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POLITICAL CALISTHENICS

The surviving Liberals in the Provincial Legislature are getting good, wholesome, intellectual exercise these days. As in calisthenics generally, the exercise does not get them anywhere but tends to develop intellectual muscles which have not hitherto been brought in to play and have consequently become partially or wholly atrophied.

When the gasoline tax bill was introduced the Liberal members fairly wept over the burden about to be placed upon the hard worked farmer and fisherman. This lugubrious sympathy was poured out in the House and in the party press until it fairly brought tears to the eyes of listeners and readers. Now that the details of the bill have been made public, and it is found that the farmer and fisherman are exempt, the Liberal sympathy has been transferred to the "poor automobile driver" who will have to pay for the upkeep of the roads while the farmer and fisherman go Scot free!

These sudden movements tend to flexibility and elasticity of the mental processes and the time consumed in the evolutions is not wholly wasted. We believe our Liberal friends will be very materially aided mentally and politically by their experiences during the present session. Indeed from the day of their calamity until now they have not been obliged to hold anything on their mind long enough to hurt. It will be remembered they wept profusely over the "abandonment" of road improvement; later they found that there was to be no such abandonment and they wept over the ruin that was going to follow any attempt by the Stewart government to carry on the work begun by their predecessors. They have been weeping over the proposed reduction of the sessional indemnity and damning the government for not reducing it. If, as has been claimed, tears bring relief the survivors of the Liberal party have certainly enjoyed much relief since their catastrophe and especially since the opening of the session.

FISHERMEN'S UNION

The fishermen did a good thing for themselves and for the fishing interests of the province when they organized themselves into a union, particulars regarding which were given in yesterday's Guardian. The organization has been incorporated and is now in a position to function in a manner similar to the farmers' organizations.

While the idea of the Fishermen's Union is primarily to secure the advantages of co-operation, the organization goes much further than this, it gives the fishermen a voice in the government of the province. The union is recognized by the government as the spokesmen of the fishermen and fishing interests of the province. This fact alone will give the government an opportunity to do more for the fishermen than it could while dealing with individuals or separated sectional demands.

All our governments in the past have made many promises to our fishermen and no doubt their intentions were good but there have been many sectional interests involved which made it difficult or impossible to render much assistance. Now that the fishermen are united and in a position to determine what is best for all the government will be in a position to assist them in many ways.

We understand the Stewart government is considering means of rendering more assistance to the fishermen than has yet been given them and the Union just formed will be of invaluable help in this respect.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Dominion Parliament which met on 28th February has now been in six weeks in session. The combined Liberal and Progressive parties have had a voting control of the House of Commons during that period of time. Very little has been accomplished in the way of legislation but there has been a plethora of talk. Whatever may be claimed as the way of monetary economy, at least there has been but little economy in words. But that it is not a new thing on Parliament Hill. The speech from the throne at the opening was a disturbing and unsettling one, promising as it did tariff changes, uncertainty in regard to which has called a halt in manufacturing and industrial enterprises which still continues.

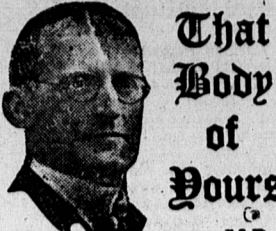
The budget, is yet in the future, this writing, although expected shortly. But in the six weeks March of events at the capital contradictory oracular deliveries of the Premier and one or more of his colleagues have only further confused the situation in regard to promised tariff changes. Ottawa despatches give the impression that the Government is still undecided as to the nature of the changes to be made and where they are to be made, whether mainly by way of reduction in the sales tax or in the duties on the implements of production as first promised. The prolonged suspense has been a cruel and costly infliction upon the captains of industry and the workers of Canada.

A hesitant and unresourceful Government is trying to make up its mind, again and again after considering, adopting and discarding the decisions once reached. Mr. Fielding at the last session announced the intention of stabilizing the tariff policy of the country. Personally he had some definite ideas on the subject which gave ground for hope. His present regrettable absence and disability has left the government with no clear objective but such as opportunism may devise at the last moment. Hence has come a helpless drifting to and fro as wind or tide may direct their course. A company of Micawbers, waiting for something to turn up that they can call a policy.

