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The Public Accounts

In a laboured attempt to explain the unexplainable in regard to the Public Accounts for the past year now before the Legislature, the Patriot tries to convey the impression that the statement of Revenue and Expenditure in the Public Accounts of 1926 as published in The Guardian on Saturday was incorrect and that actually the figures were not on page 7 as stated. The general public is not in a position to decide between us, but the members of the Legislature, fortunately, are. If they turn to Part 1, page 7 of the Public Accounts of 1926 they will find each of the items specified in our columns appearing there, and these balance with the statement of revenue on the preceding page 6 and with the recapitulation of expenditure on page 54. But with the statement of revenue and expenditure on pages 6 and 7 of the 1930 Accounts it is absolutely impossible to make them and the recapitulation of expenditure balance, or indeed to strike a proper balance between the items of revenue and expenditure themselves. The Patriot may think it is doing a clever thing in attempting to hoodwink its readers, but it cannot mislead those who have the Public Accounts of 1926 and 1930 in their possession.

Our contemporary also says that the Provincial Police would like to know whether the Government is substituting I. O. U.'s for Sinking Funds. The Guardian never suggested that the Government is doing anything of the kind, if that is our contemporary's insinuation. We said that the Bell Government had done so and pointed out that the Lea Government is not even substituting I. O. U.'s but is taking, according to the statement in its own Public Accounts, the sinking fund from one account and applying it to another totally different account.

Alarming Figures

In order to reduce the Lea Government's liabilities to \$234,581.23, as shown by the Public Accounts for 1930, Sinking Funds, \$72,731.33 are deducted. Otherwise the liabilities would be \$307,312.56. This deduction is made, according to the Patriot, because "Sinking Funds are moneys set aside against the funded debt, still on hand." The Patriot also contends that only the items appearing as ordinary expenditure and revenue should be considered in making up the deficit or surplus for the year. Yet according to the Hon. A. C. Saunders, former Liberal leader, as reported in the Patriot of April 6, 1927, capital expenditure, ordinary expenditure and Sinking Funds should all be included in this calculation. Here are Hon. Mr. Saunders' figures, as given in the Patriot:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Revenue, ordinary, 1926 \$747,060.96; Balance Gasoline Act, 5,012.58; Balance Highway Improvement Act, 569.74; Total, \$752,643.28; Expenditure ordinary, \$724,958.49; Expenditure capital, 708.80; Sinking Funds, 15,720.00; Total, \$741,387.29; Surplus, \$11,255.99

Following exactly the same method of figuring, Hon. Mr. Stewart showed conclusively at the last session of the Legislature that the Liberal deficit for 1929 was \$246,048. Again following Hon. Mr. Saunders' method, approved by the Patriot in 1927, the Lea Government's deficit for 1930 is \$307,312.56; and this does not take into account \$13,398.68 of provincial expenditure on the so-called McIntyre Highway experiment nor the fact that a discrepancy of \$24,465.83 interest on Sinking Fund Investments, appearing twice on one side of the ledger, is unaccounted for in the Auditor's Report.

Over half a million dollars deficit in two years is certainly going some! What do our farmer readers think of it and how long, at this rate do they imagine the Province could survive

Liberal misrule without being plunged hopelessly into bankruptcy?

Mr. McLean Intervenes

According to a Canadian Press report from Ottawa, Mr. A. E. MacLean, M. P., complains that Prince Edward Island "did not benefit to any great extent by the unemployment scheme established at the special session of Parliament." This, he said, "was particularly applicable to the rural parts."

Mr. MacLean's statement, if correct, is a serious reflection upon the manner in which the Lea Government handled this Province's share of the unemployment fund voted by the Bennett Government. When this fund was being voted, the Patriot predicted that we would get none of it, because, it alleged, there "was no unemployment in Prince Edward Island." Fortunately for the Province, Premier Bennett ignored this statement, and the Province received \$90,000 from Ottawa for unemployment relief.

