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MRS. HOWARD FALLIS.

It would perhaps not be too much to say that no more logical or convincing address has been heard in Charlottetown than that delivered in the Prince Edward Theatre on Monday night by Mrs. Fallis. Her fairness to those who might differ with her as to the best means of dealing with the liquor traffic, her quiet, dignified and logical reasons for abandoning her almost life-long adherence to prohibition and seeking a more reasonable method, fully convinced every fair-minded man and woman who heard her, and it would not be pressing the matter too strongly to say that no reasonable, fair-minded man or woman who heard her can conscientiously vote for so-called prohibition next Saturday. The politician whose partyism is impenetrable, who can see nothing in the coming election but party gain, will vote for party, right or wrong, but many conscientious Liberals on leaving the Theatre Monday night were heard to say that Mrs. Fallis' reasoning was absolutely irrefutable and that it was no use denying the fact that prohibition was a failure and that a better method of control might be found.

The issue, she clearly stated, was not between the "wets" and the "drys," between temperance and intemperance. Heaven knows we are not "dry" under prohibition. The province is notoriously "wet," the liquor traffic notoriously uncontrolled. Prohibition has failed here and elsewhere to control or to check it. The question now is, can it be controlled, can it be even partially checked?

We have been told of what Prohibition has done for the United States. Mrs. Fallis quoted Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, of Madison Square Church, a life-long prohibitionist, now in his eighty-seventh year, as having admitted the failure of prohibition in the United States, and the "terrible conditions" resulting from it. The United States, said Mrs. Fallis, is being held up to us as an example to emulate. "God help Canada if it descends to the level of lawlessness prevailing in the United States."

The conditions in this Province today are known, they are not only unsatisfactory but extremely dangerous, dangerous especially to the young who see without wondering at it because of its commonness, the daily violation of law of every kind. The problem for the electors to solve is how to grapple with the evil, how to change the condition. Every honest elector knows that prohibition has not helped and cannot help matters, that in the nature of things prohibition is but a cloak to hide conditions as they really are. Figures will be given us to show what prohibition has done for the United States, but, as Mrs. Fallis said, "figures can't lie, but liars can figure." We know, and everyone who reads, knows that prohibition in the United States has failed as it has failed in Canada. The thing now is to try another way, a way that is succeeding in our sister provinces, a way that will succeed here if given a reasonable trial, and everyone who knows Premier Stewart knows he will carry out his promises.

UNFETTERING THE DEMON.

THE most extreme of our political prohibitionists are fond of trying to frighten us, particularly the women, by declaring that Government Control means "the unfettering of the demon rum." If this be so it now becomes a matter of choice as to what kind of demon we prefer. It would be difficult to imagine a more rapacious demon of rum than we have at present under prohibition. According to the recent survey made by skilled detectives in the City of Charlotte-

town, there were over a hundred places in the city in which liquor was being illegally sold, some of it bootleg, some moonshine, some home-brew, and all of it "rotten," but being bought and consumed day and night. Is there any possibility of the demon under Government Control being any more demoniacal than this?

What is it that impels these political prohibitionists to ignore the demon we have and point with fear and trembling to the imaginary demon under the proposed measure of Government Control? Is it that they don't know of the existence of the present demon? They ought to know, and everyone else knows. Is it party politics? Certainly the temperance zeal of many of them is well steeped in the party dye. Is it an outcropping of religious intolerance and the narrowness of little minds that cannot see from any viewpoint but their own? This latter, together with ignorance of the conditions existing here under prohibition would appear to be a powerful factor in their campaign and they are embellishing it all with scriptural quotations, none of which even touch the hem of the garment of either prohibition or Government Control. They tell us of the evils of intemperance, which no one questions and they coolly predict that all these evils shall come in under Government Control, sublimely ignorant or pretending to be ignorant of the fact that we have all these evils and many more under our present system of pretended prohibition!

They see nothing but the word prohibition, and around it a halo of righteousness; they forget that the halo is whitewash on the "whited sepulchre" and that within it is the rottenness which is poisoning and polluting the moral atmosphere of our province.

Consistency is a large factor in Christianity. When this virtue is wanting we have grave doubts as to the quality of the Christianity professed. Our political prohibitionists, many of them at least, are probably sincere in the belief that prohibition is the only way of salvation, but they should be honest enough to analyze the whole situation and try to understand it, try to find if there is any virtue in the other method. Anyway, it has now become a question as to which demon we shall have, the one we know or the one we don't know. The one we have now and which we know is certainly not in the good graces of honest men and women today.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

After looking through The Patriot, a few evenings ago, a lady remarked, "Its getting more ridiculous than ever." That's the truth!

We have now in our midst an army of political parsons who have no vote and who pay no taxes in this province. They have come to take part in a political campaign against the Government and to tell us how we ought to vote. They tried this in Ontario and failed. Shall they win out here? We think not!

