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"Better Than He Knew"

Our local contemporary congratulates PREMIER CAMPBELL on having a deficit last year of "only \$24,654" on ordinary account and a total increase in liabilities of \$215,522.

Obviously from the foregoing statements, the Liberal assurance of a balanced budget annually was based on the fact that the Conservatives in their last full year collected ordinary revenue to the amount of \$1,385,777.

These figures, we submit, show very clearly that whether or not PREMIER CAMPBELL build "better than he knew" he certainly has not build in accord with the Liberal election specifications.

Here is further evidence, from the Liberal Manifesto, containing the Liberal platform amplified and explained by Mr. THANE A. CAMPBELL, Provincial Campaign Leader, set forth in the Patriot of July 5, 1935 as a statement of policies "on which the Liberal Party expect to achieve a sweeping victory."

"The MACMILLAN Government has had the advantage during its three years of an increase of ordinary revenue amounting to \$589,261.21, and PREMIER MACMILLAN boasts that he received nearly a million dollars in grants from Ottawa."

A Curious Amendment

Many will wonder whether the following bill, introduced in the Legislature by the Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Minister of Public Works, has any connection with the shamefully neglected condition of some of the paved highways of the Province under his administration:

conduct in such act or performance. "2. The preceding section shall be read as part of the Road Act, 1936 and shall be construed as taking effect at the time the said Act came into force, and shall apply to all actions heretofore or hereafter to be commenced in respect to any act or performance thereunder."

Editorial Notes

The British expedition flew over Mt. Everest this date 1933.

Now we are to have government sale, whole sale and retail, without public control of the revenue therefrom.

The Campbell Government collected \$104,589.78 in taxes in 1936 compared with \$138,918.71 in the previous year—or \$55,671.07 more. Of course, it must be borne in mind that in the previous fall little effort was made by the Campbell Government to obtain payments

When the taxpayers realize that practically nothing was done on the roads last year, and no public works, undertaken, they must marvel what on earth Mr. MacIntyre did with that \$280,000 he spent on his Department of Public Works.

The Minister of Public Works boasts that he has now got control of his department. Does that justify him in spending the taxpayers hard-earned money to the extent of \$21,202.07 in the "Maintenance of bridges" in each of the three counties, as set forth on page 58 of the Public Accounts?

During his visit to England for the Coronation and the Imperial Conference, Prime Minister Mackenzie King has been invited to officiate at the opening May 6 of a new bridge across the Thames at Chelsea, Reminiscent of his 1926 experience of "blasting through an open door."

British Columbia is to have an election this year, when certain pressing financial questions have been settled "on a safe and solid basis," which includes a \$4,000,000 public works hand-out from Ottawa. It is not at all improbable that Alberta also will have an election, as the Social Creditors have fallen out among themselves; and all indications point to Premier Hepburn trying his luck in Ontario this Summer or Fall.

No Liberal need complain about the Federal Government's dismissal record, seeing that no fewer than 716 civil servants have been made "to walk the plank" since Mr. King took office. The greatest number of dismissals took place in the postal service, where 347 persons were separated from their positions.

Mr. E. T. Fisk, chairman of Australian Amalgamated Wireless, told an audience recently that the first record of a "beam" message was more than 2,000 years old. It was made at the battle of Marathon, when the Grecian commander noticed a Persian soldier on a mountain top making the sun flash a reflection from his polished shield.

It is significant that most of the reductions of expenditure by the Campbell Government were at the expense of the needful. For instance:

Table with 3 columns: Dept. Name, 1935, 1936. Rows include Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Education, Dept. of Health, Public Works and Highways, Falconwood.

Here are a few examples of the increased taxation we have been made to bear for the Campbell Government to squander in riotous extravagance:

Table with 3 columns: Tax Name, 1935, 1936. Rows include Real Estate, Income Tax, Banks, Trust Co's, Electric Light, Telephone, Domiciled Co's, Succession Duties, Amusement Tax, Gasoline Tax, Motor Licenses, Peddlers, Registry Office fees.

