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HOW TO DO IT

Next to the air we breathe... Every body knows how the trains and the car ferry could be run on schedule time and how the mails could be brought and sent on schedule time, everybody, that is, except those who are up to the neck in it day and night, it will not be claimed that our railway and mail service during the past month or so has been satisfactory but it may very safely be claimed that the service both by rail and by couriers has been the best that hard and persistent work, day and night, could make it.

BREACH OF PROHIBITION LAW

To justify its own lukewarmness, to put it mildly, in the recent temperance campaign, and more especially to condone its flagrant breach of the Prohibition Law in publishing a liquor announcement in the form of an editorial, the Patriot has been searching the files of The Guardian for the past ten years for any seeming inconsistencies on our part. It failed. All it discovered was one article in connection with the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918—five years ago—in which we referred to the beneficent example of the Mother Country in allaying fear by encouraging everybody "to carry on" as usual, practically ignoring the menace, and where the "Spanish Jade" would not be ignored dosing her well with aspirin and whiskey (both with an "e").

intends doing his duty in this matter, or whether once more the law is to be a dead letter so far as Liberal Party friends are concerned. "The Man from Halifax" who edits the Patriot and who is a member of the Government, ought to have known perfectly well he was committing a breach of the law in permitting his editorial columns to be prostituted in the liquor interests, yet he took the risk and the Attorney General instead of prosecuting him lies away to Ottawa on undisclosed business. "The Man from Halifax" is left in possession of the field, chucking no doubt, at the manner in which he "put the stuff" over the Prohibition Commission. It may be, of course, that the "Man from Halifax" was made the scapegoat for some sinister influence, some hidden hand. It will be recalled that the first recorded instance of playing the hidden hand, attempting to outdo his brethren, is to be found in the Book of Genesis when Reuben counselled his brethren to put Joseph down a tank or well, and when his brethren subsequently sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver, Reuben joined them in deceiving their father, actually rising up to comfort him, knowing all the while that he was doubly insincere, insincere to his brethren and insincere to his old father.

ORGANIZATION

One of our sister cities reports the activities of fifty-one charitable organizations. The city has been combed from end to end for assistance to one or another or for all of these. It speaks well of the sympathy and charity of the city; speaks volumes for the benevolence and self-sacrifice of the many who were instrumental in organizing these worthy institutions, but we cannot close our eyes to the fact that in such a multiplicity of organizations, all intended to carry out the same purpose, there is necessarily a waste both of energy and actual help. Charity is not confined to the mere feeding of the hungry and the clothing of the naked; it must be practical as well as sympathetic; it must seek out and, if possible, remove the cause of the hunger and of the nakedness. Indiscriminate almsgiving cannot do this effectively. The hunger and the nakedness that wait for alms and for charity are only perpetuated by the relief that in these charitable days so many have learned to wait for.

Notes By The Way

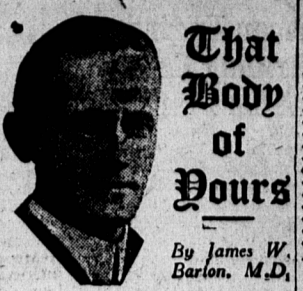
It would not be fair to say that the King Government since it came to power at Ottawa has accomplished nothing. It has really done a number of things. One of the first of these was to discard its tariff platform. That document, having served its purpose while it was lauded before the people during the election of 1921 was promptly thrown into the wastebasket and instead of the lower tariff that had been promised a higher scale of taxation than the country had ever suffered before was handed out.

LET THE YOUNGSTERS PLAY

When examining recruits for overseas service it was a heart breaker to have to turn down men after men because his chest was not large enough. Just think of it. All that was a chest 34 inches in circumference when fully inflated. Some of these fellows I sent to the Y. M. C. A. and other athletic institutions to try and bring their chests up to this requirement.

ORGANIZATION

It will be fairly satisfactory, at least in the Eastern Provinces to know that at last the National Railways have a fixed headquarters and also that it is located in Montreal. It seems rather unlikely however, that the location was made wholly without political interference notwithstanding the ostentatious professions of Premier King and President Thornton. Quebec influence is dominant in government circles at least. Quebec wanted the headquarters within her boundaries and got it. At the same time Quebec wanted another director on the Railway Board and got that, although in the Maritime Provinces neither New Brunswick nor Prince Edward Island is represented at all on the Board.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

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The Public Forum

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

What is a Lady?

Sir,—In my opinion a lady is not seen as often now as fifty years ago, for then our mothers and grandmothers were certainly more ladylike than the present masculine lady (7). For instance, the lady (7) of today, dons the britches and hikes it to the polls to cast her vote, and to make matters worse when they get there some of them think they are at a public tea. So I say, a true lady is a lady in her own home.

What is a Lady?

Sir,—Re the query, "What constitutes a lady?" may I submit my humble opinion? The predominant characteristic of a true lady is primarily a sincere love for God and the things that are His. Possessing this fundamental virtue, all other essentials naturally follow. Within the pages of Holy Writ, we will find numerous passages referring to the one perfect lady. The Mother of our Redeemer. Emulating her virtues, who is the model of all true women, we will satisfy the requirements of the most fastidious as to "what constitutes a lady?" In passing, may I remind Pro Bono Publico, that the qualifications of a lady of the Plantagenet period are the same today, and no one recognizes the carrying of gossip, as the work of a lady.

Winter Roads

Sir,—I have read with much pleasure Mr. McPherson's letter regarding the condition of our winter roads. I came to Pelnce Edward Island last winter and was amazed to find the single track roads, such as were in vogue in other provinces forty years ago, and which I had not seen for at least thirty years. The pitches and slews take every particle of pleasure out of winter driving. No one would think for a moment of going out for an evening's pleasure here, such as they frequently do on the mainland, where sleighing parties are one of the outstanding winter occasions. It is about all this life is worth to venture out after dark.

Is the World Getting Better?

Sir,—Is it possible to answer this question? "Unto Edification" Many are asking it these strange days, and trying to answer it. But like sailors in a storm looking to opposite quarters of the heavens, we give opposite answers. We know the world has changed—as if taken over by a new government. Even the middle-aged feel that, in some essential conditions of life, it is not the world we knew when we were young. Centuries of change are compressed into a generation.



"I JUST DIDN'T SAVE"

THAT is why I am here. That is why the others are here. In my younger days I made plenty of money. But it was a case of 'easy come, easy go'. If I had only formed the habit of putting something away out of my earnings I would be comfortable and independent today.

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Conserve Eyesight for Good Health Statistics show that most people in Canada are subject to eye strain unknowingly, and as a result are less efficient and have poorer health than if the faulty conditions were corrected. EARLY inhabitants of this earth lived in green fields and softly lighted forests, with no strain to their eyes. Good distant vision was a necessary adjunct to existence then. To distinguish friend from foe and to sight game at great distances were vital to maintain life. But today our lives are lived at short range. Concentrated use of ones eyes imposes strain on the whole nervous system. Glasses are required to give relief and enable the eyes to "carry on" efficiently at their daily tasks. Consult G.F. Hutcheson OPTOMETRISTS

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AU REVOIR

Until we meet again! That is the meaning. Of the familiar words, that men repeat. At parting in the street. Ah, yes, till then! but when death intervenes. Rends us asunder, with what ceaseless pain. We wait for the Again! It were a double grief, if the departed, Being released from earth, should still remain. A sense of earthly pain; It were a double grief, if the true hearted. Who loved us here, should on the farther shore Remember us no more.

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