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LEGISLATIVE PHILOSOPHY

Whatever may be said of the... of Crosby for his position as... of Public Works... a good deal has already been... it will not be denied that... a philosopher. In his speech... he address, reported in Sat... 's Guardian, he had little to... but that little was to the... "We are compelled to sing... own praises," he said, "for... else will do it." This is at... frank. "If we waited a hun... years," he declared, "the Op... tion would not do it."

THE GOLD RUSH

There is every indication that... there shall be a rush to the gold... fields, real or imaginary, of Lab... rador during the coming summer... The presumption that gold exists... in the region indicated is support... ed by evidence which appears to... be sufficient to justify the adven... turous in trying their hand but... there is no evidence to show that... all who go there will make a for... tune or even a fair wage. Nor... is there any reason to doubt that... some, perhaps many, will reap a... harvest that will amply repay... them for whatever outlay they... may make in cash, discomfort or... even privation.

We have no intention of advis... ing our readers either to go or... not to go, on a gold hunt. Such... advice, if taken, might deprive... someone of a fortune or might... lead to some one risking an ad... venture which he would forever... regret. Hunting for gold is a legi... timate business; it has its risks... and its dangers as every other... legitimate business has. As in... every other legitimate business... also, success depends largely up... on the individual. Although much... appears to depend upon chance or... so-called luck, diligence, industry... courage, fair dealing and the oth... er elements which make for suc... cess in the ordinary walks of life... will play an important part. Above... all they will play that part in the... game which shall bring no regrets... To strive honourably is to suc... ceed, whatever the material re... sult may be; to strive otherwise... is to fall miserably though the re... turn be bags of gold. This is true... of other strivings than gold-hunt...

HIS SENSE OF HONOUR

Mr. B. W. Lepage in the cours... of a fairly voluminous speech on... the address said that "any little... promise individual candidates... may have made should not be con... strued as representing a Liberal... platform."

"Little promise" is good. Mr... Lepage himself in the course of... his pre-election campaign was one... of the loudest of those who made... the "little promise" that there... would be a reduction, not an in... crease, in taxation if the Liberals... were elected, and now he thinks... that anything he said then should... not be construed as representing a... Liberal platform! When Mr. Le... page discovered that the Liberal... party had no intention of respect... ing the "little promise" he made... to his constituents, did he apolo... gize to the constituents whom he... had deceived? Did he tender his... resignation as an honourable man... would have done when he found... that his "little promise" was... shamefully broken? Not he! He... now explains that when he made... his "little promise," he did not... know the "awful condition" in... which the finances of the prov... ince were. If he did not know, why... did he make his "little promise"?... If the government which he sup... ported did not know, why didn't... they? They were represented on... the Finance Committee; they had... access to all the accounts; they... had every opportunity to find... out the whole financial situation... now, cowardly, they try to get ou...

EDITORIAL NOTES

It should not be forgotten that... this winter is an exceptional one... that such a winter has not been... known here in many years and is... not likely to be known for many... years to come. Growing at it and... they, magnifying it will do no good... it will be over shortly and forgotten... "The Island" is still the paradise... it always is in summer. Wait till... you see us in July!

Notes by the Way

A feature of the debate on the... address in the House last week... was the attitude of the leading Lib... eral speakers. Apart from the sing... song of self-praise and mutual ad... miration that attitude was one of... censure and hostility toward their... predecessors in office. Not merely... had the Bell government attained... the acme of perfection in wisdom... and the excellent conduct of pub... lic affairs, but the Arsenault gov... ernment was denounced as guilty... of all the crimes in the political... calendar. According to these self... righteous judges the Best of all... governments had in 1919 succeed... ed the worst of all.

The late government had its... term of power and was deposed by... the people at the election of 1919... They did well and were ill re... warded! They are not on trial now... nor can they be put in jeopardy... a second time for what they may... have done of good or ill. That is... British law based on sound princi... ples of justice. There are other... very real offenders in the dock... and at the bar of justice today!... It is the Bell government and not... the Arsenault government that is... under indictment now and who... must answer to that indictment at... the coming political assizes! The... time draws near and there is no... escape from the trial that awaits... them!