So few bills have passed the Commons that the Senate is left to wait in idleness. And this also is not a new thing. It has happened too often before. This enforced idleness in legislation is the more unfortunate because a large number of the ablest men in the political life of the country now have their seats in the Red Chamber, it happens also that there is still a dominant Conservative majority there and but a very limited representation of Progressives, hardly sufficient to give a suggestion of the Unholy Alliance so obtrusive in the House of Commons.

But the working members of the dominant party in the Senate have not been idle. If they have had few bills from the Commons to engage their attention they have taken thought of important questions that are yet to be brought before them which include delayed Government measures. These relate to the financial and railway problems, the projected railway extensions, the Hudson Bay route, the Home Bank collapse, the Civil Service and other matters that are being investigated and upon which the Senate will make and report to the country its own conclusions in due time.

The King Government surely has troubles of its own, and would be entitled to sympathy if its members were capable, united and patriotically devoted to the welfare of the country. Without a Liberal majority and the insufficient number who bear the party name sharply divided, threatened from within its own camp and that of its allies, with a Senate over which it has no control to pass upon its measures, the government's lot is not an enviable one. The conviction grows throughout the country that the Canadian Parliament is not functioning properly and that more than any Parliament since the union it is failing to give expression to the opinions and wishes of the people of Canada. Compared with the days of the Laurier days, things are at loose ends, in leadership and in following. There is not a single minister of more than second-rate ability in the Cabinet; there is no stability in their policy. More the pity, for never was there greater need of strong men in command and at the helm of the ship of State.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

HOW CANCER STARTS

Millions of dollars are now being invested in one single project. For years this money has been spent, and still the investors keep pouring out more.

And they will continue to pour it out because they are determined to get what they are after. Will it make them richer in money when they have attained it? Not.

They are spending it for the other fellow, for the people who will follow them in the years to come.

I refer to the quest for the cure for cancer.

They seem to be no nearer the cure than they were many years ago when Cohnheim gave out his theory as to the cause.

He thought that as cancer cells were really an overgrowth of the normal cells of the body, that something interfered with certain parts of our body during the nine months before we were born, and then when we became forty years of age or more, some irritation started up these cells and they began to grow.

As they were forty or fifty years behind in their growth they began to make up for it, and in a short time, months, or a year or two, they would catch up to the other cells.

This growth of course squeezed everything else in the neighborhood, broke down blood vessels and so forth.

While this theory is not accepted by all physicians, nevertheless most of the research workers feel that some constant irritation is the cause of cancer.

Cancer, as you know, is always on some surface or mucous membrane.

That is the lining surface of your mouth, your intestine, your liver and so forth.

Wherever there is a glandular structure.

Some irritant starts the cells to grow and a cancer results.

Now this is the point. A cancer can't start if the cell is normal. It is a cell that has been interfered with, has been irritated that starts a cancer. As a recent health writer said, "All we can do is to try and keep our body fit, and so our cells will resist the effects of irritation."

CHRISTIAN VON WOLFF

Noted German philosopher, metaphysician and mathematician, died on April 9, 1754. While a professor at Halle, he was deposed and exiled from Prussia, but reinstated by Frederick the Great.

JOHN HOWARD PAYNS

American song-writer, dramatist and actor, famous as the author of "Home, Sweet Home," originally sung in the opera of "Clara," died at Tunis on April 9, 1852. He was author, translator, and adapter of more than sixty plays, and for a few years was American consul at Tunis.

DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI

English painter and poet, noted as a leading member of the Pre-Raphaelite school of art and as one of the chief romantic poets of his day, died on April 9, 1882. Among his best paintings are "Girlhood of the Virgin" and "Lilith," while his best known poem is "The Blessed Damozel."