According to the Patriot of April 8, Premier Lea in his speech on the Draft Address frankly admitted "that Mr. Bennett in regard to unemployment relief had done fairly by Prince Edward Island." Surely, therefore, Mr. MacLean's criticism cannot apply to the Ottawa Government! If, as he is reported to have said, the Province "did not benefit to any great extent," the fault must lie with the Provincial Government, which was responsible for the proper expenditure of the money voted so fairly and equitably by the Federal Government.

Mr. MacLean is also reported as advocating a preferential tariff arrangement with Cuba. It is to be hoped that following Hon. John A. MacDonald's conference with the Cuban Government some such arrangement will be satisfactorily negotiated. In the meantime, however, it is well to bear in mind that a tariff preference can only be given at the expense of some other country or countries. The King Government, in negotiating its trade treaty with the British West Indies, Cuba's greatest competitor in sugar and other tropical products, discriminated against the latter country. At that time the importance of the Cuban market to Maritime potato growers had not manifested itself. Mr. MacLean, who was a supporter of the Government responsible for the discriminatory legislation against Cuba and other competitors of the British West Indies, has no cause now to pose as the champion of the Maritimes in that market. It would have been more to the point if he had made such influence as he possesses felt with the King Government two years ago, when Cuba first legislated to our detriment.

Patriot vs. Premier Lea

If, as our local contemporary contends, the reduced price of farm products is attributable to the Bennett Government, then the Speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the present session of the Legislature is incorrect when it attributes this decline to other causes. Far from criticising the Bennett Government for low prices received by Island farmers, the Speech states explicitly:

"It is with feelings of gratitude that we contemplate economic conditions in this Province, in view of the general depression in other lands."

Equally misleading, if the Patriot is correct, must be the statements of Premier Lea in his speech on the Draft Address. The Premier is quoted in the Patriot of April 8 as saying:

"At present, as my friend from Morell remarked yesterday, agriculture is in a very depressed condition. It is to be regretted that all over the world agricultural products have been reduced to a point out of all proportion to the costs of the implements of production in farming."

And again: "We are in a very much better

condition in this Province than in any other province in the Dominion of Canada; in fact, I doubt if there is an agricultural province in the world where the farmers were so little affected as in Prince Edward Island, except for the high cost of the implements of production."

And yet again: "It is with a feeling of gratitude that we contemplate economic conditions in this Province in comparison with other places. The farmers may be assured there will be reaction in prices and those who continue their live stock operations in conjunction with a fair amount of potato growing will eventually succeed."

Premier Lea, as our contemporary has frequently pointed out, is a farmer. It is possible that he knows as much about the factors entering into the price of farm products as our contemporary does. He never suggested that the world wide decline in commodity prices was due to the Bennett Government. If he had, he would also have to give credit to the Bennett Government for the comparatively fortunate situation existing in this Province, a situation which he emphasized particularly in the course of his speech.

Dairy Prices

The Liberal organ's reference to the decline in butter prices adds point to the complaint of producers in this Province of the enormous amount of New Zealand butter dumped into this country between May 1, 1930, when the Dunning budget was announced, and Oct. 12, when the tariff against New Zealand butter was finally restored to four cents a pound. The Guardian is authoritatively informed that there is still in the Province a large supply of this foreign butter, shipped here last year under the King Government duty of one cent per pound. The prevalence of this commodity on the home market, coupled with the fact that commodity prices all over the world have been affected by business depression, naturally means lower prices for the dairy producer. With any slight advance in price the New Zealand butter is taken out of cold storage and dumped on the market, causing another price decline. This condition will necessarily continue until the New Zealand supply, admitted wholesale into Canada by the unwisdom of Liberal politicians, is exhausted. It is a serious condition for the local producer, but one for which the Bennett Government is in no way responsible. If the New Zealand imports had not been stopped on Oct. 12, if the ruinous tariff policy of the King Government had been continued, what would be the price of butter today in Canada? It is safe to say that it would be down to twenty-five or even twenty cents a pound.