Our political prohibitionists are fond of quoting authorities who have spoken or written in support of prohibition. These authorities may have been quite sincere, and also may have been as ignorant of actual conditions as the political parsons who are at present scouring this province. The authority to guide us here at this juncture is the condition brought about in our own province and under our own eyes by prohibition. The "lid" was lifted right here in Charlottetown and men and women saw for themselves corroboration of the statements made four years ago by leading clergymen that conditions here under prohibition were worse than elsewhere in the City of Charlotte-

Notes By The Way

The campaign goes on bravely! Liberal prohibitionists like Mr. Johnson, K. C., shouting the praises of "two Governments in one", taking a drink when occasion offers, strong for prohibition, glorying in the taxation of everything tangible and intangible. And the political parsons, horrified at any provincial government getting profit from liquor—that's "blood money" to their pious souls—but the Government at Ottawa takes it in tens of millions and that's all right to them! Isn't it funny? Condemning the brewers and distillers and wanting to be "in line" with the government that licenses them all, old and new! Now isn't it really laughable? But don't mention the word "hypocrisy" for pity's sake—that's slandering and persecuting these worthy men.

So we turn away from that to speak of taxation in which Mr. Johnson glories and Mr. Saunders, his leader, seems bound to bring upon us all. Mr. Saunders and his prgan condemn the repeal of the Poll tax. It is a fair assumption that they would like to have it restored, and Mr. Saunders will have need to restore it should he ever get into power. He is committed to give \$100,000 which we now receive from railway taxation to the city and towns. He would take the money now received by the vendors and use it for the enforcement of Prohibition. These two little deductions would deplete the revenue of the Province of more than \$100,000 yearly. But that is only half the story.

Mr. Saunders and his party are committed to bring in the McKen-zie King Old Age Pensions. The cost of these pensions here has been estimated at \$200,000, of which they would pay half, leaving the people of this Province to pay the other half which would be \$100,000. To all these Mr. Saunders is committed and also to the expense of taking a plebiscite on prohibition two years hence. This money, far more than \$200,000 in all, must be found somewhere and somehow, and there are no other ways than by borrowing or taxation.

Old taxes laid on by the Bell Government and wholly or partly removed by the Stewart Government, must be restored as in the case of the Poll Tax and the reduced land tax, or new taxes to the extent of \$200,000 must be devised and laid on. The stern law of necessity makes this imperative. Possibly there may be some new thing, tangible or intangible to be taxed. There's nothing surer than death and taxes, but much has been done by the promise-keeping Stewart Government to reduce our tax burdens and further reductions are promised when the government gets a renewal of power from the people at the polls.

The Government trust the people. And never before had the people better or clearer reasons to trust their government. And never before had the people stronger or clearer reasons to fear a crushing burden of new or restored taxation than just now, if they should be so blind and foolish as to entrust the government of the country to Mr. Saunders. But of that we have no fear. Trusting the people as the government does and as we do, we trust in their common sense.

But we warn our readers, be they citizens, farmers, fishermen, laborers or professional in their callings, that a heavy load of taxation, grievous to be borne, will follow should a Saunders Government be placed in power. Mr. Saunders has committed himself, very foolishly, as we think, quite needlessly too, but most irrevocably to a policy by which at least \$200,000 will be lost to the Provincial treasury, than can only be made up by new taxation. This is amazing, but true. Down with such a policy! Smite it hip and thigh! Bury it once and forever as deep as that well on Governor's Island!

Men and women of Prince Edward Island! Sensible people as we believe you are, we refuse to believe that you will vote for such utter and costly foolishness. If enough electors could be found to vote that way and bring the Saunders policy into force they would rue the day that they ever heard the name of its author. Vote for it and if it carries you'll deserve what you'll get and pay for it dearly.

Two hundred thousand dollars or additional taxes hang over your heads and those of your children. It is in plain view. It is in your power to say, "We will take it." Or "We refuse it!" On Saturday



By James W. Burton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

SLENDER GIRLS

One of our health magazines is bemoaning the craze for slenderness that has swept over the country. It is pointed out, and rightly too, that the growing girl needs all her strength as she approaches womanhood, and that if she cuts down on her food intake in an effort to keep "slim," then not only her health at present, but her whole future health is endangered.

Observers are reporting increased tuberculosis rates among girls in early adult life, due largely to reduced vitality caused in turn by lack of proper diet.

Now what about this? Unfortunately it is only too true, and our girls seem to rejoice at the loss of a pound, or the reduction of one eighth of an inch from the ankle.

Now that the majority of our middle aged folks are too heavy, that overweight and protruding abdomen are only too common, must be admitted, but middle aged folks have attained their growth and strength and are in a sort of stationary condition, whereas "the functions of growing girls must be maintained at all cost, and if insufficient nutriment is provided, the difference must be made up from such reserves as are available."

And growing girls cannot afford to draw upon their reserves, because every ounce may be needed in the days that are to come.

What is the result of this under-eating? These girls feel tired all the time, sore throats and colds are frequent and an ordinary ailment hangs on.

Why? Because food is necessary not only for heat and energy, but also for growth at this time.

This is the reason that the growing girl or boy needs as much, if not more food than the parents. You see the surface of the body is almost as great in extent as that of the parent, thus requiring as much food, and in addition there is the food necessary for growth.

However, fortunately to be fashionable for the coming year, a little more weight must be carried, because as mentioned before, Florenz Zeigfeld states that he does not want such "slender" girls for his show as he has been using the past two or three years.

