted by the Attorney-General of the Province, who is personally and directly responsible to the government and people, is evidently in the right direction. It is also notable that there is to be in Ontario nothing but imprisonment for the man or woman found out in bootlegging. The conduct of the Board of Liquor Control will, without doubt, be closely observed by all those who desire to see the people of this country strictly temperate.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mrs. Christina Bradley died in Ottawa a few nights ago. If she had lived until the 2nd of April next she would have completed her 101st year. It was her habit, until a few months ago to rise at or about six o'clock in the morning and take part in the household work. She ascribed her long life and good health to her care in eating.

Seeing there is "not a ripple of interest in"—or discontent with—the government, the present session of the Legislature affords a good opportunity to the Opposition to show less anxiety to get into office and greater energy in the promotion of the welfare of our province.

It is to be greatly regretted that Canada was not represented at the Industries Fair recently opened in London. There was shown nutmeg, cheese, fruits and wines from Australia; cheese, butter, honey and lamb from New Zealand; eggs, hams, poultry and bacon, from Ireland; cocoa from the British West Indies; coffee and cascara from Kenya; tobacco from Nyassa; copra from British Guiana, and all the spices and tropical products of Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast, and India; but nothing whatever from Canada. It was stated by the Secretary of the Empire Marketing Board that "the same opportunities were offered to Canada as to the other Dominions and Colonies," but for some reason unknown, Canada did not take advantage of them.

ONTARIO'S NEW LIQUOR LAW. JUDGING by the telegraphic summary of the "Liquor Control Bill" prepared for Ontario, the law of that province will, in the future be more prohibitive than the law which was last Fall voted down and out by electors of Ontario.

Notes by the Way

Favorable news regarding the Duncan Report has been received by the Montreal Gazette. A caucus of the Liberal party discussed the question of Maritime rights and claims on March 11 and Premier King is said to have pointed out to them that as the Liberal Government had appointed the Commission, it was their duty to give effect to its report, as had been promised at the general election that the Government would do. The attitude of some Maritime Liberals, including that of Hon. P. Veniot, the Postmaster General, had before been reported as doubtful or hostile to giving full effect to the Duncan Report, but The Gazette's despatch indicates the probability that most of the recommendations will be acted upon at an early date, and that action will be taken upon all of them during the present session.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, leader of the Opposition, had already spoken for himself and his party strongly in support of the recommendations of the Duncan Report being carried out in their entirety and no opposition thereto need be feared except from Liberals and Progressives. Of course, the proceedings in the Liberal caucus were secret and what was sent over the wires to the Montreal Gazette cannot be taken as official.

As to the Duncan Report, Mr. A. M. Belding under date of March 10 has wired the Telegraph Journal of St. John: "I asked the Prime Minister this evening whether he could confirm a report that the caucus had decided to endorse all the recommendations? He replied that no such action was taken. The subject was introduced by himself in caucus and the pros and cons discussed quite fully, but until the Finance Minister returns, which is his hope he will do on Monday, the Government's policy will not be finally determined." Hon. Mr. Veniot confirmed what the Premier had said. The Western Farmer's group in Parliament, or most of them, are not convinced that the recommendations of the Duncan Report would solve the problems of the Maritimes.

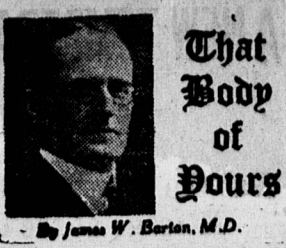
It is announced that a conference of the federal Government and the Premiers of all the Provinces will be called together this year to consider needed or possible changes in the British North America Act. Both Hon. Mr. Lapointe and Hon. Mr. Guthrie, leader of the Conservative opposition have endorsed this course and they are agreed that no change should be made without consulting the provinces which were parties to the Federation Compact. It is a sound principle that no change should be made in the Constitutional Act, but why call a Conference for that purpose this year?

What urgent reasons are there for any immediate change in the B. N. A. Act? We fail to find any that are not political partisan or sectional. Liberals want to limit the powers of the Senate. Quebec may desire to abolish appeals to the Imperial Privy Council. There are those who want the Parliament of Canada to be empowered to amend the B. N. A. Act. But which, if any of these changes is at all urgent except in the minds of those moved by political motives, or the mere desire to make changes?

