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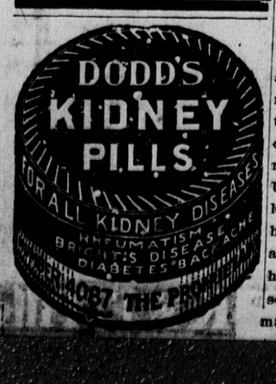

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HOW GOES THE BATTLE,

Little that is new now remains to be said on the political situation. Meetings have been held nightly throughout the province and those who have followed the discussions on the platform and in the press have a pretty accurate grasp of the issues involved. And there are real issues. Unfortunately the issues have been more or less overshadowed by irrelavent discussion and side-stepping but thoughtful men and women who look beneath the surface have their minds made up as to the verdict they shall give when called upon on the 29th of October.

The King government is on trial for its four years stewardship. Its advocates have spoken and written. One thing will be noted in their speaking and writing, that is, their changed attitude during the few months preceding the election. For two years the Liberal press, equally with the Conservative press, bewailed the exodus of Canadians to the United States. When, some months ago, the General Election loomed up in the near future, the Liberal tune changed. In screaming capital letters they told us the exodus had almost ceased, that Canadians were returning in large numbers, they gave us "estimated" thousands who were returning, and they denounced as "prophets of gloom" and "blue ruin artists" all who deplored the fact that Canadians were leaving the country. They "preached sunshine" with the evident and admitted intention or making people believe that the sun of prosperity was shining in Canada when it was not.

They quote trade statistics to prove that business is flourishing in Canada. It is quite true that the balance of trade was in our favor last year. It was in our favor because we exported immense quantities of raw material and natural products, lumber, nickle, asbestos, &c., to be manufactured in the United States; and we imported less than we had in former years because we were less able to buy than formerly. On their face all the statistics prove that business in Canada during the past three years has been very seriously demoralized. The income tax last year was little more than half what it was three years ago because incomes had fallen off; the railway revenue fell off by several millions and Sir Henry Thornton explained that it was because there was less freight to carry than in previous years. The export of manufactured or partly manufactured products fell from $610,223,190 in 1920 to $364,215,681 in 1923.

These are official figures, not "estimates". The income tax, the export figures and the railway revenue tell in figures of fire what industrial and commercial Canada suffered during the past four years at the hands of Mankenzie King and the Progressives.

The Liberal candidates are trying to shout these facts down, trying by "preaching sunshine," to mislead and to deceive the electors. Is this the attitude of men worthy to repersent this province in the House of Commons?

Thoughtful men and women all over Canada, financiers and bankers in every city in Canada do not attempt to conceal their anxiety regarding the future of the country. While England has been reducing her war debt by tens of millions of pounds yearly, and the United States by hundreds of millions of dollars each year, Canada has not reduced her war debt by a single dollar, Liberals claim they have reduced the national debt by been received. There is room for some five millions, which may or more. The contest will close on may not mean anything and is at Tuesday 20th.

best a drop in the bucket. According to the latest official statement we are paying in interest and other charges, yearly, the enormous sum of $132,804,224, about $15, a head for every man, woman and child in Canada and the King government is spending millions on branch railways, dock improvements, elevators, &c., for the sole and only purpose of buying constituencies. And all this while our sunshine artists are engaged in the noble and patriotic work of concealing the facts!

What do the electors think of it? How much of the "sunshine" of prosperity has the King government brought to Canada in the last four years? How much sunshine would be left in Canada if we had four more years of Liberal and Progressive rule? Electors, think it over.

WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS?

Mr. Mackenzie King had a majority of one in the last parliament. Our Liberal prophets are trying to "kid" themselves and the rest of the public into believing that he will better his position at the coming election. Where is he going to get them. At the last election Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec gave him a solid vote. Does any sane Liberal believe any one of these provinces will give him solid support this time? Nova Scotia at a bye election has already refused to support him and at their general provincial election they slumped clean against him. New Brunswick, which gave him a majority at the last election, turned him down in a bye-election and went almost solidly Conservative in their general provincial election. Does any sane Liberal believe he will do better in New Brunswick this time?