It is a poor defence for any of... fender that others have been charg... ed with wrongdoing. It would not... be put forward as a defence by... the most childish defendant in any... court in the land. The plea is so... silly, so futile, so cowardly, that... it could only be laughed out of... court. But this is the plea of the... Bell government today. All else is... the old Sing-Song of self-glorifica... tion now made doubly stale by... threefold repetition. Thanking... Heaven that they are not as other... men and shouting their own per... fection, to gloss over their mis... deeds, and proved incompetence!

That they grossly deceived the... people in 1919 with the intent to... profit thereby is one of the charges... against them. The charge has been... publicly made in the House, at pub... lic meetings of indignant electors... and spread broadcast in the daily... press. They have not answered the... charge. It is true that one or two... members of the party have made... a brief and shamefaced denial that... they were personally implicated. But... the attitude of the government... and the body of their spokesmen... toward this grave charge has been... that of guilty men, ashamed and... afraid to meet the accusation. They... have the price of their own perfidy... and of the people's betrayal in their... pockets and they are naturally shy... of discussing the offence while... they have the goods on them!

This dastardly deception and be... trayal finds no place in their self... righteous, self-praising Sing-Song... Nor does the poll-tax. No, nor their... own salaries raised 150 per cent... which the precious poll-tax pays... On these and other charges a cow... ardly silence is the best defence... they have to offer. Permanent... Roads, figured gloriously in the... Sing-Song of last year, but the ad... jective is dropped from the noun... in this year's chorus. Roads that... would not cost the taxpayers a... cent nor add a dollar to the debt... the hollow sham of last year's... presence, now stands disproved by... mortgaged revenues and mounting... interest charges. Spring rains may... gully the mud roads but cannot... wash away the debt. That is more... permanent than the roads.

So the Sing-Song is modified as... the Deceivers have been driven... from lie to lie. But it is the same... old tune, the same choristers, less... jubilant, and a little more shame... faced than before, chanting praises... to themselves, with execrations to... their predecessors in office—better... men than themselves and now de... nounced by them as "law-breakers... and criminals!" Thus they strut... and fret their last brief hours up... on the stage, singing love ditties... lyrics and madrigals to Beis and... Johnston, Crosby and Lea! How... supremely ridiculous it all is and... yet they cannot see it. Ordinary... megalomania is sane and sensible... compared with such an exhibition... and an artless sincerity that does... him credit. "We have to sing our... own praises because nobody else... will do it!"

Thank you Mr. Crosby. We en... dorse every word of that declara... tion. For the day we will let it go... rise and sing, lest some chord in... that!

The Public Forum

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

Church Union

Sir.—For the information of Mr... Jardine and any others who con... sider the Assembly unrepresenta... tive, I shall be obliged if you will... publish the enclosed letter dealing... with the subject raised in Mont... real.

UNIONIST

(Enclosed.)

Sir.—Your correspondent who... in your issue of March 15 signs... himself "A Presbyterian Layman" is... evidently misinformed as to how... the courts of his church are con... stituted. He, and others who... think and feel as he does, will be... glad to know that sessions, pres... byteries and assemblies are not... the unrepresentative bodies he... complains of. Anyone signing him... self "Presbyterian Layman" ought... to know that both minister and... elder are chosen by the local con... gregation in the full knowledge... that they are to represent the peo... ple in the courts of the church. Who... else would be likely to know so... well the views, desires and needs... of the people? A minister year... after year in close contact with... his people, and an elder intimat... e with the life of his church, fitted... by training and experience, and... guided by a high sense of duty, are... probably as likely to be representa... tive of the congregation as any... one. May I crave the courtesy of... your column to point out—

1. Sessions are composed of... elders chosen by a congregation... together with a minister called by... the congregation. These elders... are usually the ablest, the most... devoted and the most conscienti... ous men available, and if they are... not really representative of the... congregation, who would be? The... session chooses one elder to... represent the congregation in as... representative a manner as possi... ble.

