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BEER DISPLACES SAKE IN JAPAN

TOKIO, June 18.—Beer is rapidly replacing sake as the national drink of Japan. While there has been no appreciable increase in the output of the distilleries which produce sake, the increase in the amount of beer brewed is very marked. Ten years ago 21,288 koku of beer were brewed; last year the consumption was 765,027 koku. Sake still is used on ceremonial occasions, but beer is the more popular beverage.

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SOME PROMISES

The Patriot hastens to assure its readers and the public generally that the Bell Government has no intention of further increasing the taxes if it should be again entrusted with the handling of the people's money. In proof of this it reproduces a column or so from Premier Bell's last budget speech in which he declares that although the revenue is still small and it was only by the exercise of the greatest economy that they were able to "make ends meet," they still intended to struggle along without any further increase in taxation.

This promise on the part of Premier Bell is solemnly quoted by the Patriot as evidence that there is no foundation for the general belief that the persistent glorification of increased taxation is the precursor of still greater blessings of the Bell government variety if ever again they get hold of the finances of the province.

When it is remembered that the whole phalanx of Liberalism, including Premier Bell, devoted its last pre-election campaign to telling the people how they were going to reduce taxation and do away with "useless officials," the Premier's latest promise, above referred to, will not carry much conviction. Those who were deceived by former pre-election Liberal promises will naturally ask "If the Bell Liberals, before their election, promised to reduce the taxes and quadruple them when they came into power, what would they do now if elected, when they only promise not to increase them?" The logical answer would be that they would quadruple the quadrupled.

That portion of the Premier's budget speech also contains the remains of another promise made by the Liberal Premier and some of his supporters before the last general election four years ago. This was the promise to build a spur line of railway between somewhere in the Third District of Prince and Richmond Bay to enable the farmers to procure mussel mud and, incidentally, to enable some of the farmers of this thriving community to sell a right of way for the new railway. This promise when it came fresh from the lips of the premier, had its effect upon many electors. But four long, weary years interspersed with extraordinarily cold and stormy winters, have perceptibly dimmed it. It won't "cut any ice" at the coming election. It is revived by the Patriot among the other straws which it is feverishly grasping at in its extremity. But four year old promises count for little and the Richmond Bay spur, much as it may be needed, may just as well be stowed away along with the old promise to reduce taxation. It will not catch any votes now.

There are several other promises in the political air at present, among them a \$45,000 bridge in the constituency more or less represented by the Hon. F. J. Nash. There has not been much said about this one except that the plans and specifications are on exhibition in the Patriot Office.

Immediately before the election we may look for some fireworks in the Patriot about this wonderful bridge and the blessing it will be to Mr. Nash's constituents but we are of the opinion that these people are "on to" Liberal pre-election promises and that they will not swallow this bridge attractive as it may appear in the Patriot's show window.

Last minute roorbacks may also be looked for immediately before the election. Mr. J. E. Sinclair has had nothing recently to say about the new station at Emerald which was to be built "this season." He will no doubt be heard from on the

eve of the election as he usually attends to matters of this kind about 11.50. Mr. Higgs' \$40,000 for the Charlottetown streets will probably boom up between 11 and 12 on the day before the election. Verily we are a good natured, credulous people, at least some of them think we are.

FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK

Our Liberal friends are in extremis and are adopting the means usually resorted to when in that condition. To make up for the loss of former supporters they are now, in some cases at least, counting the opposite political sex. Here is a sample.

When the contract was given in the spring of 1922 for a road project starting at the western boundary of Summerside, the contractor selected a piece of land which was required for the clay that was in it for the work. The government engineer surveyed the land, took possession and told the owner he would be paid for it. Up to the present he has not been paid. After pressure was brought for payment a small sum was offered the owner. Mr. Thomas Mitchell, who had always voted Liberal. He cannot understand why he, a faithful Liberal, should be treated this way as another who is a Conservative and who also sold his land for the same contract was paid some considerable time ago and at a much greater price than that offered Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell's land is much nearer Summerside than the other man's and therefore more valuable.

The question that is now being asked is why did the Conservative get a big price and prompt payment while the man whose Liberalism was supposed to be a permanent quality has not yet been paid even the smaller price. Was it to win the Conservative over? In any case an explanation is in order.

OUR BUTTER TRADE

Interesting statistics related to Canada's butter trade are given in the current number of the C. P. R.'s bulletin on Agricultural and Industrial Development.

In the last fiscal year we exported 8,420,687 pounds of butter while in the same time we imported about 6,000,000. Of our exports the United Kingdom received 3,713,709; the United States 3,032,589. Other importing countries were Belgium, Bermuda, British Guiana, Barbadoes, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago and other British West Indies, China, Cuba, France, Newfoundland, St. Pierre and Miquelon and other countries.