Quebec is divided into several groups and every group is opposed to Mackenzie King. Even the Quebec Liberals are protectionists and few of them have any use for the King government. Is Mr. King likely to get a solid Quebec this time?

In Ontario the leading Liberal newspaper. The Toronto Globe, Liberal for forty years, has turned against him. Is he likely to do better in Ontario than he did last time?

In British Columbia, Liberals admit the Conservatives stand to gain very considerably. Is Mr. King likely to better his position in B. C.?

There remain the Prairie Provinces. Are they going to accept his offer to build the Hudson's Bay railway if they send him enough supporters?

Anyway we look at it, the Mackenzie King goverament is doomed.

What about Prince Edward Island? We have only four representatives. It will matter little to the balance of parties in the House whether we send one, two, three or four Conservatives or Liberals. It will matter much to the province whether we have one, two, three or four representatives on the government side of the House. The government, by all the rules of addition and subtraction, is going to be Conservative and the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen is going to be Premier. Therefore, in justice to ourselves, let us send him four supporters, Messrs. Donald McKinnon, J. A. Messervey, Shelton Sharp and Hon. John A. Macdonald. We shall be false to ourselves and our province and to Canada if we do otherwise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Several answers to the conundrum in Wednesday's Guardian have

Notes By The Way

Every day in every way opposition to the King Government grows stronger and stronger.

Present indications are that the Government will not get half as many of the votes or organised Labor as was given to the Liberal candidates in 1921.

Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor was defeated in South Toronto at the election of 1921, but was afterwards elected by acclamation in Kent, Ont. The country had elected Liberal representatives in nine successive general elections, but after three years trial of the seat Mr. Murdock has found it not desirable to face the Kent electors again.

He has gone back to Toronto where his chances of election are worse than they were in 1921. Labor has lost confidence in him. The Cape Breton coal strike lasted five months, notwithstanding Mr. Murdock's efforts to settle it by armed force. When Premier Rhodes came into power a few months ago he called off the soldiers and settled the trouble in a few days.

Apropos of train hands and shopmen laid off in face of big increases to the President of the C. N. R. and other high officials, has come a revival of the story about the way prize money was divided in the Navy in the old days when it was said that the money was "sifted through a ladder." What went through was allotted to the captain and officers of the ship and what stuck on the rungs was given to the crew.

Party politics have really no place in municipal elections but have crept into the election of county councillors in New Brunswick. The Moncton Times tells that in the election of county councillors in Westmorland which were recently held the contested parishes returned Conservative councillors by record majorities." From the figures given these majorities appear to have exceeded those given to Conservative candidates in the recent provincial election.

A straw may show which way the wind blows, or the way the tide runs. It is evident that Hon. A. B. Copp made a lucky escape when he took refuge in the Senate attic. An equally fortunate escape was made by Hon. J. J. Hughes in our own Province although few even of his former political opponents will grudge him his preferment half so much as the defeated aspirants for his present position. Most of them had high hopes but a short time ago; but now alas "the door is shut and the string pulled in."

Mr Forke the Progressive leader is speaking right out in meeting about the old party leaders now. He has no love for Mr. Meighen and the Conservative leader has never sought his affection or feared his opposition. Mr. King, on the contrary, has fawned upon Forke and his followers for four years past. The other day, speaking in Winnipeg, Mr. Forke, referring to the relations between the Liberal and Progressive parties, said:

"Mr. King offers the country government by caucus instead of government by Parliament. He would require the House of Commons to record as a mere formality the decision of a secret party meeting."

We had a trial of government by caucus under the Bell regime in this Province. It was a rather noisy and boisterous form of procedure calculated to disturb the slumbers of any peaceful citizen reposing within the breadth of a block and those passing along the adjoining corridor would pause expectant of an immediate knock-down-and-drag-out performance with the "stiffs" piled outside the door. These caucuses were so frequent and so obstreperous at times that we warn Mr. Forke not to permit government by caucus to be instituted in the new Parliament Building. The Tower might fall! Until the ten-million-dollars is made bomb-proof and bottle-proof, Mr. Forke, don't allow the rampageous caucusers to get control of Canada!

