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A MASTERLY SPEECH

ELSEWHERE in this issue we publish the speech of Hon. H. F. MacPhee, Minister of Public Works, during the debate on the budget...

Very naturally Mr. MacPhee placed emphasis on the importance of the maintenance of the roads. His remarks on the evolution of the road system from the days when the country was more populous...

Department has purchased three new power machines of the most approved type. These along with the machines already on hand and men and horses will make it possible to get the road work done in the early spring...

The Hon. Mr. MacPhee's speech speaks for itself and it is unnecessary here to review it in detail. A careful perusal of it will show how futile and meaningless has been the criticism of the Opposition...

THAT FEARSOME FLOOD

SOME of our Liberal friends are fearfully warning us that the new liquor law is going to flood the country with rumshops...

Notes by the Way

The Saint John Presbytery of the United Church at a special meeting has declined to accept Rev. R. G. Fulton's resignation of the pastorate of Centenary Church.

The United Church, in all of its courts by their decision, stands officially in support of prohibition as the one best measure for dealing with the liquor traffic...

Just here several questions arise. Is Mr. Fulton's attitude in the premises a matter that comes within the disciplinary authority of the United Church? Again, is the refusal to accept his resignation intended as a disciplinary measure?

The attitude of the entire United Church being so decidedly opposed to the new law, it can easily be supposed that the congregation of Centenary might feel that it would be derogatory to the fair fame of their Church for its pastor to be chairman of a liquor control Commission.

Usually matters in question between pastors and their congregations are not desirable subjects for newspaper discussion, but in this case and in view of the important proposed change in temperance policy in two neighboring provinces...

The 23rd day of April enjoys distinction as the anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare and the death of Saint George, the patron saint of England.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The roads are now in that felicitous condition that makes the choice of sleighs or carriages optional with little to choose between them.

William Shakespeare, the great English dramatist and poet, was born at Stratford, England, on April 23rd, 1564. That was 363 years ago. He died on the anniversary of his birth in 1616 at the age of 52 years.

Confederation Tales

BY BLOWDEN DAVIES

HANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIES

It was a little short of a heaven sent inspiration which convinced the Fathers of Confederation that Canada must have ports on both coasts and the means of connecting them with a railway.

It was not long since railways had been described as "rank infidelity" and it was said that "if God had designed his intelligent creatures to travel at the frighful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam, it would have been far too good for them."

But those who dreamed of a great future for railways found in Canada plenty who would share their dreams. In railways Canada saw a means of patching up those widely scattered provinces into a whole.

From Canada by land became the ambition of the makers of Confederation. The fur trade and gold mining had drawn a colony to the Pacific coast before Confederation was achieved by the eastern provinces.

The railway across the continent seemed too stupendous for some minds and as an alternative it was proposed to link up existing waterways with railways across the continent.

At last, in 1871 British Columbia entered confederation upon the understanding that the Dominion would build a railway to the Pacific within ten years.

It is discouraging reading the history of the next ten years, for there were scandals and quarrels and political bickerings, rivalries and delays in the main project.

The building of that railway is perhaps the greatest engineering romance of modern times. Such an undertaking of private capital behalf of a nation of less than four million people, was so absurd, according to the knowing ones, that it was jeered at in the capital of other nations.

Questions of the Day

THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE IN P. E. ISLAND

(W. L. COTTON)

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The Duty of Government.

The duty of the government of this Province is to administer the public business within its sphere of action according to the requirements and well understood wishes of the people and the means at its disposal.

It is a curious fact that Captain Vancouver arrived by sea at the same inlet within six weeks of MacKenzie.

Whether or not these remarks and conclusions of Dr. Shadwell are applicable to Prince Edward Island, readers of The Guardian or at least those of them who read this letter may decide for themselves.

Senator and Mrs. MacLean of Souris have returned home from Ottawa.

Mrs. J. A. Rodd who has many relatives and friends here, entertained informally at the "The Dan-sant" at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Arthur Meighen, of Toronto, who was visiting the Capital last week.

