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A FARMER'S SPEECH

The attitude of the Conservative representatives on this Province on the Bennett Government's Marketing Bill was forcefully expressed in Parliament last week by Mr. J. H. Myers, M.P. for Queens, whose address, as reported in Hansard, appears in today's Guardian. Mr. Myers scored the attempt which obviously being made by Mr. Mackenzie King and his followers to play politics with this important matter, and showed how the Bill is calculated to benefit Prince Edward Island farm producers in the marketing of their crops and livestock products.

One point made by Mr. Myers is of special interest to our farmers. This was with regard to subsection (e) of the Act, providing for assistance to be given by grant or loan for the construction or operation of facilities for preserving, storing, or conditioning the regulated product and to assist research work relating to the marketing of such product.

It will be recalled that the Agriculture Committee of the local Legislature, after holding an inquiry into the circumstances of seed potato marketing last season, recommended that the dealers should agree on a Marketing Board or on marketing through one salesman, and also that there was urgent need of providing additional frost-proof storage facilities at railway stations and other shipping points.

Mr. Myers stressed the same point in discussing the Marketing Bill in Parliament. He instanced the fact that in Prince Edward Island there is only a very short period in the fall of the year, before the frost sets in, during which the major portion of the potato crop can be marketed, and storage warehouses have become a necessity to the industry under these conditions. He also stressed the advantage to our farmers if storehouses could be established for the proper curing of these, which at present goes almost directly from the factory to the trade.

The more the Marketing Bill is studied, the more apparent it becomes that our local Liberal members were justified in approving of the enabling legislation passed in the Legislature. They evidently felt that this legislation was altogether too important to be made a target for political sniping, simply because it was introduced by a Conservative Government. Had their colleagues in Parliament taken the same course, there would have been less reason for the Ottawa Citizen complaining about the sorry figure its party stalwarts are now cutting in Opposition.

ANOTHER COLD CRACK

The Ottawa Citizen is evidently not the only Liberal paper which is disgusted with Mackenzie King's Jekyll-and-Hyde tactics in Parliament. The Montreal Witness, in its issue of April 26, complains bitterly about "Mr. King and his shilly-shally negative policy." "What else," asks the Witness, "could that policy be but negative in a party that harbors at one and the same time progressives like Mr. Mackenzie King and Col. Ralston, and the rabid nationalists and exclusionists from Quebec, so sadly miscalled Liberals? Genuine liberalism of the sort that created the free democracies of Europe and North America can hardly be looked for from such a motley group." It seems to be the Quebec element—the big interests behind the Taschereau Government—that is dictating Mr. King's antics today.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Winter, after lingering unduly in the lap of Spring, seems now definitely to have taken its departure, and the usual Spring clean-up activities are in evidence. Many citizens are getting their lawns and flower beds in readiness for the season. Others are improving their buildings and a good deal of outside painting will be done before the hot weather sets in. Every effort at beautification of residential properties is to be commended, and should receive every encouragement. Unfortunately some of our citizens, who take particular pride in their flower beds and gardens, have already been subject to annoyance and expense by depredations caused by thoughtless boys. Smashing of green-house windows, and other such acts of vandalism, are complained of. There is absolutely no excuse for misconduct of this kind. The police will doubtless make every effort to enforce the law in this respect, but there should also be cooperation on the part of parents and all interested in seeing that

children are instructed in the first principle of citizenship, which is respect for the rights and property of others.

Summer visitors to Charlottetown in late years have commented upon the splendid appearance of our streets and residential sections. This year an additional effort should be made, not only in the city but throughout the Province, to attract such favourable attention. As announced recently, the French liner Champlain, carrying some 800 distinguished European visitors to attend the Carlier anniversary celebration at Gaspé, is expected to call here en route. This visitation, in recognition of the landing of Carlier on these shores, will be of international interest, and preparations for it should begin with a vigorous Spring clean-up campaign.

BUILDING UPTREND

The total value of contracts awarded throughout the Dominion of Canada for the month of April, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Limited, amounted to \$11,469,200. This is an increase of 52.6 per cent over the March total of \$7,517,500 and 33.2 per cent more than the April 1933 total of \$8,698,700. Total construction for the first four months of this year amounts to \$31,324,700, as compared with \$18,312,000 for the corresponding period of last year or an increase of 71.1 per cent.

