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Policies Worth While

Hon. R. E. Bennett's emphatic assurance at Calgary last Friday that he will place Agriculture on such a basis that the youth of this country will look upon it as one of the great professions of life, that he will restore the federal grants for agricultural education which the King Government discontinued, and that every treaty entered into by the Liberal Government injurious to Canadian agriculture will be abrogated...

The withdrawal of the federal grant for agricultural education was but one of many significant gestures on the part of the King Government which revealed, all too clearly, its attitude of irresponsibility towards the country. Another instance was seen in its refusal to renew the federal highway grant. The principle behind these grants, according to Premier King, was a "vicious" one; therefore he refused to carry them on. Mr. Bennett takes a different viewpoint. He believes in federal aid to agriculture. He believes in a national highway policy. He believes in an Old Age Pensions Act financed and administered by the Federal Government in an equitable way to all the Provinces.

Here are three features of the Conservative policy which should make a special appeal to the people of Prince Edward Island. Federal aid to agriculture; national highways; and an Old Age Pensions Act which will apply to this as to other provinces without imposing any additional financial burden on our people. Under these policies and with the other protective measures which Mr. Bennett proposes putting into effect, Prince Edward Island will be given an opportunity of forging ahead.

The Press and the Empire

The Times, in connection with the daily issue of May 31, published a splendid supplement dealing with the aims, objects and associations of the Empire Press Union, now holding sessions in the capital of the Empire. In an editorial reference to the subject, The Times says:

"In an almanac of our own times the present year will surely be given a special note recording its significance for the British Empire. In 1930 it may be said, the peoples of the Empire began a new period of incisive thinking about their partnership and started seriously to inquire how they might multiply its concrete forms and increase its productive power. And it may be added that the year was also without precedent for the number and variety of representative Empire gatherings, partly coincident with, but still more the consequence of, this newly defined purpose in Imperial life. One conference follows another, and all are preparing the way for the Conference of Governments which will, in the common hope, find executive measures to interpret and apply the great impulse of public opinion so well tested and registered

by its unofficial forerunners. Today another welcome is preparing, and none will be more genuine than that which the country offers to the representatives of Empire newspapers who hold their fourth Conference and celebrate the twenty-first birthday of their common organization, the Empire Press Union, from tomorrow throughout the month of June. Whatever the achievement of this Imperial year, its chief instrument, whether in what goes before or in what must come after the Conference of Governments, must and will be the Press. It is for the leaders of trade and industry, the administrators and the statesmen in all the Empire countries, to correlate their plans and to draft a practicable programme; but only the Press can provide for that reciprocity of opinion and action which is, in the last analysis, the Commonwealth itself.

"It is a most fortunate event that this year and this country should have been chosen for the present Conference. Never, certainly, in the economic history of the Empire have there been times which threw a heavier responsibility upon its journalists or offered larger opportunities to those who by constructive comment and elucidation can share the tasks of statesmanship; and nowhere, perhaps, at this moment is there a better vantage-point for a view of Imperial interests than Britain, heavily but indomitably engaged in both hemispheres and at home. This country's part in the constitutional growth of the Empire has mainly been one of encouragement and assent. In the new era of economic articulation it will share with its equals the duty of initiative and contrivance. Britain has a new part to play. The time and the place chosen thus happen to be peculiarly informative, and what they have to tell will probably not be lost upon keen and practised observers of the public mind. If so, the Conference too, will leave its impress on the changing times, for none doubts either its will or its power in all that may add to the well-being of its component nations."

Editorial Notes

Mr. W. E. Burnaby, Maritime Trade Commissioner, with headquarters at Toronto, writes that Ontario tourist traffic to the Maritime Provinces last year exceeded any previous season. Inquiries through his office to date regarding eastern tours are double that of last year.

Mr. Heenan, Minister of Labor in the King Government, says there is no unemployment in Canada worth while and the Premier refused to give as much as a five-cent piece for relief. But when Mr. Bennett spoke in the City of Regina on Tuesday night a feature of the meeting was the presence of 1,500 men wearing white buttons, the sign of needing work.

More, and still more New Zealand butter is being dumped into Canada under the one-cent tariff which the King Government has promised to raise to four cents on October 12. Why was not this tariff increased as from May 1st, when the other tariff changes in the Dunning budget came into effect? Our dairymen will be interested to hear the Liberal candidates' explanation of this matter. The injury which the King Government has done the dairy interests of Canada is incalculable, and the end is not yet. For the butter now being imported from New Zealand exceeds the demand and is being placed in cold storage for next winter's trade. In the meantime the price of Canadian butter is being depressed and according to Mr. A. J. Caulder, president of the Dairy Corporation of Canada, this price will be kept at low levels all winter.

