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The Liberal Revolt

The resignation of Hon. W. Bruce Butler from the Lea Government, and his going over to the Opposition led by Hon. J. D. Stewart, has created something like consternation in official Liberal circles.

Premier Minister of Agriculture Provincial Secretary-Treasurer Minister of Education President of the Board of Education

Chairman of the Trustees of Falconwood. Moreover, all these portfolios and offices, as well as that of Attorney-General, are held by Prince County, leaving King's with only the Minister of Public Works and Queen's with nothing at all.

Mr. Butler is the first to have the courage openly to revolt, but there are many others only waiting the opportunity of an election to follow his example.

He Knew Canadians

The name of the late General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien is seldom associated with the record achieved by the Canadian Corps in France, yet it is one which should be held in reverential regard by Canadians, more especially by those of the old First Division.

There is no denying the fact, says the Free Press, that the arrival of the Canadians in France in the early days of 1915 was an unpropitious event that called for little rejoicing from the Army commanders. The Canadian

ians brought with them a misunderstood reputation that Imperial commanders could neither appreciate nor hope to turn to their advantage. They went in, first, mostly for trench training of course, around Neuve Chapelle, where the preceding month the British had put on an attack that took the town without succeeding in its objective of the ridge.

Then one day, after they understood they had been thrown to the Second Army, very early in April, 1915, a brigade parade of officers and senior non-commissioned officers was ordered near Steenvoorde. What now? A little white-moustached general appeared on parade. He was Smith-Dorrien. Evidently he had something to say, but to say it wished to be where he could be seen and heard.

"I want to tell you Canadians," said Smith-Dorrien, "that I have asked that you be handed over to me, for I know you well. You were with me in South Africa, and since then I have always said that if I were in a tight fix I should like nothing better than to have you with me again. I know you think nobody wants you, and you may be right. But I want you. You were with the First Army, I too, like the enemy, have my system of espionage. I heard you were being taken out of the First Army. At once I asked that you be put into my Second Army. And immediately you were. That pleases me. I need you, a fully organized, compact unit, complete in every detail, sufficient to yourselves. I am going to send you into the hottest spot in France, and I don't fear to do so. I am sending you there because I know what you can do, and I have the utmost faith in you to do it. Your hour has come."

It had. The Canadians moved up ahead of Ypres, into the Salient. They had been in the line ten days or so when they found themselves in the inferno. On that quiet, calm, Thursday evening, April 22, a thin, green vapor broached a four-mile undefended line on their left flank, and one of the greatest battles of military history had begun.

Timely "Don't's"

The heavy automobile traffic during Exhibition Week gives added significance to the following motor "don'ts" culled from an English exchange, which epitomize the universal rules of courtesy on the highways:

- Do unto other road users as you would have them do unto you. Don't show the other fellow how fast you can go by. You may reach the hospital first. Don't forget the fate of Lot's wife. Keep your eyes front. Don't neglect road signs. They don't neglect you. Be considerate to pedestrians. Not all of them are long-jump champions. Don't forget that reserve speed is primarily intended for acceleration in time of emergency. Give and take, but don't if the other fellow is boor enough not to give. Approach schools as you did in your childhood—slowly. Don't drive noisily in residential districts. Barking dogs resent competition. Don't forget that the overtaker on a bend sometimes needs an under-taker.

Notes By The Way

Now that it has been decided emphatically who is to represent Canada at the coming Imperial Conference, it is worth while pointing out that the representatives of Canada and other Dominions are likely to be up against a pretty tough job. The Conference of 1928 was interesting chiefly to constitutional lawyers.

It was Thomas Carlyle who said: "We see men of all kinds of professed creeds attain to almost all degrees of worth or worthlessness under each or any of them. This is not what I call religion, this profession and assertion which is often only a profession and assertion from the outskirts of the man from the mere argumentative region of him, if even so deep as that. But the thing a man does practically believe (and this is often enough without asserting it even to himself, much less to others) is the thing a man does practically lay to heart and know for certain concerning his vital relations to this mysterious Universe and his duty and destiny there, that is in all cases the primary thing for him, and creatively determines all the rest."