A plea for sympathy is being put up for a distressed politician in danger of nothing worse than defeat at the polls. The object of sympathy, we are told, is well endowed with this world's goods, is held in high honour by thousands and has troops of friends. As a member of parliament he has been fairly well rewarded—our members do not serve at Ottawa for nought!

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

CHESTS, FLAT AND ROUND.

More than twenty years ago a young physician ventured the opinion that the tuberculous chest was not flat as the text books tell us, but actually round. He explained the apparent flat chest as really an optical illusion, as a tuberculous patient is generally tired, weak, and allows his shoulders to fall forward, thus making the chest appear flat.

He pointed out that a tuberculous chest was an immature chest, a baby chest really. Now a baby chest is well rounded and is about as wide as it is deep.

As the chest and body developed, the chest grows wide rather than deep, so that at the adult age the proportion is as ten to seven, that is, ten inches wide to seven inches deep.

But in tuberculous cases there is not the growth sideways there should be, and the chest looks deep on account of its narrowness.

Now a European scientist tells us that a flat chest with the ribs attached to lower part of breast bones well separated, the one side from the other, is often a good strong chest, whereas children with pulmonary tuberculosis generally have a well-rounded chest.

Your youngster may have a well-formed chest because he has inherited it. But it should be worth your while to take a look at the youngster's chest. In infancy it is, as mentioned above, about as big one way as the other. At thirteen to fifteen years it should be in the proportion of ten inches wide to eight inches deep, and at maturity as ten is to seven. Not necessarily these figures, of course, but this proportion. Long chests are usually strong chests, but they must have the width also.

There is only one way to acquire a strong chest and that is by play and exercise. If your youngster plays the games of childhood and youth, you needn't worry about the strength of lungs and heart.

See that your youngsters play.

Daily Selections FOR Character Reading

October 16, 1925.

THY KEEPER:—The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. Psalm 121: 5.

PRAYER:—O Lord, Thou hast made us glad through Thy work; we will triumph in the works of thy hands.

NO PLACE FOR FEAR.

Most every day brings some grave situation,
Not to be feared, by faced.
Alternatives offer, in state and in nation,
Not to be feared, but faced.
Dilemmas confront us each hour of the day,
Presenting both right and erronsous way.
These quandaries shouldn't depress us; for they
Aren't to be feared, but faced.

Each day of our life brings a problem or two,
Not to be feared, but solved.
We've off with the old one, let's on with the new—
Not to be feared, but solved.
The puzzle involving the right and the wrong;
The question how not to be weak, but be strong;
These "sums" in life's school-day come bobbing along,
Not to be feared but solved.

Each day in the field there arises a foe,
Not to be feared, but fought.
He's not to be dodged or avoided, you know—
Not to be feared, but fought.
There's nothing on earth unmistakably right
That we may maintain without strenuous fight,
Intrenched we find always iniquitous might—
Not to be feared, but fought.
—Strickland Gillian.

There are many others, not so fortunate, right here at home and from over seas, who have lost money, some of them who lost all they had, by too great trustfulness in public men. Are not these losers deserving of sympathy?

Hundreds of people in Ontario lost money by depositing it in the Home Bank.. It was not proposed that the rich Province of Ontario should repay these depositors. No! contrary to all precedent the government decreed, our representatives consenting, that the depositors should be repaid millions out of the public treasury. Thus every taxpayer in Prince Edward Island must help to pay those losses. The same Government and the same representatives insist that Island taxpayers alone shall repay $17,000 to the defrauded army officers. Is this fair or just? A vote for the Government candidates supports this rank injustice. A vote for the Opposition candidates will say that it is unfair and unjust and must not be repeated!

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.

HALF BAKED

Sir,—Wednesday's Patriot dishes up the familiar figures of the 1921 election when the War reaction proved fatal not only to every government offering for election in the whole realm of civilization but even to almost all the crowned heads in Europe and Asia. From the majorities of the King Party it tries to extract comfort in its present dilemma.

Now let me suggest that by way of an educative diversion, it take up the election figures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and P. E. Island, all held since 1921 and apply the lessons that they teach. In our own little city for instance where Mr. Higgs elected in 1919 by a 500 majority was defeated in '23 by a 730 majority—a turnover of more than 1200 votes. These represent all new and fresh cooked goods and not a rehash of half baked stuff taken hastily from the oven of National discontent following the war.

