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EMPIRE AND ARBOR DAY

Today will be observed in the public schools as Empire Day and Arbor Day. The programmes will be of a patriotic nature and will include appropriate songs and recitations by the pupils and short addresses by prominent citizens.

NOVA SCOTIA WINS

The statement of the Minister of National Defense with respect to the removal of the local militia for training this year to Aldershot, Nova Scotia, published in yesterday's Guardian, is a plain indication of a permanent policy which the Federal Government intends to adopt towards this Province.

It is regrettable that the action taken at a public meeting of the Retail Merchants Association and citizens on May 10th had not been taken at an earlier date. That the protest of our citizens was a belated one, is due largely to the determined conspiracy of silence on the part of the Liberal press and Liberal representatives, who must have been aware of the attitude of the Militia Department long before any definite policy was decided upon.

Again the Liberal press remained silent on the merits of the case, contenting itself with quoting the opinions of some local military officers (names not given) and with assuring its readers that the militia would be back in Charlottetown next year for training. On May 19th, just before the public meeting which resulted in a unanimous protest against the change, it came out with an editorial supporting the arguments advanced by the Militia Department. These arguments were effectively disposed of by Messrs. George E. Hughes, S. A. Macdonald, W. C. S. McLure, M. L. A., and others who spoke that evening.

Mr. Hughes referred to the reason given in the Patriot for the removal of the militia for training this year to Aldershot, Nova Scotia, published in yesterday's Guardian, as a plain indication of a permanent policy which the Federal Government intends to adopt towards this Province.

Clearly the Minister of Defense, in his communication to Messrs. Sinclair and Jenkins of May 17th, a copy of which he forwarded to the president of the Retail Merchants Association, was writing with a view to the possible publication of his letter and with the purpose in mind of letting his colleagues down as easily as possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Reports of the discovery of a new explosive at Petawawa Artillery Camp are denied officially. Possibly the mistake arose through a civilian overhearing the observations of a drill sergeant.

An aerial beacon with a radius of 500 miles is to be placed on a Detroit skyscraper to guide aviators. With characteristic modesty the inventor claims that the light will be brighter than the sun. Perhaps, but it won't last as long.

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Another rich gift is that of Island men and women whom we reared and educated and have given away to the Central and Western Provinces and the United States, in tens of thousands.

The Camp goes to Aldershot, Nova Scotia despite the protests of our citizens and of Messrs. Sinclair and Jenkins. The Minister of Militia knows that they will vote straight any way. And he is a Nova Scotian. The Scotia is at the Cape. Premier King has expressed "his personal opinion" that the Island should be united under one government with M. S. and N. B. in which case Charlottetown would cease to be a capital.

Notes By The Way

The first newspaper in British North America was printed in Halifax. It was appropriate and emblematic that it should be so. It is here, by the sea, that the light of the morning sun and the evening stars first shines upon Canada every day in the year.

Long ago the poet Cowper described the newspaper of his day. "This folio of four pages, happy work, which not even critics criticise; what is it but a map of busy life, its fluctuations and its vast concerns?" The newspaper of today is still a map of busy life, but in many respects is greatly changed from those of Cowper's day.

It is printed on paper made of wood instead of rags and the daily issues of newspapers in America and Europe would sweep the forests of a principality. The daily issues of a metropolitan paper reach one to two millions of readers. It receives its tidings by lightning from the ends of the earth, prints it with lightning rapidity and sends it forth by swift railway trains, steamships and airplanes.

The map of busy life is also a portrait gallery of the sovereigns, presidents and notable personages of the world, and of the local celebrities within its field of circulation. There you see the likeness of our King, Emperor of Stanley Baldwin, Lloyd George, Ramsay MacDonald, Mackenzie King, R. B. Bennett, Governor Hearst, Mayor Yeo, or it may be of some other Island citizen or visitor who addressed a meeting, or to whom something happened yesterday.

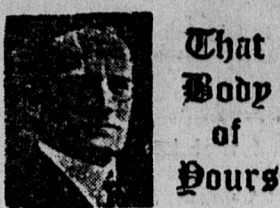
Thanksgiving for King George's providential recovery is now in order throughout the Empire. There were four Georges before Queen Victoria's day and we now have King George V: the best of the lot and the most famous. Long may he reign. The old Queen's birthday was enthusiastically celebrated throughout her long reign. Since then it is still honored as Empire Day on May 24. King Edward, by choice preferred to have his mother's birthday celebrated instead of his own, and King George has dutifully followed his example. They have followed the divine precept, Honour your parents.

Empire Day means much in many ways. It is fitting that it shall be duly celebrated. If you have a flag prepare to fly it on Empire Day. If you have none, buy one. Militia officers, leaders in patriotic societies the I. O. D. E., and Boy Scouts should inculcate the doctrine of flying the Old Flag on national days, thus showing respect for both the national emblem and the day. Our fathers were more observing in these matters than we are.

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Dr. James W. Carter, M.D. GREEN VEGETABLES

You are being advised by health writers to try and eat some "green" vegetables every day, because of the vitamins known to exist therein. Although no one knows the exact chemical composition of vitamins, it has been amply proven that they are a group of substances of most foods in their natural state of which very small quantities are absolutely necessary for the normal maintenance of the body.