And what changes could be agreed upon with any degree of unanimity at such a conference? The Dominion Government and the Provincial Government of Quebec and British Columbia are Liberal. The Provincial Governments of Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are Conservative, while the three Prairie Provinces have United Farmer, or Progressive Governments.

Canadian unity and the development of a national spirit seem to be especially desirable in Canada's Jubilee year. Would not the proposed conference be more likely to develop disunion and to accent the differences between sections and parties and provinces than to develop a patriotic spirit of unity throughout the Dominion? These seem to be matters worth considering. Again, have the Provincial Governments, or any number of them expressed their desire to discuss constitutional changes? If so we have yet to learn it.

That is a noble record, told The Guardian in a British Press despatch, of how two poor French women in their poverty concealed a British soldier, fed and cared for him during four long years and saved him from captivity in a German prison. They could not have been expected to have done more, if so much, for one of their own countrymen. And they were well entitled to a much greater reward than they received.



By James W. Berlin, M.D.

That Body of Yours

PYORRHOEA OFTEN SERIOUS MATTER

I sometimes think that physicians, while emphasizing the danger from infected teeth are not warning their patients sufficiently about the dangers from pyorrhoea, that is inflammation around the gums. This can cause trouble throughout the entire body.

In this condition the gums shrink away from the teeth, making the teeth appear longer, there is redness, swelling and the gums bleed easily. There is a destruction of the membrane or skin like substance that attaches the teeth to the little sockets in the jaw bones. This destruction begins at the margins of the gums, and just what causes it is still a matter of discussion at every dental convention.

Decaying food is considered a big factor in the causation of the trouble. Some of the local causes are thought to be the tartar that forms at margins of gums, and even beneath the gums, too vigorous use of the tooth brush, and of tooth picks.

However, practically every case gives a history of constipation, and it is felt that the poisons from intestine, and the general sluggishness of the circulation in these individuals, mean that the circulation about the gums is likewise interfered with, and stasis or stoppage about the gums results.

A sort of pocket forms between the gum and tooth, and of course this pocket gives organisms a great chance to multiply and manufacture poisons.

This trouble is so prevalent now that every city has a number of specialists, called periodontists, who treat this condition only. By means of small hook like instruments they are enabled to enter these little pockets and scrape away the organisms and the poisons. An anti-septic is then used which cleanses the pocket for the time being.

In the meantime the patient is advised to get the teeth brushed at an angle of forty five degrees against the teeth, and press it gently up and down, and from side to side, morning and evening. The idea is to not only cleanse the pockets, but to stimulate the circulation in the gums.

Another point in the treatment is that of getting the teeth to meet one another properly, even if it means the filing away of some of the biting surface.

So when you see your dentist on your semi annual visit, ask him about this matter of pyorrhoea. Your own dentist can take care of it, if it has not advanced too far.

Premier Rhodes has done well in pressing forward the business of the Nova Scotia Legislature. A great deal of very important business was transacted in one of the shortest sessions on record.

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Topic for the Week "MAN IS A SPIRIT" Sunday

"The Divine Spirit Animates Man" SCRIPPS. Read—Psalms 8. "And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). "I said, Ye are gods, and all of you sons of the Most High" (Ps. 82:6). "For thou hast made him but little lower than God" (Ps. 8:5).

HYMN: Lord of all being, throned afar, Thy glory flames from sun and center, and soul of ev'ry sphere, Yet to each loving heart how near! Lord of all life, below, above, Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love: Before Thy ever-blazing throne We grant no luster of our own. And kindling hearts that burn for Thee, Till all Thy living altars claim One holy light, one heavenly flame. —Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1848.

PRAYER: Thanks for our source of strength. Pray far—forgiveness; non-Christian peoples. Collect—Almighty Father, whose power knows no limit, let us feel within us the movings of Thy might. We thank Thee for life, marvelous in its ways. We bless Thee for the world, rich in its workings of life.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK. A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS. Monday, March 14th

EVERLASTING. If each drop within the ocean Absorbed into the earth, If the stars should cease their shining in the sky, If the sun refused his light by day, And stars refused their birth, If everything the eye beholds should die, Though earth itself should crumble Into atoms in the air, Still to be through eternity My love would still be true; I know that we would find again The soul of things elsewhere, And God would let us build once more Our dream of love anew.

