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PRIDE IN OUR OWN

One noteworthy characteristic of Charlottetown, indeed of the province, is pride in our own, and it is one which should be cultivated and encouraged to the full. This characteristic is perhaps more noticeable in the matter of entertainments, literary or musical, by local talent than in the more material and prosaic business of patronizing our home stores and home industries. We are too ready to jump at the attractions in the catalogues of far away department stores and to be attracted by the latest New York and Paris styles. In these matters by which the prosperity of our city and province is maintained or starved we are not as patriotic as we ought to be. When it comes to patronizing home talent, be it musical, literary, historic, athletic or otherwise we are "all on deck" and ready to shout for our own and better still, to pay for our own. Numerous instances might be cited to prove this. Our city readers remember the crowded lecture course conducted by the Caledonian Club last winter and we need go no further back than this week for proof. On Monday night Prince of Wales College Hall, the largest auditorium in the city, was filled to capacity the occasion being the annual recital by the Charlottetown Orchestral Society. To the on-looker there were two outstanding features in connection with this recital, first, the excellence in quality and execution of the performance itself. The rendition of a difficult programme, instrumental and vocal would have done credit to any city in Canada; second, and note the less pleasing, the openly expressed appreciation of the large audience. The fact that it was "our own" was stressed in every expression of appreciation and this spirit stands to the credit of Charlottetown.

Another occasion, equally creditable to the city, for the same reasons, excellence of performance and appreciation by the audience, an audience limited only by the capacity of the hall, was the musical and variety entertainment by local talent in St. Paul's hall last evening. For real comedy, wholesome humour and unflagging enjoyment from start to finish, this performance has not been excelled. And here also the "our own" was not omitted in the expression of unmeasured praise by the audience.

That Charlottetown possesses talent of a very high order in music, in drama, in literature has quite frequently been demonstrated, though not as frequently as it should have been. We need more of it. The Orchestral Society has done much for music, for the cultivation of the love of music as well as in training both instrumentally and vocally, while occasional historic performances by local talent, like that of last night at St. Paul's Hall, assure us that we have a reliable supply of material of our own for our entertainment whenever we desire it. It is very gratifying to find this appreciation and we hope to see it even more fully developed in the future.

SAVE THE FOREST WEEK

As previously stated in The Guardian this is "Save the Forest Week" and the educational campaign prescribed is now on in every school and in all the newspapers in Canada. Attractive programmes have been suggested and lectures have been arranged for in all the schools so that the attention of the pupils and of their parents will be directed to the necessity of conserving our forests.

Everyone knows the very important part played by the forest in the industrial life of Canada. Our lumber for building, for the making of implements of production, the material out of which paper is made

and in short the thousands of manufactured products we see around us, we owe to the forest.

In addition to those we owe to the forest very largely the rains which make our crops grow; the water which fills our wells and our rivers for, without the forest our country would soon become a dried up wilderness.

In recent years our forests have suffered seriously from fires. Millions of tons of good lumber have been destroyed by fire originating in accident or in carelessness. The object of the present campaign is to, as far as possible, prevent such accidents and avoid the carelessness.

In this province, in recent years, there have been serious losses from forest fires. Carelessness in some cases there undoubtedly was, and the lesson taught by such was sufficiently costly to engender greater care. The days of picnicking, for camping by the side of the forest are now approaching. From these many fires have originated and one of the injunctions to old and young is to guard against these dangers. Fires of this kind, fires started for the burning of refuse, fires started for the fun of the thing, should be thoroughly extinguished before being left. Ordinary care and common sense, if exercised, will to a large extent prevent fires not only in the forest but in the homes.

Useful information will be given the pupils in all our schools on this important subject and the advice to the pupils is to heed the information.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow is Zebrugge Day, the anniversary of one of the boldest and bravest episodes in the Great War.

Hon. Dr. Beland denies he predicted an election in October. What he says he said was that personally he saw no sign of an election.

A horseman out visiting in the country on Sunday reports he never saw better roads, smooth as a billiard table. Long may it continue so.