PERSONALS

There is a bill now before the Legislature for the purpose of authorizing the City Council to issue debentures. So far, however, the civic accounts for 1930 have not been published. The City Council owe it to themselves to see that these accounts are ready for the information of the legislators and the citizens before asking for further authority to issue bonds.

Halifax hopes to have the first Canadian statue of Sir Walter Scott. The North British Society of Nova Scotia has the project in hand. The monument is to be of heroic size in bronze. It will represent the author of the Waverley novels seated on a base of granite. The unveiling is expected to occur in 1932. The North British Society is one hundred and sixty-three years old and, therefore, presumably the oldest organization of its kind in this Dominion.

Almost coincident with the announcement that the wife of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle had received a spirit message from her husband written on a photographic plate, comes the confession of Nino Pecoraro, medium, of how he had not only tricked Sir Arthur during his lifetime but had fooled many other believers in spiritualism for more than 11 years. In spite of this exposure, however, Lady Doyle will doubtless continue to believe the phenomenon she experienced is 100 per cent. evidence of the psychic power of her deceased husband.

Notes by the Way

The International Mark Twain Society, whose honorary president is Signor Mussolini, has conferred on Rudyard Kipling the silver medal of the society in recognition of his great contribution to the literature of the world. On the medal Mr. Kipling is termed "Prince of Authors," a description that the late Mr. Clemens, who was a friend of the recipient, would have approved, and which will be regarded as appropriate by a multitude of readers.

It would be interesting to know precisely what Chancellor Snowden thinks of this I. L. P. manifesto. It utterly ignores the huge deficit in the British budget, the amazing relations made in connection with the distribution, the boosting of costs of public services as shown in the bungling tactics of Poplarism within the London County Council, and the abject failure in every direction of the Labor-Socialist Government to translate the collectivist creed into a workable hypothesis. Instead of honestly and squarely facing the facts, and showing some inclination to fetch the business and economic interests of the nation into better rhythm with sound and well tried principles of thrifty reform, the Maxtonites affect to see no cure for present discontents except a stronger dose of the Socialist formula which has spread paralysis throughout the nerves and muscles of the British body politic. It is a costly tinkering for which the British taxpayers must foot up the coin if they can, while Socialist experts are squabbling among themselves as to the tools they shall use.

The criminal record and chaotic financial administration of the City of Chicago in recent years have led a good many outsiders to regard it as an example of democracy at its worst. These were the years when William Hale Thompson, commonly known as "Big Bill," was at the head of the civic administration. He had won three previous elections but in this contest he went down to ignominious defeat. The people of Chicago indicated that they had had enough of him. Most outsiders will have a different opinion of the people of Chicago now that they have bounced "Big Bill" out of the City Hall. The record of the new regime will have to speak for itself, of course, and there will be very wide interest in its success in improving the administration of the second largest city in the United States.

Down through the centuries the magicians of the East have performed amazing feats with fire and other dangerous things, but the occidental mind recognizes that these are but tricks which it cannot understand. Only when the magician essays the supernatural does he secure a following, and evidence of this is found in the statement that in New York alone \$5,000,000 is spent annually in spiritualistic work. This makes it a profitable business, but evidently the medium who "fooled" so many people, was not getting his share of the proceeds; hence the exposure. People who look at all this spiritism in a sensible and critical frame of mind find it explained by the old saying that the quickness of the hand deceives the eye.

Moscow has cooked up another piece of fiction about France and the United States preparing to invade Russia. These recurring stories show how desperate is the Soviet's necessity to maintain in the hard-driven people some semblance of national spirit.

According to recent commercial reports, nearly half of what Russia bought from the rest of the world last year was supplied by three countries, these three being England, Germany, and the United States. These same countries took nearly half of Russia's exports for 1930.

In the world's grain markets and in foreign trade in petroleum, lumber and their products Soviet Russia has taken its place among the major exporters. Most of its lumber and wood products it shipped to the United States, Germany, France and the United Kingdom. Cereals and grains—wheat, rye and barley—and other agricultural products it shipped in sizable quantities to Germany; the United Kingdom and France. Russian eggs, nearly 143,000 cases, went to Germany.

