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Notes By The Way

Another Liberal Victory! Mr. Healy, the King Government candidate, has been elected to Parliament in the seat of Hon. W. C. Kennedy, deceased. At this writing Mr. Healy's majority is stated to be about 1500. Mr. Kennedy's majority in December, 1921, was 7,105. The difference is 5,505. But had the former majority been all swept away except the last five votes it would still have been a Liberal victory. A majority is a majority, be it large or small. Majority rule is the law of the land. And it is an interesting study in majorities that they give us at times wonderful examples of contraction and at other times of expansion.

In North Essex the Liberal majority did not expand. It contracted, considerably. As the mercury in a thermometer sinks on a cold night, or as a stream shrinks from its full flow in spring time to a modest rivulet in midsummer, so it happened with that Liberal majority in Essex. It did not go down to zero, but it went a long way in that direction, as measured by votes. We are left to guess when it began. We have only the two measurements by which to judge, one taken 14 months ago and the other just now. In 14 months the majority diminished by 5,500 votes, that was at the rate of almost 400 per month, or say 33 each day. Every day in every way it was becoming smaller and smaller.

Of course Essex is not the whole Dominion. The temperature may rise in one province and fall in another province on the same day. But there was the Lanark election not long ago in Eastern Ontario, and Essex is in the western end of the province. And there were the provincial elections in Quebec quite recently. And what a shrinkage of Liberal majorities was there. Scores of them shrunk by 50 per cent and in the Montreal district many of them were blotted out and turned into minorities. It was most unexpected, too. Premier Taschereau was so confident that he pledged himself to resign if the Opposition got ten seats and they got 22. But he has not tendered his resignation yet! As his majority shrinks, he, too, shrinks from keeping his pledge.

This shrinking process apparently covers a wide area. Two thirds of the Canadian people live in Ontario and Quebec. What if this sort of thing should go on, expand, become an epidemic? Premier King, with a majority of but one or two in the Commons and a minority in the Senate, cannot look complacently on shrinking majorities. Leader Fook of the Progressives may not prove so safe and sure an ally as Mr. Crerar was. Would it not be prudent to have a general election before the receding waters of the Liberal flood of 1921, have fallen further? That thought is doubtless in the mind of the Liberal leader just now.

The Premier has a pretext ready to his hand in the redistribution of the constituencies. The West is entitled by its growth in population to many additional seats that it cannot get in the present Parliament. Only by a dissolution of the present House can the West get its due before 1926. Premier King may be reluctant, he may be fearful as he has good reason to be, but between the push and the pull which beset him behind and before he must decide. A general provincial election in Ontario is due this year, and another in Prince Edward Island. It will not be surprising if a general federal election is also to come this year after a little more tariff tinkering during the present session.

The trade treaty with France is not likely to prove a vote-catcher. Cheaper wines, brandies, silks, satins and luxuries may please the nabobs, millionaires and profiteers, but will not greatly entice Canadian farmers and workers, the masses of the Canadian people, who have to make good that \$850,000 of revenue which Mr. Fielding admits he has thrown away. It will require more artful tariff tinkering to sugar-coat that rather bitter pill. Unfortunates' taxes do not shrink like those precious Liberal majorities! Taxes increase and every day in every way they grow heavier and more annoying. Witness the receipt tax as a new and exasperating variety.

The Public Forum

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The Double Crossbar

Sir,—I learn that considerable work has been done on our bad winter roads. If you please let me add a word. I have spent ten years in Ontario principally in Toronto, and I find that there are thousands of pitches and slips on the Island, one there and the baby pitch holes here are worse than the greatest over there. The roads are so firm and beaten wide with team traffic there as well as single driving that they could put on a good load and pile your Island load, horse, sleigh and all on top and get away with it. I remember years ago, Mr. Tarbush was advocating that good system of roads for this Province and I believe he is still urging every man who has any regard for humanity, or for the dumb but faithful horse, to stand by him. If you wish for progress and prosperity with pleasure combined, pass a bill in the house this session that every horse driving single on the winter roads in P. E. Island must have the honour and pleasure of helping to make good roads for both single or team driving. You will make no mistake if you do—but the old style must be kept off the road or they would cut it all to pieces and make a farce of it. I would be pleased, indeed, to lend a helping hand to encourage anything that would make things better for my friends and for all concerned, especially a cause so important as the good roads movement.