It is an unprecedented incident for the Premier of one Province to give the Premier of another Province the lie direct. And both Liberals, too.

The most prosy Church we know is the T. L. Church of North Toronto. He promised to confine his speech on the budget to an hour and spoke for three.

Arrangements are being made for the centennial celebration of St. James' Church, the Mother Presbyterian Church of the Province, which is to be held in the last week of June. It is going to be a great and memorable celebration taken part in by Presbyterians from all over the Province and from the Mainland as well.

The Financial Post has published a magnificent Maritime Edition, the best and most influential boost the Maritime Provinces has probably ever received from outside sources. There is a splendid and authoritative article on the Fox Industry, and also some pregnant views on Confederation given in an interview with Mr. J. E. B. McCready.

The Guardian is the recipient of a much appreciated gift in the shape of a large and elegantly mounted and framed picture of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. His Honor is shown wearing his gubernatorial uniform, coloured to display the gold in contrast to the dark background and white plume of the hat. It is a striking likeness artistically portrayed, and reflects credit on Mr. Bayer, the artist. A replica has been presented to the Government to hang in the legislative chamber.

Notes By the Way

The no quorum incident in Parliament on Friday last, which was referred to in this column yesterday came near to being a cause of considerable delay and a serious and costly break in the progress of the session. It occurred when Mr. Boucher of Yamaska, Quebec was speaking. Mr. Bird of Nelson, B.C. called Mr. Speaker's attention to the fact that the House was without a quorum. This halted the proceedings, for if there was no quorum there was no Parliament. The only one thing a less number than 20 members can do or order to be done is to adjourn.

It is a parliamentary fiction that Mr. Speaker is unable to discover for himself whether the required quorum was there or not. There must therefore be an investigation. The Clerk was instructed to count those present. He could find only 18. All the rest of the Chamber was a desert of empty seats. Some 217 members were obviously absent, presumably having truanted. Mr. Speaker was disturbed and The Globe's Correspondent says he characterized the incident as disgraceful. There should never be less than 50 to constitute a quorum, Mr. Speaker said. After a consultation between Speaker and Clerk over the rules it was decided to make another count. This was done and 21 members were found. Three Liberal members had come in! This saved the situation.

There was now a Parliament and a quorum but what would have happened if three of the tenants had not returned? The Speaker, as a duly bound, would have declared the House adjourned under the rules. That would have ended the debate automatically. And, according to the authority we are following, it would have killed the budget and the Government would have had to re-introduce it! This would have caused a fearful loss of time and time is money when Parliament is sitting.

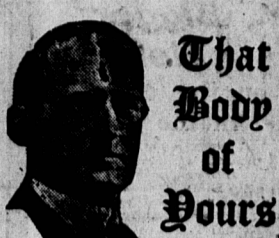
Yes; time is money for it costs a lot to run the Big School of Political Oratory, whether the boys play truant or not. The public accounts for 1923 show that the Parliamentary session of 107 days cost the country \$1,897,000 in round figures. That figures out about \$16,800 a day. Other things that seem to be long to the account would make it up to one half more. But take the smaller sum and let it go at that. The incident was a narrow escape from a terrible slaughter of tax-payers dollars, and all because some 217 of our \$4,000 boys were playing truant when they should have been at their desks attending to the country's business.

Note that not quite one in ten of the members was present in the House even after three of the truants had returned and the second count was made and work resumed. To illustrate the situation let us suppose a farmer has ten hands at work in his haying or harvesting operations, all drawing high pay. He is temporarily absent, believing that his men are all working like beavers. To his surprise and anger when he revisits his field, there is but one man there. Would he be worthy of the name of a man and an employer if he were not angry?

Apply the same parallel to the merchant and his clerks, the manufacturer and his employees, the college principal and his students and so on through all the avocations of life. Apply it to the army of civil servants on Parliament Hill to whom members of Parliament ought to be an example in diligence and industry. What would be the condition of this country one month hence if nine out of ten of the toilers and workers were in the meantime to follow the fashion of the slackers on Parliament Hill?

