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THE BYE-ELECTIONS

The meetings held in the Cardigan and Murray Harbor districts, so far, indicate very clearly that the Opposition's case is an exceedingly hopeless one. Messrs J. Johnston and W. M. Lea are assisting the Liberal candidates by a species of self defence of their own history while members of the late Bell government. The record of that government is not old enough to have it set up as worthy of either being imitated or restored. The distance is not long enough to lend enchantment to the whole story with its alleged yearly surpluses and its final wind up with a huge deficit is still well remembered. Vague insinuations of extravagance against the Stewart administration, insinuations without proof or directness will not go down with intelligent electors. The record of the Stewart government is clean, open and above board. The record of the Public Works Department, the work done on the highways and the generally satisfactory working of every department are known to all and no direct charge has been laid against the government. No reason has been advanced to show that the Stewart government has in any particular forfeited the confidence of the people. The government is stronger today than at any time since its acceptance of office, every department is working smoothly and the people are satisfied. At the meetings so far held the good feeling existing between the people and the government and its candidates has been clearly indicated by the splendid reception given to the government candidates and those who accompanied them. In the Summerside district, also, Mr. George D. Pope's well deserved popularity is still as strongly evident as when he was elected at the head of the poll to the Town Council. At this distance and from reliable information received we have every reason to expect the return of the three Conservative candidates both on their individual worthiness and as an endorsement of the Stewart Government.

JINGOLISTIC

Some of the canted Liberal literature issued from head quarters on the eve of the session which opens today is distinctly jingolistic and defiant.

"The King government is in office and will remain in office until the Conservatives can devise some trick of putting it out of office and the means, if it can be found, must be discovered and now tried within a very few days of the opening." Thus declares one of the latest.

Why the rush? If the King government is so secure in its possession why this challenge to hurry up in trying to dispossess him. The idea evidently is that any delay in defeating the government either by a want of confidence vote or by an amendment to the Speech from the Throne will be translated by the faithful as permanent and unquestioned possession something to boast about.

"Premier Mackenzie King feels," says this illuminating digest of the situation, that the country is behind him. The country also feels that it is "behind him," a long way behind him.

And this, by way of a threat; Moreover the country will not tolerate any attempt to throw a

Well, this is a fair warning anyway. The Conservatives who probably carry the only "monkey wrenches" in the House are duly warned that they must keep them in their grip sacks and not throw them around carelessly as anything that stops the parliamentary and governmental machinery will be regarded as "obstructionist tactics and nothing else" and "the country will not stand for it."

Our friends of the political machine know full well that the country is anxiously and almost unanimously awaiting the crunching sound of the monkey wrench among the slowly revolving machinery; that the moment in which the whole farce is ended will be hailed by the whole country as a welcome emancipation from a condition which should never have existed, a condition much worse than that which constituted the excuse for dissolving the last parliament and which was then admitted was a failure. There is absolutely no excuse for perpetuating the present farce at Ottawa and the claim that the people are satisfied is pure bluff. How the thing is to end, how the government is to be compelled to let go its usurped hold matters little; what the people are concerned about, what Canada is concerned about, what the Canadian industry and business are demanding, what they demanded on the 29th of October is that it end as quickly as possible and that a stable, working, responsible government be formed at the earliest possible moment.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The New Year has got off to a good start and everybody appears satisfied.

Prince Edward Island weather is certainly doing its best this winter to make a name for itself.

The country roads are now in excellent condition and several automobiles are still using the city streets.

The federal parliament opens today with the usual ceremony. The bye-election nominations in this province also take place today.

The world knows Prince Edward Island has the best silver foxes in the world. It is not so well known that, when a fox gets away from its ranch, we have railway trains that can run after him and restore him to his owner. This train is the regular Prince Edward Island railway train, which can no longer henceforth be called slow.

We are having last-of-February weather along the coast and those who are taking the joy out of life are predicting that we shall have first-of-January weather along the coast.