I am Sir, etc. J. H. HENDERSON

Maritime Will Have Rival In Fish Business

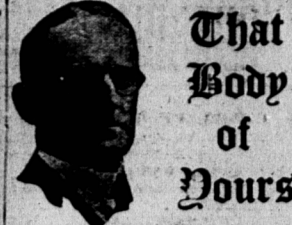
MONTREAL, March 3.—The Maritime Provinces are going to have a more serious rival in their fishing industry than has been the case in the past as plans developed by Hon. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries in Quebec, Provincial Council, last session to improve the storage facilities for Quebec caught fish materialize. This legislation provides for an expenditure of \$40,000 per year for the purpose of establishment of a cold storage plant in Quebec. Aid to steamship services is also provided in the law. Another important step raised in the foundation of co-operative societies among the fishermen along much the same idea as the farm co-operatives. Up to last year the provincial government did not have control of the maritime fisheries, the federal Government claiming jurisdiction, and the question went to the Privy Council which gave a judgment which did not aid matters much. Last year, however, the federal government voluntarily relinquished control over the fisheries and the provincial government in legislation looking towards development on a large scale of the Maritime fisheries of the province.

Harding's Gesture Welcomed In London

LONDON, March 4.—President Harding's proposal for the participation of the United States in the permanent court of international justice receives much attention in the newspapers to-day. The press welcomes the proposal heartily and although not anticipating that it will be approved by the Senate at the present session, it implies the entrance of the United States into the league of nations, the editorial writers interpret it as an important sign that United States aloofness in European affairs is being abandoned. The Times says that "the policy of aloofness is a creed worn out, wise and useful in its time, but formulated for conditions of a world which has passed away." The Telegraph assumes the president's message to the Senate is based on the well founded belief that the suggestion will be welcomed by the people of the United States. "The prestige of the court will receive considerable reinforcement from the mere fact of this tentative step." The Telegraph continues, "while the full adherence of the United States would have an immensely strengthening effect on the prestige of international justice." The Daily News says: "With all reservations respecting the ultimate import of the president's action, it cannot be questioned but that it definitely enhances the prestige of the league, generally, and will indubitably strengthen it for the task it may soon have to discharge regarding the reparations problem."

Regina Man Given Position In Britain

WINNIPEG, Mar. 3.—W. A. Wilson of Regina is slated for the post of produce agent of the federal government in the British Isles according to information received here by persons engaged in the dairy industry. Years ago he represented Canada at the world council of agriculture held in Rome.



By James W. Barton, M.D. (COPYRIGHT) VARICOSE VEINS.

These blue knotted looking veins in the legs are known as varicose veins. It simply means that the veins are distended or dilated and are also elongated. Perhaps you know that the veins bring the blood back to the heart from all parts of the body, and have valves in them so that the blood can't run back. So you see if you have a tight garter encircling your leg the back pressure on the blood dilates the blood vessels and causes varicose veins. If you exercise your muscles as in running or walking, the muscles pressing against the veins help to push the blood along and really prevent the condition arising.

People who stand at their work all day, such as bench men, motor men and others are often affected with this trouble. But perhaps the most frequent cause is because your pump-your heart—isn't strong enough to send the blood all the way down to the feet and back again. That long climb back to the heart is just a little more than the pump can do. All you can do about it is just two things: Try and make your pump a little stronger by developing your whole body, and nourishing it well, and secondly do not do anything to interfere with the return flow of the blood. Youngsters should not be allowed to wear tight round garters. In fact round garters are a mistake for everybody. A closely fitting elastic stocking is the best treatment where the condition exists. Tight bandages or puttees are a mistake in that they shut off the circulation and really aggravate the condition. There is just the possibility of rubbing or scraping them and causing further damage with very slow healing. Remember that while the body should be well nourished, excessive weight predisposes to the condition.