In spite of the great strides which have been made in the application of scientific methods to agriculture the farmer the world over is still dependent on the vagaries of the weather in many respects to the same degree as was his predecessor many centuries ago. He can employ the most up-to-date equipment, and use quantities of fertilizer mixed to suit the particular soil with which he is working. He can bring water great distances by means of irrigation canals or viaducts. But in spite of all his efforts, a period of too much rain, or a period of too little rain may alike offset all his best endeavors and cause a crop failure.

The English are the best people in the world to yield to the spirit of depression. In the midst of an unemployment situation, that would create general gloom in any other country, the population of the little island is entering wholeheartedly into enjoyment of the holiday season. Motor coach services are making special appeal to those on holiday bent, and the railways are providing for hundreds of extra trains. Things may be bad in England, and they may even be worse before they are better, but the indomitable character of her people will carry the country along until the tide turns. A race of men who do not know when they are beaten will never be beaten. This may be a paradox, but it expresses the situation. At any rate, the holiday spirit is abroad in the land, and is being welcomed by all hands, including members of the House of Commons. Public and private affairs may look after themselves for a while.

It is understood that when Parliament meets early in September, construction of the trans-Canada highway will be one of the measures submitted for providing immediate emergency employment. It is estimated that more than 10,000 men can be put to work almost at once and that the work can be continued right through the winter. At present a Canadian motorist going from eastern to western Canada must pass through the States. It is hoped to have the all-Dominion route open within a year.

The sharp British reply to the League of Nations Commissioner's report on the recent trouble in Palestine will no doubt receive the support of British public opinion.

The charge that the British investigators were too severe on the Jews, and too lenient with the Arab leaders might ordinarily have been forgiven on the ground of honest opinion. But when that charge is coupled with the hint that the British Commissioner's findings were distorted, for the deliberate purpose of abetting British policy elsewhere, official British wrath is justified.

There is no need now to review the violence that arose out of the Walling Wall incident. The indisputable fact is that Britain promised to sponsor the restoration of a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. In spite of the great difficulties consequent on that policy the promise has been loyally kept. The Jew, under Britain, have made more progress



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That Body of Hours

LESS HAPPY BECAUSE OF MUCH FOOD

"Whenever you feel less happy than usual, eat less, sleep more, exercise more and find out whether something is worrying you. If this doesn't help you see a doctor."

I came across the above few lines some weeks ago and couldn't help but think how far seeing was the writer. You and I were meant to be happy, to feel the joy of being alive. Life wasn't handed to us just as an existence in which we put in day after day without hope or happiness.

Physicians in charge of the welfare work of large industrial plants, tell us that Monday morning is the time when most sickness is reported, more employees with a disinclination to work than on other mornings. To many individuals Monday is the "bluest" day in the week, the day when they are "less happy" than usual.

What is the reason that Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday has not fitted them for a bright happy Monday? Because some of them eat and sleep too much, with no opportunity to use up the extra food eaten, by exercise. This is only natural, because after working all week, or being confined all week, it is only to be expected that when the opportunity comes that permits them to "lie in bed" in the morning they are going to grasp it. Also with appetizing food and plenty of time to eat it, with no cares on the mind, more than the usual amount of food is going to be eaten.

Why does food cause "blueness" or "tiredness"? Because of the waste from this extra amount of food, which was too much for the liver to clean out of the blood, is carried to all parts of the body. Wastes act as poisons, just the same as the wastes from hard work of the muscles also act as poisons. If you must rest during the week end, or any time in fact, don't eat too much or you are likely to be "less happy."

The Poet's Corner

Unfathomable Sea! whose waves are years, Ocean of Time, whose waters of deep woe Are brackish with the salt of human tears! Thou shoreless flood, which in thy ebb and flow Claspest the limits of mortality, And sick of prey, yet howling on for more, Vomitest thy wrecks on its inhospitable shore; Treacherous in calm, and terrible in storm, Who shall put forth on thee, Unfathomable Sea? —Percy Bysshe Shelley.

toward their ideal than they could possibly have made under the mandate to any other power.

In one respect, perhaps, the present British Government has been open to criticism. The administration in Palestine, faced by economic difficulties, which are world wide, has been obliged to put a temporary stop to immigration.

Some alien Jews, who have never been friendly to Britain, have been trying to foment trouble in the Zionist organization. They have alleged that the ban on migration was but the prelude to the total reversal of the Balfour Declaration. If Britain has not dissipated those suspicions with sufficient energy, it is because she is accustomed to having the validity of her word of honor accepted without question. The Balfour Declaration is a solemn British bond. It will not be repudiated.

