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Notes by the Way

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PREPARING FOR SUMMER.

The first real indications of summer, and preparation for summer, are pleasantly visible in Charlottetown harbor...

tween the ultra free trade element and the protectionist and semi-protectionist wings of the composite party.

LABOR ORGANIZATION.

The twelfth annual report of Labor organization in Canada has just been issued. The report covers the year 1922. It shows that during the three years, 1920 to 1922, inclusive, there has been a decline in trade union membership in Canada of 101,426, the loss in the last calendar year being 156,162 branches, and 36,699 in membership.

The total membership of all classes of trade unions in the Dominion at the close of 1922 was 276,621 comprised in 2,512 local branches. There are in all 92 international organizations operating in Canada, and between them they have 2,108 local branches with a combined membership of 206,150.

Of the 2,512 local branches, 9 are located in Prince Edward Island. Besides the statistics furnished the report gives particulars concerning certain revolutionary labor organizations of recent formation and the doctrines which their promoters are endeavoring to propagate in Canada, as well as in other countries.

REAL PHILANTHROPY.

A few days ago while rain was pouring in torrents, a little boy was seen pushing a wheelbarrow in which was a bag of coal, along Pownall street. The load was almost too much for the child's strength; he was drenched to the skin, but kept bravely pushing his heavy load.

THE FIELDING BUDGET.

The Fielding budget is coming again, this time on Friday of this week. The only guess as to what it shall reveal, perhaps inspired by long continued thirst and, possibly, dissatisfaction with the home product, is that there shall be such a change in duty and excise that French brandy may be sold in Canada at \$2.50 per gallon.

One brief historic fact: Conservative Governments at Ottawa and Charlottetown some ten or eleven years ago negotiated a little agreement by which \$100,000 additional would come to Prince Edward Island yearly for all time to come.

During the same ten years a score of Liberal politicians on the political platforms and in the legislature and in the Liberal press have busied themselves in berating the governments that did these things.

But worse remains to be told. These same shouters and black-washers dare to claim that it is they who have saved the province and its credit which the Conservatives had brought to the verge of ruin!

The discussion in committee of ways and means at the close of the legislative session is interesting and instructive. What an exhibition of ministerial helplessness, shifting, wriggling and twisting was made when the escapes from Queen's County Jail came under review!

The Georgetown Jail differs in kind from the Queen's County Jail. The water leaks into the one, and the prisoners leak out of the other. The snow drifts in at Georgetown and the convicts drift out at Charlottetown.

Hon. Mr. Crosby protests that this is the first he has heard of anything wrong with the court room. Mr. Hessian asserts that he has been calling attention to these matters for years. Let it go at that. It is Liberal testimony on both sides!

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 expressed by its correspondents.

The Bell Policy

TAX the people, tax with care, TAX to help the millionaire, TAX the farmer, tax his fowl, TAX the dog and tax his howl, TAX his hen, and tax her egg. Let the mussel mud scow beg, TAX his pig, and tax his squeal, TAX his boots, run down at heel, TAX his horses, tax his lands, TAX the blizzard on his hands, TAX his plow, and tax his clothes, TAX the rag that wipes his nose, TAX his house and tax his bed, TAX the bald spot on his head, TAX his ox and tax his ass, TAX his Ford and tax the gas, TAX the road that he must pass, And make him travel 'er the grass, TAX his cow and tax the calf, TAX him if he dares to laugh, He is but a common man, So tax the cuss just all you can, TAX the laborer, be discreet, TAX him for walking on the street, TAX his bread and tax his meat, TAX the shoes clear off his feet, TAX the pay roll, tax the sale, TAX his hard-earned paper kale, TAX his pipe and tax his smoke, Teach him the Government is no joke, TAX their coffins, tax their shrouds, TAX all business, tax the shops, TAX the incomes, tax the stocks, TAX the living, tax the dead, TAX the unborn before they're fed, TAX the water, tax the air, TAX the sunlight, don't you care, Taxable or otherwise, TAX 'EM! TAX 'EM! Is the yell, Of the Government of Bell!

Roads and Roadmen

Sir.—One of the most shameful pieces of road-making or breaking ever seen is that leading from Ross's Corner to Summerside, not more than two hundred yards in length; and can you believe it, that on this 2nd day of May it is still unbroken, and to get along this bit of road you are compelled to get over a dike into a barn yard and through a field with mud a foot deep? The overseer lives within a stone's throw of it, and one of the road-makers less than a mile.

NORTH BEDEQUE.

Who are the United Farmers?

