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# THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1921

## OUR WINTER ROADS

Serious complaints are being made about the condition of the roads. Even before last Saturday's storm the road from Milton to Charlottetown was almost impassable and very dangerous and no doubt Saturday's storm will magnify the trouble. Similar complaints come from other sections and various reasons are given. In some cases there are too many overseers and not enough of the rank and file to do the work; in other sections either no overseer was appointed or the appointee refused or declines to act so that between the super abundance and the famine the roads are left to the mercy of the storms. The people in those over fed or underfed districts should make it their business to find out where the trouble is. If there are too many overseers let them be reported, if not to the government, which takes no stock in these matters, then to the magistrate, as neglect to open the roads on time and to keep them open is punishable. In cases where no overseer has been appointed or the appointee refuses to act the people for their own convenience as well as for the travelling public should get together and appoint a man to do the work. We are quite aware it is no use to ask the government to intervene.

## QUEEN SQUARE FOOT PATHS

The suggestion has been made that the hat be passed for contributions to pay for shovelling the snow from the foot paths leading from the provincial building to the surrounding streets. It is estimated that one man could do the work in two days, or two men in one day. At \$3.50 per day the job would cost seven dollars. This expenditure, the provincial government, it appears does not feel inclined to make and as a result the thousands who daily travel the square are subjected to the inconvenience of crowding along in single file along narrow paths broken by citizens on their way to work. The inconvenience is especially felt on Sundays by the crowds going to and from St Dunstan's Cathedral, St. Pauls Church, the Methodist Church and Zion Church, to say nothing of the daily trek of the hundreds of people of town and country who visit the tax collector's office to pay their taxes or protest as the case may be. In former days under all governments, these paths were kept clean and respectable. This winter, like the government itself they are a wreck, impassable and impossible a disgrace to the city and a nuisance to all who are dependent upon them. Like the government itself they lead nowhere and get nowhere but the fact that the government has abandoned them is no reason why the citizens should. A few dollars would restore them to something like order and make Queen Square once more a source of pride to the city. Let some one pass the hat.

## INSPECTION.

It is perhaps not as generally remembered as it ought to be that all butter, whether factory or dairy, that is offered for sale in the province is subject to inspection for weight and moisture. Pound prints for instance, must weigh a full pound, otherwise it is subject to confiscation and the owner liable to a fine. To the credit of our people few instances of fraud in this respect have been discovered. There have been cases however which showed carelessness in weighing, sometimes exceeding, at other times falling short of the prescribed quantity.

In the Charlottetown market, the market clerk is expected to see to it that every pound print offered for sale shall weigh a pound; if it falls short the owner may be heavily fined and the butter confiscated. There have been cases of short weights which showed carelessness rather than intentional fraud and no punishment was imposed other than compelling the owner to sell the whole quantity in bulk, not by the print.

Some butter makers are so well known that their product is taken without question, the outcome of a good reputation for honesty and efficiency; others, unfortunately, are so well known that their product will not be taken at any price. There are few of the latter however; the day of the brick and the stone in the butter tub is fortunately over and well nigh forgotten. The butter offered for sale in our markets today may be taken without question and few mistakes will be made. Too much care however cannot be taken in preparing the product for market and in having it as attractive as possible.

## LASHED TO THE WHEEL

When the storm rages furiously and the waves are sweeping over the ship carrying away anything that is not lashed down, it is customary to lash the steersman to the wheel to prevent his being swept overboard. The Patriot informs its supposedly credulous readers that the Captain is at the wheel of the ship of state but no doubt considers it prudent to withhold the information that he is lashed to the wheel. The waves have swept so long and so continuously over the ship that the Captain has become atrophied or paralyzed. Members of the crew, knowing the ship is going on the rocks, have become callous and indifferent. To appoint another Captain would be useless, anyway none of them would risk the wheel; they prefer taking the oncoming waves in silence and waiting for the end hoping they will carry on their bodies to the shore at least the loot they secured for themselves when they embarked. It is a doomed ship and even the halloo of bravado that went up when the storm first struck her has been hushed.

## CURRENT COMMENT

It was at the Man. Convention Show and "Such a fine and show of feathers, never before was seen." The peace celebrations were scarcely a patch trail, indulgences, nor apparently in the importance of the result. And what is it all about? While two parties got into a quarrel, a third slipped in and stole their clothes. The heather is on fire, the Canadian nation is in confusion, and why, because after long and weary waiting a Liberal has at last by the accident of chance slipped in between five contestants into a parliamentary seat. There was an election in St. John, N. B., where the government candidate, the Hon. Mr. Wigmore, was elected by a majority which was alone as large AS THE TOTAL VOTE POLLED BY THE LIBERAL WINNER IN WEST PETERBORO, and yet there wasn't a fraction of as much crowing done by the ministerial press over this marvelous endorsement, as the MacKenzie King cockerels are indulging in over this accidental win, where they were afraid to risk their policy in the test.

This decision is magnified into the voice of the people of Canada demanding a general election. The Liberal press were always expert in reading by opposites. Mr. Burnham contested the riding as the only candidate on the issue of a general election and 10 out of twelve thousand voted against him and told him he was wrong, that they don't want an election. But if the verdict of that riding was for an election outright who made them the spokesmen for the rest of Canada? St. John by a majority of over 4,000 votes; Colchester by a majority of over 1,500 and Yalo by another large majority all declared for the government and their policy. AND AGAINST A GENERAL ELECTION. Are the decisions of these large constituencies to be set aside by a minority of four out of twelve thousand voters in Peterboro, where a multiplicity of candidates rendered it impossible to get a correct verdict from the people upon any public issues involved? There were about a dozen bye-elections held within the last fifteen months, or since Premier Meighen assumed the leadership and rather let those, where the test was man against man and policy against policy, prevail in determining the issue, than such a heterogeneity.

