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The Hand of Esau

The Lea organ seems bent on convincing its readers that it is incapable of quoting even a printed statement without garbling it. Here is a curious example, from its issue of yesterday:

Our Tory morning contemporary in a frenzied, sick-headache mood declares in wrath "It is an unprecedented thing for a defeated federal candidate to participate in a provincial election contest."

Page Mr. Donald McKinnon and scold him for his speeches in Belfast, and catch Mr. J. F. Arnett and spank him for his words at Murray River and elsewhere.

The Guardian's statement was:

"It is an unprecedented thing for a defeated federal candidate, a non resident of the Province, who did not even have a vote for his own colleague in the last election, to participate in a provincial election contest. It is not only unprecedented—it is illegal, which makes it considerably worse."

What reliance can an intelligent electorate have upon the Liberal organ's reports of political meetings when it cannot be trusted to quote, without glaringly deliberate misrepresentation, a single sentence from a Conservative newspaper?

That Telephone Order

One of the most extraordinary episodes in the record of the Lea Government—upon which it is now appealing to the country—is that concerning the purchase by the Hon. J. P. McIntyre of \$90,000 of road machinery. It is customary to call for tenders for almost everything required by the Government, especially where large expenditure is concerned, and to get what is required locally or through local agents. In the case of the road machinery, the Minister of Public Works informed the leader of the Opposition at the session of 1928 that he did not order them through a local agent, that he did not know of any correspondence on the subject, and that he himself had ordered them from Saint John, New Brunswick, by telephone. He also said there was no Order in Council authorizing the expenditure, and there was no provision for them in the estimates.

These are the facts which came out in the legislative session of 1928. Mr. McIntyre and his apologists have a different story to tell today, but the public have a right to be suspicious of any statements given at this late date in view of the damning admissions made at the time by the Public Works Minister himself. Here is his explanation, the only one he vouchsafed to make on the floor of the House, as taken from the reports of the Legislature on April 3, 1928:

"An Act to provide for the purchase of power machinery was next considered."

"Mr. J. D. Stewart asked if the machinery had been purchased. Mr. McIntyre replied that it had."

"Mr. Stewart: 'Then the Government is under an obligation to take the machinery?'"

"Mr. McIntyre: 'It is.'"

"Mr. Stewart: 'How much is owing for it?'"

"Mr. McIntyre: 'Between eighty and ninety thousand dollars.'"

"Mr. Stewart: 'From whom were they purchased?'"

"Mr. McIntyre: 'From the Irving Company, St. John. We bought them direct.'"

"Mr. Stewart: 'Would you table the correspondence?'"

"Mr. McIntyre: 'If my memory serves, we ordered by telephone. But if there is any correspondence I will gladly table it.'"

"Mr. Stewart: 'On what authority was the expenditure made?'"

"Mr. McIntyre: 'We had to have the machinery in time. We heard the Ford Company had discontinued making them. There was no Order-in-Council passed.'"

Mr. McIntyre tabled no correspondence on that occasion. On April 11th, in the course of his speech in the Budget, Mr. Stewart remarked:

"We have been trying to get information about this deal. I asked my hon. friend to table correspondence with regard to the purchase of these machines and he has not done so. Can you imagine it? Purchasing \$100,000 of

property, not for himself but as a trustee for this Province; and he comes into this House with the miserable excuse that he ordered them from Saint John by telephone!"

Not even when the estimates were being passed was this the required information furnished. On that occasion The Guardian stated:

"It was expected that the Minister would explain to the House the purposes for which were intended the moneys he asked the House to vote and would give detailed information regarding the proposed expenditures. This is the duty of a department head; this is in every Legislature and Parliament the practice; but this the Hon. Mr. McIntyre was unable—or unwilling—to do."

The same curious unwillingness was evident on Mr. McIntyre's part at the Cherry Hill meeting on Saturday night, when he had the opportunity of replying to the straightforward challenging statements of Mr. B. D. MacDonald, and neglected to do so.

Patriot Bull-Frogs

The Liberal candidates for Third Queens are in a sorry plight when their opponents' arguments have to be offset by hecklers imported from Charlottetown for the occasion. The frantic S.O.S. call sent out after the Winslow meeting brought a car-load of these noisy gentry to York on Friday night, and their partisan efforts to create a disturbance during the speeches of the Conservative candidates was strongly resented by the audience. Prominent among the hecklers was an employee of the Patriot newspaper, a resident of Charlottetown, who had no more right to interrupt a York meeting than he had to speak in Westminster Hall.