Some further interesting figures can be found in the Quebec Federal bye-elections held since 1921 in which the Liberal majorities were all cut down from 3,000 to over 4,000 votes in each case.

Let me close with this query,—If they lose similarly from 3,000 to 4,000 in every Quebec riding in this general election how many seats will they be able to hold when the Patenaude cyclone strikes them?

I am Sir, etc.,
FACTS WITH FIGURES.

DUMPING U. S. VEGETABLES

Sir,—I clip the following from the Mail and Empire of Oct, 13th., which is much to the point.

"As a Canadian celery consumer I have read with much interest and hearty approval the letters from two celery growers regarding the dumping of imported celery upon the Canadian market. The sooner a stiff import duty is placed upon all United States fruits and vegetables the better for Canadian growers and consumers. The imported stuff not only destroys the Canadian growers' trade and takes millions of dollars out of Canadian pockets, but it is inferior in quality to the homegrown article. It is absolutely unnecessary for Canadians to get imported fruits and vegetables out of season. When I was young we never thought of having them but simply waited until our own good Canadian fruits and vegetables came in their own season—and how we enjoyed them. It is about time that Canadians realized the truth that it is our own fault if Canada does not prosper and grow in population and wealth. If I remember rightly the women promptly settled a potato hold-up during the war by inaugurating a buyer's strike. Why do not the Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Institutes, and other women's organizations take this matter up? They could solve the problem and save millions of Canadian dollars in a practical and patriotic fashion in short order. Let those in Canada who want the doubtful luxury of out-of-season fruits and vegetables pay duty upon them. Canadian fruits and vegetables were plenty good enough for our fathers and forefathers, they are plenty good enough for us to-day."

Mr. R. Harold Jenkins, the Liberal Candidate for Queen's might throw some further light on this subject that would interest our market gardeners.

I am, Sir, etc.,
VEGETABLE GROWER.

THE BALLOT

Historicus.

In case there are any electors within reach of the voice of The Guardian who are not intending to go the polls on the 29th inst, and poll their vote, we beg to remind them that they contemplate doing themselves and the country a great injury. The best thought of all free and enlightened countries is of one mind as regards the ballot being the best means of voting and the most effective method of obtaining the opinions of the electors. Why, then, should any elector remain away from the poll except he or she is in some way incapacitated by ill health or some other unavoidable cause.

From one end to the other of Canada our women and men shall stand on a level in this respect on election day. No class distinction of any kind can change the law in that regard. If the elector has taken the precaution to register his or her vote neither riches or power can say do or do not, and, moreover, all are empowered to vote privately and without any let, hindrance or molestation, whatsoever.

In such circumstances we ask every voter to go forward to the poll and enjoy this glorious privilege without fear or favor, and according to the best judgment of the elector. This grand uplift of humanity was not always enjoyed by the masses, even here or elsewhere. It has been obtained by long agitation from governments who reluctantly conceded the privileges of the electoral franchise despite their tardy and after tyrannical opposition.

In this country this immense reform has been won under Confederation without serious objection. Prior to that there were different forms of voting and many arbitrary barriers incorporated in the election laws of each province which have been swept away forever—if the men and women who are so fortunate as to enjoy electoral freedom are guided by enough patriotism to maintain the right of exercising their franchise and steadfastly defy any government to withdraw or curtail it. Let Robert Burns' grand motto, 'Freemen stand or freemen fall, But we shall be free,' be the watchword of every true Canadian.

Unfortunately it sometimes happens that the number of truants is too large to be due to illness or other unavoidable causes. At the last federal election, of the 66,899 voters listed in this Province only 52,448 went to the polls and had a voice in the public affairs of the country. The deficiency—14,445—is most regrettable and all should exert themselves to have the number reduced in the approaching election to those who are unable to go to the poll. Remember, men and women of P. E. I., that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty." Let us all hope, too, that those 14,000 odd had not left the Province, and that so large a number have not left their Island home since the lection in 1921. At present there is no reliable means of knowing how many have emigrated.

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"I thought of all the maids we have had in the last year."

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