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A FEAST OF MUSIC

Charlottetown music lovers have been eagerly looking forward to the second orchestra concert by the Charlottetown Orchestra which takes place this evening in the Prince Edward Theatre. The first concert, some months ago is well remembered as one of the most enjoyable musical events in the history of the city and naturally there is a rush for seats for tonight's performance. The Charlottetown Orchestra, as elsewhere announced, consists of twenty pieces and will be assisted by the Male Choir of sixteen voices. Both Orchestra and Choir are made up of thoroughly trained musicians, instrumental and vocal and the programme has been carefully prepared to bring out the best that is in each. The concert is under the direction of Professor Fletcher with whom are associated such well known musicians as Mrs. Fletcher, soprano; Miss Cheshire, Contralto; Miss Stultz, violinist; Mr. Albert Greene, saxophone and other favorites.

Tonight's concert will undoubtedly be the big musical event of the season. There has been a good deal of preparation for it and those in charge have a reputation to maintain which alone is a guarantee of excellence. Our citizens owe this musical organization the best they can give it. Through its efforts the city has been given a prominent place on the musical map and we can boast of an orchestra and choir; second to none in the Maritime Provinces. We bespeak for tonight's performance the full house it so well deserves both for its own sake and for the sake of the city. Charlottetown is a music loving city, but there are different kinds of music. We sincerely hope that tonight's attendance will show that there are enough lovers of real music in the city to make it possible to maintain and fittingly encourage such an organization as the Charlottetown Orchestra.

ANOTHER BROKEN PROMISE

It will be remembered that during the campaign preceding the last general federal election, one of the promises held out to the electors was that if the Liberals were returned to power the cost of living would, by some unexplained but strongly emphasized method known only to the Liberals, be immediately reduced.

The other day in the House of Commons a debate took place on an item of \$5,500,000 for the payment of the Civil Service bonus. This bonus had been given to civil servants during the war years as an offset to the then high cost of living. Mr. R. B. Hanson, Conservative member for York-Sunbury, asked when the government proposed to revise salaries. The Premier replied that this matter would be attended to next session but that "owing to exceptional circumstances this year the bonus was being continued."

"Would it not be better," asked Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, "to reduce the cost of living and thus get rid of the bonus?" It was pointed out during the debate that while the cost of living had steadily declined since July, 1920, it had gone up, according to the governments own figures, one and three quarters per cent since the present Finance Minister brought down his budget a year ago.

Government members quibbled over this statement. While admitting the increase some attributed it to higher rents and increased cost of coal. This argument failed to hold water when it was pointed out that wholesale commodities of all kinds had gone up in price. The increase in rent, it was pointed out, was due to the fact that skilled labor had migrated to the United States and that those who

wanted to build were not able to do so. The increased cost of living is only another rude awakening from the hypnotic condition induced by Liberal promises before the election.

ONTARIO POLITICS

The political situation in Ontario is becoming acute and the Drury government is waist deep in the troubled waters. The majority of the Government Whip, Mr. Andrew Hicks, one of the United Farmer members, who declared he could no longer continue under the Drury banner, was followed by an amendment moved by another United Farmer member which was virtually a want of confidence motion against the government. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 29 to 62.

This amendment to a formal motion to go into committee of supply, specified that "in the opinion of this House, in view of the fact that the first plank of the U.F.O. platform was to cut down all expenditure not absolutely essential, and further, that the Farmer members of this House were elected for the purpose of securing legislation that would have as its object the amelioration of disabilities under which agriculture in Ontario has labored; regret the failure of this government to live up to the ideals which brought the farmer's Government into being and placed it in power."

This amendment coming as it did from a Farmer member and following closely on the heels of the resignation of another Farmer member, gives some indication of the condition of the Drury government; some indication also of the character of the charges against a government elected by the United Farmers to carry out the wishes of the farmers.

In the division on the amendment four Liberals voted with the government. This has given rise to a supposition that Mr. Drury is holding out the olive branch to the Liberals with a view to amalgamation into a straight Liberal party as the name United Farmers has fallen into disrepute. Premier Drury, in view of these occurrences has intimated that the legislature will be dissolved as soon as necessary legislation can be rushed through and that an appeal to the country will follow immediately.

FARMS FOR SALE

An advertisement headed "Farm for sale" is to some of our readers a sort of signal of distress and a proof that farming in this province is on the down grade. If they look back over files of the Guardian during the past twenty or thirty years they will find that, generally speaking, just as many farms were on the market in any of those years with the possible exception of the years 1916, 17, 18, when the farmers were rolling in wealth and everybody wanted to go farming but no farmer would part with an acre.