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.

DUCK SHOOTING SEASON

Sir:—During the recent Conservative campaign much stress was placed on the fact that Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King was a strong pro-American and legislation enacted at his instigation was generally in favor of the United States, if that country figured in said legislative measures. I was very doubtful as to the accuracy of these reports, but on close examination into one department at least, I found quite ample matter to prove the Conservative contention. I refer to the administration of the Migratory Birds Act, which shows a partiality for the American sportsmen undoubtedly, and militates directly against the Canadian sportsmen. It is a fact that 85 percent of the game birds shot by American gunners, who I believe number some seven million, are bred and reared in Canada, and in a sense belong to the Canadian people in this proportion.

And this absurd condition is the work of the Inspector of Migratory Birds—"the beautiful things." I am Sir, etc. F. E. MORRIS Charlottetown, Aug. 19, 1930.

About ten years ago shooting of geese and brant in the Spring was prohibited. This was a sad blow to many sportsmen who could not do any shooting in the fall of the year. Besides this the fall shooting is a most difficult and in many cases a hazardous undertaking, as the birds go to sea and are extremely difficult to approach. Why this was done was never explained to the sportsmen of Prince Edward Island. The Island was simply committed to this thing without consulting anybody. When I spoke of it to a Canadian gentleman residing in Dakota, he laughed and said "Well if you don't do your shooting in the spring you will get mighty little game in the fall." But, said he "why do this? I have seen thousands of geese slaughtered in a single day by men hired to do it—paid \$10 per day, supplied with guns and ammunition, and not a single bird picked up. This was in the wheat fields of Dakota." And, he continued, "if all the geese and brant shot on Prince Edward Island in a season were counted, they would not amount to more than an hour's shooting by these hired gunmen." It is a rank injustice to Prince Edward Island sportsmen to have such a regulation and those of us who have travelled extensively in the States know why. As a prominent magazine once said: "In Canada and Great Britain, when a law is put in force, the people obey it, and as a rule it is not put in force without due consideration, but in this country (U. S. A.) the first question after a law has been placed in the statutes of the country is—how can we avoid it? Coming back to the local situation, it will be remembered what happened in connection with the plover shooting. These are the birds which the Inspector under the Migratory Bird Act refers to as "those beautiful things." Our open season for plover was August the 15th, and this date was changed to September the 1st some years ago, on the plea that gunners going after plover on the 15th of August were apt to shoot young ducks before they were full grown. Immediately following that a complete prohibition of shooting of shore birds, plovers, etc., was put in force. As a sort of left handed joke snipe and woodcock were excepted, and it is a joke for two reasons, as it takes an expert to find them and an expert to shoot them. One sportsman tells me that he has not seen a woodcock in ten years on Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Inspector now proposes to move the ducks on up to the 15th of September and still cracks his little joke at the Island sportsmen by extending the season to the 31st of December on Prince Edward Island. Mr. Inspector must have his little laugh—that's all there is to that. But the sportsmen of Prince Edward Island have little cause to laugh. This moving of the duck open season to

the 15th of September from the 1st of September, and extending it from the 15th of December to December 31st, is but a preliminary to doing with the ducks what was done with the plover, viz. stopping duck shooting completely. There is no question in my mind about this. This "bird fancier" Inspector will endeavor to preserve "his beautiful things" till all that is left for us to do is ship our guns to friends in the States, as we will have no more use for them. And why all this commotion?—A little sanity, a little getting together, discussion and consultation, and measures to improve the Migratory Bird Conditions and still satisfy the real sportsmen of the country, could easily be conceived, and to obtain which the hearty co-operation of all sportsmen could be secured. But fanatics and extremists must not be permitted to exercise authority in such matters, or trouble is inevitable. For instance it is proposed to open the duck shooting this year on September 15th instead of the 1st of September as usual. Notification of the public to this extent commenced about August 15th, and in a most inadequate manner. The result will be that not 10 percent of the Island people will know of this. Hundreds will shoot as usual on September 1st, and the few of us who wait, in order to be law-abiding till September 15th will get nothing. Ducks are being shot now in some places, and an army of inspectors will not, under present circumstances, save the birds for the proposed date, viz., September 15th.

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