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Calling The Bluff

The Lea Government, after a fashion of its own, has returned to statute labour—a system of road work abolished by the Liberals, which they now propose to re-establish on the eve of an election, in a manner that cannot fail to arouse grave suspicion as to their sincerity of purpose.

A report of the discussion of this section of the Act to amend the Road Act of 1923 appears elsewhere in today's Guardian and reveals a curious situation. The Opposition leader's amendment, designed to do away with any ambiguity in the terms of the section, was voted down. According to Hon. Mr. McIntyre—and he was supported by the Premier in this assurance—tax exemption will be given to all persons applying for road work in the specified manner, regardless of whether or not they are given any work to do. Yet when the Opposition leader offered to withdraw his amendment on condition that this provision was included in the Act, he was met by silence.

The question naturally arises, why the hesitancy in framing legislation in accord with the professed intentions of the Government? There can be but one reason. Statutes of the Province, unlike Liberal election planks and promises, mean exactly what they say. When assented to by the Lieutenant Governor they become the law of the land. It is not on the Lea Government's assurances in the Legislature, therefore, but on the actual wording of the Road Act as amended, that exemptions will be made. The Government has sufficient majority to enact whatever legislation it wishes. If it fails to accept the Opposition's challenge to play fair with the people, in this as in other instances, it will gain nothing in the eyes of the country by empty professions of good motives and intentions.

Good News From the West

Mr. M. W. Cowan, breezy M. P. for Long Lake, Saskatchewan, in his speech in Parliament last week effectively answered the propaganda emanating from disgruntled free-traders that 70 per cent. of the Saskatchewan farmers were insolvent and bankrupt. He showed that while the Province has suffered from drought, the agricultural condition is sound, that the net taxable land assessment in rural municipalities totals \$887,122,979 and that while money is largely tied up, it is tied up in excess security caused chiefly by a faulty banking system. As for the alleged Bolshevik menace in Saskatchewan, Mr. Cowan declared that it simply does not exist. "There are not enough Bolsheviks out there," he said, "to run a peanut stand."

Dealing with the effect of the tariff changes made at the last session, which anti-protectionists predicted must result in increased prices, Mr. Cowan read the following figures representing percentages of reduction in prices in the city of Regina, as submitted a few weeks ago to the legislative assembly of Saskatchewan:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Percentage. Includes items like Table oilcloth, All-wool grey blankets, Ladies' best class hose, etc.

"Does that prove," asked Mr. Cowan, "that the increased tariff has...

been a benefit or an injury to the purchasing community? You can take your choice, but so far as I am concerned if that is an injury pile on the injury."

Another speaker in the Draft Address debate in Parliament, Mr. B.M. Stitt, representing the constituency of Nelson, Manitoba, gave some further interesting figures. He showed that despite the Liberal Government's reduction of duty on agricultural implements, there was a noticeable increase in the price of these implements between the years 1922 and 1930. The comparative prices were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price in 1922 and 1930. Includes items like 6-ft. binder, 8-ft. binder with bundle carrier & T truck, etc.

These increases, Mr. Stitt declared, continued all down the line, in spite of what Liberal apologists said they were doing for the western farmer while they were in power. After challenging a contradiction of this statement, and receiving no reply, Mr. Stitt continued:

Now I am going just a little further for the benefit of my hon. friends opposite. As I said before, I have here the price lists for 1930 and 1921 of the Cockshutt Plough Company. In spite of all that was said at the special session and all that has been said since this session opened it will be seen that very substantial reductions have been made this year. I am going to quote some figures which may interest my hon. friends:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Reduction. Includes items like No. 3 power lift gang plough, No. 4-6 furrow disc ploughs, etc.

These price reductions in agricultural machinery in 1931 over last year, as furnished by the Cockshutt Plough Company speak for themselves. They are a very good answer to much Liberal propaganda that has been published since the Bennett Government came into power.

It may be noted in passing that the figures quoted by Mr. Cowan were secured by the Saskatchewan Government and tabled for the information of the legislative members. The Lea Government in this Province, which has consistently maintained that protection caused increased prices to the consumer, has the same opportunity of verifying the truth or otherwise of its assertions by tabling the prevailing price list of similar commodities in Charlottetown and Summerside. Our merchants, we believe, would readily cooperate in making public this information. Then the people would know how much weight to attach to the speeches of those Liberal members who insist on dragging the federal tariff question into the legislative debates.

Editorial Notes

The Lea Government, like the Saunders Government, is proving to be the Unready Government. When Dr. MacMillan asked yesterday for an answer to a question, tabled some days ago, dealing with the business of the Prohibition Commission up to the end of 1930, the Premier replied that it was in course of preparation and would be tabled as soon as ready; to which the Opposition replied that it should not be tabled until it was ready to be tabled.

