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THE SESSION

The first session of the Stewart Administration is now drawing to a close and it is expected that prorogation will take place this week, probably Friday. If this can be accomplished the session will be one of the shortest, if not the shortest in the history of the province.

While the session is an unusually short one it has also been an unusually busy one, and, when concluded, will have seen more legislation put through than any legislative session in many years. Scarcely a minute has been wasted since the session opened; the daily and nightly meetings have opened promptly on time; the party caucuses have not been permitted to interfere with the regular work; all legislation was ready and there was none of the time wasting and tedious waitings that have characterized so many previous sessions. For this Premier Stewart is to be very highly complimented. He has set an example for all future legislatures which it is hoped will be followed.

Much of the legislation involved considerable discussion and in some cases, naturally, differences of opinion. A pleasing feature of all the proceedings was that after a free interchange of views practical unanimity was arrived at in every instance with the result, we believe, that all the legislation enacted will prove beneficial to all the interests of the province.

The debate on the budget, involving as it did, a revelation of the operations of the late government, naturally caused some heart-searchings. It is a noteworthy fact that, apart from the leader only one other member of the Opposition, Mr. Blanchard, had the timidity to attempt to excuse or to condone the deplorable condition of affairs left by the late government. This is to their credit. To excuse manifest and proven deception is to become a party to it and this to their credit, the members of the Opposition did not attempt to do. The leader, Mr. Saunders, had no defence to offer for the doings of his former colleagues; instead, he exhausted his vocabulary and his vocal strength in meaningless vituperation and petty criticism of the present government.

So far as the financial operations of the late government are concerned, the reports of the External Auditor and of the Provincial Auditor stand. These reveal a condition of affairs which is not pleasant to look back upon and involve future conditions, which the tax payers of the province are contemplating with no kindly feelings towards those who, through palpable mismanagement or worse, brought them about.

The businesslike manner in which Premier Stewart has taken hold of the situation, the cutting down of the estimated expenditure and the retractions decided upon, inspire the hope that the mess left by the late government will be cleared up without any serious consequences except to the party which precipitated it.

INDUSTRIAL DECLINE

Some idea of the decline of Canadian industries during the MacKenzie King regime may be inferred from the reply given in the House of Commons the other day by the Hon. Mr. Robb to a question as to the value of farming implements manufactured in Canada in the past few years. The reply was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Value. 1920: \$44,073,847; 1921: 36,762,160; 1922: 18,240,351; 1923: statistics not compiled. Value of farm implements exported for these years was as follows: 1920: \$12,197,994; 1921: 7,615,825; 1922: 5,041,044; 1923: 8,157,492.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The orgy of extravagance and waste goes on at Ottawa. Premier King and his colleagues in the Government lead the way. If he were the Sovereign of Canada and they were Princes of the Realm by right of inheritance something of the costly pomp and luxury now flaunted in the face of the people might be tolerated. But this spring of royalty with a tinsel crown by "a King of shreds and patches," and a coterie of would-be Princelings with out merit, holding office and power by usurpation and sustained only by a corrupt bargain, calls loudly for public condemnation and must arouse disgust in every thoughtful mind.

Senator Bennett has turned a searchlight upon certain features of this spendthrift riot, revelry and waste at the capital, as was told in our new columns the other day. It came in an Ottawa's despatch, but good Liberals who read only their party organs will not have it obtruded upon their notice. It is safer to put such despatches in the waste basket en route to the furnace? In part it was a tale of motor cars, the sumptuous chariots which attend the state of Premier King and his satellites. Regal dignity and splendor cannot be maintained without a limousine and other luxurious equipment of proportionate magnificence and cost.

It would be derogatory to the dignity of a King or a Minister of State to drive his own chariot. He must needs have a driver provided by the nation, a royal or princely chauffeur. But could the chauffeur be permitted to drive in plain, ordinary clothes? Perish the thought! As if his lord and master were riding in some contemptible taxi! The Minister's chauffeur must have a uniform to show that he belongs to the Court. The chariot must be supplied with gasoline and kept in repair. What is the cost of one of these state equipages and of its upkeep? There is a whole fleet of them! That of the Interior, a touring car, cost \$5,250; uniforms, overcoats and gloves for chauffeurs, \$353. The up-keep of Premier King's car cost \$3,250, and chauffeur's uniform \$125. For the Minister of Agriculture car upkeep is set down at \$2,185 and the chauffeur's uniform \$108.

