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AS TO "JUSTIFICATION."

For a number of days past the Patriot, no doubt imagining that to "challenge" sounds brave, has been repeating its bombastic "challenge" to the Guardian to "justify" the action of the teachers of Prince of Wales College. In our earliest reference to this unfortunate matter we stated that "a strike is or is not justified by the causes which lead to it" and in this connection we stated also that "the teachers did what any self respecting men and women would have done under similar circumstances, what ex-Superintendent Campbell did when he was given similar treatment."

Is this sufficient "justification" on the part of the Guardian to satisfy the Patriot? If not it will find, if it places its ear to the ground, equally strong justification of the teachers' attitude and equally strong condemnation of the action of the government throughout the length and breadth of the province.

And now as to what the Patriot has attempted to "justify." It has attempted on behalf of the government to justify the causes which led to the closing of Prince of Wales College with all that it means to the students and to the province; it has, by implication, accused Dr. Robertson and the teachers of falsification of the circumstances leading to their action; it has denied the direct statement publicly made by Dr. Robertson that Hon. F. J. Nash and Hon. Premier Bell specifically promised "on or about June 1st" that the teachers' request for increased salaries would be granted before the beginning of the next scholastic year, September 1st; it has denied the specific statement made by Dr. Robertson that the government was positively informed that, unless their request was granted, the whole staff would discontinue teaching at the end of September.

Is the Patriot so blind as to imagine its bombast and its "challenging" and its bluff will be accepted by the people of this province in preference to the specific statement made by Dr. Robertson and corroborated by his whole staff over their signatures? Does the Patriot imagine that the reputation for veracity or the reverse of it; which it has built up for itself during the past year or more will justify it in adopting such a ridiculous attitude or does it imagine that the Guardian is going to demean its columns by entering into a controversy as to whom to believe, the Patriot or the teaching staff of Prince of Wales College?

If the Patriot has any sense of decency left or any regard for the future of our educational system it will join with the Guardian, with the students of Prince of Wales College and with the people of the province, regardless of politics, in demanding that the government adopt the only course now open to save Prince of Wales College, namely by re-engaging the whole staff. Let no political or personal animus on the part of the Patriot or of any members of the government intervene in this matter. It means the salvation or the damnation of Prince of Wales College and with it our whole educational system.

INFORMATION WANTED.

On Wednesday we asked the Patriot, as the organ of the government to state what salaries are paid or proposed to be paid to the principal of the new technical school about to be opened, to the Director of Agricultural Education and to the Professor of Agriculture recently appointed for Prince of Wales College, also when the latter entered or is to enter on his duties. The Patriot has not seen fit to reply.

In view of the turmoil over the salaries of the Prince of Wales College teachers the public have a right to this information, a right which the government should not deny them. There has been too much concealment, too much underhand and underground business done recently and the public are by no means satisfied that all is as it should be in the administration of affairs. In any case nothing can be gained by concealment which only adds to the general suspicion now disturbing the province. If the Patriot, the organ and the apologist of the government, would devote a little more attention to shedding some light on the government's doings instead of foolishly trying to cover their tracks with meaningless and senseless bombast which, instead of concealing, only intensifies, we feel sure its respectable readers at least would appreciate it. The information asked for above is something the people have a right to know particularly at present. Will the Patriot give it?

THE P. W. COLLEGE STAFF.

In referring to the qualifications of the teaching staff of the Prince of Wales College yesterday morning the Guardian stated that at least three of them were university graduates. As a matter of fact they are all university graduates. Dr. Robertson is an M. A., of Dalhousie; Miss McGrath a B. A., of Dalhousie; Miss Seaman, B. A., Dalhousie, and M. A., Harvard; Mr. G. D. Steele, B. A., Mount Allison and M. A., Harvard; Mr. J. G. Bennett, B. A., and M. A., Queens University, Mr. R. P. Smith, B. A., Laval. Mr. J. H. Blanchard, B. A., and M. A., Laval

CURRENT COMMENT

The Bell Government must surely by this time have awakened to a full realization of their total incapacity for the position which they have essayed to fill. Blunder upon top of blunder, stupidity piled upon stupidity and mismanagement strewn along every avenue or path way in which they travel, should surely be so strongly evident to them now as to fix the conviction that the only good turn they are capable of doing for the country is by getting out before the ruin of provincial affairs is accomplished beyond recovery. The Patriot, its official organ, has acknowledged that it has lost the confidence of the country, and because of this lost confidence and to escape the unbearable yoke, "The farmers of P. E. Island decided to organize upon political lines." When as their own organ admits the people are resorting to extraordinary means of escaping the penalties of a fatal selection of public men, when in their every day experience they so plainly see that they are absolutely incompetent to grapple with even the smallest matters before them, and that their supreme masters the people hold them in profound contempt, surely they have spunk enough to muster up the courage needed to tender their resignations in compliance with the well understood wishes of the whole people.