One of the first things parliament should do and one of the first things Canadians should demand is to find out who is or who are holding the hands of the Canadian National Railway Management. The Saskatchewan Star says: "As for the Transcontinental, it is folly and injustice to let that magnificent line of railway lie rusting from disuse because of exorbitant freight rates. This road runs straight from Winnipeg to Quebec and thence to Moncton New Brunswick. It was built to facilitate commerce across Canada and, particularly, to give the Maritime ports a share of Canadian export trade. It lies practically unused because grain freight rates on it are four or five times as high as they need be to give the carrying company a fair profit."

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Notes By The Way

The Maritimes and Prairie Provinces are quite agreed that the Transcontinental Railway should be put to use instead of lying idle as it is now. That is the verdict of the press of the entire Dominion also. The Saskatchewan Star puts it this way:

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The Transcontinental from Winnipeg to Moncton is 1,800 miles long and there is not in all Canada, if there is in America, so long a stretch of continuous rails with such easy grades and curves over which a locomotive can haul so many loaded cars with equal facility. It cost a mint of money to make a permanent way so thoroughly complete and more complete than any other. But this is the line that now lies idle! The behests of our railway masters must be obeyed.

Weeks ago it was announced from Ottawa that Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan would presently join the King Government and would probably be made Minister of Immigration. It was pointed out in the Liberal press that Mr. Dunning was endowed with good abilities and would make a fine acquisition to the strength of the Ministry. But for some reason Mr. Dunning has not joined. Whether this was because he became talked about as an aspirant for the Liberal leadership, or because Premier King did not relish the prospect of a rival so near the throne, or because Mr. Dunning declined to serve under Premier King has not been stated.

Then for some weeks nothing more was said in the Liberal press about Mr. Dunning, but they published despatches from Ottawa, which stated that Mr. Gardner, a Progressive, M. P., for an Alberta riding, was the coming new minister from the West and would be made Minister of Immigration. He too was extolled as an able man and a valuable acquisition. But just now another Ottawa special despatch tells that Mr. Gardner denies that he will enter the Cabinet. He says he has never been approached on the subject. So another proposed Minister of Immigration recedes into the shadows.

Seldom has there been more talk about immigration than during the past four years and never so little done. President Thornton of the National Railways and President Beatty of the Canadian Pacific have made weighty deliberances on the subject of Canada's need of more people in Canada to settle our vacant lands and give more traffic for the railways and the same subject has been stressed in Parliament by public men of all parties and in the press from all angles, including the need of more people to divide the heavy burden of taxation. And while all this discussion has gone on the Immigration Department has been left without an executive head.

The October elections left half the departments with their heads cut off and the government itself in the same headless condition. That was over two months ago and so far nothing has been done even to make temporary repairs to the shattered fabric. But it is said that "possession is nine points in the law" and the remains of a Government thus mangled and bruised by the people at the polls, still clinging to power and are presenting themselves as a spectacle at the opening of Parliament today. And a sordid and sorry spectacle, unprecedented in Canadian annals it is.

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By James W. Barber, M.D.

GETTING TO SLEEP

A very good suggestion has been made by a United States physician in the treatment of sleeplessness. Regarding the patient he says, "If he could be made to snap his fingers at insomnia or sleeplessness, it would often disappear."

In other words the seriousness of this matter of being unable to sleep has been magnified in the mind of the individual, and he feels that if he doesn't get the amount of sleep he thinks necessary, then he will either die or go mad.

I have no desire to belittle the importance of sleep, real sound refreshing sleep. It is only by sleep that we are revived mentally and physically, and the fatigue produced by the brain, and of the muscles, can only be carried away from the system properly, if the mind and body are at rest. If one tosses about in bed, and has the mind working even faster than during the day, the body continues to manufacture brain and muscular wastes. Instead of having those already made during the day removed.

But a complete relaxation of the body means that muscular wastes will be removed, and this complete relaxation is perhaps your best method of inducing mental relaxation.

But if you feel "wide awake," and begin to think of all the work you have to do on the morrow, and how miserable you're going to feel, and how poorly you'll do the work if you don't get your sleep you can easily set up a state of mind that will keep sleep even farther away. So my suggestion is that you say to yourself "Well, I'll do my body rested anyway, and lie down completely relaxed, absolutely quiet, and take some long deep breaths just as if I were completely exhausted."

