

**EAST AND WEST.**

A little frost on one or two nights recently, a few flakes of snow, gently falling leaves, shortening days and other symptoms remind us that winter is approaching. They remind us also that in this blessed land of ours winter never catches us unawares. It comes gently, naturally, as the grain ripens, as the flowers fade, as old age comes. There is no sudden transfer from autumn to winter and this is one of the glories of our tight little Island.

Travellers who have come from the Pacific coast tell us that in their journey eastward within the past few weeks, they came through snowstorms, crossed frozen rivers, saw fields of grain buried under the snow and in practically all these cases violent snowstorms and below zero weather were the first intimations they had of the approaching winter.

In the prairie provinces winter comes in a night. The harvest is buried under the snow to remain buried until spring and whether it will be worth saving then depends upon the spring weather. If rainy the grain is simply left to rot on the ground or is gathered up and burned. If the weather is moderately fine and dry there is little loss.

Reports from the west this year are very unfavorable. Snowstorms came earlier than usual. Much of the grain crop is buried under a foot of snow. Feed is so scarce that many of the ranchers, particularly in Alberta, have been obliged to sell their stock. Some of these farmers are Islanders, accustomed to winters which give fair warning of their approach and behave decently after they have arrived. True all winters are not as severe at the outset as this present one has been and many farmers have done well in the prairie provinces. But uncertainty hangs over them summer and winter and the change from east to west is not uniformly satisfactory.

A comparison of conditions in the west with those in Prince Edward Island offers few inducements for abandoning the latter for the former and there is no doubt that the same energy expended here would in the end result as satisfactorily here as in any other province in Canada.

**FOREWARNED—FOREARMED.**

In order that we may know what's coming in the legislative period immediately before us, we reproduce for the benefit of our readers the amendments to the estimates proposed by Mr. J. H. Bell, leader of the opposition in the last legislature. They will give an idea of the retrenchments to be carried into effect by Mr. Bell, the Premier:

1. That the resolution be not adopted but referred back to the committee of the whole House for the purpose of striking out the words "Highways Improvement, a sum sufficient". Also for
2. Reducing the Clerk of the Executive Council's salary by \$300.
3. The stenographer in the Premier's office to \$300.
4. The mileage to members from \$500 to \$400.
5. The salary to the General Health Officer from \$200 to \$100.
6. Salaries to the Inspector of Schools by \$200.
7. Crown Prosecutor, the expenditure for crown prosecutions to the Magistrate's Court from \$1,000 to \$500.
8. Striking out the words "Inspectors under the Prohibition Act 1920."
9. Striking out the item "Manager's Salary and the School Supply department \$1,200.
10. Striking out the item "Civil Engineer's salary \$2000.

The repeal of the War and Health Tax is another of the promises made by Mr. Bell during the last session. Out of the retrenchments above mentioned the government proposes to pay the teachers' increased salaries, make good the reduction in the revenue resulting from the repeal of the War and Health Tax and run the affairs of the province efficiently.

**THE WATCHMAN EXPLAINS**

Our genial contemporary, the Watchman, comments retrospectively and prophetically upon the regrettable fact that the population of Prince Edward Island is diminishing, basing its observations on an article which recently appeared in the Guardian.

The Guardian had stated that this is the only province in Canada that shows a diminishing population and expressed regret that a country so highly favoured agriculturally was not able to retain its people. The Guardian ventured the opinion that with a more intensive system of farming and the utilization of lands now unoccupied or less than half cultivated we should be able to support a population of half a million.

The Watchman in its wisdom sees nothing in our argument and proceeds to tell just what happened and why. The people left the province, it declares, because the unprogressive and otherwise qualified Conservatives have been in power during the past nine years and never moved a finger to encourage the establishment of industries in the province.

Unfortunately for this argument the greatest exodus, in fact the only considerable and continuous exodus from the province occurred during the late Liberal regime, as was indicated by the statistics given by the Guardian.

We agree with the Watchman that industries would be of immense value in retaining our population, but if we wait for governments, Liberal or Conservative, to establish them our hope for increased population is slim indeed.

**HINTS FOR  
The Motorist**

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

**THE HAND CRANK**

By The Way! Where is Yours?