We have no desire to put the case too strongly. The no quorum episode does not frequently occur. But it has not infrequently happened that not only debates have gone on for extended periods without a quorum being present, but members well aware of the fact have not called attention to it. What is of common occurrence is that votes have been taken in Parliament on questions of vital importance with not one third of the members present. At this crucial period in the history of the country when tax burdens are heavier than ever before, surely these episodes should not be repeated. The Speaker was right in saying that the incident was "disgraceful," as reported in the Toronto Globe.

The members of the Ministry alone are enough in number to make a quorum of the House. Since the day of members was increased from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per session a period of unscrupulous slackness in



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That Body of Pours

A Fine Tribute

Among the many eloquent addresses delivered in honor of the memory of D'Arcy McGee at the anniversary banquet in Ottawa on Monday last, the speech of the leader of the Opposition, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen was one of the most impressive. It was a wholehearted and finely phrased tribute to McGee as a man and to his work as a Canadian statesman. Mr. Meighen said: "The story of a nation's heroes is the fountain source from which it draws the woe of its later life. There is no inspiration that so quickens the ambition of youth, stimulates public service and deepens love of country like the memory of great men who have gone. England has erected her temples of today around the names of Cromwell, of Bacon, of Newton of Shakespeare, of Pitt, and Burke and Wellington, and Canning, and a hundred other luminous figures who have adorned her past. The flames of Italian patriotism have been fed for generations at the shrine of Cavour, of Garibaldi and of Mazzini, and in France there is not a home that has not resounded with the praises of Charlemagne, of Colbert, of Richelieu and of Napoleon; while in the United States, the perfection of modern democracy, tens of millions of citizens do homage to the memory of Washington, of Marshall, of Lincoln and of Grant.

Canada has now reached the time when the lives at least of her founders have been removed from history. There are no controversies of today which date back to the era of Confederation—nothing left now to distort the perspective with which we can view the men of that time and measure their powers, their motives, and their achievements. There are some of those giants who have stood every foot of the way have grown in stature through half a century of criticism and whose place in our annals is now forever secure. One of these is Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

Statesman, Orator, Poet

"With unreserved enthusiasm I congratulate the authors of tonight's event—and particularly Hon. Charles Murphy to whom we owe his conception and to whose driving power we owe the success. It will be a great thing for the national spirit of Canada. It will help develop a real national personality when we can all join in veneration of the great deeds of the fathers of our country. It will help marvellously the cause of unity in this Dominion when all of us get so realize that we as a nation have our patriots in common and women who have lived the last full measure of devotion and left an inheritance of fame which is now to every province a common treasure and a common pride. Here we are gathered in hundreds three score years after the death of D'Arcy McGee and are going to see to it that we do not let this great Irishman, this great missionary of Ireland, this far greater Canadian and missionary of Empire, come at last into his own.

D'Arcy McGee was Irish in lineage and nativity, but in every element of his character, in every phase of his life, in every word and deed, in every breath and in every Irish still; all that the world admires in that race he possessed—a fine generous nature, a delicate sensibility, a passion for the beautiful in everything, in language, in landscape in literature, in deeds and thoughts of men. His imaginative gifts added the charm of beauty to his words and his speeches; but he was more than that; their spell upon him was so great that they commanded his course in public affairs. Whenever McGee the orator was there and McGee the poet was not far away.

"His boyhood was nourished in the most revolutionary of Irish schools. As a talented young man he was drawn into the company of a set of brilliant intellectual, a group of spirits who planned by a combination of oratory and shot-guns to overthrow England's power. He trained his eloquence by matchings with Thomas Francis Meagher, who, with the possible exception of Emmett, was the most vivid and spectacular of anti-British platform warriors in the last century. With this beginning he set out for America, carried his shining sword into journalism and determined to establish himself in the new world of his native guardian and tribute to his race. But the mind of D'Arcy McGee, while brilliant and imaginative, was fundamentally intelligent, receptive to reason and responsive to experience. He served his people devotedly every hour of his sojourn in the United States, but he soon came to the conclusion that human frailty was not confined to old England, that a Republican

THE MAKING OF FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered and nobody helped us along. If each every minute looked after himself and good things all went to the strong. If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about me. And we stood all alone to the battle of life, what a dreary old world it would be!

