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THE O'LEARY MEETING.

The Patriot, which in the happy days gone by was wont to record in capital letters the harmony and the fraternalism exemplified by the Liberals at their occasional conventions, had nothing to say about the annual convention of the West Prince Liberal Association held at O'Leary last Friday until the Guardian in its yesterday's issue briefly reported the proceedings. The Patriot with its usual urbanity denies the accuracy of the Guardian's report without venturing any comments on what actually transpired. This is rather regrettable in view of the fact that the Guardian's report, kindly furnished by a gentleman whose word we have no reason to doubt, is the only recorded history of what may or may not have been an important event in the annals of provincial Liberalism. Why was there not as the old custom has been, a regular Liberal report of this Liberal meeting in the Liberal press? Was that lumber deal a dangerous thing to touch? Was the defence of the Liberal representatives not sufficiently hearty to justify even a summary of the excuses they offered? Did Mr. Saunders admit that he had not heard of any dissatisfaction with the government? The Guardian's report did not pretend to be a full one but, as far as it went, we have every reason to believe it was correct and the general opinion in the neighborhood of O'Leary is that it was one of the stormiest meetings they have had there in many years.

ENCOURAGING.

It is indeed encouraging to note by the advance census report published in yesterday's Guardian that the population of Charlottetown has made a substantial increase during the past decade. An increase of 1,126, while not as great as might have been hoped for, is very considerable and leaves room for definite assurance that we are more than holding our own. It is interesting to recall that our

total population for the province had reached its maximum in 1891 when it figured 109,078. By the next census, in 1901, it had dropped to 103,259 and in 1911 to 93,728. A drop of almost 10,000 between the years 1901 and 1911, in actual population was a most serious loss to the province. We had not only fallen off in natural increase which in those five years should have added several thousands but we lost in actual count at the rate of nearly a thousand a year of our previous population. In the early nineties the trek to the United States came into full swing and later our own Canadian West with its free homesteads, attracted our people. This trek is not yet over although in the last few years it has decreased in volume and there is room to hope that "what we have held" in any case the complete returns for the province will be anxiously awaited. The increase shown in many of our Canadian cities is remarkable and it is gratifying to us in the Maritime Provinces that the increase is not limited to the West alone. Halifax has increased from 46,419 in 1911 to 70,203, a remarkable increase due largely no doubt to the employment afforded in the building of the Atlantic Terminals and also to the influx of soldiers during the war. This is, so far as the incomplete returns show, the greatest increase recorded in any city. While the very considerable increase shown in the cities is gratifying, indicating as it does the increase of industries and consequently of home markets, we have as yet no means of ascertaining the increase of the total population. While the increase in many of the cities is no doubt to be attributed in part at least to immigration a large proportion of it has come from the rural districts. In our own province no doubt a proportion of the increase in the city of Charlottetown is made up of incomers from the country districts. There is room however to hope that the complete returns will show no decrease and possibly an increase in our total population.

Current Comment

"Pulling his chair from under Mr. King, is the way the Montreal Star puts it, and it is certainly one of those cases where true love, of the one sided kind, never does run smooth. None will they deny the patient and persistent wooing of the Farmers' party by the Liberal leader, and all have in memory the warm and affectionate appeals which he made to them for a coming together in a union so that they could get and keep the political treasures within the now estranged family. That Mr. King was one of those attractive young men that no ambitious young lady could refuse was the accepted conclusion of the Liberal press, and when his advances and proposals to the Farmers' were announced they took it for granted that it would be a heaven made match, and heralded the coming ceremonies from Atlantic to Pacific, even our little Patriot joining in the song of "Co-operation" with every evidence of the most supreme delight. But now that the jubilation is turned into mourning, and this once bright cloud now overshadowing their camp with intense gloom, the onlookers, such for instance as the Star, are making sport of his defeat and adding pain to his chagrin by their jocularly pointing out to the Liberal leader as the "what might have been."