Ontario accounted for 44.7 per cent of the April total or \$5,096,800. This compares favorably with the March total of \$4,853,500. Quebec came next with 40.7 per cent or \$4,644,400, registering a big increase over the March total of \$1,767,800. The Western Provinces contributed \$1,437,700 and the Maritime Provinces, \$290,300.

The amount of work contemplated is steadily increasing each month and the total for the year to date totals \$104,561,100, as compared with \$49,206,800 for the first four months of 1933. The outlook for the immediate future is promising and there are evidences that the construction industry is following the upward trend being registered in other lines of business.

MOTOR LEAGUE

The five years which have elapsed since the reorganization of the Prince Edward Island Motor League have been years of great advance in the automotive industry, and in the use of motor vehicles by all sections of our people in this Province. The League has done much for the convenience and service of its members, and has carried on successfully despite the economic depression of recent years. The annual meeting of this organization which was to have taken place this evening, has been postponed until Thursday night on account of the arrangements made for the formal opening tonight of the east wing of Falconwood Hospital. The attention of our motorists is directed to the change in date. It is hoped that on Thursday night a large and representative attendance will be present to hear and discuss the League's activities for the past year, and the plans which have been made for the immediate future.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In announcing his intention to split the Liberal Opposition in Parliament by voting for the Marketing Bill, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, ex-Minister of Agriculture in the Mackenzie King Government, made a profoundly significant statement. He said that in supporting the bill he "was not thinking of the Government or even of Parliament but of the farmers and producers throughout Canada who asked for this legislation."

Production of 14,180 cars in Canada during March was the best output reported for any month since April 1931, when 17,158 cars were made. The March figures showed a gain of 65 per cent over the 8,571 cars of February and 114 per cent over the 6,632 cars reported for March 1933. The improvement over the previous month was largely in passenger cars, which model rose to 12,273 from 7,101, but trucks also advanced to 1,908 from 1,470.

"It is unfortunate," says the Sydney Post-Record, "that under the operation of the party system in Canada the Opposition of the day always feels obliged to resist any measures put forth by the Government of the day. The Opposition's resistance to the Farm Marketing Bill at Ottawa is prompted almost entirely by this conception of partyism. There is no doubt that the Bill has been received by

Notes By The Way

Men and women today do not inherit hatreds as savages did, or as cats and dogs do now. They have learned to think. They have learned to reason. Yet they still forget thought and reason now and then and make themselves unhappy by reviving old dislikes and old suspicions. Try to think clearly and without bias. Give others the right to their opinions, as you expect them to give you the right to yours. Exchange.

"The British people want Fascism," exclaims Sir Oswald Mosley. Well, if they do they must have changed a lot since the last British election, when nearly all the Mosley candidates lost their deposits. Moreover, with the British people there is a lot more and better than the people who have Fascism, Sir Oswald's claim seems particularly hollow.

A friend visited the great Dr. Johnson and discovered him reading some apples and reading the history of Birmingham. This looked very unusual to the visitor and he asked the unique doctor if he did not find it rather dull to do such a thing. "Yes," replied the Doctor, "it is dull." Then, glancing at the apples, the friend said that he supposed they were there for medicine. "Why, no," said the Sage, "I believe they are only there because I wanted something to do!"

During the excavation of the ruins of an ancient church at the village of Sadovets near Plennva, a beautiful necklace was found. The necklace is composed of crystals and emeralds. The coins are Byzantine and date from about 500 A. D., having on their face a cross.

It is amazing what can be accomplished with little time. An hour of daily reading will make a well-informed human being out of very short time, provided the right things are read. In a year's time such reading today can make a better informed man than the best learned of a hundred years ago.

There is only one recipe for curing the depression—more employment and higher wages. Those who have not learned that in the last four years can learn nothing. It is not in our modern world simply "his own affair" if a man cannot find work or has to work at starvation wages. This is also the "affair" of every one who produces things to sell or offers things for sale. The business system without buying power is like a locomotive without steam. The machine is all right; but it won't move. Buying power, in the hands of people who need or want to buy things, is the prime mover of production and trade.—Ex.