Petroleum products from the Soviet Union also found the best markets in Germany and in England. The largest shipments of furs went to the United States and to France. Soviet manganese and coal were shipped to the United States during the year in amounts valued at more than \$2,100,000 and \$2,300,000 respectively.

It is noteworthy, especially to Canadians, that many of the products which ranked largest in the list of Soviet exports are those which occupy a similar position in Canadian exports, and are sold in much the same markets that this Dominion is at the present dependent upon.



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INFLAMED EYES OFTEN DUE TO INFECTED TEETH

During the war one of the best aviators began to make poor landings. As he was an unusually able airman, he was ordered to report for a physical examination. The examination disclosed a tonsil that was in a very bad condition. The tonsil was removed but he was not permitted to fly for two months. At the end of this period he began flying again, and made perfect landings.

Why did the infected tonsil affect the eyesight? Because the poison therefrom entered the blood stream and it had not far to travel to reach the eye.

When a noted eye specialist, Dr. W. H. Wilmer, Baltimore, began to find a number of cases of inflamed eyes for which he was unable to discover a cause, he had these cases examined by their dentist. He asked that X rays of all the teeth be taken in every case. They showed that infected teeth were present in most of the cases.

Crowned, badly colored, and pulpless teeth should be under suspicion in patients who have a chronic inflammation of the eyes.

It is thought that many eye troubles aside from vision, are due to a general poisoning of the system from infected teeth. The teeth may be bad for months or years before any trouble appears, but just as in rheumatism, the poisons finally overcome the resisting power of certain tissues and trouble begins, so they attack and overcome the resistance of the soft eye tissues.

Often the eye inflammation may be due to more than one poison in the system, from the tonsils, sinuses, gall bladder and large intestine. Some one might ask if the organisms as found in infected teeth have been actually found in the eye. Dr. Wilmer states that this has yet to be shown, nevertheless from hundreds of observations one must believe that infected teeth are the cause of the eye trouble.

Further, hundreds of cases of what is called eye strain, where the patients have gone from oculist to oculist because their eyes "bothered" them, have been completely cured when bad teeth have been removed.

Now just as the removal of infected teeth often increases the pain in rheumatic joints for a few hours, or even weeks, so also does inflammation in the eyes become worse after their removal. This in part is really a definite proof that it is the bad teeth that have been causing the trouble.

Don't suffer with sore, inflamed eyes. While the diet may occasionally be the cause,—too much sugar, tomatoes, raw fruits, or potatoes, and bread,—remember Dr. Wilmer's suggestion, get an X ray of your teeth, and have the infected ones treated or removed.



I HAVE SEEN BEAUTY

I have seen Beauty as a morning star, Too exquisite to stay the garish dawn, Move down the glim ways that the shadows are In crystal victory ere it be withdrawn; I have seen Beauty as a valiant wing Strike one white blow against a darkling sky Of storm, a throbbing thing, a gleaming thing All overwhelmed, that leaps and turns to die—

I have seen Beauty as a woman's brow Held banner-like her beaten heart above, Which bleeds among the trampled overthrow And broken shields of some lost cause of love! Be still, O haughty trumpets of success! Your conqueror is conquered loveliness.

—Don Marquis, in Saturday Review of Literature.

ST. LOUIS MARBLE EXPERTS PRACTISING

ST. LOUIS, April 19. (U. P.)—In almost every playground and vacant lot in St. Louis thousands of boys—and girls, too—practice early and late for the honor of representing St. Louis in the annual national marble tournament. Jimmy Lee, who won the national title last year while representing St. Louis was practicing in an effort to retain his title.

Advertisement for Great-West Life Assurance Company. Features a photograph of a family and text: 'A Lifetime's Peace of Mind', 'The Great-West MINIMUM COST POLICY', 'enables you to carry more insurance than would be possible with any other form of life plan.', 'Premium Rates per \$1,000 of Insurance' table.

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