Conditions this year are as they have been in past years with some differences which are by no means discouraging. It is quite true that cash is scarce, but it is equally true that the farmer's farms are full and there is every prospect that prices generally will be fair, many of them good, during the present spring and early summer. If grain and potatoes fail to bring a profitable return directly they can be sold very profitably by feeding. Hogs and dairy produce command a good price. There are many farms for sale, some of them for quite other reasons than that their owners want to emigrate. Every farm offered for sale finds a purchaser and there are no more vacant farms today than there have been any year in the past two or three decades.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

YOUR SPRINGS.

The body of a motor car is suspended on springs so that the roughness of the road does not give the passenger too much of a jar. Similarly Nature has provided you with real springs in the arches of the feet.

These arches are very much like the bent bow used by the Indians in olden days. One end of the bow is at the big toe and the other end at the heel with the small bones of the foot forming the actual bow. These little bones are held up by muscles.

The string of the bow is formed by a ligament running between two of the bones. Now if anything happens to the muscles holding up the bow, and they begin to weaken and sag you can see that the bow will be stretched. You have practically the effect of a stretched spring.

Now if this gets worse the bones forming the bow flatten down into a straight line, your string (ligament) is practically broken. Your arch or bow has disappeared and you have flat feet.

In addition to these springs in the feet Nature has so arranged your muscles that they also are practically springs. They are always like a spring on slight tension. And so if you wish to use a muscle you do not have to draw up any slack before the muscle can be used, because there never is any slack, the muscle being always as I said above, on a slight pull or tension.

Thus the front muscles of the body are pulling you forward, and the rear muscles backward. You see they are always, on the spring to do your bidding. So watch the springs in your feet. Preserve the arch by exercises walking on toes then on heels, and then on outer sides of feet.

Notes by the Way

"Of course, if I had been looking for office, perhaps a judgeship, my policy would have been different," said Premier Bell in his Budget speech. And he went on to tell several (to him) very hateful things that he positively would have done had he been looking for a judgeship and \$9,000 or \$10,000 a year! But he tells us he wasn't looking for anything of the kind. And what in the world had all this to do with the Budget, which is supposed to be an exposition of the financial affairs of the Province? Nothing at all. It was purely a digression, but obviously with a motive behind it.

Let us try and find the motive. It is not to ordinary minds a wicked or despicable thing for a lawyer to aspire to the Bench. On the contrary it is generally considered to be a worthy ambition. The judges in Canada are held in high regard and the salaries attached to the positions they hold are by no means to be despised. But the Premier tells us that had he been looking in that direction at all he would have committed what must be to him the most despicable crimes in the political calendar. It would have utterly demoralized him. Wherefore we must infer that he would have despised himself, even on the Bench had he once found himself there!

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection.

CROSSES.

There was a man who went to war And fought in the hottest fray; All thoughtless he of the part he bore, But he did great deeds that day. So the people called him a hero then And they shouted his praise as one. And they gave him a cross when he came again— The cross that his valor won.

There was a man who went to war But he knew not the open fight, For he fought with a foe whom he never saw. In a place that was out of sight; And he died unknown who had heard the call Of a stricken world. "Oh, save!" So they gave him the last little cross of all— The cross of a soldier's grave.

For these are the men who go out to war Full eager to do or die; All careless if Fame should attend them, or Should pass them unnoted by;

The Public Forum

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

The Poor Man's Bread

Sir,—Report says that the bakers combine are working to jack the poor man's bread up another cent a loaf. The excuse they offer is an increase in the price of flour. There is no foundation for this. Flour has not advanced and if anything can be bought for less than since the present bread price was fixed. The consumer who now pays \$18.00 for the bread produced from a barrel of flour, costing the baker \$7.00, thinks the margin of \$9.00 per barrel ample to pay baking costs and the retailer's as well as the baker's profit on a most liberal scale. Not satisfied with this they are after a round \$30.00 per barrel rate.

When flour was \$5.00 per barrel bread sold at 6 to 7 cents for a full inspected two pound loaf. Now with flour only \$2.00 higher, the consumer is taxed 10 cents for a pound and a half loaf, and too of ten short weight at that. I can make every allowance for increased cost of fuel, labor and outside matters and still the margin for profit is on an excessive scale. Under the old two pound 7 cent loaf rate the bakers tumbled over each other cutting prices and were eager for government and large contracts at these and less prices, and the leading men in the business made money.