If you do this, and in addition just try to think of "nothing" as someone has put it, your chances of getting off to sleep will be excellent.

Remember, as I've said before, the most frequent cause of sleeplessness is the fear that you'll not sleep.

No one dies or goes mad from sleeplessness. Perhaps six hours of real sleep would be sufficient for the average healthy individual.

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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FAITH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.—And Abram believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness. Gen. 15: 6.

PRAYER.—Our Father God, so may we also believe in Thee for the rest of our lives.

THE NEW YEAR
By Hal Cochran

Old nineteen-twenty-five has gone. And Twenty-six is here. To some, perhaps, this morning's dawn meant just another year. But, wise the man, 'tis truly said, Who plans to do his best, To make the year that's just ahead Much better than the rest.

The sun can shine the whole year through. As far as you're concerned, It all depends on what you do, And how your task is turned. To do things right, make up your mind. No matter what the cost, And then you'll make up, you will find, For time that you have lost.

It's you who have your life to live, Success or failure—-which? A heap depends on what you give To make the whole world rich. To smile, To work. Ah, that's an art To which the wise man sticks. There is no better time to start Than Nineteen-twenty-six.

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Your Mind

JANUARY 6.—You are inclined to be impulsive. Your actions are liable to be misunderstood, and your motives questioned. You think and act quickly, and not always with good judgment. You should cultivate self-restraint or your affections will lead you into serious difficulties. Beware of your thoughts and intentions are the best. Your birthstone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy blue and black.

head is cut off. It follows that for two months past Canada has suffered an interregnum, having no real Government.

What Parliament will do or attempt to do to restore normal conditions of legislation and administration we shall presently learn now that it has again assembled, but the task before it is a very difficult one and it is a house of divided counsels at best.

That Body of Yours

Mr. George D. Pope.

Sir.—"Three cheers for Pope and Brecken." It was the shout of a young tot, or rather many young tots, on our streets half a century ago. It comes back today as an echo of the popular voice of our childhood days: "Three cheers for Pope and Brecken." There was a vast difference in those olden canyons of the politics of today. Then our political leaders were the objects of personal love and admiration, and the party followers massed behind them in almost a fetish of worship. Bribery was unknown, and to offer even the most humble pay for his vote would pass as an insult. There was, however, lavish treating and drinking in free companionship. The law did not prohibit display, and election time was the gala time to display banners in parade and flags from house-tops, window and balcony. There were open taverns and in a few short weeks, the Hon. Island brewed ale—were dispensed, and in the corner of the old Market House a large square was tabled off where the supporters of Pope and Brecken could treat themselves and friends (Liberal or Conservative) with a tasty lunch of ham sandwiches, crackers and cheese and other cookery, washed down with temperate and palatable drinks.

The Public Forum

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An Unequal Burden On Maritimes

(By Historicus)

The opening of the Parliament at Ottawa, if the ruling group is able to carry on, will be confronted by several wrongs which must be righted even if they break the Government. Foremost in the list of wrongs is the matter known as the Crow's Nest Agreement, the meaning of which is a special low rate of freight being allowed to the West, whilst the full rate is exacted from the East. This is the greatest anomaly that ever cropped up in Canadian politics. Such an undivided distinction has been imposed upon other countries and for a time question at issue. It was not quite similar, but in effect was on a par with the Tax grievance that led to the war of Independence of the United States. Making distinctions in favor of people in one section of a country, therefore does not pay in the long run, nor conduce to the welfare and unity of the nation affected, more especially when the beneficiaries in such cases exploit the advantage which they have received to the political disadvantage of the party opposed to them, or endeavor to keep their heel on the neck of other sections of the country, as is now being done by the so-called Progressive party in Canada.