Sir.—I see a report in your issue of May 4th, to the effect that the United Farmers held a meeting and decided not to form a party, but to place candidates in the field at the coming provincial election. I wonder who are these United Farmers that called this meeting, and at the meeting, I mentioned the meeting to one of the Executive of the United Farmers to day and he told me he knew nothing about it, did not know where was going to be a meeting. I am a United Farmer also, but I am not one of a very small group who think they are running organized effort in this province and can take the liberty of calling meetings for the Provincial Association without proper notice being given, and then at those meetings discuss for the whole Association an important question such as political action. Not only have this little unauthorized group discussed and settled this question, but they have also laid down a platform. It is the first time in the history of politics to my knowledge that we have a political platform and at the same time the decision by its framers not to form a party to back it up. Who are these members? I am sure, if any are elected? There seems to be something very peculiar about this meeting, and it takes on the aspect of a political move by some old-fashioned ambitious politicians to get in out of the wet under the wing of the Progressive movement and then slip over to the support of a rather discredited political party once the election is secured.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

GETTING AWAY

The best old kind of getting away is getting away from self. Is putting the narrow and truckling view of life on the pantry shelf; Is flinging the door of the heart so wide it will let the whole world in; Till our pity and help and bravest cheer are aroused by its strident din.

UNITED FARMER.

Sir.—A few months ago, I wrote you a few notes, or rather they were questions to the Hon. Walter M. Lea, Commissioner of Agriculture, and I put the full title knowledge that gentleman appreciates such courtesies, that he has not seen fit to answer. When we consider the degree of "scribblers' itch" which has taken hold of our Commissioner, his silence on some plainings? The jails discussion reveals that matters are sadly at loose ends in our public administration. If "justice must be done though the heavens fall," as we sometimes boast, then surely it is time for a change at the head of more than one department of the public service.

matters can only be attributed to the fear that he may be dealing with questions which might put him beyond his depth if he entered into their discussion at all. However, people have a very embarrassing way of insisting on information where their own personal interests are concerned, and while I am rather too busy on my farm to give much attention to writing, yet I am just an average man after all, and quite human; and I find my curiosity and my own interests prompting me to again enter the public forum in an endeavor to get light on some questions of a public nature, relating particularly to agriculture. I believe it is a good thing for farmers to express themselves plainly on these questions as our whole scheme of political economy in this province is for the greater part linked up with agriculture. I propose, therefore, instead of writing one letter, to write a number, providing, of course, your paper gives me the space, and trust that if the Hon. Walter does not see fit to answer them that they will at least have the effect of making a few of our farmers do some thinking for themselves. So here goes for No. 1.

A few days ago I picked up a copy of the Report of the Department of Agriculture for the past year. These reports are almost always of the same form and try to depict the activities of the Department for the year. The size of the present one left the impression of considerable padding, that is considering the actual work performed by the Department. The matter that held my attention, however, was the illustrations. Those illustrations should in my mind depict almost all our activities as farmers and be representative of all breeds of livestock, the material being drawn from the farm herds of the province. This year, however, the report is a free advertisement for Holstein cattle, and the illustrations are of those famous \$250.00 heifers that we can get so little information on, and some animals of the breeding of the Hon. Commissioner's, it would seem more fitting for the Commissioner, a Holstein breeder himself, if he had gone to the Ayrshire, Jersey, Shorthorn and other breeders in the province and had given them some space. Surely there are more animals in the province than Holsteins. For the past few years Ayrshires have constituted the main attraction at our shows. Why not Ayrshire illustrations? But no; that would not be in accordance with the opinions of the Hon. Walter, and his opinions must surely be correct. One of the illustrations in particular attracted my attention, namely that of G. W. Artis Vale, who is stated to be the son of the great breeding bull Artis Vale. Why the department wishes to boast of a fourth prize bull and a very poor fourth at that is beyond me. This bull is famous all right, but not for his breeding, individuality or what he has left behind. Let us seek out the history of this bull, and let us ask Mr. Lea some questions. Is this Artis Vale the same bull that was owned by a certain Mr. McFarlane, and did this gentleman, after trying to make sale of him as a breeder and failing, sell him to a Mr. Sellers, a butcher, to be sent to the shambles as a beef, and did this same Mr. Sellers sell this bull to the Hon. Commissioner, who landed him at the Falconwood Farm? Answer that, Mr. Lea, if it is the same Artis Vale he took on very sudden glory for a bull that had to be disposed of to a butcher at a very low price. Perhaps the cheapness of the animal accounts for Mr. Lea's generosity in making him a present to the farm. We have known very much about this bull very kind, and very properly brought some very irregularities in connection with the transactions of the Department in regard to his purchasing and handling of livestock at the expense of the people of the province, but now for fourth prize whose name will be forever linked up with that of the Hon. Walter's, is being boasted by the Department as an animal of wonderful worth. Well, the

