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RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES

In his excellent speech on the Address, a report of which was given in yesterday's Guardian, Hon. Dr. McMillan referred to the handicap imposed upon agriculture by the prevailing high freight rates. This is one of the great problems of today and until it is solved progress in agriculture will be seriously checked. The Financial Times of March 14, declares that the unsatisfactory agricultural condition in Canada today, and the cessation of immigration into Canada are both due in large measure to the high cost of transportation. The Times, in the course of the article says:—

"The Canadian Railway bill has increased 150 million dollars per annum in the last five years with no increase to the amount of business handled. The railway man still draws the peak of war time wage, the farmer indirectly pays his lion's share of this exorbitant wage and receives pre-war prices for his wares."

To adjust our system of farming to suit the changed conditions on the railway may be possible but a more effective way would be to adjust railway costs to our system of farming. It is quite possible to eliminate from our agricultural methods the shipment of bulky raw products and ship only the concentrated manufactured product but in any case a lowering of the cost of transportation is one of the vital needs of Canada today. Without this there appears to be little opportunity for the farmer. He is hit "going" and "coming". The railway gets as much, sometimes more out of his carload of produce than he himself gets. The high cost of the necessities he purchases is due to a certain extent to the cost of transportation.

How is it going to be remedied? This is a question for our statesmen, not for our politicians. It is admitted that the prosperity of Canada depends upon agriculture; that our hope of securing immigrants depends upon the attractiveness of our agriculture. It is known that agriculture has lost very much of its former attractiveness and that the cost of transportation has very much to do with this loss. Is the country to be sacrificed in order that the present extravagance on our railways may be continued?

FAR-REACHING ACT

"An Act for the protection of the children of unmarried parents," now before the legislature, is deserving of more than passing comment. It is not too much to say that the legislation it provides is a triumph, a belated triumph it is true, of Christianity and civilization. It is a measure of justice too long denied, another step in the emancipation of womanhood from a species of bondage existing for many thousands of years. It will be recalled that in the old Jewish days the "child of the bondwoman" stood without the pale of the father's protection and care and in no way entitled to the rights and the privileges enjoyed by the legitimate children of the home. This custom has practically continued to this day. The "child of unmarried parents" is, according to the Act referred to, the ward of his father and the latter is responsible for his maintenance, his education and the expenses incurred at his birth and until he attains the age of sixteen years. The Act makes all necessary provision to prevent evasion or concealment, all births being reported to a Provincial Guardian who is vested with authority presented in the regular manner to arrest and bring to trial the put-

ative father and to enforce such payments as the court may direct. The Act is a sweeping one and the Children's Aid Society through whose efforts it has been brought before the legislature, is entitled to the thanks of the whole community for one of the most important forward steps in our legislation. We have no doubt the Act will pass as its provisions are recognized by all right thinking people as a necessity of the age. It remains thereafter to see to it that the Act is fearlessly and impartially enforced.

A MENACE TO CANADA

Mr. MacKenzie King's proposed reduction of the duties on agricultural implements would endanger an industry in which Canada has invested 90 millions of dollars, would close down plants that employ tens of thousands of Canadians, would deprive Canadian farmers of a portion of their home market, and would compel further emigration to the United States. And this injury to Canadian capital, this direct invitation to unemployment, loss of home markets and increased emigration would be perpetrated while millions were being spent to bring more Europeans into the country. Can it be that sane business men like Mr. T. A. Low and Mr. J. A. Ross honestly believe in such a policy?—Ottawa Journal.

BALANCING THE BUDGET

Balancing the budget, when one understands the art, is one of the easiest undertakings known to political mathematicians. All that is required is either to take a certain amount from one side of the account and add it to the other, or to remove a sufficient amount from the debit side and transfer it to another account. The difference between the debit and credit side of the account is a "surplus" to be boasted about for future election purposes.

The federal budget is, we are informed by leading Liberals, expected to be duly balanced at the end of the fiscal year, March 31. Those however who object to this system, complain that \$50,000,000 of the government's indebtedness has been transferred to Railway account, the amount having been borrowed for the railway but still remaining a debt of the Dominion. The transfer will balance the budget, no doubt, but the debt of the country is not reduced.

This "balancing" of the budget is already being heralded throughout the country as an evidence of the "economical" administration of the King government!