Notes by the Way

All honor to a cultured man who dares to protest against the continued shouting about 100 per cent. Americanism, says the Hartford Courier, for the clamor indicates, not that the men or the ideas are necessarily either right or patriotic, but rather that the shouters have a keen inward sense of their own inferiority and are beating a tom-tom to distract attention from their own shortcomings.

Every time there is a period of serious financial and economic stringency, when the world business and industrial structure is suffering from over-expansion and over-production, it provides opportunity for the vendors of quack financial remedies to emerge with their cures. Scarcely a day passes but that newspaper readers are informed of someone who has discovered a short way back to prosperity.

Unfortunately, most of these discoveries prove to be of no practical value. Few of them have any real curative powers, creating instead two sores for every one they heal. Usually such cures are prescribed without regard to their general effect. There is no way back to prosperity except through the restoration of business and political stability throughout the world. Persons will do well to be wary of depression cures. They are in a class with get-rich-quick schemes. Prosperity is the wages of hard work, not of chance or following the directions of untried patent remedies.

The tension in Egypt has been incomparably less than in Europe and America, says the Cairo Sphinx, as witnessed by the fact that not a single bank or large business house has had to close its doors, while in the U.S.A. not less than 1,300 banks failed. A study of the reasons for this local haven from the world storm reveals the value of the stolidity of the Egyptian cultivators, who, forming as they do the vast majority of the population, have ever lived rigorously simple Spartan lives that have more than once helped the country through hard times.

We are faced with the fact that Russia has become a serious competitor in the world of industry and commerce. It is not enough for us to ban all her products and to terminate commercial relations with her. This will not take us far. We must also exercise much care in the matter of production as the Soviets do, who were until recently regarded as non-existing, and who in a few months have obliged the most progressive nations in the world to take heed of their commercial possibilities.

It is a characteristic of democracy, said "a Gentleman with a Dust", to believe that a rough-and-ready optimism on the part of man is good enough for the universe, and that opinions may rightfully be formed of the principal concerns of human existence without any bothersome attention to study and reflection such as he employs in constructing an aeroplane, a wireless set, or a saxophone. When Carlyle was told that Margaret Fuller had said, "I accept the Universe," he exclaimed: "By Gad, she'd better." There must be in the soul of the man an ascent to greatness before it can become his possession and as there can be no greatness without truth, goodness, and beauty, there must be a wish for these great possessions in the will of a man before he can begin that heroic ascent. It is what we want that tells us where we are.

One of the finest examples of crisp writing comes in the following paragraph taken from the editorial page of the Boston Transcript: Naval race between France and Italy is 'ton for ton, gun for gun'—which means, no doubt, son for son, later on.

Much can be done through wise public policy in building the economic fortunes of any country, and especially of a young country such as Canada. And one very great thing that Parliament can do at this session is to adopt legislation that will assure the production in this Dominion, under profitable conditions to labor and capital, of a very large proportion of the manufactured goods, the coal, the farm products which are required for home consumption, but which are, to the extent of several hundred million dollars' worth per year, being imported from competitive countries. If this be done, the results will follow the legislation in good time. This is the policy advocated and now being put in force by Premier Bennett and the Conservative Party as a means towards ending as far as possible unemployment in Canada.

be in the Government's hands if the statutory requirements were carried out.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

CAUSE OF THE LAZY FEELING

A physician met an old acquaintance, who remarked that he was beginning to feel lazy. "I notice that I am satisfied at times to be doing nothing at all—neither physical or mental work," he said. Although past fifty he had kept his body in pretty fair condition, but as he had been a mile runner the physician asked him if he still did any running. "No. I kept doing a little slow running until about two or three years ago and somehow or other I simply stopped doing it." The physician suggested that had he kept up his slow jogging or running he would likely have been free of his "laziness" as the liver was not getting squeezed much since he stopped running; that the jogging or running "shook" the liver and hastened its circulation, and the deep breathing that would be necessary when he did his running would press the floor of the chest down so far that it would squeeze the liver. The physician reminded him that the reason so many Britishers were able to keep alert mentally and physically was because they rode daily, and the movement of riding a horse kept their liver well stirred up. "Yes," said the acquaintance "I was in England two years ago, and I met elderly men, one over 90 years of age, who rode regularly with the hounds." And this is really the secret of why so many of these men can eat such hearty meals and continue healthy and strong until well past the allotted three score years and ten.

In the days of the high corset there were four times as many women as men afflicted with gall stones, because the high tight corset prevented much movement of the liver in walking or moving about. The high tight corset prevented deep breathing and so the liver did not get squeezed much by the floor of the chest. Since the high corset went out of use, the number of cases of gall stones in women is not any greater than in men.