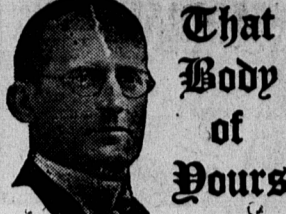
That was the car bill for three Ministers only out of 17, last year, \$11,307. Say the price of two fairly good farms. What could better illustrate the old proverb: "Put a beggar on horse-back and he'll ride to the devil!" And what are these men but beggars and bankrupts in statesmanship, or in care for the people, the workers of Canada, whose substance they are wasting? Sir John Macdonald was wont to walk to his office, as the writer of these notes has often seen him. In time of storm or in winter, Pat Buckley drove him in a carriage or sleigh no more pretentious than the ordinary hack we see about Charlottetown. Pat wore no livery nor uniform at the public cost. It is needless to say, And Sir John's home at Stadacona was far from his office.

Plain men of the people, and regardless of the people were the leaders in the days when statesmanship was in flower in Canada. They did not ask to be waited upon by uniformed or liveried flunkies at the public cost. They needed no such trappings and tinsel to proclaim their right to sit in the councils of the Dominion. They did not waste the people's substance in an orgy of extravagance such as now prevails. Today by the examples set at Ottawa waste and prodigality are exalted as virtues and economy is esteemed a vice. Such an example speaks louder than words.

It is other people's money these riotous revellers are spending, not their own! It is borrowed money, too, which the people and their children for generations to come must repay in taxes and in servitude. For it is as true today as it always was that "the borrower is servant to the lender." Taxes and servitude for the people, the workers; pampered luxury for the King government nabobs, their supporters, satellites and liveried flunkies at Ottawa. So the orgy goes on and four men whom we sent from this Province to the House of Commons cheer on the pack! The orgy goes on and will go on until an outraged people rise in their might to end it.

The Public Forum

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



By James W. Burton, M.D., A THOUGHT ABOUT INSULIN

BEGIN TO BRUSH UP!

Sir,—Much credit is undoubtedly due our civic authorities for what they have done towards the improvement and adornment of our town. But if it may be said that Charlottetown is, during the summer months, one of the prettiest towns in Canada, the credit is just as certainly due to individual householders who have painted their houses, planted shrubs and trees, and otherwise improved the appearance of their premises. It is to be hoped that every citizen householder, on every street, will see to it that his premises are put in order and improved early this spring. When each house and lawn is at its best, the whole town will be a delight to its residents and, more important from the financial point of view, to all the strangers who come here to have a pleasant visit, and spend their money.

The same effect will be produced in the country when all our fields near the railway, as well as those bordering on our principal highways, are smiling; and all the farmsteads on either side are looking their best in fresh coats of paint and whitewash, with orchards in bloom or fruitage surrounding them.

Whether in town or country now is the time to begin the good work of tidying, improving, and beautifying.

I am, Sir, etc. INTERESTED ISLANDER. April 9th, 1924.

Lest We Forget

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

WILLIAM HAZLITT English critic and essayist, friend, and at times enemy, of Charles Lamb, Leigh Hunt, Coleridge, Southey, and Wordsworth, was born April 10, 1778. He is perhaps best known by his essays on the English drama.

GENERAL HORATIO GATES American Revolutionary soldier, the conqueror of Burgoyne at Saratoga, died on April 10, 1806. As president of the board of war and ordinance, he was charged with using his position to further an intrigue to supplant Washington as commander-in-chief of the American army.

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Then came the wind-flower In the valley left behind, As a wounded maiden, pale, With purple streaks of woe, When the battle had rolled by Wanders to and fro, So tottered she, Dishevelled in the wind.

Then came the daisies, On the first of May, Like a bannered show's advance While the crowd runs by the way.

As a happy people come, So came they, As a happy people come When the war has rolled away, With dance and labor, pipe and drum, And all make holiday.

Then came the cowslip, Like a dancer in the fair, She spread her little mat of green, And on it danced she, With a fillet bound about her brow, A fillet round her happy brow, A golden fillet round her brow, And rubies in her hair.

Your Birthday

APRIL 10.—You are faithful to duty, adaptable to circumstances, loyal to friends, and enthusiastic in your work. You are strong, and surmount difficulties by sheer determination. Beware of listening to gossip, and hope always for the best. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Burton, M.D., A THOUGHT ABOUT INSULIN

That Dr. Banting is deserving of the gratitude of the entire world goes without saying.

That he should have been awarded the Nobel prize likewise pleased the civilized world.