We are much mistaken if this Agreement does not prove to be the arrow-head which will shatter the Liberal-Progressive combination, for novelty sake called the "group" at Ottawa. This great Province of Ontario has already erected "halt," and Quebec has assumed a neutral attitude and awaits developments. It will thus be seen that such privileges as the West has been enjoying will split Confederation into the original Colonial groups if this evil is permitted to operate much longer. Viewed in this light no time should be lost in adjusting this problem in some new form under which two or three provinces are enabled to inject their political weight for their own special advantage and for the impoverishment of the remaining Provinces. If this is not done the country may soon prepare to see very serious trouble at its doors.

Other inequalities have grown old in the eastern Provinces which call for speedy remedies without further delay. The charge is made by exporters from the East that the freight rates on our vast-Railway system are much less when freight is sent from the west than when sent from the east. The consequence is that it is practically impossible for the east to compete with the West in eastern markets, much less in mid-Canada. How on earth does any Government suppose that these eastern Provinces can thrive under such unbalanced conditions? The simple fact is that prosperity is comfort. The medicine that worked the wonder was the west. The Mandrake with their daughter then a young girl of eleven, bought a 320 acre half section in the Assiniboia district, and in the last few years have worked it themselves. They made good from the start. Some years were better than others, of course, but this year was better than any with a bumper crop of Marquis wheat that ran 40 bushels to the acre on a 320 acre farm works out to around 15,000 bushels, which with wheat at \$1.50 a bushel, means good money. Now, Mrs. Mandrake headed for the East again to show New Brunswickers what the West can do for a woman.

The Hon. James Colledge Pope was the lion of popular admiration, the building of our P. E. Island Railway was one of the greatest achievements of his genius. Unfortunately the burden of cost became a subject of political irritation and Liberalism of the day, ever alert for scandal and catch-vote material, succeeded in wresting from him for a very short period—the reins of power. In the midst of the 1873 session the Liberal government perforce went to the people and in a few short weeks, the Hon. J. C. Pope was reinstated as Premier. The Liberals in their brief administration proved inefficient in facing the heavy problems of government with the added railway burden. Up to this time Confederation was labored by all parties. To meet the pressure of financial and business interests they reached a tentative agreement to join the Union. It was not satisfactory to the government from the west and Brecken, who from the first stood out for a better recognition of our needs because of ice-bound isolation as well as our pecuniary requirements. The terms procured by the Haythorne-Laird government, the best up to that date, were infinitely better. By this strenuous holding aloof, and repeated negative resolutions, Hon. Mr. Pope's efforts resulted in the "better terms" which brought us into confederation.

These better terms, ours to enjoy while the hills last, were the fruits of his fight for our rights. Our now famed Car Ferry is one of the legacies of his determined opposition to previous overtures. The railway, since wonderfully ex-works of our prosperity, came from his great foresight, and was the grand achievement of his provincial career. The local realm was too small for so big a man and Sir John A. Macdonald, who was always looking for big men, took him into his cabinet as Minister of Marine, a position, which he honored with credit to his Island home till death ended his active public labors.

These old-timers of our political life whose memories go back to the good old days of real politics and who reverence the makers of our history will watch with keen interest the election in the Summerside-Sigonche district, where Mr. George D. Pope, a son of this distinguished Island statesman, is offering his services to the people. Personally

West Was Wonderful Tonic For Illness (By Canadian Press.)

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 6.—Writing of Christmas traffic a local paper said—Mrs. Mandrake and her daughter and her grandson, age 10 months, joined the Christmas excursion train at Goose Bay. Ten years ago Mrs. Mandrake lived in Richibucto, N.B., and doctors told her that her days were numbered. Today she is a hale and hearty woman who has born the fatigue of a 1,800-mile railway journey without discomfort. The medicine that worked the wonder was the west. The Mandrake with their daughter then a young girl of eleven, bought a 320 acre half section in the Assiniboia district, and in the last few years have worked it themselves. They made good from the start. Some years were better than others, of course, but this year was better than any with a bumper crop of Marquis wheat that ran 40 bushels to the acre on a 320 acre farm works out to around 15,000 bushels, which with wheat at \$1.50 a bushel, means good money. Now, Mrs. Mandrake headed for the East again to show New Brunswickers what the West can do for a woman.

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