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March 25, 1925

A SURE DWELLING PLACE:— Trust in the Lord and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. (Psalm 37: 3.)

PRAYER:— O, we give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND

There is good and bad in the way side throughways of our lives. And man can never be free from sins.

No matter how long he strives; Yet, even when down destruction's grade Our thorny pathways tend. In spite of a thousand errors made, 'Tis never too late to mend.'

There are crosses heavy for men to bear, And passions to conquer, too; There are joys and woes that each man shares.

Before the journey is through, But men may be poor for honor's sake.

And truth and right defend, And hope will never this promise break, 'Tis never too late to mend.'

'Tis never too late for a noble deed. For, blessed by the angel's tears, It plants in the breast of a man a seed

That will grow in after years; And words of kindness, of hope and cheer.

Will always comfort lend; We must live for love and banish fear— 'Tis never too late to mend.'

'Tis never too late to mend,' my lad.

No matter what people say, And no man's nature is wholly bad. Even if old and gray; And in our journey toward the grave, Until we reach the end, There is time to change and time to mend.

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**THE PREMIER'S SPEECH**

In yesterday's Guardian we published the full text of the Premier's speech on the address in reply to the Governor's speech. We strongly recommend that this copy be preserved for future reference, for information regarding those matters upon which our people should be well informed, for the insight it gives into the activities of the government during its tenure of office and, last but not least, for its value as an example of what a premier's speech ought to be in matter, in style and in diction.

We had expected a model speech from Premier Stewart, for he has acquired the life-long habit of doing his best in whatever he undertakes and his best is of very generous measure.

This speech bears in every sentence the stamp of sincerity and honesty. There is nowhere in it any attempt at evasion or modification or self-praise. It is a clear and unadorned record of things accomplished, of things still in contemplation. To quote one trenchant paragraph:

"We are not boasting. This is simply a statement of what has happened. We are not making any comparison with the Bell government. If my hon. friend (Mr. Saunders) wishes to take any credit for the Bell government let him have it; the people have decided on the record of that government and that is a closed book. We are not dealing with that."

Nor do we purpose "dealing with that." The days of self-praise and mutual admiration are over. We trust, forever. This is a business, well begun, so far, well continued and we feel assured will be well ended.

The Premier's plain statement with reference to the programme laid out a year ago in the matter of agriculture and the carrying out of that programme "without the assistance of that thirty thousand odd dollars of federal agricultural grant." This achievement alone is a subject for boasting had been sought, would have afforded a fruitful one but here too the Premier confined himself to a plain statement of fact. The necessity for certain specified changes in our educational system, is apparent to all and the assurance given by the Premier that the fullest consideration will be given the matter before any changes are made, inspires confidence in the government and in the future of our greatest work, the education of our children.

We are not undertaking a review of the speech; a careful study of the speech itself will be its most effective review and again we advise our readers to preserve the copy. It is a clear, manly record of a year's work and also an excellent character sketch, without egotism, of the man who delivered it.

**OPPOSITES**

To say that opposites are often alike might be regarded as what in English is called a "bail". Yet there is a curious and natural affinity between opposites, or extremes. Laughter and tears are strangely near to each other; humor and sadness are twin sisters; joy and sorrow are alike provocative of tears. It has frequently been remarked that the saddest of all sad sights is the "smile that tries to cover a broken heart." It has been related of a noted humorist that while enduring the keenest agony because of the death of an idolized daughter, he wrote the most humorous and laughable chapters of his most famous works.

Instances might be multiplied showing the relations and the nearness of extreme opposites. Probably the most outstanding example of those opposite relations at present is the enforced smile that is trying to hide the despair of the Liberal party. To glance at a Liberal newspaper or at the face of a Liberal in action one would be led to think there was no trouble anywhere within the ranks. Day after day we are told in capital letters that 5,000, or is it 30,000, families are on their way from Scotland to Canada. This is to show the "wisdom of the Immigration Department" which has been in the doldrums for the past four years. Day after day we are assured the finances of the country are in excellent shape. This is to show the wisdom of the Acting Minister of Finance while the country at large is bemoaning the ruinous drifts in debt and further taxation.