Single British Bond May Pay Debt To U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Secretary Mellon will call a meeting of the Debt Refunding Commission this week to pass the final arrangements of the British settlement to the United States. The settlement is a renewed invitation to the debtor nations for negotiations with this Government. Only one nation, Czechoslovakia, has breached the debt question. Great Britain agreed to the refunding terms. The central European country has advised the treasury that a commission will be sent to Washington. It was stated at the treasury, that instead of a bond issue of various denominations, the British indebtedness may be covered by a single bond for the full amount. The United States has reserved the right, according to the treasury spokesman, to obtain the bond in whatever form it desires, or to exchange the large bonds for small ones later on. The tentative policy will be to hold the securities for a time and then to exchange them, possibly for \$1,000 bonds for marketing purposes. Secretary Mellon feels that it may not be necessary for the British Ambassador to send a formal refunding agreement to Great Britain for signature.

30 Years Deaf, Weeps on Hearing Music

LONDON, March 3.—For thirty years William Simpson, of Litchfield, England, has been stone deaf. But last night he sat at his home and heard a band playing in Birmingham. The miracle was accomplished by radio, and Simpson wept with joy as he heard music once again. His case is the first of its kind in England. Experts explain that the hearing of the residing set is connected with the home of the deaf, and so transmits vibrations set up in the discs which ordinarily pass through the ear passages.

Counterfeit Money Found in Sewer Trap

NEW YORK, March 3.—Thousands of counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills, similar to those which were seized last week by secret service agents at No. 29 Cornelia Street, were discovered to-day in the sewer trap of the apartment house at No. 296 West 120th Street, which houses two hundred families. How the counterfeit money got there is a mystery. Several complaints came to the superintendent of the house Saturday that sewer pipes were backing up and flooding apartments on all floors. This morning a plumber sent for and Herman Weithorn, of No. 3 East 116th Street, went to work to discover the cause. Weithorn opened up the sewer trap in the basement of the building and a veritable river of money was retrieved. Several buckets full were brought out, but it still kept coming out. Morris Horowitz, of No. 1879 Lexington Avenue, landlord, was notified. He sent word to the police headquarters and to the Department of Justice.

That Body of Yours "Until death us do part"

Yes sir, and even after passing beyond, it will be a credit to your memory to have made adequate provision for your wife and children.

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THE IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE Company of Canada HEAD OFFICE TORONTO P. A. FARQUHARSON, Branch Manager, Riley Building, Charlottetown

THE ROAD SONG. There is one song that the Bell government has been singing to the point of weariness; that is, the song of the road. For four years we have been told in prose and doggerel poetry how many hundreds of miles of improved highway the Bell government has handed out to the people without adding a dollar to the provincial taxes. If the songsters knew just what their audience thinks of this song, they would either be silenced altogether or would be sung in the slow and measured cadences of a lament. Of all the bungling the Bell government is guilty of, its road policy—or rather its want of road policy—has probably been the worst, and no one knows this better than the taxpayers who are listening to the never-ending song. What the work on the roads during the past three years has cost the province, no one knows, except the inside political circle and it is doubtful if it knows. This information will be elicited, if at all possible, during the coming session and if the whole story can be extracted from the accounts, it will be a revelation. Something over four hundred miles have been remade, we are told. Some of these miles needed re-making, many of them did not and were not improved by the process. But worst of all, both the miles which needed it and the miles which did not, were totally neglected after being remade and, last fall many miles were in a worse plight than before they were touched. It will cost next Spring as much to make the roads over in many places as it did to make them over in the first place. The extra cost of re-making the remade roads will be the price the province will have to pay for the Bell government's neglect. What it will amount to no one knows, but the indications are that it will run into many thousands.

