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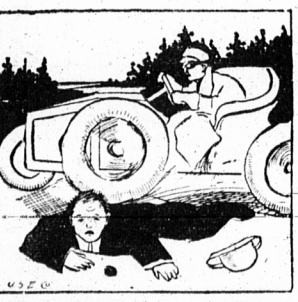
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A world-wide appeal is being made on behalf of the starving children of Russia. The appeal has elicited world-wide sympathy and many millions of dollars. It has also elicited some criticisms, exception has been taken in the manner in which the fund and the assistance are being administered.

Some of these charges are doubtless true; it is true that Russia has herself to blame for her present misery, but the starving children are not to blame; the ignorant dupes of the leaders who made Russia a hell, are not to blame; the starving peasants are victims of a system for which they are in no way responsible.

In these circumstances all that Christian Charity has a right to see in the Russian situation is that millions of men, women and children are starving to death, freezing to death, perishing by the roadsides, driven to cannibalism and insanity.

Throughout Canada as well as in practically all other countries much is being done for these unfortunate victims; in this province nothing has been done so far as we know.

Next to the fear of facing the electors there is perhaps nothing that the Bell Government dreads more than publicity. It has never taken the people into its confidence on any matter of proposed legislation; it has never given any information that it could possibly withhold.

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Tr. in Service

Sir, I was very much amused at Mr. Wheeler's suggestions regarding mail arrangements. It is very likely that the people travelling on the Murray Harbor train would submit to his remedy for delivery of mails after their arrival.

TAX PAYER

North River Bridge

Sir, Would you be kind enough to print the following condition of the new hardwood covering going on the North River bridge at present, hoping that some of the present members-elect will draw the Government's attention to the danger of allowing this covering to be put on, and to wake up the two live wires of West River district.

P. E. ISLAND FISHERIES

Statistics recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Marine and Fisheries Department, show the quantity and value of the fish pack of Prince Edward Island in 1921.

The falling off both in quality and price of the lobster pack from those of the previous year was very considerable and accounts for the very serious decline in the total value of our fisheries.

The falling off in the prices of other varieties of fish was also very considerable. In 1920 the quantity of smelts shipped was 10,906 hundredweights and the value \$121,810.

We understand the lobster men are making preparation for a big season this year and it is hoped that a revival both in demand and price is in sight.

The Public Forum

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

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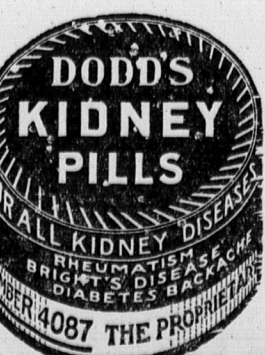
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Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

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A LITTLE PRAYER

Where'er thou be, On land or sea, Or in the air, This little prayer I pray for thee— God keep thee ever, Day and night— Pace to the light— Thine armour bright— Thy scabbard white— That no despite Thine honor smite!— With infinite Sweet oversight, God keep thee ever, Heart's delight— And guard thee whole, Sweet body, soul, And spirit high; That, live or die, Thou glorify His Majesty; And ever be, Within His sight, His true and upright Sweet and stainless, Pure and sinless, Perfect Knight!



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Clause 9 in the bill read as follows: "Only those persons whose names appear in the Register, as members of the Association shall be deemed to be qualified to hold themselves out to the public as Registered Nurses."

HON. MR. JOHNSTON moved that the words, "whose names appear in the Register as members of the Association" be struck out and the following words substituted: "who are registered with the Provincial Secretary as hereinafter directed and provided."

MR. HIGGS said he was sure that nothing was intended in the way of discrimination in this bill. Examination by this Association will entitle a nurse to take the initial R.N. and the aim was to lift the nursing profession.

MR. SAUNDERS wished to know where the hon. Attorney General got his information that the Prince County Hospital had sent out no graduate nurses. This hospital has been sending out graduates practically since its inception and this quotation in the press should be corrected.

MR. McARTHUR referred to the good work done by the Prince County Hospital and regretted that the Attorney General's statement had got into the press.

PREMIER BELL said he understood Prince County Hospital had turned out 26 graduate nurses, not counting the three nurses graduated a few months ago.

MR. HUGHES referred to the particular care should be taken not to injure the feelings of any parties. The certificate of a doctor guaranteeing that a nurse is a graduate should be accepted as sufficient proof of her efficiency.