2. Presbyteries are composed... of an equal number of ministers... and elders. Ministers are never... in the majority. Where retired... ministers, professors or officials... are members of presbytery, an equal... number of elders is always ap... pointed from the eldership at the... constitution of the court. There are... no ministers in presbytery, in ad... dition to those chosen by sessions.

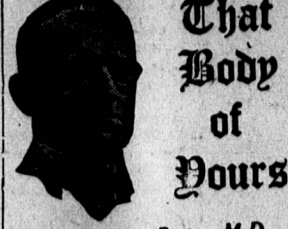
3. The Presbytery of Montreal... appoints twenty-five commissioners... to the General Assembly. Thir... teen of these are ministers and... thirteen are elders. Of these, ten... are ministers and ten elders are... elected by rotation. If a session... failed to nominate one of its num... ber as commissioner fails to do... so, then Presbytery may act, but... only then. This year, although all... sessions thus appointed by the... Montreal Presbytery, in ad... dition to those chosen by sessions,

4. Your correspondent is evi... dently not fully informed as to... the appointments made on March... 13th. Thirteen—the complete num... ber of ministerial commissioners—... were appointed, three by election... and ten by rotation. Three elders... were chosen by election and some... by rotation (nominated by ses... sions entitled to send a representa... tive). Several sessions have still... to make their selection, so the list... of ministerial commissioners is not... yet complete. There will be thir... teen ministers chosen to represent... the seventy-five churches and... nineteen thousand church mem... bers comprising the Presby... tery of Montreal.

Christian Missions

Sir.—The following utterance... occurring in the lecture of a gen... tleman recently delivered in Char...lottetown is amazing and startling... "I have never personally seen a... truly Christianized Hindu or Mo... hammedan." This means either... there was not up to the time of... the learned lecturer's observations... in India, a saved native or that... he did not search where monuments... of Immanuel's grace dwell. It is... patent even to the casual observer... in the light of Jesus's teaching... that any soul responding to Christ's... peerless call is "truly Christianiz... ed." The feeblest believer in India... is different only in degree but the... very same in kind with the most...

the music shall be missed if his... voice is not heard! They have to... do it. The Honorable Mr. Crosby... has told us why with perfect truth... and an artless sincerity that does... him credit. "We have to sing our... own praises because nobody else... will do it!"



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That Body of Yours

(COPYRIGHT) ARE YOU LOSING YOUR NERVE?

In these days of auto suggestion... psycho-analysis, New Thought, Dr... Coue's methods and so forth one... wonders what the end will be. As... a matter of fact these are all use... ful and of personal benefit if... approached in the right manner. There... is the sub-conscious mind, and her...editary tendencies, and one should... recognize them and after acknowl... edging to yourself your own scope... within you, then assert your self... and work your own salvation. For... after all, if you keep your body... in good physical condition, your... high degree of health will give you... the necessary fighting power.

If you find within yourself cer... tain tendencies or habits of which... you are perhaps ashamed, then you... should be thankful that you have... moral insight enough to recognize... that these tendencies are harmful... to you.

Your next step is to become their... master whether these things are... thoughts or actions. Sometimes... there is a little temporary loss of... memory, a little confusion of ideas... little indecisions about everyday... things.

Don't let this bother you. If you... have been working hard, particu... larly in mental pursuits, without... thought of the ordinary care of... the body, these above symptoms might... easily ensue.

Many people become alarmed, be... gin to worry, lose their sleep... and appetite, fail to go out among... people, forget to take exercise, in... fact live a life that is absolutely... wrong.

Remember the brain and nervous... system control the body all right... no one denies that. But that brain... of yours needs good healthy blood... just like other parts of you, and you... can only keep your brain right by... keeping your body right. No one can... deny that either.

saintly soul in Charlottetown. The... Presbyterian Church began many... years ago work there, proclaiming... the same "Word" of which Jesus... said: "Teach the gospel to every... creature," as adapted to a Hindu... or Mohammedan as to a P. E. I. is... as efficacious in their native lan... guage as in West Indies.