Rev. Mr. J. A. Winfield, of Halifax, who has been in England for some time, arrived home Tuesday on the Furness liner, Newfoundland.

Mrs. George Hillis, Bloomingdale Avenue, Halifax, was the hostess this week at a delightfully arranged tea in honor of her mother, Mrs. Compton, who left Saturday for Summerside, P. E. I., her home.

Happenings of The Week

The little things that worry us And make us fume and fret And cause us such a lot of fuss, Why can't we just forget?

For though each day some worry brings, Which we could do without, Just think of all the pleasant things, There are to think about!

Viscount Byng of Vimy will speak at the Royal Colonial Institute on May 10th on "The Canadian at Home," when the Earl of Clarendon will be in the chair.

Viscount and Viscountess Byng of Vimy will celebrate their silver wedding with a family gathering at their country seat, Thorpe Hall, Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex, on April 30.

Mrs. Hiram Ball of Moncton, formerly of this city, left Thursday afternoon for Saint John when she sailed on a visit to England.

Mrs. Mussen and Mrs. Harry T. Holman of Summerside are spending a few days very pleasantly with friends in this city.

On Wednesday evening last, Mr. H. Wilmot Young, Marjorie Adams and the members of the company attended a social and dance given in their honor in Windham, N. S.

A delightfully pretty afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Vincent Blake at her home, 15 Villa Avenue yesterday, invitations having been issued to a wide circle of friends.

Rev. Mr. Brown of Tyne Valley spent a few days in Summerside this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Paoli are enjoying a pleasant holiday in Boston, New York and Montreal.

The ladies of St. James Church are being congratulated on the success of their annual tea and sale on Thursday last, which is always one of the important events of the Easter week.

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summer was short, it was difficult to mature even small cabbages and potatoes in the fertile patches.

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hour over the tea cups was most pleasant. Mrs. Hillis, as usual, proved a charming hostess and received her guests in a becoming black sequin gown.

The high tea and bazaar held by the congregation of St. Mary Church, Summerside, on Monday last, was largely attended and a splendid success.

Mrs. L. E. Provost left Monday morning to spend a month in Ottawa with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ritchie.

The catchy farce-comedy "In Dutch" was very capably and entertainingly given by several of Charlottetown talented young people to two large audiences on Monday and Tuesday in the Prince Edward under the auspices of St. Charles Auxiliary Society.

Sir Andrew Macphail and Mr. J. B. Macphail, who are at present in Greece, are sailing from Sherbrooke for home the first week in May by the Empress of France.

Shakespeare's Grave:—Shakespeare was buried inside Stratford Church, near the northern wall of the chancel, in which, as part-owner of the tithes, and consequently one of the lay-rectors, he had a right of interment.

Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear To dig the dust enclosed here; Bleste be the man that spares these stones, And curst be he that moves my bones.

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Miss DeVida Baker, of Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Rectory St., Sackville.

Mr. Edward Gallant and daughter, Miss Ruth Gallant of Summerside were among the Bridge guests this week entertaining on Thursday.

Miss Mary Doull the talented artist, who has been spending the winter months in this city, left Monday on return to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clawson, Fitzroy Street, have had as their welcome guests, Mrs. Clawson's mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Ross, who have been very pleasantly entertained during their all too brief visit.

Miss Lillian Trennamen who is studying nursing in Quebec is spending her holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Jamieson.

Her seed is sown about the world, The seas For her have path'd their waters, She is known In swamps that steam about the burning zone, And drenched in the last white lands that freeze, For her the glory that was Nineveh's.

Is nought; the pomp of Tyre and Babylon Nought; and for all the realms of the earth woe— One title of hers were more than all of these.

And she is very small and very green, And full of little lanes all dense with flowers, That wind along and lose themselves between Mossed farms, and parks, and fields of quiet sheep, And in the hamlets, where their swallows sleep, Low bells chime out from old hidden towers.

To prevent swimmers inhaling water a new device admits air to their mouths through a tube extending to a cap, exhaled breath entering hollow floats around wearers' waists.

For the aid of amateur photographers a view finder and distance meter to insure correct focus have been combined in a device that can be attached to a camera.