MR. DENNIS asked if registration with the Provincial Secretary would be recognized in other provinces as guarantee of a qualified nurse.

HON. MR. HUGHES referred to the special examinations required of Registered Nurses in the United States and pointed out that the idea of the bill should be borne in mind, which was to raise the standard of the profession.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON said this was mere camouflage, because the nurses who would make up the Association as a Board of Examiners had not necessarily passed the Registered Nurses' examination themselves.

MR. HIGGS assured the hon. Attorney General that so far as he was concerned, at least, there was no "camouflage" connected with the bill.

HON. MR. NASH asked if the course of studies in the three hospitals was similar. If not, then discrimination might enter into the matter.

On motion of Mr. Higgs the Speaker took the chair and progress was reported on the bill. The House adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE Friday, April 7th.

The House met at 11 a.m. HON. MR. CROSBY read from the Minutes of Council and from letters sent on by the Department of Agriculture as evidence that the highways projects 9, 10, 11 through Charlottetown and Summerside had been approved by the local government and had been referred to Ottawa, but had been turned down because the projects conflicted with the Canada Highways Act.

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resolution was being circulated in the Third District of King's, condemning the speaker for his attitude on the highways bill. It is one thing to make such a statement, and another thing to deliver the goods. He had been waiting patiently for a week and no petition had reached him yet.

THE SPEAKER ruled that Mr. Dewar's explanation was not in order. If Mr. Hessian's statement was incorrect it should have been contradicted at the time.

MR. DEWAR: Then you don't intend to allow me to explain? MR. SPEAKER: I cannot according to the rules of the House.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON believed that a member had a right to deny a statement that was untrue, appearing in the press.

THE SPEAKER enforced the ruling of the House and pointed out that in this case the question was not one of privilege.

PREMIER BELL on a question of privilege objected to the report of the Guardian of the Bell Government deficit of some twelve thousand dollars over the name of the External Auditor. This, he said, was sailing under false colors and was a fraudulent misrepresentation of facts.

MR. J. D. STEWART said this matter of rising to a question of privilege is being abused more every day. A newspaper has a right to criticize the Public Accounts and it was taking a small advantage to criticize the press where they had not the opportunity of replying.

THE SPEAKER: This hardly comes under the head of a question of privilege.

PREMIER BELL: But my name was at the head of it! On Motion of Premier Bell the House went into Committee with Mr. Higgs in the chair for second reading of an Act to amend the County Courts Amendment Act, 1873, containing a County Court a court of record for the trial of criminals to be known as the Judge's Criminal Court with powers under the Criminal Code of giving speedy trials. The bill was discussed by Premier Bell, Mr. Saunders, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Hessian.

The other proposed amendments were: Section ninety-three of the County Courts Amendment Act, 1873, is hereby amended by inserting between the words "which" and "judgment" the words "the claim or" and by striking out the words "five dollars" in the twelfth line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one hundred dollars."

124 a. No judgment or order of the County Court in any civil action shall be removed by Certiorari or otherwise into His Majesty's Supreme Court of Justice.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON said in support of the clause that the Court would be dealing with small debt cases and he was of the opinion that up to a reasonable amount the decision could be well left with the County Court judges, who are experienced men.

MR. HESSIAN denounced the clause as an attempt to legislate the rights of the people away. A man has a right to go into any court and appeal and whether his case is five dollars or five thousand dollars is no business of the Attorney General's so long as he collects his fees.

HON. MR. JOHNSTON said by the heated manner in which Mr. Hessian had replied, the point would seem to be a personal matter.

MR. HESSIAN: Yes, it is! HON. MR. JOHNSTON: I deny that and I would ask that statement be taken back.

MR. HESSIAN took the statement back. MR. LEPAGE supported the clause and contended that a poor man, even if he was right, would be in pocket if he kept a case under \$100 out of Supreme Court.

MR. SAUNDERS moved that the words "one hundred dollars" in the clause be struck out and the words "thirty-two dollars" inserted. This amendment was carried on a division of 11 to 10. Messrs. Bell, Johnston, Higgs, Lea, Dennis, Croshy, Hughes, Irving, Brodie and Dewar would be opposing it.

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Progress was reported and the House was adjourned until 3 p.m. Monday.

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