Notes By The Way

It is probable Premier King has not a more militant supporter than the Ottawa Citizen, which, in and out of season, has sought to impress on its readers the soundness of the principles advocated by the Liberal leaders. In a recent editorial the Ottawa paper declared that Hon. R. B. Bennett is a worthy successor to the great Conservative leaders in whose place he now sits. He is a keen debator, a hard hitter and asks no quarter from his opponents.

Lloyd George recently reminded the Empire Press Delegates, when speaking of the Empire, "national stagnation. It will not stand it. Decomposition is not merely its protest, but its method for finding a new outlet of life."

In the opening speech of his campaign in Toronto, the Hon. Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice made the rather sweeping assertion, that "unprecedented industrial peace had settled on Canada during the present Government's tenure of office."

The people of the United States have a "sweet tooth", or a taste for sweets the Confectioner's Association of that country reporting sales last year equal to twelve pounds for every man, woman and child in the country. The women and children, probably, got the lion share.

Bishop Trenton T. Bradley, of Bombay, India, has given statement to the American press in which he denies that there is a general uprising against the British, or that the Mahatma Gandhi is the spokesman for all India, or for any considerable part of India.

"Yesterday's order-in-council," says the Mail and Empire, "extending the railway rate bonus to western coal reminds us that there is no time like election time for obtaining favors from a Government, which comment in no way finds fault with the course followed in this particular case."

With the illustrious example of Disraeli in mind, no Conservative newspaper would be likely to say that Jews should not be nominated by the party for election honors, and in communities where the Jews form a considerable or even preponderating element of the constituency, it is only natural that they should be anxious for one of their own religious faith to represent them.

The Hebrew Journal believes that the time has come when both political parties in Toronto should nominate Jews, and points to the fact that established this precedent.

Since the "last census," 1921 over one million immigrants have come to Canada. Natural increase accounts for rather more than another million, yet the total increase in population has not been one million all told. That is, since 1921, people, immigrants plus native-born, have been leaving this country at the enormous rate of about 170,000 per year.

Wholesale immigration, by forcing our youth to seek careers across the border simply render us a training ground for American citizens.

Some of the Liberal press, recently converted to protectionism, following the lead of the King Government, are evincing the true renegade spirit in their advocacy of the newly discovered cult. Many of them are more strenuous in their advocacy of protection under its new title "countervailing duties" than were the original founders of the national policy.

The high rounded roads in some sections of the province, are already responsible for the loss of human life. It is most regrettable that men placed in charge of such an important public service as road making, should not have been selected for their practical common sense, instead of for the political service they have rendered to their party.

There is profound interest for Canada in the definite industrial developments which are well advanced to the South of the international border. Always exposed to extensive competition from large American industries, this country seems certain to experience increased pressure from this source—pressure so concentrated that adequate fiscal protection will become not merely a debatable question but an absolute matter of necessity, if this country is to prosper.

Emerson's famous dictum on consistency might be paraphrased by Liberal politicians thus: "Speak your political thought to-



By James W. Barlen, M.D.

That Body of Ours

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE MIND

When we think that despite the age of man in the world, it is not very long ago that individuals with sick minds were loaded with chains, bound like galley slaves, and thrown into frightful dens at the mercy of their attendants, and these attendants convicted from prison, it shocks us beyond words.

The first help given these unfortunates was by some English physicians, not with the idea of being able to help their mental condition, but simply because of a humane desire to do all possible to make their lives happier.

Then research men began to realize that the brain was a part of the body, an organ just as was the liver and heart and so they began to study it. Thus as they studied the structure of the brain and how it worked, they found that certain definite portions of the brain controlled certain definite functions of the body.

This was of considerable help in locating injuries to the brain that were causing paralysis of arms, legs and so forth, but did not locate what was causing depression, melancholia, fits, uncontrollable rage and other mental symptoms.

Despite careful examination, research men have not been able to see actual physical changes in the brain substance that they could definitely state were causing any of the above symptoms.

And so our brain specialists have to study the brain from the actions of the individual, from his thoughts, when they can get the patient to express them.