We in this province have learned much during the past four years about "balancing the budget" and having a surplus at the end of each year. This period in our history is still referred to by some people as an "era of surpluses," and in moments of extreme exuberance as "the golden era." Yet there has existed throughout the "golden era" a strong suspicion that the budget was being "balanced" according to political rather than mathematical or financial rules and it is well known that no accounting of this "era of surpluses" has yet been made public. It is therefore a little premature to boast too loudly or to make disparaging comparisons with alleged extravagances by the Stewart government whose financial achievements also have not been made public. Sane criticism involves knowledge of the whole situation and this is not available until the accounts are presented in the regular manner before the legislature.

Notes By the Way

Protectionist Liberals have been making things lively for the King Government. Two of these Mr. Euler of North Waterloo and Mr. Raymond of Brantford, have in their speeches laid down an ultimatum to Premier King that if he carries out his ominous threat as to tariff reduction he will lose their support. Mr. Raymond went further according to the general interpretation of his words, and advised the Liberal party to depose Premier King, or falling this, for each member to look out for himself. Mr. Raymond is a prominent member of the Liberal party, although first elected in 1921. Mr. Euler has been longer in Parliament and both he and Mr. Raymond are men of marked ability.

"It is the Pilot I am going to blame," said Mr. Raymond, using a nautical figure of speech. I say that if the Government have on board a false, or a wrong pilot, if they are taking advice from a man who really does not know the coast they are on, they had better drop him or get rid of him and strike for the open water if they want to be safe." It has been a generation since a prominent party man has used such words as these toward his leader in Parliament, and they created no small sensation among the members.

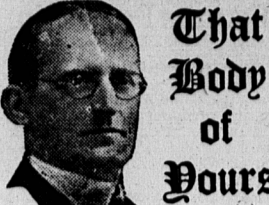
The existing critical situation arises from the complete surrender to the Progressives foreshadowed in the speech from the throne at the opening of the session and from Premier King's own speech. It is the more significant from the fact that only 21 Liberals were elected to the House of Commons in Ontario in 1921, while only last summer what remained of the Liberal party in that province was utterly routed at the general provincial election. Since then the bye-elections in Halifax and Kent have further diminished the Liberal strength in the House of Commons. And now on top of these losses comes the revolt of Liberal support in the House.

Junius wrote long ago: "The subject who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures." This motto the Toronto Globe, long the chief organ of the Liberal party has kept at the head of its leading editorial column for fifty years. We would like to ask, will the truly loyal subject advise or submit to corrupt measures? For, judged by any decent or accepted standard of public morality, the bargain between the King Government and the Progressive party is a corrupt bargain. In the first place those two parties were elected in opposition to each other. Mutual support of each other is by so much a violation of the compact with the people who elected them.

It is a corrupt bargain for political support because it is paid for with promises and payments of public moneys, tariff adjustments, and railway freight rates that are wholly sectional at the cost and to the disadvantage of the people of the Eastern half of the Dominion. It is corrupt beyond all precedent in Canadian parliamentary history. It is entirely different from a coalition of parties, or a union government in which ministers of two parties come together and assume mutual responsibilities. Here the Liberal Ministers alone are responsible to Parliament. No Progressive has even entered the forecastle of the ship, yet to them the Captain has surrendered its control and shapes its course at their bidding.

Such is the abject position in which the Premier and his colleagues have placed themselves. It is pitiable for Mr. King himself who has lost his ablest colleagues and is fast losing both the respect and the support of the party he was chosen to lead. It is humiliating for the Government who have surrendered their responsibilities for a price, to gain a brief extension of their term and the spoils of office. And it is most unfortunate for the Dominion that its fair fame should be smirched and its energies paralysed by having at its head a government that is so imbecile and so corrupt.

The time was when it was held to be important that the Government should have a mandate from the people to carry on. But where is or even has been the mandate of the King Government to rule Canada? It is but a brief space since the corrupt bargainers of today were shouting the word "mandate" and it was repeated with emphasis in Parliament, on a hundred platforms and in the editorial columns of their obsequious press. Today it is an unmentionable thing. Their lips are now forbidden to speak that once familiar word. It is blotted out of the Liberal dictionary; Saluted imbecility backed by a corrupt and infamous bargain has



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THOSE "S" CURVES

You have sometimes felt a pain down at the lower left side of your abdomen, just a little to the inner side of the point of the hip bone. You have said to yourself "If that pain were on the right side, I'd think I had appendicitis."