Here are a few of the increased expenditures incurred by the Campbell Government:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1935, 1936. Rows include Interest on borrowed money, Administration of Justice, Provincial Secretariat, Fishermen's Loans administration, Grants, Direct Relief, Postage, Auditor, Old Age Pension Office, Pensions Paid, Supt. of Insurance.

Notes By The Way

Doubtless many beside ourselves have wondered just what a cocktail is, and how it got its name, but never found anybody able to enlighten them. The mystery is now explained by an English solicitor, who says it dates back to the days of the old cock-fights.

So the old agitation has died out and South Africa is as loyal as any part of the Empire. Curiously there is somewhat the same situation in Ireland. De Valera may talk a lot of political effect, but when it comes down to actual independence he would hesitate.

The defiant attitude of the Italian Government has apparently tended to put up the backs of both Great Britain and France. They may easily meet in the final violation of the non-intervention agreement a challenge difficult to ignore.

In the little span of life we own, how lucky we are if we are able to gather to us as intimates but a small handful of friends—"those without capitulation," as Stevenson once so well put it. I believe that most of us carry about within our conscious mind a few friends—one full of understanding, kindly tolerant and full of grace.

South Africa does not want, and will not tolerate, either Communism or Fascism. Pro-Nazis and anti-Semites and pro-Semites, are equally unwelcome, and unnecessary here, and can only lead to hooliganism and brawling, and possibly to bloodshed.

How long can the struggle last? Karl Barth has pointed out that the Church may be beaten by pressure from without or by weariness within. And the pressure from without is undoubtedly great. Indeed, that is what has precipitated the present development.

Of the 200,000 passengers carried by British air companies last year in Britain and overseas, only 12 were killed—one passenger in every 16,667. Statistics for foreign air lines are scarcely less impressive. Day by day, across the Old World and the New, across inaccessible mountain ranges, arid desert tracts, and wide oceans, the machines hum on their normal, uneventful paths.

I have noticed that you use the word "undoubtedly" very liberally. May I suggest that you consider the use of "doubtless" in its place? It is a shorter word and, to my ear at least a better sounding word. Aside from its length, I think "undoubtedly" is an awkward word, especially when compared with sprightly "doubtless."—Ex.

Granted adequate purchasing power to the great masses of people, manufacturing plants and industrial factories would be running full blast at high pressure in the attempt to meet the legitimate needs of the people. But it certainly is the Machine—when attempts are made to run a highly-mechanized world on the old basis.—Halifax Herald.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CORRECTION

Sir,—In my letter of Wednesday I, in error, calculated U. S. gasoline prices as tax paid instead of plus tax.

The difference is only slightly material to the issue. I have bought gas in Boston at 95c for 8 (U. S.) gallons, and some hundreds of gallons at 8 gals, for \$1. We can understand the embargo upon New England tourist traffic when confronted, if it so happens, with a 10c tax, and a 32 to 35c (Imp. Gal.) price in this province, as compared with less than half the home price.

MOTORIST

Sir,—When Minister of Public Works, Israel Tarte, publicly expressed himself in favor of protection he had to leave the Laurier for Liberals to practice protection, but not to practice it.

Finance Minister Dunning, in the King Cabinet, has openly declared for protection. He still holds his portfolio. Why? Is he stronger than his Free Trade party, or is it a concerted game to run with the fox and hold with the hounds?

HISTORIAN

THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT

Sir,—The blast of trumpets, and pretended jubilation, over the \$200,000 Wood Islands grant, has met with a chilling setback. Public Works Minister Cardin has let the cat out of the bag.

Which means that it is another characteristic Liberal bluff.

"The worm turns" Sir,—With about half of the legislation designed to further tax and oppress the small producer and consumer, it is some relief to find a number of members led by Mr. Campbell, in protest against the avalanche of burdens being laid upon the taxpayers by the Campbell Government.

In sympathy with the trend to grind the small producer and consumer between the upper and nether millstone, is the proposal to solidify the combine in price fixing. This is another covert attempt to grind down the small competitor where in recent years have been the means, by competition, of checking the pinching of consumers by further price increase.