A Second Car Ferry

Sir.—You often hear: "His bark... is worse than his bite," so it is... with "The Old Sea Dog" who di... so much growling and barking of... the 22nd and hides behind a non... de guerre, to which he has little... or no right, for no seaman worth... to be called an Old Sea Dog would... refer to a MASTER as the "GAL... LANT CAPTAIN!"

If it was so easy "to show the... fallacies of his apology for the... C. N. R." it is a wonder he did... not do so himself, if only one... He may not have missed his call... ing, but he makes a dandy name... reader or else he is an invento... of no mean worth, for has he no... pointed out "THE CAPTAIN'S... PRIME OBJECTION TO THE SEX... OND CAR FERRY IS THAT HE... HIMSELF COULD NOT COM... MAND TWO CARFERRIES AT... ONE AND THE SAME TIME."

I don't want to make the Old... Salt feel bad by telling him he is... wrong. During the last month we... put in an average of twenty hour... out of the twenty four, so I must... admit I could not handle two, but... some people have been kind en... ough to say I can handle the one... I have very well. Of course they... were not all like Old Sea Dog sui... fering from egotism and jealousy... A lot could be said about the prin... ciple of a man who could think... of such a reason but enough said...

He may not have mixed his... drinks, but he certainly has mix... ed his history when he says, "The... Railway has ABSOLUTE OBLIGA... TIONS TO FULFILL" for if... memory serves me right it was the... GOVERNMENT OF CANADA who... undertook these "ABSOLUTE... OBLIGATIONS" and not the Rail... way.

I am doing the best I can to du... plicate the Old Man, but he is only... twelve yet but they say a chip of... the block, but he need not loost... any sleep over this, there are sev... eral good men, not counting "Old... Sea Dog" handy in case of need.

His next remark: "We have no... more guarantee of Captain Read's... continued existence and usefulness... than we have of the Car Ferry it... self" (would a seaman speak of a... steamer as itself?) No, that is true... not half as much for while I have... never heard of a Winter Steamer... being lost in these Straits I have... lives by his goats, has proved a... true Christian in face of fierce per... secutions. He was not allowed to... sit beside old comrades, his wife... was told to stand aside and the... leader to draw up in crying that... her children were called them Scav... engers and refused to play with them... His goats came in with broken... limbs, other neighbours stoned his... field, his neighbours stoned his... house at night and some of them... helped a rogue to take part of his... property. But he held and won out... with a large crew and using a... large quantity of coal and oil... his fidelity several times led to... Christ and service. 'Tis a pity that... some perhaps honestly sceptical... and witnessing as at home, count...

The Natural Wealth of Canada Water Powers PRACTICALLY every industrial centre of the Dominion enjoys hydro-electric energy. Canada has potential water power resources to the extent of nearly 20,000,000 horse power, only 12 per cent of which has yet been developed. As the application of hydro-electric power is only in its infancy, Canada's wealth in water power is an asset of incalculable importance to the industrial development of this country. BANK OF MONTREAL Established over 100 years A Complete Banking Service Branches Throughout Canada

erfelt did not meet the "Truly... Christianized" native, I fear that... not half of the church members in... our own land give the clear evi... dence of being "truly Christianized... as this man. As Rev. G. A. Christi... wrote, he may have thought o... what his late father saw in man;... years in Trinidad of gospel triump... in case of India's Hindu or Mo... hammedan folks there. As I... scribe I remember that my late... Bro. J. W., contemporary with Mi... Christie, too, witnessed a trans... formation of superstitious and eve... fanatical heathens into "New cre... tures in Christ Jesus." The gospe... is as efficacious in their native lan... guage as in West Indies.

