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THAT ALLEGED DEFICIT.

Whatever the result of the election may be in First Queens today, whether victory or defeat for the Bell government candidate it will bring no credit to the new Liberal administration. Elected in the first place on false pretences they have played the game to the end. Whether they are again successful in pulling the wool over the eyes of the electors remains to be seen.

Probably nothing yet done by the Liberal candidates in the way of misleading the people has been as "low down" as the so called financial statement prepared expressly for this campaign and sprung simultaneously with the usual oratorical fireworks at two different meetings by Messrs Bell and Nash.

This document, signed by the Provincial Auditor, is made to do duty as the financial statement for the portion of the current fiscal year up to September 9th when the Arsenault government went out of power. It represents, probably correctly, the cash payments and receipts up to the date mentioned. It takes no account of the purchases made for the year or of the revenue still to be collected for the year. The Arsenault government bought and paid for the coal for the coming winter for all the provincial institutions; they bought and paid for lumber and stone for bridges and roads, forty per cent. of which is still due them from the Dominion Government under the Highways Act, an amount which they had stipulated for and which Mr. Bell and his colleagues repudiated when in opposition. They bought and paid for supplies and stock for Falconwood and the Falconwood Farm. All of these things the Bell government would have had to buy and pay for, and have now on hand for their use.

The so called Financial Statement is not only misleading but bears internal evidence of not being authentic. The following expression is used in the statement published in the Patriot: "Showing a DEFICIT of expenditure over receipts etc." No auditor would knowingly use such an expression. It is neither grammatical nor technical. The term used under such circumstances invariably is "showing an EXCESS of expenditure over receipts."

Why was this alteration made in the usual formula, and was it made before or after the document containing the "enquiries" was submitted to the Provincial Auditor? These are questions that must be answered immediately as the reputation of the Provincial Auditor is at stake and Mr. Anderson is the last man to knowingly or willingly connive at the publication of a document which does not fully and correctly represent what he wishes to convey. Certainly such an ungrammatical phrase as "deficit of expenditure over receipts" is neither technical nor intelligible.

THE RAILWAY PROBLEM.

The correspondence between the Charlottetown Board of Trade and the Railway Board, published in Wednesday's Guardian, clearly indicates that the latter is not as well informed on conditions existing here as it ought to be. That mails and passengers destined for Prince Edward Island should be detained twenty-two hours at Sackville on their way here is simply intolerable and means must be found to overcome such an arrangement.

Mr. Hanna's statement that "We," meaning the Railway Board, were of the opinion that the arrangement necessitating such a detention of incoming traffic would "best serve Prince Edward Island's needs," was, to put it mildly, most unfortunate and well deserved the spirited reply sent by Mr. J. O. Hyndman that such a recommendation on the part of officials was evidence of their ignorance of our local conditions.

The source of the whole trouble is that the Railway Board is not conversant with conditions in Prince Edward Island. Last year, in compliance with representations forwarded, provision was made for the transport of produce from the Island to the Mainland. The volume of outward traffic was evidently an eye-opener to the Board and they made provision for it. Believing this to be the main consideration they have provided this season for the heavy outward traffic forgetting or ignorant of the fact that there is also a heavy inward traffic not only in freight but in mails and passengers.

The incident serves to again emphasize the necessity of being represented on the Railway Board. Ex-Premier Arsenault made a strong presentation on this point and every change of time table shows how necessary it is that the Board should have first hand and authoritative information. Evidently the local officials and the business interests of the province had not been consulted—or if consulted they were ignored—when the arrangement to take effect on October 6th was made. We have no doubt that now, being informed as to the actual conditions there will be a revision. If not some means must be adopted to save the province from the effects of such an arrangement.

The incident also shows the necessity of more publicity with reference to the volume of our exports and imports. The Railway Board has no idea of the volume of our traffic. For that matter we ourselves do not know as statistics are not available. We only know that the one channel through which our whole traffic outward and inward flows is at all times congested. The Railway Board has discovered that we have a tremendously large outward traffic and has made provision for it by cutting off our inward traffic, the only effect of which will be to cripple the latter without in the least helping the former.

HINTS FOR The Motorist

BY ALBERT L. CLOUGH

STORAGE BATTERY LOSES CAPACITY



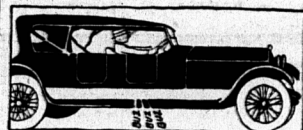
O. B. G. writes: I have a storage battery that I use for running the side and tail lamps of my car—the headlights being acetylene. There is no generator. At first I did not have to get this battery charged oftener than once every two months, but now it will not serve for more than two weeks, although I do not use the lights any more than I used to. What is the cause of this?

Answer: The capacity of all storage batteries decreases progressively with age, for the following reasons among others: More or less of the active material of the plates (the lead oxides that take part in the electrochemical change) become detached and sheds from the plates and in proportion as the active material is thus lost, the storage capacity of the cell is reduced. The pores of the active material tend to fill with purities, or some of the active material loses effective electrical contact with the plates and there is a formation of permanent lead sulphate which is inactive. The insulating separators tend to become clogged with impurities and of high resistance. Detached active material sometimes collects in such quantities as to short-circuit the plates and cause current to leak away without useful effect.

STARTER DRIVE NEEDS CLEANING

W. A. McP. asks: Can you suggest what is wrong with the starter on my 1917 car? When I press the starter pedal, I can hear a loud buzzing but the engine does not turn over.

