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Sponsors Maritime Case

An illuminating article on the Maritime freight rate grievance appears in a recent issue of the Toronto Telegram. The article, written by Mr. W. W. MacPhee, formerly of Charlottetown and now on the staff of the Telegram, refers to the political "breeze" that has been raised in these provinces by the sea which occasioned Premier Baxter of New Brunswick to hint that it might be an opportune time for the Maritimes to consider the question of remaining in the Canadian Confederation.

The writer goes on to explain why the question of freight rates should cause a Premier of wide experience in provincial and Dominion politics to become more or less excited. The reason is that the decision of a majority of the members of the Dominion Railway Board, in dismissing the application of the Halifax Harbor Commission and the Maritime Board of Trade for a reduction in the railway rates for carrying grain from the Western Provinces to Saint John and Halifax, for export, was a most amazing decision to every Maritimer who had given any consideration to the subject.

The result is that there are no Canadian ports on the Atlantic coast that are in a position to compete with United States ports in the handling of Canadian grain. The reduction in the rate to Quebec does not mean so very much, because Quebec is a closed port in the winter time. The Maritime ports of Saint John and Halifax are open winter and summer, but the rates are almost prohibitive all the year around.

Mr. MacPhee has performed a service to the Maritime Provinces by presenting the facts so clearly and impartially to the readers of the Toronto Telegram. There is no question but that the Maritimes have been most unfairly discriminated against, and it is essential that the matter receive the widest publicity throughout Canada.

National Defense

With all the talk of peace and good-will and disarmament, the United States, separated from the rest of the world by leagues of sea, will expend \$690,000,000 for "national defense" in the next fiscal year if Congress adheres to the budget estimates forwarded by President Hoover.

Canada's total naval and military expenditure is about \$15,000,000 a year—about \$1.50 per capita. The United States expenditure, on the basis of the figures above quoted, is about \$6 per capita.

Canada's front line of defense is the British Navy. Without that safeguard we too would be spending hundreds of millions annually in building battleships and guns and airplanes, and in maintaining soldiers. It means a lot to us to be in the British Empire!

The Heel of Achilles

Grand Opera is the last rock upon which one would expect the good ship of the Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain, to split. Yet it is not inconceivable that this may happen.

It seems that Mr. Snowden recently made a grant of \$462,000 for five years and a half to subsidize the Covent Garden Opera and that this action has provoked an outcry, it being argued that unemployment is a fact, that the chancellor complains of the difficulty of making both ends meet, and that grand opera is a luxury.

Uncle Sam Follows Suit

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We hear much of Canada copying the United States. Here is one case, says the Ottawa Journal, where the United States is glad to copy the example of Canada. It is a fairly good vindication of the policy which Mr. Bennett launched nearly six months ago, and which his Government is now executing with such despatch and vigor.

Editorial Notes

We'd just like to know, says an exchange, what Ramsay MacDonald said to Mr. J. H. Thomas when he got him behind closed doors!

Scots throughout the world will rejoice to learn that a movement is afoot to preserve for all time the field on which was fought the history-making Battle of Bannockburn, when "proud Edward's power" was vanquished by the valor of Scottish soldiers under the leadership of Bruce.

The report comes from Soviet Russia that Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill is to be hanged in effigy at Moscow. The compliment, suggests the Sydney Post, will not be lost on Mr. Churchill, who revels in publicity and who realizes what an asset such an incident would make in the next election.

Notes by the Way

We may assume, says the Nottingham Guardian, that Mr. Bennett's offer of a British tariff preference will remain open, in which event it is to be hoped that it will be for a Conservative Government very soon to negotiate the whole question with the Canadian Prime Minister, with the view of increasing inter-Imperial trade to the maximum degree.

The Ottawa Journal announces that an English firm has purchased a textile plant in Carleton Place, which has been idle for some time, and will employ 360 hands in the manufacture of woolen coatings and other cloth never made before in Canada.

In an address before the Empire Parliamentary Association, in London, in July of this year, Mr. MacDonald, the Prime Minister, said: "In the autumn we are to have a still more important conference, the Imperial Conference, which has to face constitutional problems and economic problems, the like of which we have never had to face before."

Now it is this desire of parents to spare their children the hardships they themselves endured, that takes away the fighting or aggressive spirit necessary for success in life. And unfortunately it is only too true that this "kindness" of the parents beginning in the early infancy of the child really hampers the child later in the race of life.

