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### OUR MARITIMES

Addressing a meeting of the Commercial Club in Halifax a few days ago, Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, M.P. of St. John, said: "The chief export of the Maritime Provinces is brains. We have exported more brains than all the other provinces taken together. And I have faith that there remains in the Maritime Provinces enough brains to solve all our problems. "But there must be unity. Let our three Maritime Provinces work in concert, with energy and will to accomplish, resolved to make the Great Dominion what I believe it is destined to be—the greatest Nation Overseas; and I have faith that we shall make, within the Dominion, also great, the portion in which we of the Maritime Provinces have the happiness to live."

There has been a good deal of rousing in the Maritime Provinces in recent years. We have seen industries flourish in Ontario and Quebec; we have seen the western provinces gradually filled up with our young people and we have seen political influences preponderating in the west to the detriment of the East. Because of these things the East has suffered and the more our grievances have been emphasized the more they have become intensified. Just as "nothing succeeds like success," so "nothing fails like failure." An admission of failure is another step towards more complete failure.

The Maritime Provinces have been temporarily checked by the sudden rise of the West, its newly awakened opportunities, its impulsive plunge into politics. We have been temporarily overshadowed. We have been, as Mr. Baxter well put it, exporting brains and the brains have helped to build up new sections of this immense Canada. It will not be long before these sections are united into a country which for magnitude and natural resources has no superior in the world. We, in the temporarily overlooked Maritimes, are a part and a very important part of this whole; we are the original, the part from which the rest has sprung. What we need to "come back" is co-operation, unity, a pull together. There are claims which we hold in common, there are industries which we can maintain in common, there are preferences which we owe to each other. If we only choose to see it, we have all the advantages in the Maritime Provinces; we have the ocean ports, we have the advantage of transportation by land and water. At present we are paying the cost of the long haul from the West, we are making concessions to the west in freight rates, to the serious injury of our own provinces. This is one of the grievances which must be removed and shall be shortly. Adjustments are urgently needed and with unity and co-operation these can be made. The Maritime Provinces have certain needs and these can be secured by a united and insistent effort. We need to develop our industries and for this we need more faith in ourselves and in our great Maritime resources. We believe with Mr. Baxter that "there remains in the Maritime Provinces enough brains to solve all our problems," providing we are united.

### IF WINTER COMES

"If winter comes," shall it find us ready? It never has. In our

### Notes By the Way

The meeting of members of the Maritime Board of Trade held recently in Halifax in connection with representatives of the Dominion Government, the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway and other officials was called for the worthy object of promoting the interests of the Maritime Provinces, especially in regard to immigration and colonization. The newspaper reports tell that there was a large attendance, but those present were quite naturally chiefly residents of Halifax or the Province of Nova Scotia. It seems regrettable that there were not present more representatives from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

However, it is so far satisfactory that a start has been made toward getting together and securing co-operation between the three provinces in the vital matter of securing immigrant settlers and establishing them upon the land in the Maritime Provinces, a duty which has so far been greatly neglected by successive federal and provincial governments. An executive has been formed, composed of three members from Nova Scotia and two each from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. This executive is authorized to form a Maritime Colonization and Development Association. This looks promising on paper and it is to be hoped the projected association may become as active and useful as all must desire it to be.

The railway officials present at the meeting were emphatic as to the necessity of securing more population for Canada. It was pointed out that railways could not prosper until we had a population of at least four hundred people per mile of road. At that ratio our population is no more than sufficient to support the National Railways without the Canadian Pacific. For that matter everybody believes we need more people in the Dominion, but neither the federal government nor any of the provincial governments has done much for eight or nine years past to bring it about.

At the Halifax meeting the federal government and the government of Nova Scotia were directly represented among those present. The governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were not represented. A St. John newspaper complains that the government of New Brunswick were not invited to send a representative. Was the same true in regard to our own government? If so the omission to extend them invitations is regrettable. It would seem that if the projected Colonization and Development Association is to effect its object it must have both the moral support and the financial assistance of the three provincial governments most directly concerned.

So far as the reports of the meeting go we have seen no hint of any financial support from the Dominion government representative present, or from the Premier of Nova Scotia.