Because as a matter of fact it is almost exactly in the corresponding position to the appendix on the right side.

What is this pain? Simply gas pressure. Why does gas lodge there? Well, the large intestine is practically a reservoir for all the material that is of no further use to the body.

It has a long straight drop, from a point almost opposite the stomach on the left side of the body down to the hip bone.

It then curves inward, then straight downward, and then inward again. Thus an actual "S" curve is formed within the space of a few inches.

You can see then that with the tube a little smaller in (calibre) at this point anyway, and then an "S" curve in it, that any unusual accumulation of gas is going to cause distension and very often some pain, because of the difficulty of passing two sharp curves.

As a matter of fact there is an "S" curve on the right side also, where the small and the large intestine come together.

Gas likewise accumulates here and causes pain and distress. The only point here is that you might take it for appendicitis and worry about it.

On the other hand if you thought it were only gas, it might possibly be a suppurating appendix, and time would be lost.

What is my suggestion? If you have pain in the abdomen that seems to shift from place to place it means gas only.

If in the left lower side it is likely also gas. And to relieve the pain? Simply bend or rock the body from side to side, and the gas will be moved along.

If severe, the ordinary soap and water injection is effective. And if the pain is on the right side? Don't take a chance. See your doctor. If the pain passes away as you are on your way to see him so much the better.

Your Birthday

MARCH 20.—You are studious, have good brain-power, and are fond of travel. You will love with ardor, work with vigor, and play with a child-like abandon. What you have learned or seen you do not forget. You should remember that contentment is better than riches.

Your birth-stone is a bloodstone, which means presence of mind. Your flower is a violet. Your lucky color is white.

Lest We Forget

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 SIR WALTER RALEIGH English courtier, historian and poet, was released from imprisonment in the Tower of London, on March 20, 1616, after spending thirteen years there on the charge of conspiring to place Arabella Stuart upon the throne. He is popularly renowned for his gallantry in placing his cloak over a puddle to prevent Queen Elizabeth from soiling her shoes.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON Celebrated English mathematician and natural philosopher, and discoverer of the law of gravitation, died March 20, 1727. His interest in gravitation is said to have been occasioned by the fall of an apple. As master of the mint of England, he reformed British coinage.

CHARLES W. ELIOT American educator, who was for forty years president of Harvard College, was born at Boston, March 20, 1834. He has long been an earnest advocate of international peace.

LOUIS KOSSUTH Noted Hungarian patriot and orator, whose leadership of an insurrection in 1848-49 brought about the temporary independence of Hungary and his appointment as governor, died at Turin, Italy, March 20, 1894.

PIERRE RADISSON Pierre Radisson, the explorer, then only twenty-one years of age, was the hero of a queer episode on this day in 1658. He was one of fifty Frenchmen, living in an Iroquois village, Onondaga, and aware that they were marked out for torture and death. Radisson, who had previously been a prisoner of the Indians, knew that it was one of their religious principles never to refuse any food set before them. Trading on their gluttonous natures, the French invited the tribe to a great feast, at which they gorged them into helplessness. After hours of eating, when the Indians had been overcome with sleep, the Frenchmen barricaded the fort and slipped away in the darkness, in two wooden boats which they had secretly constructed a way to cling to office without a mandate.

Conservative Rally At Montreal Next Saturday Night

(Canadian Press) MONTREAL, March 18.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Arthur Sauve, Leader of the Quebec Opposition, Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Mr. Martin, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, will be among the guests at the dinner to be given Hon. I. Monty and Hon. A. Fauteux here Saturday night. Arthur Lalonde, Conservative organizer, stated tonight that a strong delegation of Conservatives is also coming from Quebec and Three Rivers and it is estimated that at least 1500 guests will be present at the dinner.

W. G. Y.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 790 Kilocycles (350 Meters) WGY (Schenectady, N. Y.) Eastern Standard Time 11:55 a. m.—Time signals. 12:30 p. m.—Stock market report.

12:40 p. m.—Produce market report. 12:45 p. m.—Weather report. 2:00 p. m.—Music and address. "Beauty and Comfort in Home Lighting," Society for Electrical Development.

6:00 p. m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins. 6:30 p. m.—Dinner music by Romano's Orchestra, New Kenmore Hotel, Albany, N. Y. 7:45 p. m.—Program by Baldock Double Quartet.