Your Birthday

APRIL 9.—Honesty, integrity, and ambition are your chief characteristics. You are very dependable, and your advice and counsel are often sought and usually followed, much to the advantage of the recipient. You stick to your friends, and love your home ties above all else. Never listen to gossip, and cultivate hope. Your birth-stone is a diamond, which means innocence. Your flower is a daisy. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

Conservative rule, or even with the Laurier days, things are at loose ends, in leadership and in following. There is not a single minister of more than second-rate ability in the Cabinet; there is no stability in their policy. More the pity, for never was there greater need of strong men in command and at the helm of the ship of State.

Regulations For Postal Packages

OTTAWA, April 8.—When anyone sends a parcel by parcel post through any Canadian post office to the United States, as well as to Great Britain, there must now be affixed to the parcel a customs declaration known as form 91-B. This is to be attached to all parcels of general merchandise prepaid at parcel post rates, posted in Canada, addressed for delivery in the United States. This system has always been in force as regards the United Kingdom.

This system is required by the United States Customs authorities, and United States postal authorities. By the same reciprocal arrangement, anyone addressing a parcel through the Post Office in the United States for delivery to Canada must attach to the parcel a similar declaration.

The declaration form may be obtained at any post office which handles parcel post, is very simple, and can be stuck on the parcel wrapping as easily as a postage stamp. All that is asked is that the address of the parcel shall be written on the form, the list of the contents, to be itemized by the sender, with the net weight in pounds and ounces and the value, and at the bottom comes the name and address of the sender.

Expedite Work.

The purport of this reciprocal arrangement is to expedite the delivery and collection of parcel post packages. As it has been, when one received a parcel through the Post Office from the United States, it was necessary to go to the Post Office Customs department, and give the officer an idea of the value of the goods, often opening the parcel, answering many questions, and so on.

Under the new system, it will, of course, still be necessary to show that the Canadian Customs are not being deprived of any revenue, but the fact that the sender in the United States has affixed a customs declaration to the parcel will aid a great deal in speeding matters along, and preventing long delays. There is much pleasure expressed at the Canadian Customs branch at the Montreal Post Office over the arrangement. The same benefits to the efficiency of the working arrangements will be obtained at post offices in the United States by the fact that Canadians sending parcels affix the similar declaration.

The United States Customs people are further requiring that in the matter of books prepaid at printed matter rate, commercial invoices or statements of value must be enclosed with the books, as well as in sealed parcels of general merchandise prepaid at letter rate, posted in Canada for delivery in the United States, and the same arrangement holds good for such printed matter posted at United States post offices for delivery in Canada.

In sending out official notice of the change, the United States authorities add the following suggestion to those who use the post office, whether for parcel post or ordinary mail matter:

Some Good Advice.

Over 2,000,000 undeliverable articles go to the dead letter office every year. Many of these articles would never reach the dead letter office if reasonable care was taken in the addressing of them. Moreover, in the majority of cases the senders fail to put their name and address on the outside of the letters and parcels, which means that the articles have to be opened for examination and in many instances there is no indication of the sender's name and address, so that the articles have to be sold, says the postal circular. Therefore, "see that your name and address are on the outside of any article that you send in order that if it is undeliverable it may be returned to you promptly and unopened."

Gasoline Tax is Now in Effect

MONTREAL, April 8.—Quebec's new gasoline tax of two cents per imperial gallon goes into effect in all parts of the province this week.

In virtue of the provisions of the law, each person who buys gasoline must pay in addition to the cost of the fuel the additional two cents a gallon. So reads the law, but the Government has been endeavoring for some time to make an arrangement with the main distributors whereby the tax will be absorbed at the source, or rather, at the Canadian source, since practically all of the gasoline used in Canada is imported, there being only production in Canada on a minor scale, according to the information given the Legislature last session when the matter was being discussed.