An election under present conditions would be an injustice to many parts of the country and this alone would be our reason for counselling delay. The census will be taken this summer and following this the redistribution bill which will give all parts the representation they are entitled to, it would be unfortunate if a new parliament were elected now, thus depriving a large portion of the population, FOR FOUR YEARS, of the voice in parliament to which they have a just right. Apart from this, which is a weighty consideration, there would be no serious objection to an early general election. So far as the government are concerned they have nothing to fear. Premier Meighen and party are strong in the confidence of the people and no sane electorate would be so far gone in madness as to destroy a government, with the only policy under which our country could prosper, to hand their affairs over to a pack of adventurers who don't even know whether they have a policy or not. An election would have at least one big advantage and that is the WIPING OF FEDERAL LIBERALISM FROM THE SLATE, AND LEAVING THE OPPOSITION TO THE MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT ALMOST WHOLLY IN THE HANDS OF THE GRAIN GROWERS.

## Daily Selections Guardian Readers Furnished by W. S. Louson.

"IT ALLUS HAS"  
 The rain it poured, The sea it roared, The sky was draped in black The old ship rolled, She pitched and bowled And lost her charted track!

"Oh dear, oh dear! Sir, will it clear?" Loud wailed a dame on deck. As they heaved the lead The skipper said, "It allus has, by heck!"

WRITER UNKNOWN  
 The only people who really enjoy hearing your troubles are lawyers. They get paid for it.

A HOPE  
 May every soul that touches mine, Be fit the slightest contact, get some good thought. One little grace—and kindly thought— One inspiration yet unfeared, one gleam of faith To brave the thickening mists of life. One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mists To make this life worth while, and Heaven a surer heritage.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN  
 MY DAILY DESIRE

To awaken in the morning with a smile brightening my face, to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains, to approach my work with a clear mind, to hold over before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart, to be gentle and kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with the weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done,—this is how I desire to waste wisely my days.

THOMAS DREIER and trying to "steal a soap ver-



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## SYNOPSIS OF RESULTS FOR 1920

ASSETS	
Assets as at 31st December, 1920	\$114,839,444.48
Increase over 1919	9,127,976.21
INCOME	
Cash Income from Premiums, Interest, Rents, etc., in 1920	\$ 28,751,578.43
Increase over 1919	3,047,377.33
PROFITS PAID OR ALLOTTED	
Profits Paid or Allotted to Policyholders in 1920	\$ 1,615,645.64
SURPLUS	
Total Surplus 31st December, 1920, over all liabilities and capital	\$ 3,364,667.15
<small>(According to the Company's Standard, viz., for assurance, the (M) (5) Table, with 3 1/2 and 3 per cent. interest, and for annuities the B. O. Select Annuity Tables with 3 1/2 per cent. interest.)</small>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS	
Death Claims, Matured Endowments, Profits, etc., during 1920	\$ 10,960,402.00
Payments to Policyholders since organization	102,187,934.30
ASSURANCES ISSUED DURING 1920	
Assurances issued and paid for in cash during 1920	\$106,891,266.23
Increase over 1919	20,342,416.79
BUSINESS IN FORCE	
Life Assurances in force 31st December, 1920	\$486,641,235.17
Increase over 1919	70,282,773.12

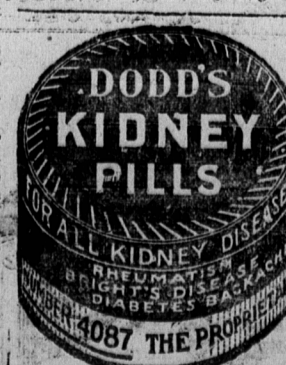
## THE COMPANY'S GROWTH

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	LIFE ASSURANCES IN FORCE
1872	\$ 48,210.93	\$ 96,461.96	\$ 1,064,350.00
1880	141,402.31	473,632.95	3,897,139.11
1890	880,078.87	2,473,514.19	16,759,355.92
1900	2,780,226.52	10,486,891.17	37,680,634.68
1910	9,575,453.94	38,154,790.37	143,549,376.00
1920	28,751,578.43	114,839,444.48	486,641,235.17

dict. They have never failed to do this and will do it again just as sure as the rising of the sun.

Their insincerity in this election clap-trap is further accentuated by their conduct. If the Liberal remnant want an election as badly as they pretend to why not exhibit the courage of their convictions as Mr. Burnham did, and resign on bloc? This would give them the prestige of a verdict representative of the whole people in different sections of the country and an expression of public opinion, IF THEIR CONTENTION WAS SUSTAINABLE, which the government would not dare to resist. But coward like they are not willing to risk their political skins on the venture, their preference being to make others, like Burnham, the scape goats and then to cut their throats when they get them into the scrape. Let Mr. Mackenzie King, for instance, resign West Prince, where by courtesy the Conservatives permitted his election by acclamation and see how he would fare out on a challenge contest under present conditions Premier Meighen and his supporters would see to it that he would be relegated to the scrap heap, even in this former Liberal riding. Mr. Fielding might also try the experiment in Queens Shebourne, where Mr. McCurdy trimmed him so nicely in 1911 and generously returned him the seat in 1917 when he promised to support Union Government. It would seem another test spell for Mr. Fielding from the uniforms and tribulations of political life.

Another splendid opening for



section testing is in the case of the Bell Government in this province. The people are demanding it and why not give it a trial? It would have more of Federal significance than an election in any other province possibly have. Those who member Premier Bell's memorable speeches and interviews



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