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MR. DUNNING'S CHARGES.

The Hon. Charles A. Dunning who, with his colleague, the Hon. J. A. Robb, was heard in Charlottetown Wednesday night, is a fluent and forceful speaker. He is fluent after the style of the soap-box orator of the agitator type and, if the truth must be told, as unscrupulous as the worst of them. He has the faculty of making the worse appear the better, and the better appear the worse in a marked degree. Under his word painting the smuggling activities during the Mackenzie King regime was a sort of pleasant Sunday School picnic and "everyone was doing it." He had asked an audience of some "2500 or 4,000" in Toronto, a few nights ago, how many of them could conscientiously say they had never smuggled and only "one dear old lady" raised her hand, showing that she of all that audience was guiltless of this vice. This, of course, amused the audience and the laughter which followed was taken as a tacit admission that all were equally guilty with the unfortunate smugglers who had been caught.

The Hon. Mr. Dunning, in this connection made some violent and flagrant misrepresentations, all of which, vehemently delivered, was accepted as truth by those whose hopes of Liberal innocence and Conservative guilt were thus forcibly expressed. He repeated the statement made by Mr. Mackenzie King, that it was the King Government that really discovered the smuggling, and were going right to work to correct it when Mr. H. H. Stevens through the activities of a Conservative spy found out what was going on and on this information he made his demand for a parliamentary committee. All this was absolutely false and Mr. Dunning could not help knowing it was false, as this whole question had been disposed of in a letter from Mr. R. P. Sparks, President of the Commercial Protective Association, a letter which was published in all the leading newspapers in Canada and the truth of which has never been denied. It will be remembered that the Commercial Protective Association had been organized by leading Canadian merchants to assist the King Government to check smuggling. The Government had agreed to co-operate with this association, but instead of co-operating, actually shielded the smugglers and permitted the demoralization of the Customs to proceed unchecked. Mr. Sparks later fully explained the whole situation. Mr. Dunning's statement to the contrary notwithstanding, here is a copy of the telegram to Mr. Stevens:—

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"YOU'RE ANOTHER."

The Liberal "argument" has now developed into the old-time cowardly charge "you're another." It is quite possible that some sufficiently ignorant people may be found throughout the country, and the appeal is only to such, who will believe the present Liberal contention that all the smuggling and thieving which have taken place in the Customs Department began with and was successfully prosecuted by the Conservatives during the Borden and Meighen administration. Such a belief, even if it were entertained, would, however, leave little consolation for Liberals. The Liberals were in opposition at that time and Mr. Mackenzie King was at their head. If conditions were as bad as they now represent them to have been, why did not those astute Liberals find it out and take some action as was done by the Conservatives when in opposition? If matters were as our Liberal friends claim they were, the Liberals then in power must have been as useless and as corrupt as those who flourished during the years 1921 to 1926.

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Notes by the Way.

A fine audience from city and country listened attentively to Hon. Messrs. Robb and Dunning at the Market Hall on Wednesday evening. These "big guns" of the late defeated Government had come hither in response to a Macedonian cry for help which was much needed. So rejoiced were the Liberals present that they quite overdid the work of applauding at first, but later in the evening moderated their vocal activities considerably. The audience included hundreds of Conservatives who listened with respectful interest to all that the ex-Ministers had to say.

As for the speakers, they pleased their party friends without saying anything new. They thrashed the old straw which had been run through the parliamentary mill last session and they did it very vigorously. They were strong on assertion and prophecy, as they had been in October last, quite unmindful of the fact that many of their assertions had been again and again disproved and their prophecies of a few months ago had utterly failed. Like the Robb tariff, parts of which are good the same may be said of the half truths which made up the burden of their speeches. What they omitted and evaded was easily apparent to any well informed listener. There was nothing in their story to give hope to the Maritime Province should they return to power.

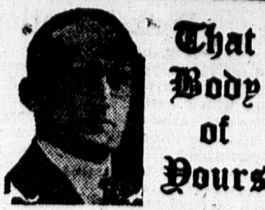
Mackenzie King showed his contempt for the Eastern Provinces when he asked What are Maritime Rights. Mr. Dunning, in his Regina speech, was quite on the same line and showed the same hostile feeling when he coupled the Maritime people with free passes on the railway. He himself has had free passage on all the railways for thirty years! We question whether in all his life he has paid for a Canadian railway ticket. We Easterners can estimate his sneer at its proper worth. What hope is there for the Maritimes ever getting fair play or decent treatment under ministers thus openly hostile?

Mr. Robb, the ex-Finance Minister, is a mild mannered gentleman of recognized ability as a business man. We do not think of him as hostile to this section of the Dominion. But he has notoriously unsettled and disturbed the tariff of the Laurier-Fielding days, which pleased the Liberals of those days and was fairly satisfactory to the country. What Mr. Fielding wanted to remain stable, Mr. Robb tinkered with, made it unstable, causing suspense which greatly injured the industrial and business interests of the country. The latest tariff which bears his name, so far as it affects automobiles was as different from that first introduced by him as chalk is from cheese. He was forced to make it protective in order to get it passed through the House.