The "Chair" to which the Star had reference is the seat in North York, a former Liberal riding, where Mr. King was fortunate, or, unfortunately, enough to get the federal nomination. It was a "Grit hive" in which under ordinary conditions and by a stiff fight he might have had a chance of election, and probably his only chance in the province of Ontario where he was twice before defeated. His proposed political bride, the Farmers' party, either out of compassion or decided either that he was unfit for so important a position, or else the duties were too serious and difficult for his baby constitution, and so they decided to relieve him of all these responsibilities. This was not a little factional side decision, but an official determination of the Farmers' party at large and to this purpose they nominated their president Mr. R.W.E. Bunaby to oust the Liberal leader from Ontario, in this constituency. It is in the denouement of this incident that the announced marriage has been called off and the Hon. Mackenzie King formally notified that he must travel the tortuous political road alone, SO FAR AS THE FARMERS' ARE CONCERNED. In a former comment we referred to the call made by Mr. King at the Aurora picnic, upon the Farmers' candidate to resign this nomination to which as the first nominated, and in a Liberal hive, he had the first and strongest claim. And Mr. Bunaby has published his comprehensive reply. It is so plain that it will not be misunderstood. It is published in their official organ, the "Farmers' Sun." "The trouble with King," he says, "is that he takes the same attitude that all other politicians do. He says, 'I am running, and so such and such should be done.' That is not the right attitude to take. IT IS THE PEOPLE OF NORTH YORK WHO ASKED ME TO RUN. Moreover, King seems to think the United Farmers should quit because the Liberals had a man in the field first. In the provincial fight in 1919 the Farmers' had a man in the field first, but THE LIBERALS PUT UP A MAN LAST. TER." It is one of those cases where the chickens come home to

THE PUBLIC FORUM

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'An Intercepted Letter

Sir,—I enclose herewith for your reading and publication if decided necessary, a letter which I picked up the other day. The name of the party to whom it was addressed and the party signing it I have struck out or altered, but the contents will be a ready key to the author and likely recipient. Dear..... I am getting sick and tired of the whole affair. I am sorry I ever entered into politics. Nothing but worry, worry, every day. What else could we expect, you know we made a lot of promises we never intended to fulfill; still there is one consolation. The people are easy or at least it looks that way, when they leave us in power as long as they have done. You know we promised to run the Government with less taxation, but instead of doing so, we increased the tax on the farmers. Oh! that \$3 poll tax is what's going to kill the grand old party for all time to come; also the \$2 school tax and \$2.50 road tax. Do you think it was necessary? Still we had to do something. We raised our own salaries without consulting the people and that had to be paid for by hook or by crook. We also promised we would do away with lots of the little petty officers, but, instead of that we increased them. Have we not got an engineer get-

roost, and one also wherein a good memory is of great service. But in the hatching of chickens Mr. King has turned out an ignoble failure, and his memory of past conduct always fails in coming to his rescue in times of trouble.

But the hardest and coldest crack, like the sting of the bee, comes in the tail of the United Farmers' President's utterance. It is the formal and official statement that blights his last hope of political success. He had banked upon the assistance of the United Farmers' in carrying him through the fires of the next political conflict, and Mr. Bunaby's reply has chilled the marrow in his bones and sent a stream of cold shivers down to his very heels. "WE THE UNITED FARMERS HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THE LIBERALS, and don't care what they do." What an awful crack! Of course many thought this to be so, and the wiser ones knew it was the case. Even Mr. King could not indulge so vain a hope in open fact, but if the electorate could only be hoodwinked into the belief that there was an affinity and a "co-ordination," he opined that it might save some of his candidates from their final destruction, and so he and his press assiduously cultivated the project, now dashed to the ground by the Farmers' leader in his declaration. And the Farmers' president has acted wisely in clearing their skirts and saying their reputation from the smell of such an alliance.

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STOP AND THINK

In words whose wisdom is proved by their vitality, old Marcus Aurelius says "Give yourself time to learn something new and good each day, and cease to be whirled around." Plainly, human nature remains pretty much the same down through the ages. Yet it is likely that in this our day no counsel is more to the point of human need than this of the old Roman. The only life worthy of the name is that which proves itself in growth. Man, like every other form of life, must go forward to larger and better expression, or fall backward into stagnation and death. There is no middle course. The tree is known by its fruits. Any of us may this hour apply the simple test that determines whether we are really living or dying. It is the test of growth, the test of growth in production. The trouble is that our age is prone to mistake motion for progress. Whirling rapidly like a squirrel in a cage, it flatters itself that it is doing something. Or what is worse, perhaps it lacks every desire for a definite goal. Like the child on a merry-go-round, it seeks movement rather than destination. There is enough lost motion in the world every day to run a thousand factories at once. We fail to achieve that concentration so absolutely essential to the "learning of something new and worth while" which marks the functioning of the creative mind in discovery, invention and production, because we fail to be still and think long enough to determine direction. In the dizzy whirl to which we surrender, like a dog running after an automobile, we imagine that although we do not know where we are going we are somehow "on the way." The question is, on the way to what?—"Dear-born Independent."