DEFEAT IN VICTORY

The Patriot calls the result in North Essex a "Liberal Victory." Another such victory, the reduction of a former majority of over 7,000 to one of 1,500 would wipe out the whole Liberal party.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

The farmers' government does not appear to have been a success in Ontario. At the close of the last fiscal year, the details of which are now being discussed in the legislature, there was a surplus of over a million dollars, but the provincial debt had been increased by forty millions. A similar enigmatical surplus, it will be remembered, was enjoyed by the Bell government in this province last year. The Drury government spent last year \$34,000,000 more than was spent during the last year of the previous government only three years ago. The greater part of this added burden was met by increased taxation. It was pointed out during the debate that had it not been for the fact that the government had just before the close of the fiscal year, received a cheque of \$1,800,000 from the estate of the late Sir John Eaton in payment of succession duty the "surplus" would have looked like thirty cents.

The Drury government had, like our own Bell government, capitalized its motor vehicle revenue in order to wipe off some time in the future, the indebtedness incurred on the roads. Last year they abandoned this capitalization and added the Motor Vehicle Revenue to the general revenue. By this move they "saved" two million dollars of revenue, but

WHY?

The Manchester Guardian reports that at a conference recently held in London all the Dominion colonies agreed to a common form of invoice for customs purposes. The intention was to simplify trading and to remove the confusion and hindrance caused by the wide variety of regulations heretofore existing. The one Dominion which stood out from the arrangement was Canada. We are not informed whether our Government declined to send a representative to the conference or whether our representative declined to endorse the policy agreed upon by the rest. But in either event surely some explanation should be forthcoming of the reasons why Canada refuses to participate in a simple piece of imperial co-operation. Certain people in Canada lie awake at night brooding over the perils which overhang their country from conspiracies hatched in Whitehall by designing English officials. In the most harmless proposal they scent a villainous plot for inveigling Canada into some fatal commitments and straightway insist that a deaf ear must be turned to it. There is no need for Canada to adopt an attitude of subservient compliance to every proposal which emanates from Whitehall but there is even less need to return a cool and courteous negative to reasonable proposals for intelligent co-operation in trade and other matters. Mr. Ormsby-Gore, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, has hinted in so many words that the King Government has shown a disturbing indifference to suggestions for co-operative effort in the immigration field and now there is available in the matter of the franchise which will earn the strong disapproval of the majority of the Canadian people. It may be that there is some good explanation for the Government's attitude but the public is at least entitled to hear it.—Ottawa Journal.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The back of the winter is broken and with the hot air that will begin to blow on Wednesday, the remainder of the snow should be got rid of at an early date. The season is now in full swing when the day's melted snow under the occasional rays of the sun, becomes an early morning skating rink on the sidewalks. As few people have a skate on in the morning, provision should be made for their comfort by sanding the sidewalks. There are already some injured limbs—because of these unprotected skating rinks.

Was Married Thrice, Convicted Of Bigamy

CHATHAM, Ont., March 3.—Married to a divorced man, separated and married to another man, the appearance of the pair in the court several times, the wife charged, her husband and made her happy was the matrimonial record of Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh of Wallaceburg, as disclosed in county police court here to-day when she faced a charge of bigamy. Her first marriage was contracted in England. When she found her husband was already married, she came to Canada, where she married a man named Welsh, of St. Thomas. The union caused the appearance of the pair in the police court several times, the wife charged, her husband and made her happy was the matrimonial record of Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh of Wallaceburg, as disclosed in county police court here to-day when she faced a charge of bigamy. Her first marriage was contracted in England. When she found her husband was already married, she came to Canada, where she married a man named Welsh, of St. Thomas. The union caused the appearance of the pair in the police court several times, the wife charged, her husband and made her happy was the matrimonial record of Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh of Wallaceburg, as disclosed in county police court here to-day when she faced a charge of bigamy.