It is stated in "The P. I. A. Monthly" for April that the oldest firm of bell-founders in London are the successors to Robert Mot's Whitechapel foundry which was begun in 1870. When Big Ben left the foundry in 1858 after being re-cast, it was drawn by a team of sixteen horses, but an unfortunate blow cracked the bell and it remains so today.

The whole Canadian Press should say the Mail and Empire (Cons.) mobilize its forces in support of the Anglo-Canadian trade treaty. The British market constitutes the finest opportunity on an ever-growing scale. It is surely up to every newspaper in the Dominion to preach this gospel continuously.

When the great Scott and his golden baritone left the Metropolitan Opera a year ago, he vowed publicly that never again would he be able to report that he is holding himself to his promise. He is sorely tempted, he confesses, and it is interesting to learn when temptation strikes him hardest. It is not when he attends concerts or the opera but when he hears of them in his old roles and arias. It is not when in company and others lend their voices and high spirits to song. He admits the temptation then is strong enough. But the hour of greatest trial comes when he is alone. It is when he is in the bathtub, he cheers up mightily to know that all of us have ones, the best no less than the worst, or tenors or basses, as the case may be—a bathroom singers under the skin.—Ex.

Times of India.—In opening a column for the benefit of the unemployed, the Government of the United Provinces are embarking upon a bold experiment which will be watched with interest throughout India. The problem of unemployment among University graduates and other educated classes has become acute in recent years, owing to the lack of profitable employment having thus contracted, those who leave school and college are frequently compelled to lead a life of sloth, with harmful consequences to themselves and the community. Bengal provides a striking example of the evils of enforced idleness. In the majority of cases education has not equipped youths with knowledge or ability that can be put to practical use. In the circumstances the organization of a centre at Faizabad for practical training in agriculture, with a view to absorbing the educated unemployed of the United Provinces, is heartily to be commended.

People are useful only as they have something to do. Talent breeds all sorts of trouble. The bitterest complainers in the world are those who do little or nothing, spending their time bewailing their fate and finding fault with the just work of others. The farming communities of Canada with keen approval and that it has the support of an overwhelming body of public opinion in the country at large.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

POISE OR CALMNESS PREVENTS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

When you read that "heart failure is the most likely thing to happen in a patient with high blood pressure," naturally you think that if your blood pressure is high you are almost sure to develop heart disease.

A heart that has to pump blood through hard bloodvessels (the elastic tissue of the vessel walls having been replaced by hard tissue) has a harder job than one that pumps blood through bloodvessels whose elastic tissues stretch widely open.

Sooner or later a heart that has this extra work to do becomes exhausted and finally fails. However, if high blood pressure is discovered in time and the individual learns just how to live, the heart may continue to do its work for many years.

Dr. Lee Rice in Southern Medical Journal, presents a study of 327 patients observed for 5 to 10 years. The average age of the group is 61; only 30 have died.

This would show that high blood pressure is not a serious disease if each patient can be given individual care and if the patient will do all in his power to help himself by following his physician's directions exactly.

The beginnings of all high blood pressure must be due to a spasm or partial closure of the bloodvessels. This spasm may be due to the sudden roundings of the individual, to poisons from any infectious in the body—foods, tonics, gall bladder, indigestion, foods or liquors, or to worries, anxieties, fears, or other emotional strains.

During the first 5 to 10 years of these disturbances—surroundings, poisons, emotional upsets—the high blood pressure may be "temporary" and small injuries to the blood vessels may, and do, disappear; but finally repeated stresses, infections, changes in the nervous system, the years pass, produce widespread changes in the blood vessels and the high blood pressure becomes permanent.

Temporary high blood pressure is a symptom of a tense and intense nervous system. These symptoms produce the dizziness, palpitations, the heart, sleeplessness and indigestion which occur with permanent high blood pressure.

The lesson then is to try to rid the system of any infection and to acquire a poise that will prevent spasm of the blood vessels.

Nova Scotia's New Taxes

(Moncton Times) The people of Nova Scotia voted for a new government in the expectation of reduced taxation and better conditions in every way. What they have got is the disemployment of hundreds of government employees, including widowed charwomen, nurses—some of them with more records and girls stenographers. More money than in the past is to be collected from banks, trust and loan companies, finance companies, telephone companies. New levies are imposed on chain stores, gasoline stations, telegraph companies, corporations, capitated at less than \$25,000. With minor exceptions five cents is to be charged on every telegram passing from one point to another within the province. Banks are to pay a flat rate on head offices and branches, plus one-tenth of one per cent of the volume of business they do within the province up to \$15,000,000, and one-eighth of one per cent on business over that figure.

