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Still Unexplained

Under the heading "The Bonding Bungle" our local contemporary makes another effort to explain the Campbell Government's bond borrowing of \$2,000,000 at this time.

Why No Inquest?

The finding last week of the body of an Indian resident of Rocky Point and the failure of the authorities to hold an inquest into the circumstances of this tragedy, have occasioned a great deal of public comment.

If liquor played any part in this fatality, there was a double responsibility upon the authorities to investigate the circumstances fully and openly.

If the Prohibition Commission were in existence today, it would be in a position to insist on a full inquiry into any matters affecting the administration of the Act.

Community Canning Plants

Prince Edward Island is not the only Province in which the need of canning manufacturing is being discussed in connection with agricultural problems.

"The prices of vegetables during the months which should be the best for the gardener are so originally low that even for the best of them it is hard to make a bare living.

"My suggestion, therefore, would be the establishment of one or more community canning plants to relieve the market of this tremendous surplus. The results would be manifold.

If the possibility of developing community canning plants in Manitoba is feasible, it should be more so in the Maritime Provinces where our proximity to the overseas British market puts us a decided advantage.

Editorial Notes

The wet weather cleared up in time for the Fox Show.

Sympathy goes out unstintingly to Sydney Mines in its time of trouble.

Glasgow is making a success of bars where milk is sold to children at a cent a glass.

The roads are atrocious, especially where the Government attempted to "improve" them in the late Fall.

According to the review of the Royal Bank, the return of prosperity to Canada dates from the adoption of the Ottawa Agreements which set all the other nations on the go, credit for which belongs to the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett.

Production of creamery butter in Canada during October amounted to 23,005,256 pounds compared with 21,276,553 in the same month last year, a gain of 8.1 per cent.

What about the Winter? Mr. William Lloyd Bennett, Gibsonsville, N. Y., weather seer, has just issued his annual predictions: "The Indians used to say: Thunder in the fall, no winter at all."

Cold storage holdings of creamery butter amounted to 53,351,361 pounds at November 1 compared with 55,372,160 a month ago and 48,396,176 last year.

It's an ill-wind that blows nobody any good. An expression of thanks to Signor Mussolini for waking up Great Britain to her unpreparedness in the air was voiced by Air Commodore P. F. M. Fellowes, speaking at a luncheon given to air pioneers at the Savoy Hotel recently.

A penniless former Captain of the Royal Horse Artillery, named Alfred H. Kitchener Floyd was buried in Chicago on Saturday with full military honors, and this is how it came about.

Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, made the surprising statement in the Commons that Britain has no commitments at the present time comparable to those of 1914 which would compel her to send troops to the Continent in event of another war.

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That Body of Yours



By James W. Barton, M.D.

No man can be appraised in value—rather than through the measuring of his own character and by what he does. The fine, worthy life cannot be measured in the amount of money accumulated by that one or in terms of public acclamation, but wholly through the habits formed which have meant an abundant life.

If the plan, long since advocated by The London Free Press, of placing the settlers in large homogenous groups was carried out, whereby some of the homeland relations and interests could be preserved; if the settlement were chosen with the idea of suitability to the occupations of settlers.

The Bishop of Birmingham thinks that General Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, should be included among the church dignitaries at the Coronation. It seems to be quite a reasonable proposition for she is the head of an organization which reaches and helps the masses to a greater extent than any other agency.

To-day people hop out of their motors—nobody has expected them—and they rush in and say let us see the menu, what have you got to eat? And they take what there is. If the menu has a black line reading "Steaks and chops in fifteen minutes," they cannot be bothered with any such delay.

If the control of crime is possible—whether in New York or Vancouver—it probably must be attained through such day in and day out watching of criminal trends and constant checking on police efficiency and methods as the committee proposes.

Changes in forms of speech often indicate altered conditions. For instance, during the roaring twenties when a young fellow left home it was reported that he had "accepted a position." Now, when such a thing occurs, the proper phrase is "he has secured a position."