As our contemporary well says, "a bull-frog in a puddle can make a big noise." One or two of the croaking type in a public meeting can do the same. . . Such noises have no more relation to the opinion of a people than the walls of a fishwife has to the peace of an orderly community, or the bawl of a drunken man has to the quiet of the sober masses."

We trust that in the future our contemporary's employees and all other members of the "boo brigade" in the pay either of the Government or its party press will take this rebuke to heart.

Bogged on the Boulevard

In nearly every political speech he has made in the past four years Premier Lea has described lugubriously how he got stuck in his car on the "Tory" roads near Freetown. He has cited this experience as irrefutable evidence that the Conservative road policy was a failure.

And now, by a strange coincidence, the Premier and his colleague, Hon. Horace Wright, had another experience of the same nature, which must have been even more annoying, coming as it did in the midst of their election campaign. It happened only last week in the Premier's own district, on one of those Liberal "boulevards" about which we used to hear so much. Taunted at a recent political meeting with the circumstance of his misadventure, the Premier's only comeback was: "Oh, we all get stuck sometimes."

Editorial Notes

At the suggestion of the Hon. B. W. LePage, who complained that he was getting "tired," the Conservative candidates for Second Queens' agreed to cancel two of their scheduled political meetings. On Saturday night, however, Mr. LePage was not too "tired" to go into another constituency and deliver a speech in support of the Liberal candidates. Perhaps Mr. LePage had other reasons for wishing to avoid the elections at North River and Wheatley River,

NOTES BY THE WAY

A farmer from Alberta, Mr. Gardner, rises in his place in the House, compels all these mighty financiers to appear in Ottawa, to produce all their books and ledgers and vouchers and accounts, to tell him and a committee everything they have done and are doing about financing their enterprise and about financing other things; to confess all of their activities. What greater object less could there be of just what Parliament is and means?

The war took a ripe harvest of England's young athletes, and for some years afterward she lost her old position in international athletic tests. But a new generation has had time to develop, made up of those who were too young to fight. This explains her resumption of her old dominating or challenging position in lawn tennis.

The tendency of the times to give primacy to money values is noticeable in most of the comment one hears about horses. The calculations are as to what prospect they have of earning more money than other horses; and thus they seem to be rated, instead of according to their racing merits. Nine-tenths of the greatest horses that ever lived never earned \$100,000 on the turf.

This crisis in German affairs must drive home with great force the consciousness of the economic interdependence of the nations. It has been made very clear to the United States that economic partnership must be recognized, and that no nation can hereafter live to itself. The war removed that delusion for all time. It is therefore of the greatest importance not merely to consider the economic Germany and Europe of today, but of a year hence. The moratorium is very far from getting us out of the woods.

Suspension of Payments for a year will not solve the reparations problem. It will give the harassed nations a respite. There will be time to look around, and, in Mr. Hoover's words, the forthcoming year can be given to the economic recovery of the world. It is inconceivable that when the breathing space is over the wretched wrangling and uncertainties will begin again as bad as before. There must be a revision of reparations, perhaps through an international conference. The nightmare has lasted too long.

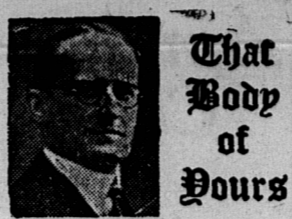
Scientists have discovered that the waxy coating of the apple contains an ingredient whose existence and potentialities have been for ages unsuspected. This substance is urolic acid. Reduced to a powdered form it is resinous to the touch and repellent to water. Preliminary tests have shown that among other things this acid increases the water resistance and gloss of cellulose lacquers. Its water-repelling properties suggest to scientists that it will be useful in the paint and varnish industry.

Thus will another industry be born and the apple acquire in addition to its historic function of keeping the doctor away that of keeping the water away from the painted and varnished woodwork.