Dr. J. W. Crist and Marie Dye, of Michigan State Agricultural College tell us that the green color in vegetables is an actual guarantee of the presence of Vitamin A, which as you know is necessary to that body of yours if you are to maintain the health of your tissues, and to your boy or girl if they are to grow properly with strength of bone or muscle.

These doctors say that "In some mysterious way chlorophyll 11 (the green coloring of the leaves) manages to capture, transform and render available to your body, the actual energy contained in rays of sunlight.

These rays then are in carrots, beets, and radishes, because they are produced as parts of plants whose leaves are green. The vitamins, built up in these tops, are transported to the roots for storage. Similarly milk, butter, and cheese, have the same vitamin A from the herbs the cattle eat.

Therefore they advise the eating of fresh vegetables and those decidedly green in color.

As a matter of fact Vitamin B is also found in green vegetables and it is this vitamin, you'll remember, that maintains the appetite and stimulates the digestive processes.

It prevents the "run down" condition with loss of weight in children and adults.

And green vegetables also contain Vitamin D which prevents decay of teeth by supplying abundant calcium, or lime as it is usually called.

It is this vitamin that is found in Cod liver oil which has greatly increased the demand for that product.

So the thought is that as green vegetables contain vitamin A, B, and D, all of which are essential to health, strength and happiness, that at least once a day we should make them a part of our meal. Remember once a day is sufficient.

THE LAND WE LOVE

BY FRANK YEIGH

Canadian High Commissioners

Q. What is the cost of Canada's High Commissioners and their Offices?

A. The estimated expenditures for 1929-30 for the cost of the various High Commissioners for Canada include \$117,200; Washington \$190,000; Paris, \$80,000; and Tokio \$75,000. These sums are in addition to the expenditures of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.



THE ECHOING GREEN

The sun does arise And make happy the skies; The merry bells ring To welcome the Spring. The skylark and thrush, The birds of the bush Sing louder around To the bells' cheerful sound, While our sports shall be seen On the echoing green.

Old John with white hair Does laugh away care, Sitting under the oak Among the old folk. They laugh at our play, And soon they all say Such, such were the joys When we all—girls and boys—

Blind is he who cannot see how the mystery of political iniquity is working to our hurt. One thing after another is being taken away from our little Province. "The weak go to the wall." And while "consenting not" our Liberal members and Lib-N. S. and N. B. in which case Charlottetown would cease to be a capital for the government, right or wrong, first last and all the time, tame and docile followers. The King Government knows its Islanders.

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 of correspondents.

THE SUBSIDY QUESTION SENATOR HUGHES REPLIES

Sir:—In view of the strictures of the Patriot and Mr. J. O. C. Campbell in regard to my speech on the question of increased subsidy in lieu of public lands, I have decided to give the people of Prince Edward Island a fairly full explanation of the whole situation, as I see it.

Having read the brief presented by Premier Saunders to the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1927 and having satisfied myself that the claim made in that brief for subsidy in lieu of public lands was far below what it should have been, I decided to place before Parliament and the country the rights of the Province to which I belonged. I claimed, and I think proved, that in lieu of public lands alone we were entitled to an additional subsidy of more than \$400,000 a year to make our status equal to that of the other landless provinces; whereas Mr. Saunders, in his brief, claimed that in lieu of public lands, to put us on equality with the other landless provinces, we were entitled to an additional subsidy of \$200,000 a year.

Quite a difference, and surely worth looking into. Moreover, the Prime Minister of Canada standing in his place in Parliament during the present session, when speaking about the Maritime Provinces, said "For some reason or other the claims have not been put forward by the provinces," while Premier Saunders, standing in his place in the Legislature during the last session, said "We have never stopped presenting every single claim that we have in Ottawa; it is only in this way that we can hope to succeed!" and again he said "It is because we presented these claims in 1927 as well as in December last that I believe we will receive some increase in subsidy."

Under these circumstances, I decided that somebody had to speak on behalf of Prince Edward Island, in such a public place and manner that it could not be said we had slept on our rights. My views, the arguments I employed to support them, and the Government's reply, are now matters of public record, and can be used in future, if so desired.

Again, I saw by the discussion in the Island press, and in the Legislature last winter that both political parties were in favor of merging all our claims with the claims of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and favored pressing them in common and asking for a common settlement. I do not think worse advice could be given, or a worse procedure followed. We have claims that are entirely our own, that have nothing at all in common with those of the other provinces. Then why should we get such claims mixed? To follow that course could not fail to becloud the issue and weaken our case. I wanted to protest against any such action before it would be too late.

As I see it, we have only one claim in common with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, namely, the claim of proprietary or beneficiary interests in all the lands that were bought by the Crown from the Hudson's Bay Company. That claim is strongly opposed by the three Governments of the prairie provinces, by every member of Parliament from those provinces, by many members from the other provinces as well, and the opposition is strengthening and hardening all the time. Under these circumstances I doubt whether in regard to that claim we will ever succeed. If, however, it should fall,

In our youth time were seen On the echoing green. Till the little ones weary, No more can be merry. The sun does descend, And our sports have an end. Round the laps of their mothers Many sisters and brothers, Like birds in their nest, Are ready for rest. And sport no more seen On the darkening green.