This announcement will likely have a greater effect upon our girls than all the talking that parents or health specialists can ever give. They will not be afraid to eat now.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

June 22, 1927. THE LAST ENEMY:—God is unto us a God of salvation; And unto Jehovah the Lord belongeth escape from death. Psalm 68:20.

PRAYER:—O God, blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth. We shall ever be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house.

"WOMAN"

She's an angel in truth, a demon in fiction. A woman, the greatest in all contradiction; She's afraid of a cockroach, she'll scream at a mouse. But she'll tackle a husband as big as a house. She'll take him for better, she'll take him for worse, She'll split his head open and then be his nurse, And when he is well and can get out of bed, She'll pick up a teapot and throw it at his head. She's faithful, deceitful, keen-sighted and blind, She's crafty, she's simple, she's cruel she's kind. She'll lift a man up, she'll cast a man down. She'll tear him apart and make him a clown. You fancy she's this, but you'll find she is that, For she'll play like a kitten and bite like a cat. In the morning she will, at evening she won't, And your always expecting she does, but she don't. —Vincent

Ask Mr. Saunders or any supporting candidate of his, how he or they propose to make good the \$200,000 which he would mortgage away and note their answer! \$200,000 more of taxes! And you know and we know that the official estimate of our population is 1,000 less than in 1921. More than that have gone. Fewer people to pay taxes! Divide \$200,000 among the fewer taxpayers and it runs up to \$2.30 per head, or \$11.50 per family of five. Then think it over and say whether you want that sort of thing. You don't want it, but the Saunders policy is loaded up just that way.

Confederation And After Sixty Years Of Progress

CONSERVATION OF CANADIAN WILD LIFE

"The wild animal life of to-day is not ours to do with as we please. The original stock is given to us in trust for the benefit both of the present and the future. We must render an accounting of this trust to those who come after us."

A great many of our citizens have heard about the conservation of wild life, but probably only a few of them could give the essential reasons for this conservation. It has been estimated by competent authorities that the annual loss to Canadian agriculture through insect depredations is \$125,000,000 annually, and it is well known that birds are the chief natural factors which tend to keep insects in check; in fact if these injurious insects were to increase without any natural control there would be practically no vegetation on this continent in a very short time so it is quite obvious that the protection of our birds is essential from the point of national economy.

Here are some of our very useful feathered friends; For the protection of trees and foliage—warbler, chickadee, phoebe, downy woodpecker, aerial insect destroyers—whippoorwill, swallows and crows. Destroyers of rodents—owls and hawks.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, when Governor General of Canada, took a very real interest in the conservation of Canadian birds, and personally saw that nesting boxes were distributed through the grounds of Government House similar to those used by the Ottawa Improvement Commission in Rockcliffe Park and the Dominion Government at the Central Experimental Farm.

It is impossible to even approximately estimate the value of our wild animal life in dollars and cents but it is well to remember that moose, for example, not only furnishes our Indians of the northern woods with meat but provides them with clothing as well. The buffalo within the limits of the last century has been reduced from millions to practical extermination; total extermination in fact if it had not been for the excellent wild animal conservation accomplished by the Dominion Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior.

Canadians have excellent reasons for being proud of their national parks, which comprise a total area of nearly 9,000 square miles, and are absolute preserves for wild life; hunting being totally prohibited within their borders, and fishing allowed only under strict regulations. Banff is especially an ideal spot for the animal lover, as excellent natural paddocks have been constructed in this vicinity where buffalo, wapiti, mountain sheep, goat and deer are confined for those who wish to see these animals in ideal surroundings. An excellent motto for every hunter and sportsman is:—"No species of animal should be destroyed at a greater rate than it can increase."

One of the most encouraging signs at present is the increasing number of nature books being published, and it is thought that our future citizens will realize more fully each year the priceless asset that "Wild Life Conservation" is to our country.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS

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TO THE TERRESTRIAL GLOBE.

(By a Miserable Wretch.) Roll on, thou ball, roll on! Through pathless realms of space Roll on! What though I cannot meet my bills? What though I suffer toothache's ills? What though I swallow countless pills? Never you mind Roll on!

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Household Scrapbook By ROBERTA LEE. Sprinkling the Clothes. An improved way to sprinkle the clothes is by using the spray of the lawn hose while the clothes are still on the line. Roll the plain pieces and place them in the basket. The starched pieces may require a little more sprinkling. Sachet Powder. A good and cheap sachet powder for dresser drawers can be made by mixing 1/4 ounce of lavender flowers with 1/2 teaspoonful of powdered cloves. When sweeping. If a newspaper is soaked in water, unfolded and placed in the center of the room, it will absorb a great quantity of the dust when cleaning.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH By W. L. Gordon. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I shall give it to whom-ever wants it." Say "to whoever." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: destine. Pronounce the i as in "Un," not as in "time." OFTEN MISPELLED: penitentiary; note the n and ti. SYNONYMS: enmity, animosity, hostility, bitterness, dissension. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: EVACUATE; to abandon possession or withdraw from. "The city was evacuated until defeat became imminent."

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