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SINCLAIR TO THE RESCUE

We note by the Patriot that the Hon. John E. Sinclair, the only representative of the province in the federal cabinet, has again something good in store for the electors on the eve of the coming provincial election. In a telegram to the Patriot Mr. Sinclair says: "In reference to your enquiry regarding railway extension in Prince Edward Island I can say that the Board has decided to build an up-to-date station at Emerald this season in addition to completing the standardization of the road west." Signed John E. Sinclair.

This would be good news to the people of the province if it were not for some previous performances by this same Mr. Sinclair on similar occasions. It has not yet been forgotten that on the eve of the bye-elections last autumn the Hon. John came to the assistance of his Liberal friend, Dr. John F. McNeill when the latter was waging an uncertain war in the Summerside constituency. On the day before the election Dr. John received from the Hon. John a telegram assuring him that the permanent street project in Summerside would be proceeded with at once. The permanent street project in Summerside, it will be remembered was at that time in the same predicament as the Higgs and Duffy \$40,000 project in Charlottetown. Needless to say the Summerside electors were jubilant over the Hon. John's achievement in securing this great boon for them and Dr. John profited accordingly at the polls next day. But the "permanent work" never materialized. When the election was over nothing further was heard about it; the Summerside tax payers are still figuring it out just as the tax payers in Charlottetown are, who were misled by the promise of Messrs. Higgs and Duffy that they were going to get \$40,000 for street improvement.

Whether the Hon. John's Emerald proposal is another of the same kind remains to be realized. Emerald certainly needs a new and larger railway station but just why the need of it and the promise to provide it should come on the eve of the provincial election, after three years of need is naturally arousing suspicion. Indeed it is becoming a general belief that the Hon. John has got into the habit of "seeing things" before elections, things that disappear immediately after the election.

We note also that Mr. Sinclair promises that the standardization of the road west of Summerside is to be completed this season. It will be remembered that this work also was "begun" before the bye-elections above referred to but it was only begun.

It is noteworthy also that the Hon. John's promise was received in reply to an enquiry by the Patriot. No doubt the Patriot thought it was time to start something and realizing that the Hon. John had had some experience in this line it appealed to him. Shall we swallow it, fellow electors? Both the Patriot and the Hon. John evidently think we can swallow anything.

PAY AS YOU GO JOKE

In Friday Morning's Guardian we drew attention to the fact that the provincial government, nicknamed by the Patriot the "Pay as You Go Government" had not yet paid its civic assessment for street improvement. The proportion due for something over \$1500 and is, in years and years. That is a way not whole or in part, overdue for three

years. We also mentioned the fact that the Bell government had been repeatedly dunned for this amount but that no response had been elicited. The Federal government had promptly paid its proportion of this assessment, the citizens without exception paid theirs but the Pay as You Go Bell government has not paid a dollar!

In reply to this serious accusation the Patriot came out with a three quarter column editorial extolling the Bell government's pay as you go policy, declaring that by its promptness in paying its bills it had given the province a standing and a credit in the financial world unequalled by that of any other province in Canada—but not a word about the three years overdue city account!

Whether the Patriot meant to be ironical at the expense of its discredited government, its notorious "never-pay-anything" government or was only reverting to its old habit of shouting to drown complaints against the government, we leave to its readers to judge. If the Bell government has ever been distinguished for any one thing more than another, outside of its notoriety for making and breaking promises, it is its frozen and unquarable refusal to pay anything that can rightly or wrongly be left unpaid and everyone, including the Patriot knows it. The Patriot's picture of Premier Bell sitting on the treasury chest is not overdue but its ironical allusion to the "pay as you go policy" while evading the charge that the government has been deaf and dumb to all the city's dunning for a three years overdue account, is to say the least, in bad taste.

It is possible that some of the Patriot's readers may not see the sarcastic irony, possible that some of them may believe the Patriot was in earnest and that the Bell government really pays as it goes, but the great majority of them, some of them to their own cost, know better.

WAR AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

In a bulletin recently issued by the Canadian Tuberculosis Association one of the interesting items of information given is the list of grants by the various provinces for the treatment of tuberculosis. In this list every province in Canada, with the single exception of Prince Edward Island, is given and the amounts are fairly generous. Alberta pays over \$31,000; British Columbia \$371,000; Manitoba \$31,000; New Brunswick, \$5,000; Nova Scotia \$98,000; Ontario \$383,000; Quebec \$59,000; Saskatchewan \$45,000. (These amounts are in round numbers.) The total amount of provincial grants is \$1,056,082.23.

Prince Edward Island is not mentioned, yet in the Vital Statistics issued by the Federal government for 1922 Prince Edward Island was mentioned as having the highest percentage in Canada of deaths from tuberculosis. This is not a good record. Are our places on these two lists cause and effect?

