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NOTES BY THE WAY

Industrial America of 1931 is profoundly unlike pioneer America of a century ago. Yet there are still many Canadians who seem unable to realize that there has been any change; and they are still trying to make conditions of 1931 conform to standards and rules of a vanished era.

Dr. Stephen Babcock, who died recently after years of service on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin invented the test by which the amount of butter fat in milk and cream can be determined. He could have patented the process and made millions for himself. If it were true that men are moved only by self-interest he would have done so without hesitation.

If the provisions of the Geneva Convention for limitation of the manufacture of narcotic drugs are put into general practice, a very real move along the road of progress against the whole drug menace will have been made. A measure of manufacture limitation on a scale hitherto unimagined will be put into operation, and raw materials for factories controlled; the export of heroin will be prohibited; opium will be under international control; newly created drugs will not be permitted to enter illicit trade; and a general accounting of the whole production of narcotics will be provided to aid all signatory Governments in fighting illicit drug traffic.

The London Spectator (London) says: The only factor which will ultimately decide whether India remains within the British Commonwealth is the wishes of her varied peoples. Building political edifices which will stand the strain of time demands builders with long views. Too much time is being wasted in talking about safeguards. The only safeguard which really matters is Indian good will. In the months ahead we should all of us redouble our efforts to capture Indian good will. We do not think this will be an impossible task.

F. B. Wallace in the English Review (London) says: "History shows us that with nations, as with individuals, love turns only too easily into hatred, and that modern methods of propaganda can be most effective in hastening the process. Brothers and cousins make excellent enemies, even though they may occasionally join forces temporarily against an outsider. Sentiment is, in fact, a very dangerous link to trust to in this mechanical age, and it is better left out of the calculations."

We hear much about the difficulties of the farmer, the small returns from great expenditure of labor, the tax bills, interest charges, and high cost of everything he buys compared with prices received. An occasional gleam of light piercing the gloom, therefore, attracts attention. Mr. Gilbert Reaume of Kent County, Ontario, appears to get considerable satisfaction from harvesting as early as July 3 one of the best wheat crops he has had in his forty-odd years' experience on the land.

One of the worst signs of the times, says the Star, is that people seem to have become so indifferent about the government of their country. Indifference is rather a new thing in politics, and it cannot be healthy. If it becomes a permanent characteristic of our people it means the decay of democracy. And if democracy resigns, something else takes its place. Something which, we may be sure, will be neither healthy nor helpful on English soil.

Another gentleman who had spent many years in Government employ at a remunerative salary, and 51 years ago handled a plow behind a team of oxen, declares in his 75th year, after observing every other walk of life: "I would rather live and work on the farm than follow any other occupation known to me."

Since the creation of the title in 1301 a majority of the Princes of Wales have ascended the Throne as single gentlemen. Only five have had Royal consorts when crowned, namely, Henry IV., George II., George IV., George V., and William IV. In view of these historic facts, and on the assumption that "history repeats itself," there is room to hope that the Prince of Wales, perhaps the most popular bachelor in the British Empire, may yet provide another Queen of England.

So accustomed is the world at this time to warships of metal construction that it comes almost as a shock to learn that one of the last survivors of the crew which manned the



By James W. Barlow, M.D.

That Body of Ours

BAKING SODA FOR HIVES

I often wonder how our mothers happened to know so many things about health many of which are now being used regularly by the medical profession.

I have in mind that simple but distressing ailment, the hives, or urticaria as it is called.

This is caused by food of some kind, fresh strawberries being an outstanding example.

The little lumps are itchy and unsightly, and can give a great deal of discomfort.

You may remember that mother's treatment was a dose of castor oil to get the 'poison' out of the system, and a dose of baking soda to 'sweeten up the stomach and intestines.'

What is the treatment now?

Where a patient is bothered almost continuously with hives, Dr. L. Dinkin, Berlin, tells us that in an observation of 20 cases of chronic urticaria over a period of three years he obtained favorable results with the ordinary baking soda. He reports complete cures in all cases. In some cases due to some other ailment being present some had another attack of the hives, but by resuming the use of the baking soda, the cure was again effected.

In regard to the dosage he states that from two to two and a half level teaspoonfuls should be taken three times a day. If this dose seems too large then one to one and a half teaspoonfuls should be given four times a day. It is best to give the baking soda after meals.