If there were no such thing as a flag in the sky as a symbol of comradeship here. If we lived as the animals live in the woods, with nothing held sacred or dear. And selfishness ruled us from birth to the end, and never a neighbor had we. And never we gave to another in need, what a dreary old world it would be!

Character Reading

Wide mouths show a great love of children and a free and easy nature. Those possessing this type of mouth have a great sense of duty, and though rather slow to make friends are very faithful and true. They also have narrow nostrils, they will be lacking in nostrils

That Body of Pours

Some one has well said that pain is the most helpful reaction of the human body. It is Nature's method of calling your attention to something that has gone wrong in that body of yours. A pain anywhere calls for investigation, and if the cause is found, often severe illnesses are averted. A warning signal, such as pain gives you, should never be neglected.

That doesn't mean that every little pain should cause worry, and you make a nervous wreck of yourself about any or every little pain. The point is, as mentioned above, just try and locate the cause.

On the other hand we have folks who pride themselves on their ability to stand pain, and often a severe pleurisy or even appendicitis is endured for some time before the real pain is present, it is not hard to see some of the sure signs of it. The breathing is very rapid as a rule, sometimes a little noisy, the skin is wet with perspiration, and there is a sick or faint look in the eyes of the patient.

Of course there are many varieties of pain. There is the sharp acute pain due to some inflammation, on the dull pain from a burn, pains that come and go like colic, cramp due to excessive actions of muscles anywhere in the body, burning pain, aching as in teeth, and so forth.

To get the exact location of the pain is essential because generally speaking, the best place to look for the cause of the pain is just where that pain happens to be. There are some pains due to trouble at a little distance from where the pain is felt. This is sometimes spoken of as referred pain.

As to treatment? It seems only reasonable that pain should be relieved, but the cause of it should, if possible, be investigated before any treatment, drug or otherwise, is given. You should take advantage of Nature's signal to you, and get the cause located.

After locating the cause then treatment can be given. If the pain is severe, the cause not found, then it would again seem only reasonable to try and relieve it. Heat, rest of the part, plasters, electricity may be used. Drugs are always the last resort.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

WAY TO LIFE.—He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

PRAYER.—O Lord, we know our duty, but we oftentimes hate it, and again find it too hard for us. Do Thou then make Thy strength perfect in our weakness.

the things which in common we share; We want to live not because of ourselves, but because of the people who care; It's giving and doing for somebody else—on that all life's splendor depends. And the joy of this world, when you've summed it all up, is found in the making of friends. —Edgar A. Guest.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made and every department of federal affairs has come in and the more highly paid our representatives and officials have been the less has been their industry and efficiency in the discharge of their public duties. In this respect things have certainly been going from bad to worse and reform is sadly needed. That is the lesson of the "no-quorum" episode.

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To Sir John Macdonald and St. George Etienne Cartier it was given to stand at the front of those men who are known now, and justly known, as the fathers of our country. Close around them were George Brown, T. L. and Tupper. It was these men whose skill in the management of parties, whose experience as men of affairs, whose understanding of the unquenchable aspirations of minorities, whose patience through years of adversity and unbending determination to succeed, enabled at last the Emes of our constitution to be settled and the foundations of this Dominion to be laid. To them all honor is due and to them throughout our history increasing honor will be done. But it is Macdonald and Cartier who were the architects of Confederation. D'Arcy McGee was its prophet. He it was who in his grandest form caught the vision splendid; he it was who spread everywhere the error with which he was himself consumed; he it was whose restless pen and matchless platform power carried right into the hearts of the masses this message of tolerance and good will. It was D'Arcy McGee who was the triumphant missionary of union.

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