Government and Fires

Sir,—I wish to say a word about the setting of fire during the dry time. Surely it's about time the authorities took some action to stop this preventable evil.

I waited on some members of the Government some three weeks ago, pointing out the great danger, and loss to our province by these fires and asking that steps be at once taken to lessen the danger.

Nothing was done except a notice in the press telling of the penalty incurred, etc. But this is not sufficient. Some drastic steps should be taken at once to cope with this danger. Yesterday I visited the fire raging between the Monaghan Road, and Avondale. For two miles there was nothing but black ruin. Men were guarding the cross road seeking to stop it there, but to the north it was taking all before it and the residents were experimenting greatly in saving their buildings and crops, and unless rain comes soon the damage will be very great. I notice another large fire at Fort Augustus and in our neighborhood for the last few weeks, one in a swamp not one hundred yards from three thousand acres of wood land. I think the Government should lend assistance to those people whose buildings are endangered, and even at this late hour assist in every way possible. One woman told me she had no sleep for three nights owing to the anxiety, and no doubt many others could make the same statement. I trust something will be done at once to stop causes for complaint. I am Sir, etc. ROBERT JENKINS.

Others' View Points

Unemployment in Alberta

(From the Lethbridge Herald)

Decision on the part of the Government and Employment Bureau officials to prevent, as far as possible the bringing of harvest hands from the East into Alberta during the next two months will, we believe, meet with general approval, provided arrangements are made to supply the demand from Alberta and British Columbia. In this way the money spent in taking off the harvest will be kept at home and will serve to provide a nest-egg for many with which to tide them over the coming winter. Reports from various parts of the West are to the effect that the past ten days' hot weather has injured the crop considerably. The result will be that the number of harvesters needed will be smaller than at first anticipated. This is unfortunate in more respects than one, but it is just as well that we recognise the fact now before thousands of unnecessary men are brought in from outside points to add to the unemployment situation.

Newspapers

(From the Vancouver Sun)

In the course of its travels the newspaper goes into some very curious places. The huge rolls of paper on the press receive the imprint of type and come out in thousands of copies, each exactly alike. Like peas in a pod these copies go through the various stages of circulation. It is only when each copy reaches its ultimate destination that it takes on a character, an individuality of its own. Sometimes an old torn newspaper is picked up in the desert or on the plains, and seems like a breath of civilisation to the foot-sore and weary traveller

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Two Dollars a Look. (Philadelphia Publ. Ledger) Landlords in Toronto have been charging would-be tenants two dollars merely to look at apartments. Two dollars a look exceeds the rate at Artemus Ward's hotel in Richmond, where it was fifty cents a breath. Two dollars a look suggests new possibilities in profiteering. For the former price of a theatre ticket think of the joy of beholding at one coup d'oeil a parquet floor, a radiator, a self-starting chandelier, a bathtub with high slide clearly marked, and a kitchenette for a fireless cooker. It's a wonder they can do it at the price! "Look-tickets" might issued, and perhaps the landlords would take something off for purchasing in quantities--say six for ten dollars for family parties. Looking on Sundays and legal holidays might be less--or more--than on other days, and children might be charged half or double price. The free art galleries will be depopulated if this new form of indoor diversion fires the popular fancy. Why look at Rembrandt, or Franz Hals, or Titian for nothing, when you may behold all the glories of Grand Rapids, plus an ormolu clock and a bird-cage for two dollars? Why give Mount Vernon or Valley Forge the once over without an admission fee when you have the privilege of laying down two "berries" for a private view of a \$1,000,000 apartment in an exclusive metropolitan neighborhood? Need Enough For Doctors. (Los Angeles Times.) There is a physician of some kind for every two hundred persons in California. The doctors are said to be thicker here than in any other State in the Union. The Lord knows it is not because they are needed. But the doctors are human, after all, and like to live where they like to live. Complete returns from all over the country show that the death rate from automobile accidents is higher in Los Angeles than any other city in the world. This is on the basis of population. There are more cars in proportion to population here than in other cities, but not sufficiently so as to explain the tragedies. It is mostly plain carelessness. FINES 'EM BY PHONE WINNIPEG, Aug. 9--Conducting police cases by telephone is the modern method adopted by Magistrate T. Logan at Rivers, according to a report in the office of Commissioner Rattray. Norman Sergeant was too busy having to appear at Rivers to answer a charge of breach of the Motor Vehicle Act and so advised the magistrate, pleading guilty over the phone from his farm. He was fined \$10 and costs.

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