A Poet's View

(John Drinkwater in The London Morning Post) The scope for reform in this country is immense, but we shall not achieve it by changing our hats or our shirts. It is the middle-aged generation of today is hanging in a legacy of deep perplexity to its inheritors, it is true, also, that it was this middle-aged generation that suffered the burden of death and material ruin in the war.

It is just, it must be said that most of our young men and women are far from winning. But among the intelligentsia of youth confusion is popular. Much of the new fiction and poetry whines dreadfully, chiefly about the psychological condition of its authors.

It is true that sincerity, it is, in fact, invertebrate and temper. It is acutely and very threesomely symptomatic of the aimless desire for change produced by a period of national unrest. With the recovery of stability it will pass.

And still, it will be recovered. Even when, as the present is in caprice or experiment. In its fear of novelty it is sometimes dull and prudish. But it possesses in a remarkable degree the constructive power that is founded on a living respect for tradition. When, as the present is in caprice or experiment, it is affecting the habit of his life, the Englishman is but little disturbed in his national instincts and affection.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

CAR FERRY RATES

Sir.—In my letter, published in your column on April 27 respecting excessive car ferry rates on automobiles, I inadvertently misstated the amount per mile which each automobile passenger paid, in addition to the auto toll. The amount works out at 6 1-2 cents per mile, as against 3 cents per mile on the main—well, an exorbitant charge, it view of the additional auto rate of \$7.00 return.

I am, Sir, etc., JAMES E. BIRCH.

DEGENERATE POLITICS

Sir.—In my last letter I exposed the fact of so-called Liberalism, in opposition, in frenzied and exaggerated attacks, denouncing the Conservatives in power as "high taxation," "debt increasing and extravagant," "administrators when elected to power they have never failed—whether Federal or Provincial—to ignore every promise and to tax without mercy, expend without regard to the financial plight of taxpayers, and to borrow and pile up debts the prodigally of drunken sailors. So much so that unbearable taxation is the never failing copyright of Liberal government.

As trimmers, setting sails to catch every political breeze, they enjoy unenvied monopoly. Let honor and truth or consistency go hang so long as they catch a vote. If we read another chapter in history. It will be familiar to our elder people.

What called for that immortal declaration of Sir John McDonald,—"A British subject I will die for, but not a subject of a British subject." It was the logical answer of a British patriot to an unpatriotic Liberal challenge. "Commercial Union" with the United States was the new Liberal Policy. It was openly hinted across the line as a precursor of political union. Erasmus Wilman (afterwards in financial disgrace), employed by noted interests in the United States and sponsored by the Liberal party in Canada, addressed meetings in Charlottetown and leading campaign centres in the Dominion, the mouthpiece of President Taft, American trusts and Canada Liberals.

Annexation was in the air. The lure of the American prosperity was dreamed of as a sure vote trap. Anti-Imperialism was the trump card of the Liberal Party. Boasting they declared that "if their policy impaired British connection so much the worse for British Connection." It was the birth of the Nationalist party in Quebec which in a later election, after Sir John McDonald's death, contributed to defeat the Tupper Government, and still later, when betrayed by the Liberal Government, contributed to defeat the betrayors.

"Flag-waving" was the comeback excuse of Liberals for their defeat. "Flag-waving" has since been held up by the press of that party as the horror of an Inferno election. It has haunted them with the superstitious fears of a fiery spectre. Worse than flaunting the red flag in the face of the bull, it still drives them to the panic of terror.

But what injury could they expect from Old England's Flag, or from the emblem of Canadian national pride? It could only injure them when repelling assault. If it were not menaced by them and their party policies it would be as innocuous as cold cream. But because it was threatened with extinction in Canada, in danger of being dipped to the stars and stripes, that British Connection, triumphed and the MacDonald Government was returned by a patriotic people.