In some cases the baking soda had to be stopped for a short time because just as you can get an acidosis from too much acid food you can get an alkalosis from too much alkaline food. In these cases meat, and eggs are taken in large quantities for a few days. Dr. Dinkin advises against the use of injecting baking soda into the veins in these cases, because baking soda by the mouth is quite effective.

If you are afflicted with chronic hives it is wise of course to try and find out what food or foods are responsible for them, and try and do without these particular foods if at all possible. Perhaps cutting down on the amount used may be sufficient.

It is interesting to know that this old household remedy—baking soda—is so safe and effective in hives, or urticaria.

The Poet's Corner

A NOSEBAG FOR PEGASUS

Some folks may think no poetry can be found in bales of hay or bran.

But I—who write of ships and seas Of babies, books, and bumblebees—

Cash all my poetry checks to pay For sugar feed and corn and hay.

As sure as tin cans sough of oats; A sonnet buys a sack of oats;

And e'en the lowly limerick Becomes a medicated brick.

No lovelier poem beneath the stars Than my gray jumper at the bars!

No poet's pen could ever write My galled Arab, silver-white!

What makes their coats of satin sheen, Their eyes so clear, their limbs so clean,

Their hearts so brave, their limbs so fleet, Except the food they daily eat?

So, fellow poets, never say That poetry lacks in grain or hay!

L'envoy: Yet, I forgot to say, Than poetry, prose is better pay.

My last detective novelette Feeds both my saddle horses yet. —Katherine Drayton Simons.

LEGION BOWLERS TO MEET

TRETOIT, July 22.—(U. P.)—The first national bowling tournament of the American Legion will be held in connection with the organization's national convention, to be held here September 15-23.

the first iron fighting-ship has just died in Portland, Me. The ship was the Monitor, the invention of Ericsson a Dane. The American Civil War gave the opportunity to put the invention to the test and it proved so successful that it effectively crippled the naval efforts of the crew which manned the

Mr. King's Responsibility

(Ottawa Journal) Putting it a little more plainly, did Mr. King, for example, know that Beauharnois was putting up \$700,000 for his party? In other words, is it conceivable that the leader of a party, finding that his party had ample funds, wouldn't take the precaution of knowing where those funds came from? Wouldn't he want to be sure, for instance, that his party wasn't being financed by say, bootleggers? Or wouldn't he want to know to whom his party was being obligated, or just what it was that his campaign managers were about?

Perhaps somebody will recall Mr. Sweezy and ask him a few more questions. They might ask him for example, why he felt sure that it was all right to hand over Liberalism's \$700,000 to Senators Haydon and Raymond. Tell who, if anybody, nominated them as receivers-general.

If nobody did, if this way of doing business is just Mr. Sweezy's easy-going custom, and if it can be told that Mr. King just didn't know where his party was getting all its money, then well and good. Mr. King will still have it against him that he never troubled to find out who was paying his way; but that, bad enough, and strange, wouldn't be half as bad as proof that our Mr. King, who used to thunder against the "invisible hand" in politics, and who used to be all for chasing the money-changers out of the Liberal temple, was all the while trafficking with the enemy. Bowing the knee to Baal. Think, for example, how devastating it would be if when Mr. King got into the midst of one of his flaming passages about plutocracy, some crude and cynical person in the audience shouted: "What about Beauharnois?"

And what about the others? Mr. King's white-winged and spotless captains? Think of that crusading radical, the sea-green incorruptible, Mr. Motherwell, out on the plains battling against the "Interests," and behind him the dollars of Beauharnois! Think of Mr. Charles Stewart, mighty voice for the masses!

Mr. Bennett, apparently, took no chances. He, too, could have dipped into Mr. Sweezy's treasure-chest, but didn't. Mr. Bennett, perhaps unlike Mr. King (but perhaps not), apparently took the trouble to find out who was contributing, or offering to contribute, to his party, and was particular about them. He was particular enough to turn down \$200,000 which his managers could have gotten from Beauharnois, an act which, if report is to be believed, made for sadness among some of his followers. Perhaps they are less sad and more wise, now.

The Public Forum

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

INDIAN CORN

Sir,—May I ask liberty to write a few lines through your paper regarding a statement I read in the Patriot of July 13th about Indian corn not being grown in Canada. One year in the West, so a Liberal supporter states, corn was so cheap that it was used for fuel instead of coal. Besides that you can go to the stores and get a bag of corn stamped either Ontario or St. John. I ask, was the corn changed to these bags after it was brought here from other countries? If not, why should we have to pay more when there is no duty from Ontario? The store keepers may state that it is because of the tariff, which is not true, as Ontario is in Canada.