These and other incidents might be multiplied indefinitely and the same inference might be deduced namely, that the nearer the party approaches the chasm towards which it knows it is drifting, the broader becomes the enforced smile on the face of Liberalism. Appearances are supposed to be deceitful, hence the smile, but a study in opposites and in extreme relationships will reveal the truth.

**SPRING IS COMING**

The first warm breathings of Spring are in the air, not unmixed with occasional whiffs of the departing winter. In this latitude, between the frozen North and the torrid South, the gradual change from season to season is one of our greatest delights and of all these changes, the coming of Spring is undoubtedly the most delightful as well as the most wonderful. Already in the earth there is a stirring of life, a restlessness in the sleep that bound earth and sea and stream and vegetation throughout the winter. This awakening miracle is the inheritance of this temperate zone alone. In the extreme north the sleep is continuous a monotony of death; in the torrid zone there is no sleep, a monotony of life and activity.

From this time until Nature is wide awake and blooming in the full summer vigor of growth and activity the fields, the lawns, the

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

At the rate of progress being made in the Legislature the budget should be brought down early next week.

Premier Stewart's speech on the Address rings true as sterling metal. Any one reading it cannot help being convinced of its sincerity. He does not need to boast.

The Dominion Government intends to establish a federal standard governing ice cream so that its purity and quality shall be standardized from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

According to the U. S. Department of emigration Canadians are still swarming over the line at the rate of thousands per month with the intention of settling there. This drain on our population is likely to continue until such time as we have a government prepared to encourage the fields, the lawns, the

**Notes By The Way**

The Canadian National Railways under date of March 19th issued a statement "with reference to certain press reports," but the statement affords no clue to the nature of the press reports referred to. This makes the statement about as clear as mud. The statement goes on to tell that the C. N. R. "fully recognizes the difficult position created by the present freight situation in Canada." Think of that, reader—a "position" created by a "situation" has been "fully recognized" by the National Railways. We are not informed whether or not the "position" referred to is one of those \$10,000 jobs for which the speech of the Railway Department has no name.

But we are further informed that the "situation" that was created by the "position" was "the outgrowth of a recent decision of the Supreme Court." This seems to imply a rather suspicious double paternity. Evidently a serious complex, this, or to put it plainly, a bad middle. One naturally inquires what the National Railway Company has done about it or is going to do? The one clear statement in the whole rigmarole is this: "The President of the Company has not taken any definite action in the matter (?) but is working in harmony with all of the interests involved, in the hope that an amicable, satisfactory and speedy settlement will be found."

Some warnings and instructions to the plain people of Canada conclude this statement. We quote: "The public should understand that the question involved is serious and far-reaching to both themselves and the transportation companies, consequently while the necessity for haste is recognized, precipitate action might create a situation which would preclude the possibility of a settlement."

Woeful as are our present circumstances, the C. N. R. statement here warns us to beware of a future that may be blacker and more hopeless still—nothing less than another "situation" that will shut out all possibility of settlement. The C. N. R. recognize the necessity for haste but an appalling danger in precipitancy. And the two words are so nearly alike in meaning that the short word is the secondary meaning of the long one. The railway management must be "in haste" to act, though the President has as yet taken no definite action in the matter. It must not be "precipitate," lest the "situation" may become desperate.

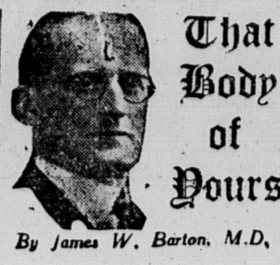
For our life we wonder whether that Scrib Hotel purchase was a "precipitate action" or only a "hasty" one! It certainly was "costly" to the tune of millions.