It is those combines and monopolies that has been the feeding ground of Communism and Socialism, encouraging revolt from the proletariat against exploitation of the moderate and working classes by the forces of greed, to which it is time for the sensible public to call a halt.

TRUCKMEN'S FEES

Sir,—I read this morning a letter signed Truckman, regarding the proposed increase in registration fees, proposed by the Government. As another Truck Owner I fully endorse the sentiments of Truckman's letter. Yet I feel that he has not gone far enough in this matter. Let us take it from an investment standpoint. As truckmen state the annual gasoline tax on a truck running 16,000 miles would be \$1,920 which plus proposed rate of truck carrying 5 tons \$182.00 would make his total bill \$2,102 or about 27% of his investment, whereas all other rates of taxation in force in the province except succession, are less than 5%.

It has been stated that the proposed increase compares favorably with rates in other provinces, but when taxes are compared on percentage of investment, we find that the truckmen are being at least badly used. There is no reason in the world why our taxes should be as high as those in other provinces, all things considered.

should be as high as those in other provinces, all things considered. First we have very little hard surfaced roads, second, our hauls are much shorter than in other provinces, third, our season is only about seven months. Elsewhere about roads are kept open the whole year, and they can run the 12 months, besides the gasoline is lower in any other place than P.E.I. Why should we have to pay 1c per gallon more to the oil companies than these other provinces. This is a matter the government should regulate. We believe our country members are familiar with these facts and they will surely look after our farmers' interests for after all if there is any increase in expenses the farmer in the end will have to pay it.

THE LEGION BAND

Sir,—In days gone by the citizens of Charlottetown, during the summer months, were favoured with at least two band concerts a week, but for the past few years band concerts have been few and far between. Today we have two bands in the city, the Canadian Legion and the League of the Cross. Many of the bandsmen have been playing faithfully for years and one by one they feel they are not able to carry on. The Legion Band at the present time is getting into the position where they are hardly able to turn out with the self-satisfaction they should feel and the assurance they are able to perform in a way that will be satisfactory to themselves and to the citizens.

In August 1928 the local branch of the Legion purchased uniforms in England for the Band at a cost of nearly \$150.00, in which the members of the Band were able to turn out in a very satisfactory manner.

As the members of the Band drop out it is getting increasingly difficult to secure new members on account of the poor condition of the instruments and when it is remembered that it takes about three years to make a bandsman it is readily seen that there is little incentive for young men to take up this work, when there is no prospect of new instruments. The Town of Summerside has recently organized a Band with new instruments, and every important centre has a Band that is provided with suitable instruments. Band instruments cost a great deal of money, and it is for the most part absolutely impossible for the members to purchase the instruments themselves. This being so, and the present instruments having become of little service, if Charlottetown is to continue to have a Band some means will have to be undertaken to save it.

The local branch of the Legion has decided, therefore, that in the near future they will have to launch a campaign to equip the Band with new instruments and the public will be solicited. Whenever there is a band concert the citizens turn out in large numbers to hear it, and it is felt that they will contribute as liberally as possible to the campaign to save the Band from extinction.

We are, Sir, etc., Chairman, Publicity Committee, Charlottetown Branch, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

IMPLOABLE SHORE

Historians have written how a band of Englishmen sailed perilously the dark And unobtainable seas in search of land, As Northmen intrepidly launched the Ark. Though any gale might crack their masts or slit Their feeble sails upon that fierce expanse, Dreaming of far improbable shores, They quit Their homeland's tyranny and intolerance. They sailed, so these historians declare, And spanned the savage and remote seas; They roved a wilderness, that men might dare. To claim and keep themselves divinely free. Yet where that shore might lie I cannot say. Knowing of no such men who live today. —Lionel Wigram.

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That Body of Yours By James W. Borlen, M.D. RECOGNIZING CANCER OF STOMACH EARLY Cancer organizations tell us that cancer of the stomach is the earliest to cure if discovered early and the hardest if discovered late. Thus if there were some outstanding symptom of cancer of the stomach that showed itself in the early stages, immediate steps by means of surgery, radium, or X-ray could bring about the cure, because it is possible to live in good health with just a portion of the stomach and to exist without any stomach at all.

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