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More New Voiles. In this shipment was included a great variety of dress Voiles, these were purchased in New York and are considered the latest out. We know you will be pleased with this showing of new goods. S. A. McDONALD

That Boop of Boops. Perspiring Feet. This subject may not interest many of my readers, but it is interesting enough to many who suffer from it. Like some other conditions the cause is just a little hard to find, it is supposed to be of nervous origin, and certainly where a nervous condition has been improved there has been an improvement in the feet. Now, not knowing exactly the cause of the trouble all I can do is to suggest methods of relief. Many people have taken a bath of boracic acid—a teaspoonful to a pint of water. After drying them they are ready to be worn. I would be well to soak a good supply at a time as they should be changed often. Wearing cork soles has been of help in some cases, or even soaking the cork soles from time to time in a boracic solution. One of the most effective methods, however, is the use of formaldehyde as you know is the basis of nearly all the proprietary medicines used to destroy body odors. The methods is as follows: Wash feet thoroughly with warm water and soap. Dry them completely. Now soak them in a solution of formaldehyde in distilled water. Let them dry thoroughly again. Repeat this operation three days in succession. You will have freedom from perspiring feet and the annoying odor for at least a month. It's worth the effort. Many people have had considerable success through X-Ray treatment should you decide on X-Ray treatment it would be as well to go to an expert—operator to secure safe treatment for those important members of that body of yours.

Magdalen Island Service. Sir.—Since returning from a trip abroad Monday night I noticed a letter in the Guardian signed H. H. Acorn and was pleased that the matter of having the S. S. Stanley call at Souris on April 18th had been taken up. About that time I heard that the Stanley was taking freight from Halifax direct to Magdalen Islands and also heard that to have this steamer call at Souris. But what I wanted about was to try and get the Stanley to take up the service regularly, starting at Pictou, and calling at Souris and Magdalen Islands, until the regular sailings of a subsidized steamer would be taken up.

STOCK QUOTATIONS. NATIONAL BROWERIES 50% ATLANTIC SUGAR 21% ATCHISON 168% AM. CAR AND FOUNDRY 131% AM. LOCOMOTIVE 101% AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING 58% ANACONDA COPPER 46% CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY 150% NEW YORK CUNARD 92% CUBA CANE SUGAR 14% CROSBIE STEEL 70% INTERNATIONAL PAPER 43% KELLY SPRINGFIELD 61% MOX PETROLEUM 4% INTERNATIONAL MER. MARINE 74% PRESS STEEL CAR 74% READING 88% SOUTHERN PACIFIC 116% STUDEBAKER 133% UNION PACIFIC 101% UTAH COPPER 101% U. S. STEEL 103.45 MONTREAL EXCHANGE 103.45 1924 Victory 105.55 1923 Victory 105.55 BANKS Bank Royal 221 Bank of Montreal 245 Wheat May 117% July 117% Sept 116% Corn May 78% July 78% Sept 78 Oats May 43% Sept 43% Dec 43.

Magdalen Island Service. Sir.—I received a tender for that service from the Department of Trade and Commerce which was to be opened on the 4th of July, so that you can see it is absolutely necessary that another steamer should be on the route. I received the following telegram from Mr. Johnstone, deputy minister of Marine and Fisheries: "Stanley at present blocked up in Bras d'Or Lake, account of heavy drift ice, after liberation regular sailings to Magdalen Islands will be commenced, arrangements will be made to send Stanley and to care for any emergency that may arise." I understand from the above telegram that the Government will take up this important service to the Magdalen Islands until the subsidized steamer will take it up. I am, Sir, etc., J. A. MESSERVY.

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DOG DERBY IN QUEBEC TO BE HELD EVERY YEAR. MONTREAL, Que., May 8.—That the Quebec Dog Derby will be an annual institution is practically assured. Last season's event proved so successful that dogs at being bought up at high prices all through the country and almost every village in the province of Quebec boasts at least one trainer and prospective cup challenger. Even the Huskies kennelled at the Chateau Frontenac has given birth to three pups. At present they are racing only for their meals but as they are of aristocratic strain great things are expected of them in the future. They are to be reared and trained for the express purpose of competing with the others in the annual big event.