With the passing of October, seven full years have elapsed since the great Wall Street crash that ushered in the depression. The seven lean years having been survived, possibly seven full years lie ahead.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

PROHIBITION SO-CALLED

Sir—The Rev. C. Watterworth commenting on my previous letter, of whose sincerity I have no doubt, after admitting an increase of \$14,000 in the last four months sales in our Government grog shops, gets almost astride the fence claiming that the Temperance Federation's program of education "has done a great deal of good by way of offsetting any further development in establishing on the Island any 'freer' sale of intoxicants."

Does he mean that there is more of sobriety, less human suffering, reduced debaucheries and crime the product of liquor sales, under the "greater efforts" of churches and lectures, than a "year ago"? If so he is near to the apex of that straddle.

It, however, his meaning is, in which form I accept it, that by reason of the greater effort of Woman's Institutes, W. C. T. U., Church and Temperance organizations, thousands have been influenced into sober thought and action, and by so doing have "offset" or prevented the government's increase of \$14,000 being multiplied up to \$140,000 of their remunerative booze business, then I agree with him to the utmost. These God inspired forces are doing a splendid work.

I disagree with our Rev'd friend, however when he claims—"Our 'Silence' is certainly not consent to what is going on, for the Federation as a body weakened by politics." Those who are not with me are against me" should be familiar to my friend. When a body ordained to oppose a definite wrong, when that wrong is stalking forth with increasing menace to the spiritual life of the community, backs off into "silence" and shrinks from tackling the bloodthirsty invader, that cannot be interpreted other than in the words "consenting to the evil."

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link and sincere as the vast majority of the Federation most surely are, the body as a whole is no stronger than the political link which may influence its movements.

This weakness is more evident in the admission that "we have endeavoured to co-operate when co-operation was possible, and have urged the proper authorities to sincere and active enforcement of the Prohibition law," and "placed valuable information before the proper authorities with unsatisfactory results."

Why co-operate with the cobra that is attempting to strangle you out of your life blood? Don't you know it means death? That the father of the traffic gloats over your soft words and your resolutions of approval and points to them with grim satisfaction as a moral endorsement of his iniquity? When he faces the tribunal of the people in elections he will trot out those soft soap co-operative approvals as his warrant for widening the flood gates of grog debaucheries.

You ask some questions? The answer is on the face of it. How is it so much Vendor stock is for sale in Alberton? It is the Premier's district; first must be satisfied, and the budget balanced. Why a "Vendor's store has been established at Souris?" To sell more grog, of course, and get more money. "Is it possible that special enforcement is directed against rum runners in order to protect the Government sale of business through the Vendors?" It is, unless the booze is bought from government grog shops, or sold by wards of the Government thriving in their bootlegging trade instead of grinding hard tack in their proper place—the Government jail.

Vagaries Of Spelling

(Exchange) Though one dislikes to contemplate the possibility of having to write such apparent jargon as, "He woz awl excited becauz he had cawt wun fish and another got away," a good case still is to be made for those who advocate the reform and simplification of English spelling.

It gives us uff, off, up, ow, and oo and then does not exhaust all the possibilities as is shown by the words lough and ought,

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which add to the list and aw. The versatility of such letter combinations is a source of constant worry to the foreign student, particularly if, for reasons of economy, he is forced to dispense with the services of a tutor and to attempt to teach himself by the aid of textbooks.

Early in his studies he comes upon the word "ear," and finds that it is pronounced as spelt. Preferring an "h," an "n," a "l," a "g" or an "f" does not alter the "ear" sound, and he can see no reason why when "w" or "be" are added as a prefix the "ear" becomes "air" so far as pronunciation is concerned, and "wear" and "bear" are pronounced not like "weir" and "beir," but like "ware" and "bare."

But he has not yet finished with the baffling powers of "ear" and its associate letters. If he places an "h" in front of the word the sound is still the same, but if he adds to "hear" the letter "l" he gets a new pronunciation, that of "hart." Adding to heart an "he" the "ar" sound remains; but if now he strikes out the initial "h" he gets a third alternative, pronounced "erth."

The puzzled student looks in vain for rules to guide him through this labyrinth of English spelling.

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Must pass away.
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—Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank.

isters and such. But the only place a man can learn to run a public office, is to get elected to one. And many times the cost of his gaining experience runs into a lot of money from the taxpayers.—Carlton Vidette.

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