—William Blake.

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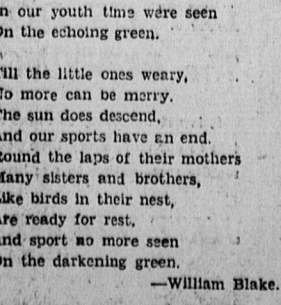
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Prince Edward Island would not be out of court.

When we entered Confederation, we were given \$45,000 a year in lieu of public lands. I presume that was to put us on some kind of equality with the four original provinces which had their lands and natural resources, from which they derived considerable revenues. The amount was, of course, wholly inadequate to make the equality real, but it was a recognition that we were entitled to something under that head. And anyhow, it was nearly all eaten up in buying out the English proprietors. As the years went on, the inadequacy became more and more pronounced, because our needs increased and the lands and natural resources of the other provinces became more and more valuable.

I have mentioned this view of the matter to some of the members from the western provinces and the other provinces, and I found them all disposed to listen, and some approved. I think Senator Sir Allen Aylesworth favors this view. It is hard to carry on a conversation with Sir Allan because of his deafness. Everything has to be written. I wrote on a piece of paper "Should Prince Edward Island be put on an equality with the other landless provinces of the Dominion?" He took his pen, struck out the word "landless," and wrote after my question the word "undoubtedly."

Now, I do not suggest that we should abandon our claim for compensation in respect to the lands purchased by the Crown from the Hudson's Bay Company! I think we should unite with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in pressing this claim and trying to get a decision upon it at an early date, but in the event of the decision being unfavorable to the Maritimes, we could then, as the only landless province in the Dominion, demand to be put on an equality with the other provinces in the matter of natural endowments. By that time we will be the only landless province in the Dominion.

Having read the record or preface of the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1927, as a Prince Edward Islander, I was pained and grieved to find that our province was regarded as a parasite on the rest of the Dominion by the delegates from several of the other provinces. For instance, "Premier Gardiner declared that he would not care if a hundred or two hundred thousand dollars were taken out of the other eight provinces to help Prince Edward Island overcome the peculiar difficulties under which it labored by reason of its isolation."

Now, why should it be said that Prince Edward Island was taking anything "out of the other eight provinces," by getting its rights, and one or two hundred thousand dollars additional would not be half its rights under one claim alone. Again Premier Brownlee is reported to have said "He was quite prepared to say that Prince Edward Island was entitled to very special consideration."

A remark like that should not have been allowed to go unchallenged. If Prince Edward Island got its rights, would that be "very special consideration?" If anybody had told Mr. Brownlee that his province was getting "very special consideration," he would have resented it on the spot. Hence I deemed it to be my duty when I spoke in the Senate to say to these gentlemen and to others, "I wish to emphasize here and now as strongly as I can, that Prince Edward Island is not looking for aims or doles, but is asking for what he believes to be long over-due justice—such justice as Manitoba has received since the early days of her existence—such justice as Saskatchewan and Alberta have received since they were born." Again, Premier Ferguson is reported to have

in the Legislature last winter quoted, with a great deal of complacency and satisfaction the remarks to which I have alluded. If our delegates to the 1927 Dominion-Provincial Conference did or said anything which contributed in whole or in part to the idea that Prince Edward Island had to live by the bounty or generosity of the Federal Government or the other provinces, they did our province a grievous injury, and these men, or men of similar mentality should never again be allowed to represent us at any other Conference or assembly where our claims and rights are being considered. I will go farther and say that when our delegates found such ideas to exist, they were more than ready in their duty when they did not enter a strong protest, and by irrefragable arguments prove that such view were wholly erroneous.

And now a word with respect to the editorial article under the heading of "Our Claims" which appeared in the Patriot of the 30th of April last. If the Editor wrote and published

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What "Carry On" Income would your family have? Stocks Bonds Real Estate Business Bank Balance Life Insurance Total. The MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA Waterloo Ontario. H. A. EBERS, Provincial Manager 135 Kent Street Charlottetown P. E. Island

The isolated position of Prince Edward Island must be dealt with in a special way and the utmost generosity must be shown. If I had been present, I think I would have reminded Mr. Ferguson that Justice comes before generosity, and that Prince Edward Island was not asking for favors, but for rights. Again, Premier Saunders is reported in the Patriot of March 30th last to have stated in the Legislature that Premier Ferguson declared "Certainly something must be done for Prince Edward Island; they cannot live on potatoes alone." If this remark was made by Mr. Ferguson, it was neither witty, nor wise, nor becoming, and he should have been told so at the time. I cannot, however, find it in the records. I am therefore disposed to think that a good deal of banter was indulged in by some of the delegates at the expense of Prince Edward Island and its Premier, and that poor Mr. Saunders thought he was getting boquets. Such banter would not, of course, be reported in the official record, I fear this view is correct, because I find that Mr. Saunders

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