A vote for the Opposition candidates will be a vote to return the Old Gang to power. That means Mackenzie King again for Prime Minister, Robb for head of the Finance Department and Dunning for Minister of Railways. What did they and their colleagues do for Prince Edward Island during the past five years? Rated as inferior, unworthy of being treated like the people of other provinces, kept half our railway mileage on the miserable old narrow gauge, starved our public works, while lavishing their favors and building broad-gauge railways in the West to catch Progressive votes.

What did they do for the Maritimes? Well, they did build a grain elevator at Halifax, where there was one before that had no grain. The two elevators got no more grain than the one got before. The exported surplus of wheat from the Prairies was shipped over American railways to American ports and the Maritime ports were robbed of their rights. The Transcontinental Railway from Winnipeg to Moncton, built to bring the Western harvest to our ports was left to rust in idleness. Why was this? Because the King Government cared nothing for the Maritimes. But it did care for its dear Progressive and Yankee friends, wanted to give the latter our transportation along with the Canadian market.

Hon. E. M. Macdonald was present and on the platform at the meeting in Market Hall. He had been reported ill and had declined a renomination for the coming election. We hope his health is improving, as his appearance here would indicate, but it is safe to say that no one in this Province wants



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A NEW WORD

Among the new words in the medical dictionary, and one that you are beginning to see in the newspapers is "Endocrinology." As you know "ology" means the "study of" and endocrine is the name given to those glands like the thyroid in the neck, and the adrenals, situated on top of the kidneys, which secrete hormones. These are what are called ductless glands because, although they manufacture a juice, they have no duct leading away from them.

And so when you see that big word endocrinology don't let it bother you, but just remember that it means the study, or knowledge, of these ductless glands. Now this study is new, and as some wonderful things have been learned about some of these glands, thousands of research men are working hard in their laboratories to find out more about them.

It is known that the juice of the thyroid in the neck slows down the processes, that the juice of the adrenal glands on top of the kidney slows them down, the little gland pituitary in the skull controls growth, and so forth.

Now these juices do not seem to have the power of starting the various processes of the body, as these processes can go along without them, but they seem to regulate the rate and strength of the processes.

And this present knowledge is being made use of in the treatment of various conditions. Where the heart is beating too fast the secretions of the adrenal glands of the thyroid will slow it down, and strengthen the beat. Where there is a lack of power in the processes that use up the fat in the body, the secretion from the thyroid gland of animals will speed up these processes.

Where the starches or sugars are not being handled properly by the system, and sugar that should be used for providing energy is escaping from the body by way of the urine, then the use of insulin from animals and fish, as discovered by Dr. Banting, is used to arrest this wasteful process, the patient gets the strength from his food, and is kept well.

Research men have learned that some of these juices work together, and others work in an opposite manner and thus regulate certain endocrine processes, and others work independently.

Now you can readily see that the entire functions of the body may be stimulated, or made slow, by the excessive or insufficient action of the juices of these glands.

The action of some of these glands, as above, is definitely known, and successful use of them has been made in treatment of conditions formerly considered incurable. It is to be hoped that this patient but enthusiastic research men will continue to learn more about these wonderful glands in that wonderful body of yours.

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The Public Forum

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HIGH TONED (?) SPEAKER IN KINGS

Sir,—The political meetings in Kings County are being largely attended and this is doubtless because of the eloquent thoughtful speeches of Mr. J. P. McIntyre and Mr. S. S. Hessian. Mr. McIntyre's speeches are lengthy quotations from the English classics particularly Shakespeare while Mr. Hessian quotes from the Latin and Greek authors translating and explaining as he goes along. He quotes from the early editions of the Bible apparently preferring his own translation to the Vulgate editions.

Mr. McIntyre's quotations from Shakespeare are very apropos and show that he has absorbed the great English dramatist, while his quotations from Milton and other writers of the early Victorian period prove him to be a man of wide reading and deep culture. It is refreshing to have men like Messrs. McIntyre and Hessian discuss the public issues of the day in such a dignified manner. Unfortunately many of our public men frequently allow petty issues and personalities to mar their speeches. I therefore consider it a duty to draw attention to the efforts of the two gentlemen above mentioned to elevate the tone of public discussion and give the electorate of Kings the benefit of their rich stores of knowledge.

Mr. Hessian, being a very active energetic man, will likely attend most of the meetings in the county. On the other hand Mr. McIntyre being a very modest man may not attend any meeting outside the St. Peter's district unless invited by Mr. Johnston, the Liberal candidate to do so. This would be a misfortune and I hope Mr. Johnston will allow no jealousy or personal feelings to interfere with the pleasure and the profit to the people of the other districts of the county would derive from listening to Mr. McIntyre's speeches.

I am, Sir, etc.

UPLIFTER.