EDITORIAL NOTE

Not so many years ago, Canada's whole annual budget was not much more than \$100,000,000. Now Mr. Fielding proposes to add, in one year, \$30,000,000 to our already huge debt—a debt that will cost us \$4,000,000 interest annually for something over \$1500 and is, in years and years. That is a way not whole or in part, overdue for three

Statistics of the mortality from tuberculosis in the year 1921 have recently been published by the Federal Department of Health. A notable feature of the tables is the far greater prevalence of the White Plague in the Maritime Provinces than in the Western or Central Provinces. The death rate from this malady per 100,000 in the different provinces is given as follows: Saskatchewan 43, Alberta 52, Manitoba 69, Ontario 69, British Columbia 78, New Brunswick 104, Nova Scotia 134 and Prince Edward Island 143. It is most regrettable to find our own Province the greatest sufferer proportionately on the list.

There are few matters of graver importance or weightier public concern than the health of the people. In addition to the federal Minister of Health, and there are many sanatoria for the care and cure of tuberculosis in other provinces where that dread disease is much less prevalent and fatal than it is with us. Both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have a number of these institutions. As is well-known Sir Charles Dalton generously presented to this Province a Sanatorium which bore his own name and while it was in operation under the late Conservative government it rendered valuable service. The present government refused to support it and it seems impossible not to believe that the loss of many valuable lives resulted from this refusal. They had, of course, their own reasons for this which ought fairly to be considered.

It cost some money to care for the poor consumptives and the Bell government found other and what were to them more urgent needs for the money. They saw the pressing need of one more salaried Cabinet Minister and also the immediate urgency of increasing the pay of the poor members of the Legislature and the Speaker. These imperative demands would require \$11,000 yearly, or \$44,000 for the four years of the legislative term. In their wisdom and charity it was decided by these excellent public men that it would be impossible to carry on the Sanatorium and at the same time relieve the pressing wants of the members of the Legislature, the Speaker and the members of the government.

As for the consumptives, some of them would die anyway. There were advanced cases that could not be cured in an institution. As for the others, there were plenty of good doctors and perhaps some of these patients might prefer to be treated at home. It was therefore decided that the first duty of the Government and the members of the Legislature was to save themselves from further suffering and impoverishment and no time was lost in doing this. And the costly Sanatorium was closed down. If tuberculosis increased in consequence, as it unfortunately has, how could it have been avoided. If the Province has now become the highest on the list of consumption stricken provinces, at least our Honorables, as well as the untitled members of the Legislative Assembly are no longer pining in poverty. Surely that is worth something.

There are three good hospitals in the Province and a public dispensary in this city. All of them are heavily in debt. All of them appeal to the public from year to year for contributions toward their support, which are more or less generously responded to. There are also the Hospital for the Insane and the Infirmary for the poor at Falconwood, but to which of these institutions could an impoverished member of the government or of the House appeal for aid, treatment or care however great his need or however insane he might be politically? This point seems to have been carefully considered and allowed its full weight by the government and the House in adopting the measure for the Relief of Indigent Politicians in 1920.

It is true, as we have already said, that the public health is a matter of great importance. And it is also true that the government of the day has apparently given it very little attention or support. But may there not be a sufficient and indeed an all-important reason for this? What can be more important than that our government men and our Assemblymen shall be each possessed of a sound mind in a sound body? How else could they frame wise measures or bear rule or legislate as they should? And how can a Statesman, or any other man have a sound mind in a sound body if he is underfed, undernourished and without sufficient clothing to

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Why the Delay

Sir—Can you Sir tell us why the date of the election has not been announced? On the 10th of August the present Assembly dies a natural death and unless provision is made in sufficient time before that date this province will be run by a handful of men without a parliament. What if a war broke out or some great calamity overtook us, what would our plight be with no legislature at call to meet the emergency? Such a condition of affairs never before occurred in this, or any other British country.

It may be their scheme to give short notice in hopes of getting a snip verdict. It is plain, however, that they know it is their last chance and they want to pull the last cent out of it before stepping out. This is not best. The method of past governments. Former Assemblies have been dissolved invariably in a reasonable time, usually some months before their term expired. Premier Bell has himself the right to fix the date, why does he delay? Is the chill of the political waters freezing his judgment of the proprieties? Is he afraid to take the plunge? The condemned criminal generally has courage enough to walk to the scaffold on his own legs. Why not display an equal courage and walk on his own legs to political execution? It cannot be avoided. Why not face it like a man and at once?

I am, Sir, etc., VOTER.

Blind Trained As Gardeners

LONDON, June 9.—It is proposed by the "Guild of Blind Gardeners" to found a special training centre somewhere near London.

"It was in March 1922 that the Guild gave its first lesson," declares the hon. secretary. So quickly was the idea assimilated by the various blind authorities that within six months the full time of a gardening instructor was occupied. "We now employ two certified women gardeners, who teach at 12 schools over 300 pupils. Other schools are waiting their turn to be included. In addition, over 60 blind members of the Guild practise gardening at their own homes and are looked after and aided in the work at the National Rose Show, which will be held on June 28, a special stall will be devoted to the garden produce grown by these members. "On the advice of some of the heads of the various blind institutions the Guild is now preparing to start a special training centre where those who prove themselves capable may be fully trained as gardeners and become able to earn their livelihood.