Great Britain feels that its aerial fleet is not all that it should be. Therefore, a contract has been given for 250 new flying machines which are to be of the highest type in the matter of efficiency as military airplanes.

Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, New York, and a well known writer on many matters of economic importance, says in connection with the matter of advertising: "The firm which eliminates or radically curtails its advertising at this time in the interest of economy is pursuing a short-sighted policy."

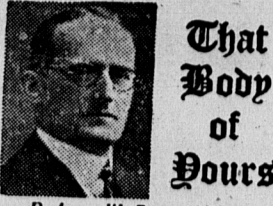
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The 20th November, 1852, Mr. Gisborne, an engineer of distinction completed the laying of the first ocean cable, between Cape Tormentine and Cape Traverse, P. E. Island, thus establishing telegraph communication between the island and the mainland. The Cyclopaedia of Canadian Biography, page 285, states that it was laid "under exceptionally difficult circumstances," which can be understood, as Mr. Gisborne as the pioneer, had to invent and control the apparatus and make it work. If any honors are officially paid for first Atlantic cable they are due to the memory of this eminent man.

The Historic Sites Board unveiled a tablet at North Sydney which reads: "First Atlantic Cable. This tablet commemorates the first submarine cable in North America laid in 1856 between Cape Breton and Newfoundland." To save itself from future derision the Historic Sites Board will probably take down this tablet and hide it away.

Christmas 1930 is now fairly upon us and the usual preparations are being made to meet its demands. These, too, are ghosts of No Man's Land.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

PREVENTING MENTAL ILLMENTS IN CHILDHOOD

A father spoke bitterly to me one day about his two boys. He spoke of all he had done for them; set them both up in two different lines of business which had given the previous owners splendid returns, but which in his boys' hands were not actually paying expenses.

"Well," I said "What about yourself? How did you get started in business life to do as well as you have done?" His reply was very prompt.

"Why no one ever helped me. I left school at twelve years of age and never had any help from home since that time. I hustled papers in the early morning, and had a regular job through the day, and I've been on the go ever since."

"Well," I said "Isn't that the reason you succeeded. You just had to hustle and your two boys have had you as a prop, a support, a helper all their lives; they've never had to 'fend' for themselves."

"Yes," said he "I didn't want my boys to have to go through the struggle I had to make as a boy." Now it is this desire of parents to spare their children the hardships they themselves endured, that takes away the fighting or aggressive spirit necessary for success in life.

When parents and teacher recognize the battle they have on their hands they often attempt to curb or correct the child by severe measures, and the beginning of future nervous ailments is thus established.

I have no desire to try and instruct parents as to how to bring up their children. My only point is that from the health standpoint, from the standpoint of the prevention of nervous or mental ailments in later life, each parent should think of these things when the child is really in arms. Its attempts to express itself in various ways should not be repressed, but should be guided in as sensible a way as the parent can possibly use. A little thought at this time will enable the child to properly adjust itself to life.

The Poet's Corner

GHOSTS OF NO MAN'S LAND (1918-1930) No one can hear the sound of feet When dead men rise and march again; No one can hear the measured beat Of ghosts that move by hill and glen To find some broken, shattered trench

They left to make one final stand, Before each knew the sudden wrench Death sent in flame through No Man's Land. No one can hear when dreamless dust Stirs from its clay, to take old form, Before life knew the closing thrust, And passed before the blood-red storm— Youth, born for morning and the sun, Where dreams and hopes move hand in hand, Youth brighter than the poppies spun Above their sleep in No Man's Land.

No one can hear—but from their sleep I know they meet again today To find lost mates, up from the deep And gripping coverlet of clay; To dream lost dreams that passed too soon, Of life and love by starlight fanned, Blue eyes, red roses and the moon They never knew in No Man's Land.

Can ghosts see ghosts that might have been Of children calling in the light? Can unborn shadows still be seen By eyes that hold the inner sight? Shadows that dance upon the air And call in vain, forever banned; Of song and laughter and of prayer— These, too, are ghosts of No Man's Land.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

"CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM"

Sir,—Amongst the curiosities of literature I read a few days ago an evening paper editorial, approving an objection made by a public man against criticism of the peoples servants.

"Constructive criticism," in other words fulsome flattery, is always in order—and invited. But the saintly and perfect edifices of his domain, like Caesar's wife, are so far "above suspicion" as to elevate them to that unknown haven, safe from the pen or tongue of the adverse critic.