When you remember that the liver is the largest organ in the body, that it has 25 per cent of all your blood within it practically all the time, that it has a number of jobs to do including the removal of poisons from the blood, you are not surprised that it is called the king of the organs.

And the first sign that it is not clearing out the poisons completely from the blood is that "lazy" feeling. So keep your liver active by deep breathing, by bending exercises, by stationary running before your open window, or by brisk walks.



WINTER LANDSCAPE

Look long upon the peace of this still place; These chiseled and veracious lines shall pass. Spring, the betrayer, with enchanting face. Shall cover every line with leaf and grass. And Summer add to all her gorgeous fruit; Autumn her riotous tints; and thus is lost The stark, clear silhouette; thus is made mud The silver filigree that was the frost. Keep in your heart this etched and unafraid Beauty that craves no shadow or the sun; Whose splendors shall not yield or palely fade. But vanish like mist when their time is run. Only in solitude like this is heard The note That sings in snowbound ways, cool and remote. —Eleanor Alletta Chaffee in New York Times.

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.

BORDEN AND CAPE TRAVERSE

Sir,—Once again I am writing to ask you if you would kindly favor me by finding a small space in your sport page for the following letter.

I, one of the fans of Carleton have taken considerable interest in games played by Borden and Cape Traverse, and have seen all games played by these two teams in the links of the vicinity, and in Charlottetown and Summerside. Of course as most people know, Borden has been the winners of the McLean Trophy, the Intermediate Championship of P. E. I. also the cup presented by Mr. Luddington for the best team in Prince County, and I might add they won them by hard work and fair play, but that was not to the favour of the fans of Cape Traverse, who seem to think that Borden has won them unfairly. Some time back someone was asked to put a statement in the press as to why Cape Traverse were not allowed to play in the league for the McLean Trophy, which was kindly done so by Mr. Kennedy; but I am of the opinion that it did not favour some of the players of the Borden team in the eyes of fans of Cape Traverse so causing bad feelings between the two teams. After that the Cape Traverse team said that they could trim the Borden team, if they had hard ice, and a challenge was given to the manager of the Borden team in his dinner hour over the phone, which was not accepted, for the reason that Cape Traverse had been blowing their horns and trumpets about putting \$200 to the game, but when it was asked about the \$200 Cape Traverse was like the bandsman, he could blow his trumpet until a small boy sucked a lemon in front of him. Kensington has played Cape Traverse in the forum, the Cape taking the odd goal in nine, now they are out for blood, and say they will play Borden for \$100 in the Charlottetown Forum. If they put up their \$100 the challenge will be snapped up like a piece of meat in front of a hungry dog, and if Carver is unable to do better than he did the other night he will find the puck carrying the word "goal" in front of the net every few minutes without the help of a player from another team to take the Borden boys to victory. Most everybody is hoping these two teams will meet in the forum in the near future and decide the winners, so ending the rivalry between these two teams for premier honours.

I am, Sir, etc. A LOVER OF SPORT

"NOTES BY THE WAY" Sir,—It was not until the Autumn of 1923 that my attention was first directed to "Notes by the Way", even when I was yet unaware that they were written by that Prince and veteran of journalism, the late Mr. McCreedy. Perennially young, quick and clear to the last, I am glad to feel, and to say that since his death, my interest has not lessened, although I do not know by whom they are now written, there is nothing in a name. They still have the indelible stamp of his sincerity, and that's enough to warrant their careful perusal by all those who prefer solid substance to literary gymnastics.

The writer rings true in the paragraph concerning Lord Beaverbrook, and the plain steady Baldwin. I am still at a loss to understand what inspired, or, better, caused to be spilt out the "caddish" remark from Beaverbrook regarding the greater man's shrunken fortunes. It might be trying in a certain sort of mean, transatlantic, political sense to deduce from such misfortune, Mr. Baldwin's lack of prevision as a political factor. Even so, and especially understanding the circumstances, I fail to see how such a cordial expression could be expected by him to pass muster with an English audience, and I cannot believe it did.

I am reminded of another man of Canadian birth, (a country man of Max Aiken, afterwards Lord Beaverbrook). These two were not at all alike. Everyone knows that Beaverbrook made his huge fortune by manipulating Portland cement, etc. This other man had dealt in iron and was the very personification of soft-hearted kindness and hard headed intelligence. Like a second Bismark, he might well be named the man of blood and iron. His word was law, his name was Law. He never bought nor sought any title to place or honor, no influence, no political friendship, preference or pressure could in the smallest measure divert him from his given word. He stood by Lloyd George through thick and thin and in the coalition, many a time against the wishes of his own party friends. But a nation

and a world were at stake, and Bonar Law knew it, and Canada may well feel proud of a son to whom came at last the crowning honour, the highest honour a grateful nation could confer—the mingling of his dust with the dust of England's great in Westminster Abbey. Stanley Baldwin reminds me of Bonar Law.