Nova Scotia, supplying bread in this city. They have to pay expense to Charlottetown, a sharp provincial license tax and employ a local agent to handle their goods and yet they sell a full weight pound and a half loaf, neatly wrapped in waxed paper which adds materially to the cost, at the same price as the local unwrapped loaf is sold for. It is about time that this matter be taken in hand by some in authority and a limit fixed.

I am Sir, etc., CITIZEN.

The Side Hitch

Sir,—A letter writer asks, "Did you ever use a side shift in any country where double team work did not prevail? If not they are no authority at all as to whether it will overcome pitches and slews."

I am very much pleased that the question has been put. I can answer that question very definitely. Four winters, I was on a pasture in New Brunswick where the majority of the people were railway employees. The farms were scarcely more than market gardens. The double team was the exception and the rule. Everybody used a side shift with entire man of the road who would appear with straight draft. I am pleased to give the public the information asked for.

Some folks are very earnestly circulating the report that certain parties have a patent they are expecting to sell. So far as I know there is no patent, but a very simple attachment any blacksmith can put it on. My Pherson at Hampton and Ross, both of Victoria have sleighs with the shift attachment. Any person who desires can see how simple they are, also how inexpensive.

I am Sir etc., C. B. DAGGETT, Baptist Parsonage Tryon

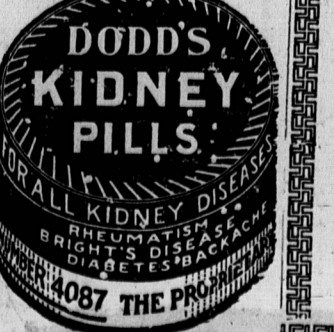
The Alliance and Politics

Sir,—Permit me to present my views on this so-called Temperance Alliance, and the present attitude of Prohibition agents, in regard to the Legislature. To say the least it is a sorry spectacle to see the supposed expounder of the Divine Law, so sadly lacking in the understanding of its primary object. Naturally, when a movement is projected, supposedly for the public good and we are solicited to support it. We bring to it our most serious thoughts, as to its merits, and what its influence will be, on the community and the Province at large.

The past history and present standing of Prohibition, in the hands of the Temperance Alliance has proven an egregious failure, and its merits are at a discount. Now for its demerits—too difficult of enumeration I will confine myself to citing a few. The letter from Johnston's River, so timely

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No passing glory of praise they seek Who stand where a brave man should. In the ranks of the world's Great Friend of the weak— The Man with the Cross of wood. —Millicent Payne.



Modern Dancing

Sir,—Though from all appearances the controversy, regarding modern dancing, has ceased, yet I would like to express my views, which, if they have no uplifting tendency, I am quite sure will not have the opposite effect. To begin with I may say that these are only my views, and I quite realize that it is a very undesirable characteristic in any man to uphold his own opinion above all others. Perhaps, before I run to the end of my tether I may prove to be but "sounding brass" or a tinkling cymbal." It may be even worse, I may go beyond my tether and hang myself. By "modern dancing" I mean the ballroom dancing, which has become a very popular factor in the city amusements of today, originating in Boston, New York and other beautiful American cities, whose cabarets are a side-line on the red light district of Paris.

To the debutante, the ballroom has a weird fascination, not mingled with a sensation of disgust, as she blushes far her degraded sex, with their sleeveless arms and low cut dresses. Perhaps she only went there through curiosity, but more probably, has been enticed by some unscrupulous escort, in the form of a dashingly young man, commonly called a "sport"—a horrid misuse of the word—living on the "governor's dough" and already steeped in the vice of dissipation.

Becoming accustomed to the place her visits become more frequent, the sting of conscience disappears, and nature's pure-hearted darling stands ever the noxious tarn, where the poisonous breath of a corrupt humanity rolls up word, and the once sinless child inhales the vapour, until her soul becomes a great rolling marnah.

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That Mr McIntyre Sir,—Mr. McIntyre's last letter reminds me of the babblings of a child, who has been chastized for making unsuitable remarks, and who is afraid to continue them, but nevertheless cannot keep from saying something. To his last letter of his, therefore, is unworthy of more than passing mention, but I would like to offer a little criticism on some of his previous letters. From their first appearance, always ending up, however, with the words, "verba, verba praeterea nihil." Now I have found out my mistake. I have found out that there is something in his letters; there is a mixture of conceit, exaggeration and wickedness.

In one of Mr. McIntyre's recent letters he attacked our "sexus pulcherrimus" with better antagonism. His words meant that our girls, with a dowry of two helpers and a wether, had their wether eyes open for a partner in life. Here is where his exaggeration comes in. It is even more than exaggeration; it is hyperbole, an absurd fabrication, a falsehood, a



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