Those lessons have made their impress upon that party. With turn-of-mind they are trimming sails to the stars and stripes. No more assaults upon Empire unity that trick has failed and they are up a tree. Mackenzie King is developing or pretending to develop into a Simon-pure Imperialist. He and his party are commencing to worship the Constitution, and swearing before its altar with all the vigor of a Quixote, unsheathing his sword in its defense.

Imagine these imitators of today, like the daw in borrowed feathers, preaching constitutionalism as against those who have for decades defended British unity. Against assaults of his party! And all in the vain hope that this new purloined dress will usher them into the coveted seats of office.

In defense of their shadow constitution they would demand the Marketing Bill, refuse to lift embargoes from the agricultural and industrial interests of the country, and paralyze every rational effort to wipe away depression. To accomplish this they mutilate the utterances of public men, and adapt conditional statements to bring disrepute upon completed fact. Donald McKinnon, K. C., has been quoted as declaring the Bill ultra vires. What has he declared to be so? I know Mr. McKinnon too well to believe he would off-hand, and without study commit himself to a law opinion contrary to the ablest constitutional lawyer that the Federal Government has applied. What has the Province and the Dominion have rights under the British North America Act we can readily understand an Act of the Province of the Dominion separately either legislating to the detriment of the rights of the other, being unconstitutional, but when both adopt concurrent legislation, co-operating with each other, I would want a legal talent greater than that of Mackenzie King or the Patriot to convince me that the Government law experts do not know what they are doing.

But "red herring," vote buying, political trimming and shadow chasing is the incurable chronic disease of present day degenerate Liberalism.

I am, Sir, etc., POLITICAL STUDENT



THE MAKING OF THE OLD ROADS

One day through a primeval wood A calf walked home as good calves should. And left a trail all bent askew, A crooked trail, as all calves do. Since then some hundred years have fled.

And I enter the calf is dead, But still he left behind his trail. And thereby hangs my moral tale. The trail was taken up next day By a lone dog that passed that way; And then a wise bell wether sheep Pursued the trail o'er dale and glade.

And led his flock behind him, too, As good bell wethers always do. And from that day o'er hill and glade Through those old woods a path was made.

And many men went in and out, And bent and turned and crooked about. And uttered words of righteous wrath. But still they followed—do not laugh— The first migrations of that calf. Who through this winding wood-way stalked Because he wobbled as he walked.

—Mr. J. Laurie Symington, in the Scotsman.

Passing The Buck

(Border Cities Star) Premier Pattullo and his brain trust directorate in British Columbia have hit upon a nice scheme to get rid of one of the debts of the Pacific Province. Quite blithely they suggest that the Canadian National Railway take over the Pacific Great Eastern, the railway that runs through the province and has at times been described as starting from nowhere and going to nowhere.

That's one of the first ideas of the brain trusters and, no doubt, it sounds pretty good from a British Columbia point of view. If the province can get the Dominion to take over a line that piles up deficits, it will pass the buck very nicely from the shoulders of the British Columbia taxpayers onto the shoulders of the taxpayers from Halifax to Vancouver. Premier Pattullo ought to win himself a sound round of applause for that thought.

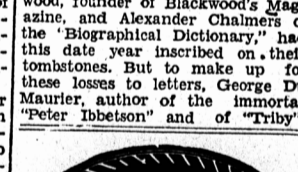
But, how will the people in the rest of Canada take the suggestion? They will think the Canadian National has troubles enough of its own without adding the P. G. E. to its pack. However, Mr. Pattullo has to get assistance from the federal Government anyway, and he cannot be blamed for trying to pass his tax-crushing railway onto the rest of us.

Just 100 Years Ago

(Minneapolis Journal) The new year of 1834 was well under way. It was just 100 years ago. It was a year destined to fill a fairly important place in English history. The little girl who was to become Queen Victoria in 1837 and Empress of India in 1877 was then 15 years of age. On the new railroads trains were beginning to tear across the countryside, filling the peaceful farmers with astonishment and dismay. Then occurred the deaths of Charles Lamb and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Malthus, whose name still looms large in the annals of political economy because of his "Essay on Population"; Edward Irving, great inspirational preacher; William Blackwood, founder of Blackwood's Magazine; and Alexander Chalmers of the "Biographical Dictionary," had this date year inscribed on their tombstones. But to make up for these losses to letters, George Du Maurier, author of the immortal "Peter Ibbetson" and of "Trilby"

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