The rapid growth of the butter export industry, says the bulletin, is seen in a survey of figures over the past twenty years. In 1903 a mere 390,397 pounds was exported. By 1908 this had increased to 1,068,703 pounds. That the real growth of the industry is confined to the past decade may be seen in the remarkable increase in the five year period 1910 to 1915 when the export figures jumped from 72,095 to 2,724,913 pounds. Between 1915 and 1918 exports doubled, reaching 44,920,154 in the latter year.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Patriot's fear that the abolition of the poll tax will result in increasing the land tax is about as ridiculous as any argument it has so far produced. The iniquity of the poll tax is that it is an addition to the land tax; it is the farmer and his sons and his farm help who pay the bulk of the poll tax, hence its absolute unfairness and hence also Mr. Stewart's objection to it.

Notes by the Way

The 4th Electoral District of Prince County enjoys the distinction of having Hon. J. H. Bell and Hon. Walter M. Lea as its representatives in the government and Legislature. These two gentlemen comprise half of the salaried membership of the Bell government and it may be fairly assumed that the 4th District and its people would be as well looked after under their care and leadership as any other district in the Province. It may be of interest to note how this thriving and prosperous district fared in the matters of Land Taxes and Poll Taxes in the years 1919 and 1922 respectively as shown by the Public Accounts. Below are the figures:

4th District Prince County		
	1919	1922
Land Tax	\$4,704	\$12,536
Poll Tax	None	3,087
Total	\$4,704	\$15,623

From this statement it is clear that the good farmers of the 4th District of Prince County are paying almost three times as much in land taxes alone under the care of Messrs Bell and Lea, as they were paying under the Conservative Government in 1919. And they are also paying over three thousand dollars in poll taxes, which were unknown until these gentlemen came into power.

Hon. Cyrus W. Crosby, the Commissioner of Public Works, represents the 1st District of Queens County. How did the good farmers of his fine district flourish in the matter of land taxes and poll taxes under the late government and under the Bell Government? The Public Accounts tell us.

1st District, Queens County		
	1919	1922
Land Tax	\$2,065	\$4,567
Poll Tax	None	2,904
Total	\$4,844	\$14,199

Just a little less than three times as much in 1922 as in 1919.

Hon. J. J. Johnston, Attorney General, represents the 3rd District of Kings County. In his district the land and poll taxes in the two years we are comparing are shown by the Public Accounts to be as here tabulated:

3rd District Kings County		
	1919	1922
Land Tax	\$2,055	\$4,567
Poll Tax	None	1,344
Total	\$2,055	\$5,911

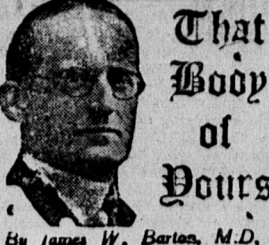
Here also the total derived from these two taxes was a little less than three times as much under the Bell Government than it was under the previous Conservative Government.

Taking the three Ministerial districts together the electors were paying \$35,724 in land and poll taxes in 1922 against \$11,613 paid in 1919. That is over three times as much. These are farmers' taxes. There were no poll taxes under the late government. The Bell Government laid them on and are determined to keep them on, although the farmers, whom they profess to love so dearly, pay four-fifths of all the poll taxes. But besides the trebled land taxes and the poll taxes there is the personal property tax for which the farmers owe to the Bell government.

The Personal Property Tax in Messrs. Bell and Lea's district in 1922 was \$1,543. In Mr. Crosby's district it was \$597 and in Mr. Johnson's district \$772, making a total of \$2912. And they gathered as much more in Income Tax among the dear farmers whom they now claim to have specially favored. Thus did Bell, Lea, Crosby and Johnson show their love for the farmer in their own district and throughout the Province. First with threefold taxes on land. Secondly they whacked the farmer over the head with poll-tax to the tune of \$20,000 a year. Then thirdly and fourthly they levied upon him for income taxes and personal property taxes thousands of dollars more!

WHISPER AND I SHALL HEAR

LONDON, June 17.—An old man pleaded that he could not hear the evidence against him. Four policemen hawled in his right ear. He only smiled. Four more policemen belovied in his left ear. His smile continued. "The case is dismissed," whispered the magistrate. He heard that.



By James W. Barnes, M.D.

That Body of Yours

WHAT ABOUT WALKING? As I have emphasized the value of jogging or "stationary run" in developing heart and lungs, some of my readers may have the impression that I do not consider walking of value.