It is not hard to recognize an "imbecile" because the brain of this poor individual never did develop, or if it did it was never past the first years of childhood. A demented person, on the other hand, has had brain power at one time, but something has made him lose it, either temporarily, or permanently. In imbecility and dementia, an actual change in the brain substance has been noted.

However where there is excitement, depression, or an actual loss of interest in everything, there is not the gross changes in the brain substance.

Then there are "hallucinations" when the patient sees an object that has no real existence. "Delusions" are false beliefs, where the patient may think he is the King of England, President of the United States, or has an exaggerated idea of his importance—certainly no inferior complex. Or he may have the delusion that some one is attempting to harm or persecute him in some way.

Where the patient gets the idea in his mind at times that there is something wrong with him or some one else. There are times when he knows this is not true. Perhaps these definitions will help you as you think about the mind, and the problem it presents to physicians.



FROM CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE

Clear, placid Leman! thy contrasted lake. With the wild world I dwell in, is a thing Which warns me, with its stillness, to forsake Earth's troubled waters for a purer spring. This quiet sail is as a noiseless wing To waft me from distraction; once I loved Torn ocean's roar, but thy soft murmuring Sounds sweet as if a sister's voice re- proved, That I with stern delights should e'er have been so moved.

All heaven and earth are still — though not in sleep. But breathless, as we grow when feeling most, And silent, as we stand in thoughts too deep:— All heaven and earth are still: From the high host Of stars, to the lulled lake and mountain-coast, All is concentrated in a life intense. Where not a beam, nor air, nor leaf is lost, But hath a part of being, and a sense Of that which is of all Creator and defence.

—Byron.

day, in words as hard as cannon balls and let tomorrow give its political thought on safety first in words just as hard though they should contradict everything you said today."

Two Billion People

From the International Statistical Institute at The Hague come statistics showing the world's population has reached the stupendous figure of 2,000,000,000, a greater number of people than ever before recorded. In 1927 the League of Nations bureau concerned with such things gave the world's population as 1,906,000,000, so it is apparent that the increase each year is heavy. Asia leads with 950,000,000, Europe has 550,000,000 and in the Americas, North, South, and Central, there are 230,000,000, while the whole continent of Africa is credited with 150,000,000. Most of these continents have room for many more people, despite the increases. The facts recall the gloomy predictions made by Thomas Robert Malthus, the British economist, who flourished between 1766 and 1834. It was in 1798 that Malthus published his "Essay on Population," which caused a furore and which is periodically quoted to this day, some economists upholding his contentions despite the knocks that have been given in practice on numerous occasions since. The conclusion reached by this famous economist was that an increase in population, unless preceded by a corresponding increase in the means of subsistence, must necessarily lead to either increased mortality or misery among the peoples. Malthus based his theory on the assumption that whereas population increased by geometrical progression, the food supply could increase only by arithmetical progression. His followers went the length of predicting that starvation would reduce the population of the world or at least prevent it from growing in appreciable degree. His opponents argued that the food supply could be maintained at sufficient height to feed all and sundry. Since the day of Malthus, as a matter of fact, the number of the people has grown enormously and even in lands where famine used to come as a result of drought, conditions are better now than ever before. Communication has done much to limit the famines. In this respect India may be cited. As late as fifty years ago, millions perished in the course of a twelve-month from famine and plague caused by drought. Since then, irrigation and communication have virtually defeated these terrors of torrid zones. The British administration is responsible for the improvement. It may be stated that everywhere the people are better nourished today than at any former period, and that the ordinary people have foods that were once only consumed by princes. Production of foodstuffs has more than kept up with the growth in population. The recent grain glut is an example. It may be taken for granted that even if the numbers of the world's inhabitants are doubled there will still be food for all. The only

problem is to see that everyone gets what he or she needs when it is needed. In the case of Canada there is no reason for worry over growth of population, for the vast territory is capable of furnishing food for many times the 10,000,000 or so inhabitants. Two billion persons is a tremendous total, but the world's surface is capable of providing the required food and the means of production are being made more efficient all the time. Even the greatest of wars only temporarily check the advance in population, and then only in some localities.

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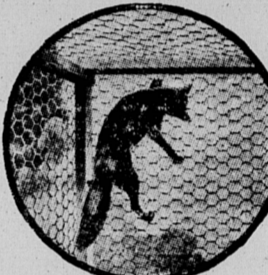
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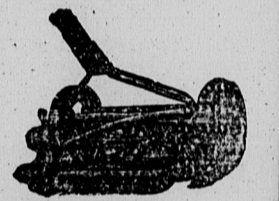
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