Answer: We believe that this car is equipped with the popular form of starter drive, in which the motor pinion gear automatically moves along the armature shaft and meshes with the flywheel gear, the shock of starting the engine into motion being cushioned by the action of a coiled spring. The meshing motion is produced by the travelling of the pinion along a course thread cut on a sleeve surrounding the armature shaft and your trouble may be that the pinion does not move along, so as to reach the flywheel the cause



of this probably being that there is dirt or sticky oil on the thread, which makes the pinion revolve with the shaft instead of turning on the thread. Try squirting the pinion and its shaft with kerosene to remove sticky substances. This may free the pinion, so that its unbalanced weight may be sufficient to prevent its turning on the thread and to cause it to follow along it, so as to engage the flywheel gear.

Questions of general interest to motorists will be answered in this column, space permitting. Address Albert L. Clough, care of this office.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood. When fond recollections presents them to view; The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood, And every loved spot which my infancy knew! The wide-spreading pond, and the mill that stood by it, The bridge, and the rock where the cataract fell, The cot of my father, the dairy house nigh it, And 'e'en the rude bucket that hung in the well— The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket, The moss-covered bucket which hung in the well, How sweet from the green mossy brim to receive it, As poised on the curb it inclined to my lips! Not a fall blushing goblet could tempt me to leave it, The brightest that beauty or revelry sips, And now, far removed from the loved habitation, The tear of regret will intrusively swell, As fancy reverts to my father's plantation, And sighs for the bucket that hangs in the well— The old oaken bucket, the iron-bound bucket, The moss-covered bucket that hangs in the well.

MR. THOMAS WIGMORE'S ELECTION ADDRESS

To the Electors of the First District of Queens.

Gentlemen: At the request of a large number of the electors I have decided to contest the District in the Liberal-Conservative interest.

As the result of the General Election no farmer has been returned to voice the views of agriculturists either in Opposition caucus or from the Opposition side of the House.

I do not think this satisfactory nor do I think it was the intention of the electors that nine-tenths of the electorate should be unrepresented in the counsels of the Opposition and in the most important debates in the House.

It is more important, in my opinion, that the farmers should have at least one of themselves in the House in the Opposition than that there be a dozen sitting behind the Premier whose admitted policy already is to seek new means of raising revenue and who is looking to the farmers to provide the money.



If elected I shall make it my business to look after the interests of farmers both in the House and in the Liberal-Conservative caucus.

This is the first time in the history of Prince Edward Island that one of the two great parties has been without a farmer member in the Legislature.

The necessity and desirability of remedying this state of affairs needs no elaboration on my part; it must appeal to every farmer in the province, and I trust the farmers of this District in their own interests will realize their own responsibility in the matter.

In the brief period between nomination and election there will, I regret, be no time for me to see all the electors personally, so I take this means of asking you to safeguard your own interests and to show your disapproval of a party which obtained power by reckless promises and other questionable means, by casting your ballot for me on Election Day, Friday, October 3. I am, Your obedient servant,

THOMAS WIGMORE.

Discussing Canadian Prisoners in England

OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—The rights of Canadian soldiers imprisoned in England as a result of the Rhyd, Seaford, Witley and other riots, will in all probability make the chief topic of discussion when the House discusses Col Curries motion that a general amnesty should be granted to soldiers undergoing terms of imprisonment for military offences during the war. In addition to those imprisoned as a result of the riots there are a number of cases of soldiers imprisoned since armistice for minor breaches of discipline which would severe punishment if committed in the face of the enemy but which, it is stated seems rather trivial in civil life. There are others charged with more serious crimes but who nevertheless did good service while actual fighting was going on. Sir Edward Kemp lately made a statement to the effect that at the end of this year he hopes there will be no Canadian military prisoners in England. Some Canadian soldiers here state that Australia insisted that every

Australian prisoner should be offered the right to a civil trial in Australia if he were displeased with the court-martialled decision. A similar demand may be made here before long.

ROCKFELLER GIVES \$200,000 TO IMPROVE MEDICAL EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—A gift of \$200,000 from John D. Rockefeller for the improvement of medical education in the United States was announced today by the General Education Board. The official announcement of the gift says that the income of the \$200,000 is to be currently used and the entire principal is to be distributed within 50 years.

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CHRIST BEFORE PILATE.

Behold our Saviour is arraigned Before the Judgment Seat; A gaping crowd around Him surge, As if His flesh to eat.

He's meek and mild and humbly clad, Of nothing will complain; Though with many offences charged, He silent did remain.

It was for His great love to us That Jesus silent was, Though dark and ominous the day, And nigh at hand the cross.

In Christ's defence no friend would speak, They mix among the throng; His enemies have now the power, And boastful are and strong.

Oh, it was shameful for our race That no one did uphold, That no one forward came to help, Though present to behold.

Art thou, then, of the Jews the King? To Him did Pilate say; To whom the Saviour made reply, And said unto him, Yea.

But my kingdom's not of this world; Which Pilate satisfied, But still a raving crowd would shout, Let Him be crucified.

The Jews of all degrees and sects Against Him took their stand, With rage and fury in their face, They death for Him demand.

A cruel death they asked for Him, Who was the Son of God, Who truly was the Prince of Peace, The noblest earth that trod.

I fear my voice was with the throng, Against Him loud that cried, Away with, away with Him, Let Him be crucified.

Our fallen nature cannot love The Saviour Divine, Nor can it beauty see in Him, In whom all graces shine.

A good confession Jesus made, Before His many foes, When death and danger threatened Him, And all His other woes.

What, now, of man's depravity? Was it not proved that day? And human nature's still the same, And so will be alway.

Pilate pronounced Him innocent, And yet would not release, A wretched time-server was He, Who would the people please.

Yet Jesus was with glory crowned, Erect in Heaven high; The angels worshipped, faces veiled, When they to Him drew nigh.

Christ still salvation free bestows On such as will repent; To all who from their sins return Is His Salvation sent.

And His confession now goes forth A glorious, joyful sound, That, to the ends of all the earth, Salvation may be found, D. MacLean.

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