Have you actually in your possession a hand-crank to use in starting your engine, in case the electric-crank or falls and is it carried upon your car or is it reposing in your garage? It will be more useful in the former place. Have you ever tried it to see how it attaches and whether you can actually get the engine going with it? Electric starters are so reliable that the hand-crank is rarely thought of and hardly ever used by the average motorist, but it is almost inevitable that the time will come when it is required and when it is needed, it is needed badly, although it may not be for years after a car is put into service. When hand-cranking has to be resorted to, the danger of injury from back-kicks is present, but may be avoided by following these suggestions: Be sure that the crank is securely engaged, so that it cannot slip off, before applying force to it. Engage it in such a position that it may be turned by lifting up upon it. Never push down upon it. Retard the spark more than for electric cranking, as the speed you can give the engine by hand is lower than that the motor gives it. Cranking the engine over two full revolutions, with the spark off and then switching on the ignition and giving the crank one sharp upward pull over compression, is a safe method. Priming all cylinders and then jerking up upon the crank will generally effect a start. Do not open the throttle but little.

**Daily Selections for  
Guardian Readers**

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**A WOMAN'S QUESTION**

(By Anne Proctor)

I will not let you say a woman's part. Must be to give exclusive love alone; Dearest, although I love you so, my heart Answers a thousand claims besides your own.

I love—what do I not love? Earth and air Find space within my heart, and myriad things You would not deem to heed are cherished there, And vibrate on its very inmost strings.

I love the Summer, with her ebb and flow Of light, and warmth, and music, that have nursed Her tender buds to blossoms . . . and you know It was in summer that I saw you first.

I love the Winter dearly too, . . . but then I owe it so much; on a winter's day, Bleak, cold, and stormy, you return'd again. When you, had been those weary months away.

I love the Stars like friends; so many nights I gazed at them, when you were far from me. Till I grew blind with tears; . . . those far-off lights I could watch you, whom I long'd in vain to see.

Couldst thou withdraw thy hand one day And answer to my claim, That Fate, and that today's mistake Not thou—had been to blame? Some soothe their conscience thus; but thou wilt surely warn and save me now.

Now, answer not—I dare not hear, The words would come too late; Yet I would spare thee all remorse, So comfort thee, my Fate—Whatever on my heart may fall—member, I would risk it all!

Beware of the man who speaks of short-comings of his neighbor with tearful eyes.

Many a man after laying down the law to his wife is compelled to pick himself up.

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I was very sorry to find out that my chum, John Cliffe "went West" I should never have known, had it not been for your great kindness towards one of the ex-soldier Battery boys.

I feel greatly indebted to you and hope to some day be of service to your paper and Island. Satisfied and contented I am Sir etc.

SENDALL STRAUB,  
South Winalmah, Me.

**Have We Gone  
Pleasure Mad?**

SACKVILLE, Nov. 1.—Rev. A. J. Vincent, pastor of Main street Baptist church, delivered the first of a series of sermons on modern pleasures to a large congregation here. At the outset the reverend gentleman emphasized the fact that we are living in perilous times, and that even the churches were losing their influence, because the church members were thinking more of worldly things than ever before. Gradually the devil is forcing the Church to the wall, and unless the people roused themselves the churches might soon have to close their doors.

The speaker declared the people have gone pleasure mad, and he thought it high time that someone spoke out. He realized, he said, that such sermons might not be popular, but he believed it his duty to speak. Our young people were finding it harder than ever to lead clean, wholesome lives. Theatres were being crowded, while prayer meetings were very sparsely attended or closed up altogether. Even church members were to be found in the theatres, and the speaker claimed that religion and the things one heard and saw in the modern theatres would not mix.

Mr. Vincent referred to the craze for automobiles, and then declared that in a few years when we have learned to handle flying machines, the churches may have to close their doors. All the members would probably be away flying he said. The trouble today is to pick out a church member from the crowd. With many of them there was nothing in their lives to show that they had decided to live the kind of life the Master required of them.

**FATHER HORNER HAS  
A CHRISTMAS PIE**

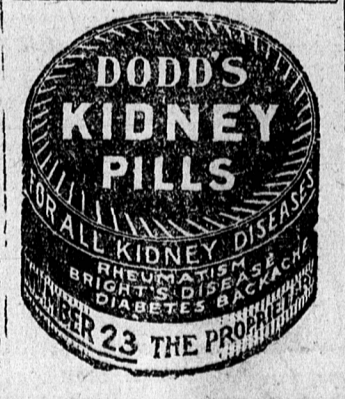
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Then on Christmas morning there will be the loaded stockings with the drum and the doll and the skates in everything. In the afternoon the new sled and skates will have to be tried out, and even the grown-ups will go out and enjoy the fun. And, after it all is over there is the big dinner. Oh, the turkey and plum pudding and that big Christmas pie kept for last!

It will be put on the centre of the table and out from it hang long red ribbons. The heavy pieces of cream paper is pasted down tight and no one knows what is inside but Dad. Then he gives you each an end and cries "Pull," and you jerk hard and out



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