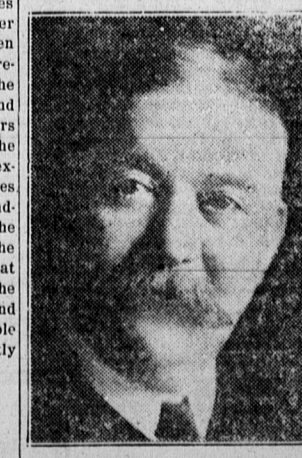
Most of the main distributors have agreed to work with the Government in the matter of collecting the tax, since the first essential, after the actual collection, is the convenience of the public. In virtue of the constitution, the Legislature cannot impose the tax on the distributors, since it would be a tax on commerce, which is exclusively a federal domain, but there is nothing to prevent the main distributors acting as collectors, and there is a provision in the act whereby the Government may reimburse such collectors for the trouble they are put in to in the same way as theatres receive a commission for the trouble they are put to in collecting the amusement tax.

Definite announcement, however, as to the means to be taken to collect the tax has not yet been issued by the Government, but it is expected that within a few days the whole intricate matter will be straightened out. J. A. Begin, comptroller of provincial revenue was in the city yesterday, endeavoring to clear up the situation, his second expedition here since the close of the session.

In the meantime when a motorist goes to any gasoline depot for his fuel and is asked for an additional two cents for gasoline, his duty is to pay the tax, as provided by the law. Some of the distributing centres are expected to provide for absorption in the price, which means that they have arranged with the source of their supply to turn over the amount of the tax on all gasoline sold.

Laid in Supplies.

It is not believed that the sale of gasoline will be very heavy for some few days, as it is known that a number of large users of gasoline have been loading up with a supply for some little time past, and yesterday business was very good. However, this is but a small matter, since there is the question of a capacity of tanks, and the great mass of motorists have no store room for gasoline except the tank in their cars. In the gasoline law, as drafted, there was a provision providing that the tax should be collected on gasoline in the possession of anyone at the time of the coming into force of the act, but Hon. Jacob Nicol, Provincial Treasurer, dropped this clause in the House, on the ground that it meant retroactive taxation, even though it would prevent the laying up of gasoline supplies.



DR. R. G. BRETT

Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, who is reported as saying that the biggest thing before the West at present is the securing of adequate representation at Ottawa. Until the west has a real voice in the settlement of affairs, he is quoted as saying "Canada as a whole cannot get ahead efficiently."

TOKIO, April 8.—Korean laborers, who left Japan in large numbers after the September earthquake, immediately after which hundreds of them were killed by Japanese in the panics of the disaster, are beginning to return to this country in search of work. The port returns of Shimonoseki, principal gateway for Japan-Korea traffic, shows that recently about 150 Koreans a day have been entering.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER advertisement with image of product and text: 'MAGIC BAKING POWDER CONTAINS NO ALUM MADE IN CANADA E.W. GILLET COMPANY LIMITED'

W. G. Y. advertisement for General Electric Company, listing products like 'BUITONS' and 'EASTERN STANDARD TIME'.

'Death Accidental' advertisement for Crown Life Insurance Company, featuring a portrait of J. S. Jenkins.

CROWN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY advertisement with text: 'AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE', 'BONDS FOR INVESTMENT', 'J. ROWLAND PATON'.

The McLaughlin Buick Service Station advertisement with text: 'Is Fully Equipped to Handle all Repairs on McLaughlin Cars', 'A Stock of Parts for all Models on Hand'.

A Step Forward advertisement for Maritimes First, with text: 'Following up our Policy of the MARITIMES FIRST, we have arranged to have our "LEADERS" in Scribblers "Made in Truro."'

YOU CAN GET RID OF DYSPEPSIA advertisement for Fruit-a-tives, with text: 'By Taking the Fruit Treatment in the Form of "Fruit-a-tives"'.

Fertilizers advertisement for Carter & Co. Ltd., listing products like 'EMPRESS BRAND ANALYSIS 2 1/2, 8, 2'.

FOR EASTER SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPH BY BAYER advertisement with address: '163 Great George Street'.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers advertisement with text: 'WHERE ARE THEY?'.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS with text: 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS'.

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