One is led to wonder whether the latest "statement" was broadcasted by the C. N. R. radio. If so another danger threatens distracted Canada. For per adventure if some of those "positions," "situations" and "outgrowths" might get caught in the clouds to be yet precipitated upon us along with the snow, or hail or rain in the March storms yet to come. Are the press reports yet to record in their chapters of accidents that some poor unfortunate was stung or maimed by one of those fragments of perverted King's English shaken or hurled earthward from the shuddering skies?

A host of people will heartily sympathize with the resolution introduced in the Legislature by Mr. J. Augustine McDonald, and calling upon the Dominion Parliament to take immediate steps to reimburse the retired India officers for their losses through the misrepresentations of Andrew Fraser Mitchell. The case of these officers is one of great hardship. They were grossly deceived by an agent of the then governments of this Province and of the Dominion. They suffered heavy losses in money, and time and no redress or reparation has been made to them.

The entire story reflects discredit upon Canada and upon this Province in the treatment accorded to immigrant settlers of most desirable class who were induced to come hither only to find themselves selfishly deceived and defrauded and so far after years of weary waiting left without any redress for the wrongs they have suffered. Their story has gone far afield in the Mother Country and it would be hard to imagine anything that would operate more powerfully to deter respectable home-seekers from coming to Prince Edward Island or to Canada.

done to these worthy sufferers. Immediate action to reimburse them is most urgently called for. It is the best and only thing that can now be done, but not even this belated atonement can remove the stain or fully restore the fair fame to the Province and the Dominion to what it was before this fateful and injurious transaction occurred.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

**CURING ASTHMA**

It is a great source of satisfaction these days that so many cases of asthma are being cleared up completely.

Your family doctor will tell you that in former days the sufferer was told not to worry, that few people ever died of asthma, and that he would come through the attacks all right.

By moving to a drier climate many cases of asthma, which others did not seem to improve much.

Today your family doctor gets busy and endeavors to find out what is causing the asthma. He knows that something is irritating the nerve that supplies the walls of the little tubes that permit air to go in and out of the lungs. This irritation causes the little muscles in the walls of these small tubes to contract and they make the tubes except the whole of each of the just that much smaller in calibre, with the result that the tiny muscles in the air cells can't expel the air through these narrowed tubes. This makes the act of breathing out become difficult and much prolonged. The blood is not getting well purified because the poisonous gases can't get out properly, and the face then becomes blue, congested, with a most annoying sensation.

A little dry cough loosens some mucus, and the patient is relieved. One of our western physicians has treated fifteen consecutive cases of asthma and found that at least eight of the cases, had tonsils for two and infected sinuses about the nose for two more.

You might quite naturally ask the question why it is then, that so many of these asthmatic cases improve when they get to a dry climate. The answer is that the nose or throat are greatly affected by a deep climate. The sinuses for instance would drain better in a dry climate.

That the diet particularly affected (meat and eggs) substances affect the nasal cavity is now admitted. Affection of the lining of the nasal bladder, and the lungs themselves, can be the cause of asthma also. However my point is that nowadays your family doctor will search about for the cause of the trouble instead of simply trying to help one over the attacks.

**That Body of Ours**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

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committee, Mr. Bantain in the chair, and progress was reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Stewart the bill to regulate the time of opening and closing the public offices was read a second time and committed, Mr. Hunter in the chair. This bill provides that the offices of the Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown, the office of the Surrogate and Judge of Probate, the offices of the Registrars of Deeds and the offices of the Clerks of the County Courts of the several counties shall be opened at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of each day and shall remain and continue open for the transaction of business therein from that hour until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon of each day and that all other offices under control of the Province shall be opened at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon of each day and shall remain and continue open for the transaction of business until five o'clock in the afternoon of each day except on Saturday when the hour of closing shall be one o'clock, and the whole of each of the legal holidays. On the suggestion of Mr. Saunders the bill was amended so that the Registry Offices shall be open until 5 o'clock, of documents. The bill was reported agreed to with amendments.