THE HONORABLE CHARLES DUNNING

Sir,—The long heralded and much vaunted Ex-Minister of Railways has come and gone. To Conservatives and Liberals alike it was a real pleasure, if not of profit, to have heard him, in humor, joke and ribaldry his is a master talent. As an actor on the political stage he is hard to beat, and the large audience in the Strand were well satisfied to lay aside the seriousness of public affairs and to entertain him in genuine enjoyment watching him in his classic comedies and humorous entertainment. Neither his leader—Mackenzie King—nor any other of the biggest Liberals could hold an audience as he did in vaudeville and to entertain him is certainly, as he is also reputed to be in administration, the master of the King Opposition.

Leaving farce aside however and dealing with the important issues of the election and to entertain him enough to deceive his audience in his humorous attempts to gloss over the wrongs of the King Government, and he didn't seem to have sense enough to leave the danger spots alone. All will give him credit for his splendid defense of the late Hon. Mr. Borden, an associate of Hon. Mr. Borden in the Union Government, popular with Conservatives as well as Liberals, the most promising stalwart of Liberalism in Quebec, whose unfortunate death is a distinct loss to the public life of Canada. All his good qualities, however, cannot condemn Parliament for taking cognizance of his own indiscretion in the Aszias case.

That he could spell-bind his hearers in description of the Hon. Ernest Lapointe's escape from Mr. Duncanson's charge re the S. S. Margaret, where, although shown to have been a guest, he was such without doubt. But his glossing over this particular point did not clean up the uncontracted mess in regard to others in the Customs enquiry the joy trips of this famous craft. His specious humor in trying to offset the culpability of the King government in the closing days of the session was brilliantly successful, but too superficial to set aside the real facts or to shift from Liberal shoulders the responsibility for killing whatever useful legislation there was on the session's programme. It was the close border unto fabrication when he declared that Mr. Meighen made no attempt to save the little good produced by the six months disorder in parliament. The fact is on record in Hansard, and Mr. Dunning was well aware of it, that after the King Government had resigned, and while Mr. Meighen still held a seat in the House, before he accepted office as Premier, he asked for a view to bringing the session to an orderly close, and to save whatever was of value, AND WAS PLATLY TURNED DOWN BY MR. KING.

Further when he attempted, in the only way possible, to save and complete this legislation, he was petulantly opposed by Mr. King and his party succeeded in killing that legislation, and for that the people of Canada will hold him to a strict account.

His humor in dealing with the marriage problem was deservedly applauded. He has had expert experience. He told us that in the nuptial contract a man doesn't always get what he expected, and the woman has also to be caught in the mesh of the disappointments of the Maritimes in the failures of confederation. In his inner soul however the sting was: in their own unequal marriage with the Progressives. They found housekeeping with their exacting better half to be most uncomfortable, and finally, when the western Progressives the spouse that wore the breeches refused to stand for and condone the immorality of their lords, they sought escape in the woods.

The Customs Probe was too serious for jest and he labored over the problem with a reduced fervor. As a special pleader he made the best of a bad job, gliding with polished phrases the part taken by the Hon. Mr. Borden disclosed by UNDER PRESSURE FROM MR. SPARKS AND THE MERCHANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION. But his fond of sparkling humor failed to come to his rescue in settling aside the facts disclosed by the evidence, that they only moved slowly, under pressure from the goods of public demand which compelled them to, reluctantly, do what they did.

Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

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Messrs. Robb and Dunning have come and gone. While here they bestowed some praise upon the Robb Budget, some laudation upon the late Government's record, and paid some tributes to each other. They did not praise Mr. Mackenzie King. Their coming cheered the four Liberal candidates, who had been quite "down in the dumps," but it is very doubtful if they gain a single vote for the Liberal cause. And not one in three of their party supporters has any real confidence in their boast of an early return to power. "Boasting is very cheap stuff!"

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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RUTH'S DEVOTION. — "And Ruth, she, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." Ruth 1:16.

PRAYER.—O that we might be devoted to Thee, our God, as Ruth to Naomi.

LOSS AND GAIN

Do not count, when day is o'er, Daily loss from life's rich store; But the gains however small, Every tender grace and tone, Every pleasant truth you've heard; Every kind deed you've known; Every rightful victory won— Treasure all, and count them o'er As a miser counts his store.

But if bitter word or thought Have a bitter harvest brought; If some foreman hath assailed you, Or the friend most trusted failed you, If unkindness and untruth, Have to you brought saddest ruth, Blot the score without delay— Keep no record of the day.

Keep no record of the care, Loss and cross we all must bear. On the page of memory write; Only what is fair and bright; Let all evil things go by, Do not grieve or even sigh; SHIH, with brave endeavor, try Simple joys to multiply.

Thus you'll learn how large a sum Will with faithful reckoning come; Long as after cloud and rain, Blessed sunshine comes again; Long as after Winter's gloom Summer rises and its bloom; Long as we have with us here One sad heart that we may cheer; Long as love gilds sorrow's cross, Life's rich gain o'er pays the loss.

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