Naval Man Here to Organize Force of Volunteer Reserve

Lieut. A. C. Wurtale, Halifax... arrived in the city Friday night... for the purpose of making prelimi... nary arrangements for the estab... lishment in Charlottetown of a... half company of the Royal Naval... Canadian Volunteer Reserve. This... half company will comprise about... fifty seamen with three lieutenants... or sub lieutenants and one medical... officer. The ordinary seamen will... be recruited from the ages of 20 to... 24. The organization is a purely... voluntary one, and has been put... forward by the Dominion Parliam... ent as a defensive measure after the... cutting down of the Naval Estimates... together nine Canadian Naval Re... serve Companies will be organized... throughout Canada, two in the... Maritime Provinces, one company... at St. John, one half company at... Halifax and one half company at... Charlottetown. Lieut. Wurtale... who will be in command of the... half company at Halifax, has been... sent here, as already stated, for... preliminary organization work. The... volunteers will receive a three... year term of service, the training... for seamen each year consisting... of fourteen days on one of His... Majesty's ships or Naval Estab... lishments of which there are two... in this area—at Esquimaux and... Halifax. This training course will... be a most interesting and attrac... tive one and in addition the men... must do thirty drills of one hour... each during each year at the com... pany headquarters, which in this... case will be situated at Charlott... etown. The men when recruited... will be collected in classes, simi... lar to gym classes, and the drills... done when most convenient. The... men will be given free kits and... during the training period will... be paid according to seaman's... rates from \$1.75 upwards.

Lieut. Wurtale, who recently... visited here while a naval lieuten... ant on board one of the Canadian... Commission and is also prepared... to make an inquiry of its own... undable active service during the... war, the flexible tariff provisions... of both with the Grand fleet and... with the mine sweepers. He expects... to remain in the city until the pre... liminary steps towards an organi... zation of the half company are... settled. It will be necessary to... get at least fifty ratings before the... half company can be formed but... from the enthusiasm already man... ifest there is no doubt that this... number will easily be secured. It... is probable that recruiting for... the new naval volunteer service... force will start soon.

U. S. Government After Sugar Grafters

WASHINGTON, Mar 25.—The... Federal Government declared war... today on the sugar grafters follow... ing the charges of Basil M. Manly... director of the People's executive... Service, in a letter to President... Harding that a criminal conspiracy... had been organized to rob the Am... erican people of hundreds of mil... lions of dollars through manipu... lation of the sugar market. Every... available agency of the govern... ment was arrayed in the drive to... halt the rapidly soaring sugar... prices which some refiners per... mitted would reach 20 cents a... pound by June, on orders of act... ing Attorney General Seymour... agents of the Department of Jus... tice began work at once to obtain... information and data which may... be necessary if the department... returns of a special grand jury to... probe the alleged conspiracy.

The sugar situation in Cuba, and... added that he had suggested that... the Federal Trade Commission... undertake an investigation into the... circumstances which have led to... the sensational advance in the... sugar market. It is probable the commission... will meet tomorrow to make its... plans with United States Tariff... Commission and is also prepared... to make an inquiry of its own... undable active service during the... war, the flexible tariff provisions... of both with the Grand fleet and... with the mine sweepers. He expects... to remain in the city until the pre... liminary steps towards an organi... zation of the half company are... settled. It will be necessary to... get at least fifty ratings before the... half company can be formed but... from the enthusiasm already man... ifest there is no doubt that this... number will easily be secured. It... is probable that recruiting for... the new naval volunteer service... force will start soon.

Mr Hoover said in res... sponse to Mr. Manly's statement... that he has repeatedly stated there... is no economic justification for... the high price of sugar as there is... an estimated world surplus... The brightest blaze of intelli... gence is of incalculably less value... than the smallest spark of chari... ty.—W. Nevins

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers From the W. S. Louson collection. THE LIVING CHRIST. A living Christ, dear friends! the old, ever new, ever blessed Easter truth! He liveth; He was dead; He is alive forevermore. Oh, that everything dead and formal might go out of our creed, out of our life, out of our heart to-day. He is alive! Do you believe it? What are you dreading? Or mourning? What are you hesitating for? What are you fearing? Death? Or man? Oh, if we could only lift up our heads and live with Him live new lives, high lives, lives of hope and love and holiness, to which death should be nothing but the breaking away of the life cloud, and the letting of the life out to its completion. May God give us some such blessing for our Easter Day. —Phillips Brooks

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