On motion of Mr. McLean, the bill entitled "The United Church of Canada Act" was read a second time and committed, Mr. Maynard McDonald in the chair. Mr. McLean explained that the bill was precisely the same as that of last year.

Progress was reported when the House took recess at one o'clock.

After recess the House in committee resumed consideration of the Coroners Act, Mr. Bantain in the chair. The bill was, after some time, reported agreed to with amendments.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McDonald the bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Road Act, 1921" was read a second time and committed, Mr. J. E. McDonald in the chair.

In reply to the Leader of the Opposition the Minister of Public Works stated that the duties of the Road Commissioner would include those of the Road Master, chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer. All his time would be devoted to work on the roads—winter and summer. One good competent man in each County would, he said, give ten road better value than eight or ten road be provided with an auditor as to the amount of the Commissioner's salary. The bill provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to divide the Province into three parts or divisions, having the public road mileage in such division as nearly equal as possible, and to appoint one such Commissioner for each of such divisions who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council; that it shall be the duty of such Road Commissioners to maintain continual supervision and inspection of all roads, bridges and other public works and property within his division and generally perform such duties and make such reports as shall be required from time to time by the Minister of Public Works, and that the said Road Commissioners shall receive such remuneration as shall be fixed by Order in Council. The bill also provides that overseers shall be appointed to keep the roads open in winter. It was reported agreed to with amendments.

On motion of Mr. McLean consideration of the bill entitled "An Act respecting the Union of Certain Churches therein Mentioned" was resumed in committee, Mr. Maynard McDonald in the chair. Progress was reported and the House took recess.

**The Public Forum**

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

**WESTERN HORSES**

Sir,—I see by the speeches reported in the press as having been delivered in parliament where reference is made to the fact that the horse market is in a very precarious condition at present. When during farmers week I had occasion to drop into the Agricultural Hall I there saw a very large assortment of horses that were brought here from the Rocky Mountains, some of them still showing the mark of the branding iron; and these were placed in competition with the Island horses, now to the hardworking, honest farmer or who pays his taxes punctually and regularly it is not at all surprising to see the horse-market choked by those Western horses, whatever their merits may be. The clever speculator can import this sort of stock and when he sells can pocket the proceeds and the treasury of this province suffers in nothing by the transaction. When a man buys a horse raised in this province he knows that the beast has a working knowledge of English, French or Gaelic, but he will be a clever jockey that would hit on the language that would be applicable to those denizens of the Western prairie.

I think most farmers will agree with me that there is already too many of our dollars that are gone like mispent time never to return. The sooner this thing is stopped the better. As there is still plenty of time in parliament to see to this matter there should be some legislation enacted that would afford some protection to the farmers in this province who may have horses to sell.

I know, and many of my fellow Islanders know to their sorrow, that there are men amongst us who are unwilling to dig and not ashamed to speculate, who, when they start in to make easy money should be met at Borden and made contribute a goodly tax that would make the business neither profitable or pleasant.

I am, Sir, etc.

**JOHN FARMER**

**Character Reading**

**FATE IN YOUR FINGER TIPS**

No two persons' hands are alike. The shape and length of the fingers, the knuckles, and nails, all show individuality and are certain indications of character.

If the fingers are very flexible and can be bent a long way backwards it shows wild extravagance and generosity carried to fault; their owners would give their last penny to anyone in need, whether they were deserving characters or not.

If the fingers can open out, fanwise, from their base it shows well-considered kindness, and if the fingers are well cushioned at the tips it shows a sensitive nature. Children who have those well cushioned fingers should always be treated with great gentleness and consideration, as severe punishments and roughly-spoken words will do far more harm than good, not only to the little ones' character and happiness, but also to their health.

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