Criticism, to be constructive must also be destructive. The one is almost invariably dependant upon the other. Instance, in politics (it was in this sphere that the protest was made), the King Government was the biggest subject of criticism within the last year. That criticism was destructive, disastrously so, to those in power. It was enormously constructive in its creation of the Bennett Government.

Premier Bennett is today the most criticised man in Canada. The purpose of this criticism, from the evening critic's standpoint, is destructive. But so far that objective has failed and the result is constructive. It has created undreamed of bulwarks of support and strength to the Government, showing conclusively its twofold power to exalt the one as it drops the other into the chills of zero. The Hon. Mr. Bennett is fattening upon these ill-contrived criticisms. They are as choice political food and raiment without which his labors of state would be irksome for want of spice humor, and he would grow mouldy in the annals of his solitude.

The wrong doer does not appreciate criticism. He prefers an obscurity from the public limelight. The philanthropist, unless he is extremely modest, does not object, even to an adverse critic. The more you abuse him, the higher you boost him in public estimation.

Cain was told,—"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door?" If the public man doeth well, why should he fear criticism? And if sin lieth at his door, should those whom he sins against keep silence, much less respond in hypocritical flattery?

If I were to refer to the fact that the City Act, forbidding contracts of \$5,000 or over without consent of the ratepayers, is ruthlessly violated, it would be stigmatized as destructive criticism. If the effect however was to instil respect for law into those sworn to observe it, wouldn't that be constructive in the result?

I might cite many applicable illustrations along these lines. The man whose record will stand the search light of criticism is the one who in every instance invites the most studied and close enquiry into his public conduct. Like Job he will exclaim,—"Oh . . . that my adversary had written a book."

There are those however who are as fearful of the critic as the timid child is fearful of the ghost. I am, Sir, etc., CRITIC

Through misery of rain and mud, Of tangled wire, they played the game; They wrote their records in the blood That gave the poppies brighter flame; And where their thinning dust is spread They wait again the next command; One cup then to the deathless dead! That meet today in No Man's Land! —Grantland Rice in The Ottawa Journal.



SHOP EARLY AND SAVE at the Metropolitan Store

Advertisement for Rosebud Tobacco featuring a man smoking a pipe and a pack of Rosebud Cut Plug Smoking Tobacco. Text includes 'A Tobacco to Enjoy!', 'The big package 15¢ and in 1/2-lb. vacuum tins', and 'SAVE THE POKER HANDS'.

So easily are we impressed by numbers that even a dozen wheelbarrows in succession seem quite imposing.—Jean Paul Richter.

Advertisement for Dodd's Kidney Pills, featuring a circular logo with the text 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS' and 'ALL KIDNEY DISEASES'.

Advertisement for Christmas Cards, featuring a man writing a card and the text 'CHRISTMAS CARDS GUARDIAN CENTRAL JOB PRINTERY'.

Advertisement for Attractive Gifts, featuring the text 'For All Attractive Gifts At Attractive Prices' and 'Nicer packed and wrapped in true Xmas style'.

Advertisement for Men's Shaving Sets, featuring the text 'MEN Military Sets Ivory Shaving Sets Yardley Shaving Sets Williams Shaving Sets'.

Advertisement for Women's Toiletries, featuring the text 'WOMEN Pearl on Amber Toiletware, Manicure Sets, Yardleys, Houbgant, Ashes of Roses, Coty's Evening in Paris and Three Flowers Toilet Sets'.

Advertisement for Parisian Ivory, featuring the text 'An Exquisite Showing of GENUINE PARISIAN IVORY At the Central Drugstore' and 'E. A. FOSTER CENTRAL DRUGSTORE'.

Advertisement for Christmas Stationery, featuring the text 'Christmas Stationery for Individual Business and Professional Use' and 'Persian Mocotan Portfolios'.

Advertisement for Christmas Stationery, featuring the text 'THESE PORTFOLIOS are very beautiful. Having the appearance of hand tooled leather'.

Advertisement for Christmas Stationery, featuring the text 'INDIVIDUALS WILL USE THEM FOR: 1. Invitations to Christmas Holiday Function. 2. Acknowledgements of Christmas Gifts'.

Advertisement for Ground Lime Stone, featuring the text 'The Charlottetown Guardian GROUND LIME STONE We have shipped large quantities of Ground Limestone to the Island and it has given wonderful results'.