Walking is one of the most beneficial exercises within our reach. The only point I was trying to make regarding jogging as compared to walking was, that in jogging you lifted your entire weight off the ground whereas in walking one foot was always on the ground or else you weren't walking.

Now to get down to a practical basis. If I were to ask you to regularly jog two to three hundred steps, or to take a brisk walk daily which would you sooner do?

There's no doubt about what your answer would be. You'd sooner take the walk. You see the walk takes you outdoors and gives you a change of scenery. The dull monotony of your room and the counting of the steps is lost.

Now how to make your walk of real value. Don't just shuffle along, but take hold of yourself and swing your self forward right from the hips.

This lengthened stride calls into play the big thigh muscles which are the largest group in the body. Thus propelling yourself forward at a fair rate of speed you are doing almost as much work as in jogging. Now just a few pointers. If you are a man don't wear a tight coat or vest. If a woman have the corset loose at the top. Give yourself a chance to breathe. Also wear a pair of comfortable shoes. You'd be surprised how much more walking you would do if your feet felt comfortable all the time.

Just one more point. Don't look on walking as a job or a duty to be performed. Vary the direction of your walk, and go out for the pleasure of it. A daily walk not only burns up the extra food you've eaten, but gives your mind a pleasurable exaltation which is of immense benefit to that body of yours.

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TO BE AT REST

By George Klinge
Peace?—It is this:
To know (though all things seem amiss,
There is no chance, or fate,
No lost estate
Love doth not rule; to know
We need but trust, and go
Beneath God's hand whichever way
The pathway seems to lead from
day to day,
Or dark the threatening sky;
To know the Christ-hand ever
stoopeth nigh;
That we may turn and rest
As tired child across a sheltering
breast,
Who needs but know
Love only stoops some blessings to
bestow.

MEASURE

When we count our gold at the end of the day,
And have filtered the dross that has
cumbered the way;
Oh! What were the hold of our
treasury then
Save the love we have shown to
the children of men.
—G. D. Johnson

END OF ENGLISH BETTING STILL SEEMS FAR OFF

LONDON, June 19.—The special committee appointed to help the government decide whether it will pay to tax betting, held another public sitting recently and examined several police officers. Mr. Caldwell, police superintendent of Liverpool, said the betting law was very difficult to enforce and very unpopular. Its inconsistencies and loopholes were so numerous that in practice it amounted to one law for the wealthy, who could bet on credit without incurring any risk of getting fined or imprisoned, and another for the poor who, because of their poverty, had to confine themselves to ready money betting which meant street betting and were liable to get into trouble if they were caught at it. In Liverpool \$40,000 a year was spent in efforts to enforce the law against betting, and the result had been a total failure.

Thorvald Bingham, assistant commissioner of the metropolitan police, said a striking development of late years had been the increase of betting among women of the poorer classes. London was so riddled with street betting that to deal with it effectively would require a very much larger number of police than could be made available without prohibitive expenditure. The police felt, he said, that even if the repressive law were re-enacted in a clean and more drastic form it was almost

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certain, having regard to the strength and extent of the taste for betting, that some means of evading it on a large scale always would be found. Mr. Bingham's views on betting are entirely at variance with those expressed by the majority of the spokesmen of various religious bodies that have appeared before the committee. MORWENA BIRD SAID YES TO EGYPT'S ROYAL PRINCE CAIRO, June 19.—Cairo is gossiping again. The inhabitants had barely recovered from the Tutankhamen affair when a scion of the Egyptian royal house secretly married an English girl. The bride was Miss Morwena Bird, and the royal bridegroom is Prince Said Halim, second cousin of King Fuad. The minute the regal relatives of the prince heard about his love for an English maid of another faith they began making objections, but got no where with them. The prince simply took his sweetheart into a Moslem religious court, went through the ceremony and ran away to see Europe in the fashion of honey-mooners. Miss Bird since the war has been one of the bright figures of Cairo's ball-rooms. Her father was a Colonel stationed in Egypt before the war. The prince, who is 25, already has the reputation of being a good prophet and a reckless man with his purse. His talent for getting rid of money came to public notice when he was sent to England before the war to study under army tutors. He was so extravagant that he had to be sent away to Switzerland, where, in those days, there were fewer opportunities for getting poor quickly. His penchant for prophecies was recognized during the war when he persistently wrote to the newspapers that Turkey and Germany were going to fall. As everyone knows, this forecast came about in a manner, so the prince is now a prophet with some glory in his own land. ESPECIALLY NOWADAYS. Bacon—"They say when a man's ears are red that somebody is talking about him." Egbert—"Yes; and he can just bet that somebody is talking about him if his nose is red."

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