According to figures given by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald premier of Great Britain, the London Times notes that "since 1914, when the normal process of deflating armaments from war-size to peace-size had been completed, a stable basis for annual comparisons has existed. Alone among the greater powers this country (Great Britain) has steadily and appreciably decreased its expenditure on national defence since 1924. The British Prime Minister took personal as "the simplest and most straightforward test," and added: "An examination of the figures of personnel of other countries will show that they have increased in much the same proportion as ours have decreased."

Parliament is filled with long-winded ranters. The pages of Hansard are a nightmare for anybody who has to wade through them. But almost every gathering exhibits the same curious human failing—men wanting to hear themselves talk. There isn't one man in a hundred who can say anything worth the time of an audience.

It is only within the last century that we have learnt to temper summer heat—when we get it—with iced drinks. The first cargo of summer ice brought to this country was shipped from Norway by some enterprising merchant, whose name is undeservedly forgotten, and it arrived in the Thames in June, 1823. The cargo being novel, the customs officials had to deliberate long and earnestly as to the heading under which it should be classified for duty. When at length they decided to list it as "dry goods," the entire cargo of 300 tons was found to have melted.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR PHYSICIAN

Perhaps you wonder why your physician wants you to undergo an X ray examination after an injury although he is of the opinion that there is no bone broken.

He does this because he feels that after all he is only human and that he may be making a mistake.

Lately also, in cases where a doctor is sued for malpractice, the first question a judge will ask is whether or not an X ray examination was made. The physician may explain that he didn't want to put the patient to this expense, but this does not excuse him. If the physician suggests the X ray examination and the patient says he is satisfied with the physician's treatment without the X ray examination this excuses the physician to some extent but not entirely.

The result is now that in most bone and joint injuries the physician protects the patient and himself by having an X ray of the part.

Just to show you how far this idea of protection of patient and physician is progressing may be seen where a French court has rendered a decision on another type of case.

As you know, tetanus (lock jaw) while not very common, nevertheless does occur after wounds or cuts, and if the serum is not used in time death in a distressing form usually follows.

Formerly the serum was used when the first symptoms of lock jaw appeared, but latterly in hospital and general accident work where a wound is very dirty, and there is a feeling that all the dirt has not been removed, it is the custom to give a dose of this antitetanic serum anyway.

In this particular case a young man engaged in work with metals met with a grave accident in the factory in which he was employed, whereby a deep wound was produced. He died a few days later from (tetanus) lock jaw. The family sued the physician because he had not used the serum the day the accident occurred.

The judge decided that the doctor was fifty per cent to blame for not using the serum. He would have been entirely to blame if cases of tetanus had been more common in the region.

I'm not commenting on this case; I'm only trying to show you that when the doctor wants you to undergo an X ray, a blood test, an injection of any preventive serum, it is really for your own protection and his own.

And the principal reason, unfortunately, that he doesn't always insist on these further examinations, is because he wishes to save you the expense of them.

The Public Forum

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

A SORRY "RECORD"

Sir—As the campaign progresses and the opposing candidates get warmed up to their work, we are the better able to deduce the invincible truth from the discussion involved. But we must claim that our Liberal friends have thus far, advanced a sorry excuse for the many defections in their last four years of administration. They clouded the judgment of many electors by their alluring promises to give to our people "the great boon of a bar-ished liquor traffic. All electors see now is that they were made only to meet the occasion. They were made to influence the minds of the electors who, perhaps, had not followed the evolutions of their leaders with that rational caution that is necessary often to estimate the deceiver. Again it must be repeated: Hear and read both sides, search the records from the earliest days down to the present then, with a judicious mind, vote for the Conservative party.

I am, Sir, etc., VOTER.

A "FRIEND" NOW ABSENT

Sir—It will be remembered by many, both Liberals and Conservatives, that a certain gentleman of Summerside once saved the face of the Government when it was badly cornered by the Opposition, who at that particular time were criticizing the Government's doings in blocking the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. A government supporter in the Legislature, realizing that a "Friend

Mr. King And Beauharnois

(The Ottawa Journal)

Mr. King's explanation of his connection with that now famous Bermuda trip, strangely paid for, in part at least, from the unfeeling coffers of Beauharnois, may be left to the judgment of the public. As The Journal stated yesterday, no one who knows Mr. King could ever believe that he would knowingly accept personal favors of this character in such circumstances, and his story will be accepted, we think, by the House and country. It might have been better, of course, if Mr. King's words had carried with them a little more of passion, more of iron against the conduct which brought about this whole situation, and there are times when a flaming indignation is necessary to overwhelm prevalent cynicism in politics. It might have been better, too, might have strengthened Mr. King's position, had he frankly told the House that his trip to Bermuda with Senator Andrew Haydon was really to discuss plans for a general election. That was what it was for. It certainly was not for the purpose of discovering what fruits and vegetables Bermuda could send us under the Dunning budget.