I am, Sir, etc., JUST A LABOURER

INCREASING CITY EXPENDITURE

Sir,—Where is this going to land us? Was such an expenditure necessary? In my opinion it was not. Listen to a statement made by the chairman of the Police Commission at one of our Council meetings held recently.

"It is not the intention of this committee to fill the vacancy on the force, neither to recommend further promotions. Yet in the face of all this within six or eight weeks not only is the one vacancy on the force filled, but an additional man added to the force. When one stops to consider the splendid position we are in so far as police-men are concerned with five provincial policemen working throughout Queen's County, including Charlottetown, with practically the same authority as our City policemen, as was clearly explained by some of our City councillors, this increased expenditure is not justified at a time such as this when financial depression is felt all over the world, including our own little city. No doubt this accounts for the large amount of taxes still unpaid, as explained by the chairman of finance. Taxes have been increasing from year to year and will still continue to increase so long as questions of this nature are not given more serious consideration. I would strongly recommend or suggest that our City councillors go more carefully in matters pertaining to expenditure."

I am, Sir, etc., ONE WHO PAID.

WHAT A FARMER THINKS

Sir,—We are having a local election this summer in Prince Edward Island and as it is a wet day and not fit to work at the hay I think I will write you a letter just to let you know how I think we should vote on August 6th.

Now Mr. Editor we farmers don't want to be taxed anymore than we are at present, at least if we can find any other way of adding to the revenue of the Province.

I think it is too bad to keep on going farther and farther in debt every year.

There is no doubt about the fact that the Saunders-Lea-McIntyre Government has spent \$758,993 more money in the last four years than there revenue amounted to. So called surplus notwithstanding that

I am, Sir, etc., TAXPAYER

TRUCK LICENCES

Sir,—The question was discussed at the last City Council meeting, of disparagement of Charlottetown licensed truck drivers, as compared with other corporate towns within the Province. It does not appear that decisive action was taken.

I am informed that a Charlottetown citizen, holding a Provincial

Truck Licence, was compelled to pay a civic fee of \$10 in Summerside before he was allowed to deliver his load. Truck owners would like to know by what authority this is claimed or collected, and now ask the Attorney General to take action in the matter.

The Summerside Incorporation (Amendment) Act, 1919, Sec. 20 reads,

"The said Town shall also have power to make by-laws for the regulating and licensing of cabs and motor vehicles used for the carrying of passengers for hire within the said Town and motor vehicles used within the Town for the carrying of goods, wares or merchandise whether for hire or otherwise, and for the regulating and licensing of owners and drivers of such cabs and motor vehicles."

This gives to Summerside, and the same is true of Charlottetown and all corporate towns, the right to tax, licence and regulate trucks doing business exclusively within the corporate bounds, viz: carrying goods from one point within the city or town to another within the city or town. It does not in any way authorize any town or city to exercise provincial jurisdiction. If it did what a contract the cab or truck driver would have if compelled to pay \$10 for every village or hamlet he entered in the course of business.

The Provincial Legislature has not, in the writer's opinion, the power to pass any such drastic regulation in restraint of trade. The B. N. A. Act, vests this right in the Dominion Parliament. Nor have they in any instance attempted to do so. For revenue purposes, and in the interests of public safety, the Legislature has given to corporate cities and towns these powers of taxation and regulation exclusively within the corporate limits, and for the same reasons have exercised their own unquestioned rights within the greater area of the whole Province.

The Provincial authorities of motor vehicles, represented in the Attorney General, should take this matter up at once, and if any such unlawful exactions have been made, in Summerside or elsewhere, compel restitution of the unlawfully collected sums.

I am, Sir, etc., ONE WHO PAID.

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means that we are \$758,993 further in debt than we were when these gentlemen took office.

Now how are we going to get more revenue?

Well, I was reading a little book the other day called the Report of the Royal Commission on Maritime Claims. Sometimes called the Duncan Commission.

Paragraph six of that report reads in part as follows: "Conclusion on Financial Arrangements."

"It follows from what we have said, that both in respect of grants for the machinery of governments and in respect of debt allowances, the Maritime Provinces have satisfied us that they have a genuine claim to a readjustment of the financial arrangements that exist between the Dominion and themselves, and that in any readjustment their territorial limitations entitle them to still further consideration."

