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CHILD WELFARE

This afternoon at 1.30 a meeting will be held in the Charlottetown Board of Trade Rooms for the purpose of establishing a Child Welfare and General Health Bureau for the province under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross Society. This bureau, when established, will be associated with the Dominion Department of Health.

It is not necessary to remind our readers of the importance of this meeting; it is necessary, however, to remind them that although they have always been generously responsive to any calls made upon them on behalf of the Children's Aid Society and other means adopted for the benefit of the children, they have left the real work in the hands of the few officials. This is not as it ought to be. Conference, discussion of ways and means, a general system of co-operation—all these are necessary for the success of any movement and to this end such meetings as these should be largely attended. We trust our citizens generally will show their interest in the present movement by attending the meeting this afternoon.

The children are our only dependence for the future. The men and women of today are going out one by one and very shortly the places they occupy in the civic life will be filled by the little men and women who are now in our schools, in our homes, on the streets. How worthily or unworthily the places now becoming vacant will be filled depends upon the start we give them now. It is in order that this start may be well launched, that the future men and women shall take up their burden with sound minds and healthy bodies that this meeting is to be held this afternoon. The project is a large one; the amalgamation of our present organizations with the kindred and stronger federal organization is one of the objects. Mr. Justice Haszard and Col. S. R. Jenkins are sponsors for the present movement and they will have an interesting programme to submit at today's meeting. We trust our citizens will show their sympathy with the movement by being present.

THE PATRIOT'S BLUFF

It is certainly amusing to see the Patriot rear up on its hind legs in feigned anger over the criticisms to which it and its party have been subjected during the past few months. In its Saturday's issue it makes a particularly spectacular demonstration, one of the blustering challenging variety which it resorts to when it has no argument to offer. The indignation voiced throughout the country it attributes to the Guardian's criticisms; the "protesting meetings," it declares, are confined to "Conservative strongholds" and brazenly it proclaims that "the country is generally prosperous and contented," that "all reasonable people are satisfied" and it "challenges" the Guardian to say these things are not so. Now, the Patriot knows this is "bluff" pure and simple; it knows there never was in this province a government that was so generally denounced, so utterly repudiated by its own friends as the Bell government is and has been; it knows that if an election were held tomorrow, it is exceedingly doubtful if any one member of the Bell aggregation would receive nomination and it knows positively that if nominated not one of them would be elected.

As to its sophistry about running the Dalton Sanatorium "at a cost of \$160,000 a year" we defy the Patriot to find any reputable authority here or elsewhere who will place the cost of maintaining the institution at that figure or even at half of it. The \$160,000 is the Patriot's own estimate made for political purposes and is worth as much as its other political opinions. Its remarks on the Rena McLean Hospital are equally beside the mark. What did the Bell government do to restore the use of Government House to the province? What did it do to remedy the Telephone grievance? What did it do with the Telephone grievance? What did it do with the Agricultural Halls at Charlottetown and Summerside? What did it do with the musselmud plant at St. Peter's? Will the Patriot enlighten its readers on these points, quietly, without hysterics or foolish bluff which only makes it ridiculous. Does the Patriot pretend to credit the Guardian with sufficient influence to arouse the storm of indignation now sweeping over the province? Does it still believe that the farmers at Stanchel were lying when they adopted that resolution condemning the government? Does it think all the people are lying when they declare the Bell government is the most incompetent and most dangerous aggregation that ever held the reins of government in this province?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canada's outstanding obligations, including not only the war loans and victory loans issued in Canada but also the various loans issued in the United States and London are \$2,523,062,178. Within five years \$578,349,000 matures, \$429,748,000 before the end of three years. This will be a considerable burden upon current revenue and it is possible further financing may be necessary.

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CURRENT COMMENT

The Patriot is fully aroused. It was always susceptible to threatening electrical disturbances and the rumblings of heavy thunder from the regions of Stanchel has thoroughly awakened it out of its comatose and torpid sleep. The people of that locality are all liars in its opinion, when they give expression to the absolute truth, inscrutable and unanswerable truth, known and well understood from East Point to West Cape and stamped as with brands of a live fire into the knowledge and painful experience of every farmer in the province. So carefully accurate is the Stanchel resolution that in the Patriot's whole double column trade it was unable to twist a sentence, a word or a scintilla away from the avenues of solid

ment answer a charge of partiality. Averages in the hands of the Patriot are capable of the most specious deception. Five farmers might have their valuations increased one hundred per cent and twenty others absolutely escape any increase and yet if taken by averages our evening friend would be bold enough to declare that the five would only be up against twenty per cent increase. twists and contortions of character are not of the convincing kind. The charge laid by SIXTY FARMERS is not made on the basis of averages, but upon

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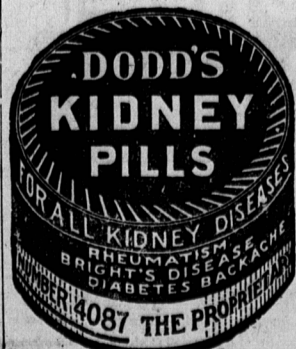
"LEST WE FORGET"

O CANADA O Canada, our home our native land. True patriot love thou dost in us command. We see thee rising fair, dear land, the true north strong and free; And stand on guard, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING Keep the home fires burning, While your hearts are yearning; Tho' the lads are far away, They dream of home, There's a silver lining, Through the dark cloud shining; Turn the dark cloud inside out, Till the boys come home.

SMILE, SMILE, SMILE. Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag, And smile, smile, smile, While you've a lucifer to light your fag. Smile, boys, that's the style, What's the use of worrying? It never was worth while, so Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag, And smile, smile, smile.

THERE'S A LONG, LONG TRAIL There's a long, long trail a-winding into the land of my dreams, Where the nightingales are singing And the white moon beams; There's a long, long night of waiting Until my dreams all come true, Till the day when I'll be going down That long, long trail with you.



Then it gives some figures, and the people now know what an expert the Patriot is on figures manipulation. Its powers of expansion and contraction, of exaggeration or of reduction to the status of absurdity, as may best suit its own twisty flexures are without competition in Canada. Then what are those figures, even if correct, as far as they go. It cites "twenty three farmers" as the basis of its argument. Are there ONLY TWENTY THREE FARMERS IN THIS LOCALITY? There are SIXTY names signed to the resolution, and presumably all the farmers in the district were not present at the meeting. Can't the Patriot see the hole it has put itself into? After a close, and unlawful, scrutiny of the assessment roll it finds these "twenty three farmers" of minimal assessment, and uses them for the purpose of deceiving and camouflaging the public at large. Is not this in itself a straight exemplification of the stern truth and foundation of the district's indictment of a partial and unfair valuation. Nothing in the way of evidence could make it stronger.

These "twenty three farmers", and the Patriot has not announced their political complexion, nor given reasons why they did not receive the same scorching as others do not represent the assessment increases of the district. Nor in any case will the AVERAGE assess-



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