Then, again, there was so much which Mr. King left unsaid, so much that he might have said, it may be, of course, that Mr. King was confined by the rules to a personal explanation, and that when the proper time arrives, when the Beauharnois Committee report is before the House, he will rise and say the things which the country expect him to say. For what, after all, is the actual position?

The actual position, affecting the political and administrative conduct of Mr. King, is this:

- 1. Mr. King granted certain Order-in-Council rights to the Beauharnois promoters.
2. Mr. King subsequently refused an investigation of the financial operations of the Beauharnois promoters.
3. Mr. King, or Mr. King's party, later accepted \$700,000 of election campaign money from the Beauharnois promoters.
4. Closely connected with Beauharnois, in a legal and financial way were (1) Mr. King's personal friend and chief of staff, Senator Andrew Haydon, and (2) Mr. King's personal friends and political captains, Senators McDougald and Raymond.

Mr. Mackenzie King must be perfectly aware of the implications of this combination of facts and circumstances. He has, presumably, followed and read the evidence given before the Beauharnois Committee. He knows what was said there about the contribution by Beauharnois to his party, knows that the country and many of the best elements in his own party, are wondering regarding Mr. King's connection with that contribution, wondering whether he knew of its existence or, what would be almost as bad, whether he didn't trouble to discover how he was being financed or by whom. Mr. King is aware, further, of the evidence given by and about his personal friend and political lieutenant, Senator McDougald. He knows about Senator McDougald's statement to the Senate that he was not connected with Beauharnois in 1928, and what the searchlight of sworn evidence did to that statement. He is aware of the now notorious fact, brought out by the Beauharnois Committee, of how Senator McDougald, sitting on a Senate Committee on the St. Lawrence Waterway, brought his partner in the Sterling Industrial Corporation (concerned with the development of power) and put to him questions which the two men had previously arranged. He is aware, finally, of Senator McDougald's compelled admission that his statement to the Senate that he was not concerned with Beauharnois before 1928 was "ambiguous."

Knowing these things, it is inconceivable that Mr. King should think that all he owes the country is the statement which he made on Wednesday about his trip to Bermuda. That, important in itself, is not nearly as important as the other and larger questions outlined above, and which vitally affect Mr. King, The Toronto Globe, anxious, as ever, about the Liberal party, calls upon Mr. King to speak out, to show that he is worthy of the leadership and the traditions of Liberalism. That, so far as it goes, is to the good. But it is much more than the fortunes of the Liberal party, and the character of its leadership, that is at stake just now. What the country really wants to be told is as to whether Mr. King's connection with this whole Beauharnois story was the connection of a man worthy in every respect to be the Prime Minister of Canada. It wants to be told what he thinks, as a former Prime Minister, and as the leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, of the conduct of that distinguished officer of his party, Senator McDougald. To be told of how he squares that conduct with his past high professions of political traditions and political rectitude. Mr. King, after all, placed Senator McDougald in the Senate, placed him at the head of the Montreal Harbor Commission, gave him power and trust and political place in the country!

It may be, of course, that Mr. King intends to speak, and to speak plainly. Nobody expects him to come to the House in sackcloth and ashes in the role of a penitent, or as a confessed criminal. But the country, cynical and indifferent though it may be at times, is sick of and disgusted with these Beauharnois disclosures, and it does possess the right to ask of Mr. King that he give to it an honest, courageous, and candid statement of his position and his mind. Failure on this score will do public harm, but not as much harm to the public as to the future and political position of Mr. Mackenzie King.

In need is a friend indeed," smoothly approached this affords gentleman and by persuasion, induced him to sign or mark a legally drawn and afterwards legally witnessed document, which was in due time presented and read on the floor of the House of Assembly. The mark or signature of this "friend indeed" is believed by some to have been secured without bribe force or intimidation. Be that as it may, the presentation and reading of this solemn affirmation lessened the tense seriousness of the situation from a government standpoint. It is liberally feared that the friend's services so much needed may not be available in the present campaign, as his domicile is in another Province. Wouldn't it be a fine thing for the Liberal cause if some other such wonderfully beneficial affirmations could be secured for publication in the Patriot before August sixth?