I am, Sir, etc. NIHIL NOMINE

Charity is a cruel word, the very utterance of which imposes limitations and puts a barrier in the path of growth and effort. —Samuel L. Rothapel.

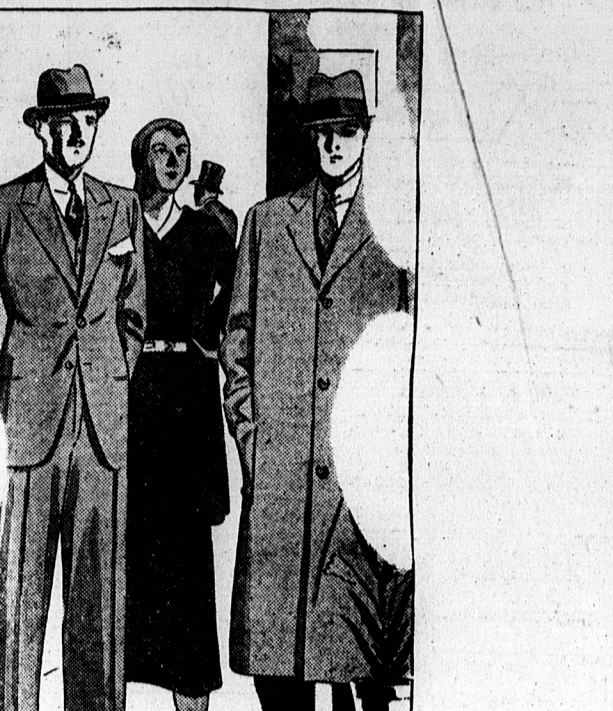
Capital is the seed corn of the next harvest.—Lord Incheape.

ATTENTION TRUSS WEARERS

To those of you who are unfortunate enough to have to wear a truss we ask the question. Are you satisfied with the one you are wearing? Does it fit comfortably or is it an antiquated and out of date style—outgrown its usefulness so to speak thus causing untold suffering when we can alleviate the cause by offering you a perfect fitting, modern and up-to-date one, from the large consignment of American Trusses just received. All sizes at prices to suit everybody. Come in and enquire or phone and have us send you some for fitting.

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"The Haberdashery"



Smart Easter Dress

We invite you to inspect our very impressive showing of the smartest haberdashery for Easter, also Fashion Craft Suits and Toppers.

Hats Come First

Every man needs a hat at Easter to brighten up. You'll find the very latest shades and newest styles here. Snap brims, high crown, roll leafs, Welt edges, etc. Brock and Biltmore makes. Just drop in, we'll fit you to perfection \$4. \$5. \$6.

Shirts, Gloves, Ties, Etc.

Arrow Shirts for Easter, Oh boy! What beautiful patterns with two crisply starched collars for each shirt. You'll want one or two when you see them, also dainty soft collar shirts.

GLOVES in white goatskin, white deerskin with hand stitched backs, natural and putty deerskin, suedes, capes, etc.

EASTER TIES in imported silks. Many hand-made. Ombre and striped satins, polka dots, paisleys, neat checks, etc. In all a wonderful array of Easter neckwear.

Fashion Craft Suits and Toppers

The Fashion Craft Suits have just arrived. Most models are form fitting collegiate style. Just the snap to them that the young men desire. Dark rich colors predominate this season, Blue stripes, brown stripes, black and white, etc. Priced \$25-\$30-\$32-\$35. Fashion Craft Toppers in Guard or Slip-on Models, beautifully tailored in Herringbones, Checks, etc. Priced \$20-\$22-\$25-\$29.50

YOU'LL FIND CHOOSING EASY HERE. HENDERSON & CUDMORE MEN'S WEAR.

The wicked are wicked, no doubt, and they go astray and they fall, and can tell the mischief which the very virtuous do?—William Makepeace Thackeray.

EASTER NOVELTIES WORTH SEEING SELECT YOURS EARLY E. A. FOSTER CENTRAL DRUGSTORE

EXTENSION OF TIME FEED THE BIRDS CONTEST The Guardian offers prizes of \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.00 to each of the three Counties to children Feeding, Counting, and Writing the Best Story about the Birds visiting their farms. This contest closes April 15. For further particulars read regularly "Agricola's" Notes in The Guardian. NOTE:—Time extended owing to unfavourable weather.

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