"This, of course, would not be so practicable where the pupil is wholly blind. Many of the certified blind have a modicum of sight which enables them to distinguish between clearly defined objects. It is these who may be encouraged to look to gardening as a living. But the completely blind may expect to become partially self-supporting, and in any case add greatly to the health and happiness of their lives. "The founder of the Guild was Mrs. Adolphus Duncombe. She herself is blind and is a keener gardener than many of those who have the blessing of sight. In the course of years her sense of touch and scent have been developed to an extraordinary degree."

CHEMIST DELVES DEEPER INTO SECRETS OF HAFNIUM

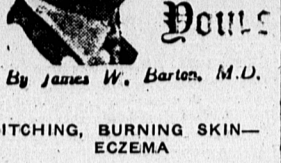
COPENHAGEN, June 9.—Professor Niels Bohr, the discoverer of the new element, hafnium, has now determined its atomic weight. The element, which was named in honor of the city of Copenhagen, is still not completely isolated but the professor's efforts in this direction are nearing completion. The connection of the element with zirconium, a kindred element, has made investigations exceedingly difficult, but Professor Bohr has been able to ascertain that the atomic weight lies between 179 and 181. Five of the 92 elements existant remain to be discovered. As a result of his experiments Professor Bohr has discovered that hafnium is impenetrable by Röntgen-rays. He asserts that it has the good qualities of bismuth, which is used in connection with Röntgen-ray experiments, but none of the bad ones and the discovery is expected to be of considerable value to medical science.

NURSERY IN SCHOOL FOR BABIES OF STUDENTS

NEW YORK, June 8.—Early marriages have become so general among the students at the Moscow university that the American Jewish joint distribution committee has installed a day nursery there to care for the students' babies while they are classes, it has been announced. There has been a great increase in marriages among students before graduation at all Russian universities since the revolution, the committee set forth. "Keep him warm! No doubt the public health may have suffered by the change, but our Statesmen, as Mr. LePage has named them, have been enabled to eat three square meals a day at the public crib.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

ITCHING, BURNING SKIN—ECZEMA

So many people suffer with that itching and burning skin trouble that perhaps a few thoughts about it might be helpful. It is usually not hard to tell this from other skin troubles because the itching is usually the guide. And it is such a persistent thing that it tries the patient and likewise the doctor. Now what causes it? It is hard to say. Many skin specialists think it is a constitutional disease due to indigestion, lack of assimilation of the food, rheumatism, gout, or just general debility. Almost one quarter of the cases are thought to be due to the occupation of the affected person. Eczema has been artificially produced in people by certain combined articles of diet taken in large quantities, such as butter, sugar and roast beef.

Now what about the treatment? Well any treatment aimed only at the skin itself will not bring permanent results. At the risk of having you grow tired of my eternal preaching about a lazy intestine I'm going to say it again "Constipation" almost always accompanies this trouble. So get the intestine working by using coarse food, exercise, and an occasional enema. Once this is accomplished the skin usually clears up of its own accord. If your work keeps you indoors try and get out for a part of the day at least. Exercise is a wonderful help, if taken regularly in moderation. As to diet. Avoid over indulgence in tea, coffee and liquors, pork, cheese and fruits. Many physicians have had remarkable success in cases when the only treatment was to have the patient do without salt entirely. There is usually enough salt in the food for ordinary purposes. In youngsters it may be impossible to carry out the above suggestions but the intestine can be looked after in any case. There are hundreds of preparations for external use but look after the constitutional condition first. This is a wide spread trouble, and I will talk further about it at some future time.

That Body of Yours

NO FURTHER INFORMATION

LONDON, June 9.—The question of the Volstead Act and the carrying of liquor on ships entering United States waters cropped up again in the House of Commons today when a questioner asked for further information from the Government as to its attitude. Prime Minister Baldwin referred to the answers he had given questioners in the House on Tuesday. He feared it was not possible, he added, to discuss by question and answer the extent to which interference by one State with the merchant ships of another was in accordance with international law and with the practice and comity of nations. "In this country, speaking generally," he said, "our interference with foreign ships is prompted only by considerations of health and safety of life." The whole question, he remarked, could be discussed in connection with the Foreign Office will reach 15,000,000 in two years.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection. DIVINITY I cannot hear him in the running wind, And when the earthquakes wrestle 'neath the sod Within their mutiny I shall not find The cadence of the still small voice of God. Throughout the endless twilight of His church, Where incense floats across the silent air, I cry His name and find, for all my search, The weary monotone of human prayer. Yet I, where winds of April gently hush The newborn leaves upon His presence came; He spoke to me from out His burning bush— Forsythia, with boughs of golden flame. —Frederic F. Van De Water

CAR FOR EVERY TWO FAMILIES

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