His discovery has saved the lives of thousands of people already, and has relieved the sufferings of thousands more.

But there is just one thought that comes to me.

I refer to the adult sufferers of diabetes.

What has been the outstanding factor in the liver of the majority of them?

Their very generous appetite, and the eating of great quantities of food.

These foods were not necessarily the sugars and starches, but even the meats, eggs, and the fats.

What was the effect of all this food?

It simply was not burned up, that's all.

I put such an enormous amount of work upon all the organs of the body that these organs got worn, or partly worn out, and were unable to do their work.

This means that the body is like a motor engine full of carbon. The gas is consumed all right plenty of it, but you don't get the heat and energy.

And it is this with a diabetic.

In the case of diabetic people the whole treatment is cutting down on the starches. This makes the work of the pancreas much easier.

However, don't get the idea that the original cause of diabetes is the eating of too much starchy food.

As a matter of fact, the one thing, too much food, and too little exercise is the real cause of diabetes.

So if you have a diabetic tendency, watch your diet, and cut down on your starches. If you still continue to lose weight and strength then insulin is indicated.

But for the man who is anxious to avoid diabetes, cutting down on his ravenous appetite, and exercise or working outdoors will actually use up, or burn up his starches and sugars, and there will not be the excessive work put on the pancreas, heart, blood vessels, and kidneys.

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Chocolate Drink

Europe concerned not with bread alone, is making a celebration over the four hundredth anniversary over the introduction of chocolate. There are befitting observances in old cities where the chocolate cup had its ceremony in days when men wore wigs. The can of chocolate on the kitchen shelf may seem a can and nothing more, in this prosaic age. But if you open it aright you find it is in truth a casket of many memories. There come from it amusing tales of the French court in days when love was played as comedy. Here are men roasting alive on coals in savage splendid cities; here are prim lean men eager to prohibit the new drink, which, they say, will undermine the English people. Ecclesiastics dispute over the chocolate cup—does it break the fast!—as once they argued the number of angels that might dance on a needle's point. Tories gather 't sip, forming themselves into the first of clubs while they regard with haughty eye the drinkers of mere tea and coffee. Peeps jots in his diary a note on the new drink, jocolate: "Very good". And far away from his London, in little mountain valleys of Spain, there lurk traditions of vague devils, Goya figures, whose strength, like their blackness, lay in the strange food bestowed on earth by a heathen demon, says the New York Times.

Linnaeus, when he came to classify the plant in Mexico in 1735, named it theobromo cacao—the word of the gods. By then the gods to whom it was originally a libation had passed from the mind of man. Of the nine drinks invented by Xmucauc, three are based on cacao. So much has been gleaned from Aztec tradition. There was the decoction of maize and cacao for public festivals; there was another like it, made after the butter had been extracted from the cacao, and there was cacao mixed with the fermented liquor of raw corn. Between Xmucauc and Linnaeus there came the nuns of Guanaco, who had the happy thought of adding sugar to the paste, instead of the chili peppers which were the ingredient of Mexican royalty. Till then, Europe had thought of the stuff as medicine. Cortez, arriving in Mexico in 1519, found gold dust in circulation; the coins were quills, translucent enough to show the contents. But more common currency was the cocoa bean. That is why Guatemalozin lay on glowing coals. He was the last of the Mexican emperors, and Cortez hanged him in 1522, after toasting him to learn where his royal treasure was hidden.

Chocolate as Money

What chocolate was worth in Mexico we know. For ten beans one could buy a rabbit; a hundred beans, a passable slave. It circulated in bags of different sizes. The royal levies were paid in the medium. Montezuma in a single year held in his royal storehouses 2,744,000 fanegas of cocoa (a fanega was a hundred pounds) and 40,000 loads of chocolate. Montezuma and his nobles were more than lot for Cortez—they were Exhibit A in in support of the theory of conspicuous waste. They drank their money. The pantry opened into the counting room Montezuma drank from golden goblets with a tortoise shell spoon. His drink was special: a potation of chocolate flavored with vanilla and chili, frothed with whisks and taken cold. Fifty pitchers a day was nothing to the King, and his retainers took 2,000 at a time. It was an acquired taste—though soon acquired. Joseph Acosta, a Jesuit, writing in 1604, said: "The chief use of this cocoa is in a drink which they call chocolate, whereof they make great account, foolishly and without reason, for it is loathsome to such as are not acquainted with it." But he admitted the Spaniards were "very greedy" of it, both hot and cold and as a paste. Indeed, it was so popular with the Spanish women at Chiapa, according to a traveler of the same period, that when their Bishop forbade them to sup it in church they changed their place of worship, and, as an afterthought poisoned the Bishop.