A Few Moments with New Books, W. Jacob Librarian of the General Electric Co. Selection, "Unfold, Ye Portals," from "The Redemption"

Gounod Baldock Double Quartet Sopranos: Mrs. Ida May Paul, Mrs. Ira Brownell; contraltos: Mrs. Theodore Gandy, Mrs. Ewart W. Edwards; tenors: Percy Santor, Ewart W. Edwards; bass: William Paul, William Hamby; Mrs. Frederick Baldock, directress.

Selection, "In Absence" Puck Baldock Male Quartet Soprano solo, "Just Because" Burleigh, Ida May Paul

Selection, "The Little Quaker" Baldock Ladies Quartet Address, "The Electric Hoist" S. H. Libby

Selection, "The Land Beyond the Setting Sun," from the cantata "King Arthur" Smeiton Baldock Double Quartet Piano solo, "Berceuse" Borodine Francis Quintan

Selection, "Goin' Home" Dvorak Baldock Male Quartet Soprano solo, "Se Seran Rose" Mrs. Ira Brownell

Selection, "Cradle Song" Vannah Baldock Ladies Quartet Selection, "Good Night, Beloved" Pansitt Baldock Double Quartet

It was a week before the Indians realized that the little wooden fort was empty, and by that time the Frenchmen were well on their way across Lake Ontario, towards Montreal, and safety.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

MARCH'S WOOING

No ruddy glow in his shallow cheek; No gold in his rough-blown hair; His voice is hoarse and his skies are bleak. And his rugged woods are bare.

And he saith: "O April-maid, come out; I'll greet you with gust and gale; My sighs shall blow your locks about My kisses are pelting hail."

"Come out, come out, O April-maid, To your lover wild and bold; I'll race over the frosty glade Till your cheeks are red with cold."

A pink and blooming face peeped up Above the crows' bed; She flung to him a buttercup And a wild-flower seamed with red.

Across the misty border-land With sunny eyes she smiled, And lo! her lover's voice was bland His mood surpassing mild! —Harriet Whitney Symonds.

Prince of Wales College Debate

The Prince of Wales Debating Society held its regular debate on Tuesday, March 11. The subject "Resolved that a diligent student will gain more information from reading than from observation" was thoroughly discussed. Each side presented many convincing arguments for and against the resolution. Excellent addresses were delivered by the leaders. They were ably supported by their assistants. The vote resulted in a victory for the "Pro" side. The critic, Mr. Lorne MacLean offered some good suggestions for the improvement of the debates. His statements were confirmed by the Honorary President who urged the members to put more time and energy into the preparation. He referred to the recent inter-collegiate debates in which former students of Prince of Wales debating society took an active part.

Pro:—Adelaide Chaisson, Maude Stewart, Evangeline Bell. Con:—Constance MacFarlane Isabel McEachern, Jessie MacLeod, Linda Currie. Critic:—Lorne MacLean.

N. S. Temperance Amendments Before Committee

(Canadian Press.) HALIFAX, N. S., March 18.—Dr. H. R. Grant heading a large delegation from the Social Service Association, appeared before a committee on law amendments from the provincial legislature meeting in the legislative assembly this morning.

They presented twenty four suggested amendments to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. Attorney General O'Hearn who presided took occasion to summon the Sergeant at Arms when ex-Alderman Buckley rather persistently interrupted Dr. Grant.

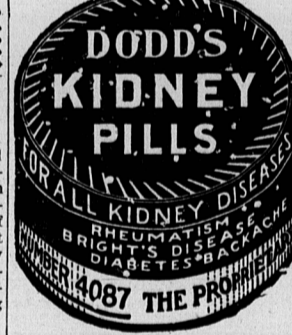
J. M. Weeks, proprietor of the Citizen a Halifax Labor Paper, declared he spoke on behalf of prohibition is a failure.

Phantom Ship Haunts Seas: NEW YORK, March 18.—Liquor

Mariners, who were formerly fishermen, tell a story of a phantom grey cruiser which has haunted the waters of Long Island during the past three weeks pouncing upon the defenceless rum traffickers, as they were bound to rum row with cash for new consignments of liquor.

So effective has been the operations of this nemesis, their yarn went, that a check has been put on rum-running in that sector. Armed with two machine guns, according to the story, the pirate cruiser swoops down upon the rum-runners empty, their tiller and pockets of cash and then makes out to sea.

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Friday and Saturday

MARCH 21 AND 22

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