I am, Sir, etc., P. J. W.

ELECTION ROAD WORK

Sir—Activities on road repairing 1st approaches the turning on this road with fear and trembling. The streets, peddling it, We would like

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road is narrow, with trees obstructing view. Of all roads in the Province, this should be attended to as it is only about three miles from Charlottetown. The sporadic attempts at road repairs clearly shows that our Liberal friends are out for votes. I am, Sir, etc., MOTORIST.

THE CLARKE CASE

Sir—Mr. W. D. Clarke was Prohibition Inspector at Borden. He was appointed by request of leading members of the Temperance Alliance. He did his work well; so well as to receive unanimous approval of the Alliance Executive. But, too well to please the Liberal heeled and bootleggers of Borden. Early in his career delegations demanded his dismissal from Mr. John Agnew, then Chairman of the Prohibition Commission. Mr. Agnew's reply was—"We do not dismiss men for doing their duty." Times changed. New leaders got hold of the political ship. Mr. Lea became Premier, and Mr. Horace Wright had the "Hon." put in front of his name, and the persecuted and prosecuted Liberal bootleggers of Borden took charge of the steering gear of Prohibition. The order was given—Clark must be removed from Borden. And the order was obeyed.

Hon. Mr. Wright has always posed as a temperance man. He has talked long and loud for prohibition. He will say that he was not a party to Clarke's removal. That will not save him. He knew it was done, and as a member of the Government, representing the Borden District, he did not try to stop it. He was apparently willing to have this port open to the illegal traffic.

Hon. Mr. Lea can make no such excuse. He was more directly responsible. This was done by officials immediately under his direction and control.

Holding with the hare and running with the hounds may be good politics for our representatives; but we do not think so. By obeying the orders of friends of the traffic at Borden they may get a few votes, of doubtful value, but by turning down the friends of temperance and the repeated protests of the Alliance Executive, they will lose many more than they are likely to gain.

Mr. Clarke has also a large number of friends who are going to resent his being sacrificed to the rum-political machine, when voting time comes. Preaching Prohibition and playing into the hands of the enemy will not go down with his personal friends, nor with those who believe in temperance. Public men should be straight, and either: one thing or the other.

I am, Sir, etc., A FRIEND OF EX-INSPECTOR CLARKE.

Kensington, July 13th.

COMPLAINT FROM ALBERTON

Sir—Up till two weeks ago we had an officer of the Provincial Police in Alberton, but he has mysteriously disappeared, the bootleggers here were very quiet and we saw very little drunkenness, but now conditions are dreadful. There is a rum ship just out from the harbor selling day and night, and about 25 bootleggers handling the liquor, even small boys around the streets, peddling it, We would like

to know from Attorney General Campbell, who is a Government candidate here, why this policeman was taken away so suddenly. I am, Sir, etc., DISGUSTED LIBERAL.

CLAIMS POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

Sir—A few evenings ago I attended a meeting in Glenwood, Lot 8, addressed by all the candidates and Mr. Matheson at which Provincial Police Officer Jay, who, I know, was doing very effective work in O'Leary and district. But the day after Mr. Jay had seized a large quantity of liquor on the premises of a prominent Liberal in this district he was taken away from the district and is now rumored that the liquor has been returned to the owner, and that it was meant for the election. At any rate, we believe he has never been convicted. We temperance electors demand an explanation of this from Dennis and Lidstone before we can again support them. I am, Sir, etc., A TEMPERANCE LIBERAL.

The Poet's Corner INVOCATION As pools beneath stone arches take Darkly within their deeps again Shapes of the flowing stone, and make Stories anew of passing men. So let the living thoughts that keep Morning and evening in their kind, Eternal change in height and deep Be mirrored in my happy mind. Beat, world, upon this heart; be loud Your marvel chanted in my blood. Come forth, O sun, through cloud or shine, To shroud upon my stubborn mood. Great hills that fold above the sea, Ecstatic airs and sparkling skies, Sing out your words to master me. Make me immoderately wise. —John Drinkwater

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