Spread by Monks.

Spanish monks passed the good word across the border into France perhaps to Germany. Antonio Carloti, a Florentine, is Italy's chocolate hero. England had it by 1656. In France chocolate became a matter of politics and court intrigue. That was because it came from Spain. So did Anne of Austria. The daughter of Philip III took her favored drink across the mountains when she married Louis XIII. Mazarin, Cornelle, Mme de Maintenon, Mme. de Montespan—the figures of the age stand in history as hold, ing porcelain cup, and one may

Purity Salt advertisement. Text: "Purity Salt is the finest Quality Salt you can buy. For table and kitchen use. Clean and pure; always dry and free-running. Ask your grocer for Purity and test its quality. WESTERN SALT COMPANY, LIMITED, Courtright, Ontario."

Hyndman & Co., Ltd. advertisement. Text: "Low Cost and High Profits combined with absolute security are the outstanding features of Great-West Life Insurance policies. If you are not already acquainted with the Great-West contracts it will pay you to investigate. Our representatives are always at your service. Phone or write us. THE GREAT-WEST LIFE ASSURANCE CO. 61 Queen Street Charlottetown"

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Will Shoo Away Spirit Vessels advertisement. Text: "(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, April 9.—The first unit of the coast guard's new prohibition navy probably will be ready to put to sea within a few weeks. With an additional \$18,000,000 available under a recent Congressional appropriation, coast guard officials have drawn up detailed plans for the acquisition of some 300 large and small vessels equipped to chase rum runners away from United States shores and for an enlarged personnel to man them. The nucleus of the force will be 20 destroyers, which Congress authorized the coast guard to purchase from the navy. GRAMMAR FIRST Publisher—"In your story I notice you make the owl hoot 'to whom instead of 'to who.'" Author—"Yes, this is a Boston owl."—Bison.

Bond Prices Advancing advertisement. Text: "In view of the scarcity of Bonds and consequent strengthening of prices, this is a favourable time to sell short-term Bonds—government, municipal and corporation—at a profit, and re-invest in longer term securities of the same character, while they are obtainable at prices which give a satisfactory yield. If you will send us a list of your short-term Bonds, we will advise 'trades' advantageous to you. Royal Securities CORPORATION LIMITED 94 Great George Street CHARLOTTETOWN Montreal Toronto Halifax St. John Winnipeg Vancouver"

Fertilizers advertisement. Text: "For all CROPS, first carload arrived. (Guaranteed analysis) in bags of 125 lbs. each. Book orders now for EMPRESS BRAND ANALYSIS 2 1/2, 8, 2. ANIMAL BRAND ANALYSIS 3, 8, 2. Get our low prices for CASH or approved CREDIT. Carter & Co. Ltd. WHOLESALE & RETAIL"

EASTER SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPH BY BAYER advertisement. Text: "FOR EASTER SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPH BY BAYER 163 Great George Street"

Investigate Your Attic or Office advertisement. Text: "FOR INVESTIGATE Your Attic or Office. For years bundles of old letters have remained untouched in your attic or your office. They have old postage stamps on them that may be worth a good many dollars. Why not look them over and send me any stamps used before 1873. Be sure to leave them on the envelopes just as found. Act to-day and turn them into cash. I will remit promptly. W. VANSTON 14 Glenside Road South Orange, New Jersey U. S. A."

Anglo-Rustico School advertisement. Text: "ANGLO-RUSTICO SCHOOL. The following is the standing of Anglo-Rustico School for the month of March. Grade IX—1. Helen Buntain, 2. Eva Stevenson, 3. Muriel Toombs. Grade VII—1. Helen LePage, 2. Fred LePage, 3. Blair Rollings, Gerold Stevenson, (equal). Grade IX—1. Doris Buntain, 2. Willie Rogerson, 3. Read Stevenson. Grade III—1. Weston LePage, 2. Bernice LePage, 3. Charlie Craswell. Grade I—Elmer Biplman, 2. Alma Tollings. The following pupils had perfect attendance—Helen Buntain, Doris Buntain, Muriel Toombs, Eva Stevenson, Weston LePage, Helen LePage and Elmer Bulman, Bessie M. Barrett, Teacher."

Dodd's Kidney Pills advertisement. Text: "DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. BRIGHT'S DISEASE. DIABETES. BACKACHE. 1907 THE PRO..."