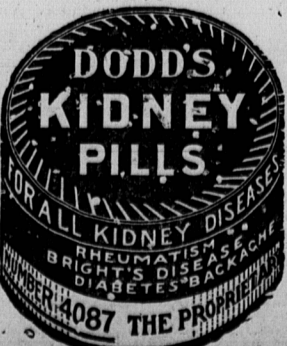
### Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

#### ECHOES

Each lovely sound that drifts along our way  
Echoes from ancient tones of yester year—  
Dim strains that folk long turned to dust held dear,  
Whose wistful rhythms down the ages stray,  
Striving to merge within some sad or gay  
Dance tune or song or surging symphony,  
The hunger of their ghostly melody  
To find a shelter in some heart to-day.

All wonders that for revelation crave  
Are reminiscent of the long ago.  
There is no new thing in the whole world save  
Sometimes a voice that seems to make it so—  
Whose understanding may with clearer stress  
Repeat the yearning cry of loneliness!

—Charlotte Becker.

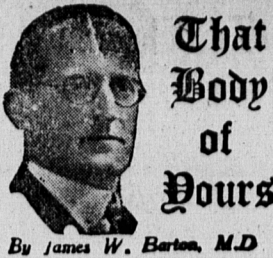


Scotia, who was present, or from the railway officials. This fact was noted by Mr. E. A. Schofield of St. John and mentioned by him, although his observation was not otherwise commented upon. If the projected association is to really accomplish anything it must have some other and more substantial resources than a resolution appointing an executive.

As we have already stated a start has been made, but nothing has yet transpired that indicates concerted action by the three Maritime Governments. That will perhaps come when the Association is completed and a substantial membership has been secured. It was mentioned in the discussion at the meeting that many of our maritime people were not impressed as they should be with the necessity of immigration and that an attempt should be made to stir them up to a sense of their duty in that regard. But such missionary work, or propaganda will not go very far unless backed up by both money and energetic effort.

Both our local Board of Trade and the Maritime Board have been fruitful of recommendation to the various governments from time to time. Not all of these recommendations have been practicable, but many of them have been so and have been given effect with good results. Immigration and colonization are primarily matters of governmental concern and the federal government and those of the larger provinces have the necessary official staff and official machinery at home and abroad for soliciting, procuring and locating settlers.

This official machinery must of necessity be utilized by any association that may be formed here or elsewhere in Canada to promote immigration. But the proposed association may become, as we hope it will become, a valuable auxiliary to the governmental program, as well as a stimulant to greater effort on the part of the official authorities. Both the Canadian Pacific



By James W. Barton, M.D.

### That Body of Yours

#### WHERE ARE YOUR KIDNEYS?

So many people with a pain in the back have the idea that they are suffering with kidney disease, that a word about the location of the kidneys might be of service. The kidneys are not down at the lower end of the spine where many people feel pain. That pain is in joints which connect the spine to the hip bones, and may be due to cold, lumbago, or injury to the back. To get an idea of the exact location of your kidneys let your arm hang down straight to the side. Now bend your elbow and let your forearm go across the small of the back. Your forearm is lying practically right across your kidneys. Much higher up in the back, you see than most people imagine. Should you feel a pain in this region it is likely due to a cold or strain, and the old-fashioned bella donna plaster or hot applications will move it for you. If you are very thin it is possible that the fat in which your kidneys rest may not be sufficient enough to hold it in place, and a falling or floating kidney may be causing your backache, usually on the right side. A pain that starts in this region and circles around to the front and into the groin may be due to gravel or kidney stones. But as I said above the majority of pains in the region of the kidneys are due to strain or cold. Besides, the method of discovering kidney trouble is by the old-fashioned examination of the urine, chemically and by the microscope. Railway Company and the Salvation Army among other agencies have done good work in past years in promoting immigration and the example set by them will be valuable to the projected maritime association.

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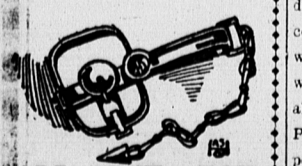


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