Love would retain its consciousness Though time and place were not, I know God's great fraternity is carried on for aye, I know that love is infinite And cannot be forgot, And love will find the soul of things Though earth should pass away. For love was vital ere the earth Was swung into its place. Back of every atom that evolved from out the sod, Yea, back of sun and moon and stars, Each planet hung in space, Love dwelt, the very soul of things, The perfect love of God.

Out of God's most perfect love Sprang all things good and true, The soul of all things beautiful That shall not pass away, Fire cannot burn nor waters quench This love of mine for you; Though dust to dust return again, It matters not, I say— For God will pass our love along To His eternal day. —Laura Bedell

INVOCATION. Whoever thou art, angel or demon, maid or courtesan, shepherdess or princess, whether thou comest from the north or from the south, thou whom I know not, and whom I love; oh! force me not to wait longer for thee, or the flame will consume the altar, and thou wilt find in the place of my heart but a heap of cold ashes. Descend from the sphere where thou art; leave the crystal skies, consoling spirit, and come thou to cast the shadow of thy mighty wings upon my soul. Come thou, woman whom I will love, that I may close about thee the arms that have been empty for so long. Let the golden doors of the palace wherein she dwells turn on their hinges; let the humble latch of her cottage rise; let the branches of the woods and the briars of the wayside untwine themselves; let the enchantments of the turret and the spells of the magician be broken; let the ranks of the crowd be opened to suffer her to pass through.

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "here are a pair of gloves." Say "here is." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: prelate; e as in "bet," not as in "me," an unstressed, accent first syllable. OFTEN MISSPELLED: gratis; is. SYNONYMS: satisfy, satiate, gratify, surfeit, glut, saturate, quench. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours."

The Confederation Pact.

MR. J. O. HYNDMAN ON THE RIGHTS OF THE MARITIMES (The Sallor) No man in the Maritime Provinces has done more to call attention to the disabilities under which they labour than Mr. J. O. Hyndman, who, besides being President of the Prince Edward Division of the Navy League, also holds the same office in the Associated Boards of Trade of that province.

At the outset of his message he expressed gratification that during 1926 substantial progress had been made in obtaining consideration for the claim of the provinces. One definite step taken had been the appointment of the Duncan Royal Commission by the Dominion Parliament, and, commenting on this provision, Mr. Hyndman stated that practically everything Prince Edward Island had asked for had been admitted and recommended.

The terms and conditions upon which the Island had entered Confederation contained the following provision—Efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers to be established and maintained between the Island and the Mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion.

The provision had not been kept and the result was discouragement to the agricultural and fishing industries as well as manufacturing, and also there had been the depopulation of the province. With inadequate traffic the natural development of the resources of Prince Edward Island had been affected and restricted, and opportunities for employment had been consequently seriously diminished. There might be the finest product in the world, but if it could not be marketed when required, it was of no value. Prior to the establishment of the car ferry service in 1916 the Island products of the field only realized about fifty per cent of their value compared with those of other provinces, for everything had to be dumped, and the local markets were glutted before the close of navigation. Whereas today, through the opportunity for grading and shipping out at all seasons, those products in many cases commanded the highest price in the Canadian, United States and world markets.

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vice is unsatisfactory. Coming to the matter of immigration and publicity, Mr. Hyndman stated that the Maritimes had been discriminated against. He criticized the opinion advanced by "Toronto Saturday Night" to the effect that the three Maritime Provinces should unite with a view to economy and government, and he gave the figures which appeared in the "Monetary Times" on December 24th, relating to the percentage of all taxes—Dominion, provincial and municipal, to the value of net production in each province during 1924 as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Province and Percentage. Nova Scotia 8.0, New Brunswick 5.7, Quebec 7.4, Ontario 9.1, Manitoba 10.7, Saskatchewan 11.5, Alberta 11.5, British Columbia 10.0.

Mr. Hyndman asked what benefit, on the basis of these figures, would Prince Edward Island derive from Maritime union, particularly if the terms of union dishonoured, as in the case of Confederation, "Saturday Night" had also suggested more activity in agriculture. Mr. Hyndman, quoting again from the "Monetary Times," said the Island's crop production in 1925 was over 50 per cent greater than the average for the whole of Canada.

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