They have ever been busy hunting up scapegoats upon whom to load their accumulated sins. The criminal at the bar of justice called to answer for his crimes is ever ready to place the blame upon the shoulders other than his own. You scarcely ever see a murderer on trial willing to admit his crime and take the punishment. So for three days in succession the Charlottetown Patriot labors with all its genius of evasion, prevarication and contrivance to lay the responsibility for the follies of the Government at the doors of the Guardian. Its attitude recalls the story of the profligate Ahab at the meeting with Elijah. When he met the Prophet he asked, "Art thou he that troublest Israel?" and the prophet Elijah made the stinging reply, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandment of the Lord thy God, and thou hast followed Baalam." So with the Bell Government; they have forsaken every commandment of decency to be found within the codes of honor; they have abandoned every principle of self respect that the true stamp of statesmen hold dear and sacred; they have trampled under feet those fundamental principles of responsible government undermining the very foundations upon which our rational systems of government are laid, and because the Guardian has been the medium of unveiling their deformities and exposing their hideousness to the gaze of the people, the Patriot, like Ahab, seeks to shift to our shoulders the responsibility for this natural outcome of their sins and follies.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS.

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Only a few days ago the Patriot's

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Daily Selections

Guardian Readers

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NOT UNDERSTOOD

Not understood. We move asunder. Our paths grow wider as the seasons creep

Along the years. We marvel and we wonder Why life is life, and then we go to sleep—

Not understood. Not understood. We gather false impressions, And hug them closer as the years go by.

'Till virtue oft seems to us transgression. And thus men rise and fall, and live and die—

Not understood. Not understood. We make so much of trifles, The thoughtless sentence or the fancied slight,

Has oft destroyed friendship years in making And on our souls there falls a chilling blight—

Not understood. Not understood. How many breasts are aching, For words of sympathy. Ah! yes, today.

How many hungry hearts are breaking, How many noble spirits pass away—

Not understood. Oh! God, if men could see a little clearer,

Or judge less harshly when they cannot see.

Oh! God, if men could draw a little nearer

To one another, They'd be nearer then to Thee—

And understood.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

First Year Students Plead for Staff

Sr.—We, as students of first year of Prince of Wales College, wish to express our regrets at the deplorable state of affairs brought about by the recent enforced action of the P. W. C. Staff. We had just entered upon our first year full of hope and enthusiasm a year full of endless possibilities. Even this short space of time was sufficient to show us the quality of the work done from year to year. Lessons are usually regarded by young people as tasks, but it can truly be said that to the right student the work is really a pleasure.

Regarding our faithful and conscientious staff of teachers, whom we now fear we are about to lose, unless some action is taken to prevent it, it may be said that one and all were honored and esteemed by the hundreds of students annually enrolled in this college of Dominion-wide fame or it might be said World-wide.

We regard the loss of Dr. Robertson, if we are to lose him, as a very serious loss to us and to many who are to follow us and we believe that the public generally, especially the fathers of students who have just begun their three years work should take immediate steps to prevail upon the government to prevent this sin against us and against the Province.

We are, Sir, etc.,

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Does anyone who understands the conditions in the province suppose for one moment that an equally qualified staff can be procured here? Should the Government decide to go outside our Island to procure teachers they will certainly have to pay much larger salaries than were asked for by the staff which has just resigned. Unless as efficient instructors are engaged the college will not, in the future be recognized by Canadian Universities as it is now. At present, these universities will admit without further examination a student who has completed second year work here. A student completing third year will be admitted to second year of these universities. One who has won a high honor diploma will be admitted by Dalhousie, Acadia, and possibly the others, to third year. Should an inferior staff be placed in charge of P. W. C., it is certain that these advantages will be denied to its graduates, thus inflicting financial hardship to the struggling student.

I am, Sir, etc.,

Yours truly,

A STUDENT.

Profiteers Rounded Up

FARMER'S VIEW ON P. W. COLLEGE

SR.—To read the Patriot's long-winded and incoherent editorials on the Prince of Wales College imbroglio, one would imagine that in refusing the paltry twenty-three hundred dollars which would have retained the services of the College's highly efficient staff of professors, the government was actuated solely by the desire to conduct affairs in an economical manner.

Now, what most people are wondering is: why, in view of the government's professions of economy, the salaries of the teachers of the Model School were raised from \$750 to \$1,000, an increase of \$250 each. The teachers of this school, the majority of whom are

not graduates of any college, perform comparatively low-class duties, and this large salary boost places them in a much better position financially than the majority of our Island teachers, the greater number of whom, perform duties of a higher grade nature.

In view of the good luck of the Model School teachers, it seems unfortunate for education in general that the actual leader of the government did not have some relative on the teaching staff of Prince of Wales College. In that event there would have been no such word as "economy" in the government's vocabulary, and Dr. Robertson and his associates would have received their well-merited salary increases; and, best of all, the people of the province, who have always taken a just pride in Prince of Wales College, would have been spared the spectacle of seeing it reduced to the level of a third or fourth grade educational institution.

I am, Sir, etc.,

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