W. G. Y. Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 WGY (Schenectady, N. Y.) General Electric Company Eastern Standard Time 12:00 m.—U. S. Naval Observatory time signals. 12:30 p.m.—Noon stock market quotations. 12:45 p.m.—Weather report on 485 meters. 2:00 p.m.—Music and Household talk. 6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins. 7:40 p.m.—"Conserving Our Game Supply," by Leawyn Legge, Chief Game Protector, Conservation Commission. 7:45 p.m.—Program by Albany Community Chorus, Monday Music Club, Elks Glee Club and Hotel Ten Eyck Orchestra. Instrumental Trio. a. Selection from "Martha" Flotow b. "Mighty Lak a Rose" Nevin c. "Wedding of the Rose" Jessel Hotel Ten Eyck Orchestra Eugene Beerman, Violinist (Lead er). Armand Baer, Cellist. Stephen Balogh, Pianist. Songs: a. "The Star Spangled Banner" b. "On the Road to Mandalay" Speaks. Albany Community Chorus Elmer A. Tidmarsh, Conductor Lydia F. Stevens, Accompanist. Instrumental Chamber Music. Violinists: Miss Regina L. Field, Miss Lillian C. Jones, Mrs. Frederic B. Stevens, Mrs. Peter Schmidt (Director). Saxophones: Miss Fredericks Phelps, Miss Charlotte Hoadly. Cellist: Miss Margaret Richards. Pianist: Miss Lydia Stevens. Song: "The Woodpecker" Nelson Chorus Mixed Choir Selections. a. "Music When Soft Voices Die" Dickinson b. "Italian Street Song" from "Naughty Marietta" Herbert First Reformed Church Choir Miss Gabriella Grober, Soprano Obligato Song: "Our Albany" Mrs. Hubbard Chorus Cornet Solos. a. "Debutante" Clark b. "The Sunshine of Your Smile" Ray (Assisted by the Chorus) Song: "Shadow March" Gains Chorus Baritone Solos. a. "Mary of Arles" Nelson b. "Love's Old Sweet Song" Moberg John Dick (Assisted by the Chorus) Song: "Stars of the Summer Night" Chorus Soprano solo. a. "Love is Best of All" Herbert b. "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" Stiles c. "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" Foster Miss Margaret Ryan (Assisted by the Chorus.) Song: a. "Somewhere a Voice is Calling" Margetson b. "Comin' thru the Rye" Scotch Melody Chorus Male Chorus (90 Voices) Song: a. "Good-Bye" b. "Gaul, Lang, Sma, Para, Phase" Scotch Melody The Elks Glee Club, Lodge 43 Edward J. Delchany, Director

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Lounsbury collection. SOMETHING BETTER AHEAD. Oh, it's sometimes very hard trailing down the lane of life. There is quarrelling and bickering and troubling and strife. And sometimes well, it makes you pause and wish that you were dead. It weren't that you believed there's something better just ahead. It's hope that stirs the sinking soul, and quickens up the heart. To face the load of trouble and to do your little part. For who knows, just ahead there is a brighter, bluer sky. And something worth the dreary, long, and wearying day. There is beauty in the lane of life And I think this little lesson is a real good friend in need. Though the day may seem a dreary and your hopes have almost fled, Pull up your something better's just a head.—URSULA BLOOM Song "Old Glory Forever" H Fuller Chorus Piano solo, "In a Country Garden" Elmer A. Tidmarsh Song, "Sidewalks of New York" Chorus Songs, a. "Mah Lindy Lou" Strickland, b. "To a Wild Rose" Moberg Monday Musical Club Elmer A. Tidmarsh, Director Mrs. George D. Elwell, Accompanist Song, "Keep on Hopin'" Trevel Chorus Song, "Adeste Fideles" Porto Gallo Chorus Song, "An Revolt" Eddy Chorus

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