"The terms of readjustment are obviously a matter for detailed determination and assessment, so that the actual amount, as well as the reasons and purposes attaching to it can be recognized by the rest of Canada as fair and equitable. It is not possible, therefore, to make a final recommendation as to the increase and form of Dominion aid, which is required to satisfy the just claim of the Maritime situation, but we recommend that the Dominion government should give immediate consideration to the whole of the subject, with a view to a complete revision of the financial arrangements as between them and the Maritime Provinces. We do not feel, however, that it would be right or wise that the Maritime Provinces, in their present state of grave necessity, with deficits accumulating against them in their ordinary revenue and expenditure, should be left in suspension until a reassessment is made by the Dominion Government, and accordingly we recommend that immediate interim lump-sum increases should be made in the payments to the three Maritime Provinces as follows:— Nova Scotia ..... \$ 875,000 New Brunswick ..... \$ 600,000 Prince Edward Island ... \$ 125,000

"These interim payments should be continued until the Dominion Government has had time to complete its investigation and reassessment."

Now, Mr. Editor, I think everyone knows that a readjustment of the subsidies between the three Maritime Provinces and the Dominion Government is in order.

Now what should we as voters in this Province do about it? Well now we all know that there is a Conservative Government in power at Ottawa under the leadership of Hon. R. B. Bennett.

I hear some people blaming Mr. Bennett for a lot of things just now, but perhaps he has a number of problems to deal with that we know nothing about.

The people of Canada seem to think he is all right yet, or they would not have entrusted him with \$640,000,000 in May last.

We also have Conservative governments in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Now don't you think, Mr. Editor, that it would be better for us to have a Conservative Government here for the next four years, at least you know, Sir, that Mr. J. D. Stewart is an honest politician and a right good lawyer, in fact I hear that Mr. Lea had to ask him how to do a lot of things in the house last Spring.

I know that this Province has a right to justice from Ottawa no matter what Government is in power, but at the same time I feel that as long as human nature is what it is that a friend going to Ottawa could do more for us than an enemy.

We have three pretty smart representatives at Ottawa now supporting Mr. Bennett and they would be a great help to Mr. Stewart if we decide to send him.

I am afraid Mr. Lea would have a very poor chance with Mr. Bennett, for you see he is going around the country now and instead of telling us how he is going to get us out of our difficulties, he is saying a lot of nasty things about Mr. Bennett

and his Government, and if Mr. Bennett should happen to see one of those things in the "Patriot" I am afraid he would send Mr. Lea home without any money and the we would have to pay more taxes.

Besides that I believe that Mr. Bennett will be mad at Mr. Lea for having Mr. McMillan from Montreal here to help him.

You know Mr. McMillan gets his salary from a public institution and between you and I, Mr. Editor, hardly looks right in Mr. McMillan's position to be mixing up in a local election, now does it?

Now, Mr. Editor, if you print the letter and I get my hay done, time I may write you another letter before August 6th.

I am, Sir, etc., AGRICOLA

HOW TO DECIDE

Sir,—Why put the country to the expense of an election to decide which party shall have control of affairs for the next four years, the question is to be decided, not of the record of either party, but upon the actions of a body of men at Ottawa, known as the Federal Government? If this is to become the practice, why not abolish provincial legislatures and let the Dominion Government legislate for us in all matters. It would certainly save the province considerable expense, and prevent our candidates from wasting their time and that of the electors by discussing matters over which they have no control. But which appears to be the manner in which the Liberals expect the people to decide the coming election? Well, supposing the government returned, how will that benefit us? Will Mr. Lea journey to Ottawa and show Mr. Bennett where he is wrong and demand that he change his policy, because he, the Premier of Prince Edward Island, says so? Not likely. Yet the Liberal candidates are trying to impress the people with the idea that, if we elect Liberal Government, all will be well. What nonsense! Do they think people such fools as to believe that a Liberal Government in this Province will have any influence on the policy of a Conservative Government at Ottawa?

The Patriot, when a Liberal Government was in power there, always preached the doctrine, "keep the governments in line." Would it not be a good idea to do so at the present time, especially as the Liberals are condemning everything done by the Federal Government? Let us leave the Dominion Government to their own business and cast our votes for the party which we consider most worthy of our support, which, if we have any regard for economy, will be the Conservatives.

I am, Sir, etc., COMMON SENSE

SIENNA, Italy, July 22.—(U. P.)

A skeleton found in the vicinity of St. Vincent Church during excavations is believed to be that of the famous painter, Bernardino Bellini.

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