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THE COMING CONTEST

The coming contest, as aptly stated by the Conservative leader, Mr. J. D. Stewart, K. C., at the convention on Tuesday, is not more a contest between Liberals and Conservatives, "it is," he declared, "a struggle against infidelity and violation of promises, against all that is bad and rotten in public administration."

for work much of which would have been better left undone. Some miles of good road undoubtedly have resulted but the opinion of many men competent to judge is that all the improvement effected on the roads could have been done more effectively and more economically without taking advantage of the 40 per cent grant. In other words the Bell government, in order to take advantage of the grant which they had denounced when in Opposition, spent more money and to less purpose than they had never received the grant. Is it any wonder that the leader of the Opposition declared to the assembled electors at Tuesday's convention, that he would a thousand times rather go back to his seat in Opposition and stay there than be obliged four years hence to face the people with such a record as the Bell government has today? Mr. Stewart is not making many promises. He has already made two and they are important ones, namely, the abolition of the poll tax and a reduction in the sessional indemnity. That these promises and any others he may make will be scrupulously carried out every one believes who knows him. He will not, four years hence, face the people with broken promises nor will the people meet him with accusations of deception.

THE PATRIOT COMPLAINS

They came into power on the distinct promise that they would reduce taxation; that they would dismiss officials of whom they declared there were too many under the previous administration. Notwithstanding the fact that these promises were heard on every platform in the province during the campaign, notwithstanding the fact that thousands of electors throughout the province heard them, they still declare that they never made these promises. To frame up an excuse for increasing the taxes which they had promised to reduce, they prepared a financial statement showing a difference of \$253,000 between revenue and expenditure at September 9th, 1919, and called it a deficit which they have since paraded before the public as a charge against their predecessors. Had a balance been drawn up between revenue and expenditure on September 9, 1922, the last year of Liberal rule, when as in 1919 the supplies for the year had been paid for and only a fraction of the taxes collected, the difference would have been just as great as was the alleged deficit in 1919. Sensible people know this but the pages of the Patriot have fairly screamed with repeated reiteration of this alleged deficit, in the belief that by keeping it up some at least would believe it. Ever since the Bell government came into power, practically every move they made has been blatantly excused in the pages of the Patriot and as blatantly extolled at sessions of the legislature by obsequious Liberal orators. Witness the alleged yearly surplus and the fact that they have increased the debt of the province by over \$300,000; witness the fact that according to their own Public Accounts the interest on outstanding bills was \$10,000 more than the interest paid in 1918; witness the holding over of bills payable until after the close of the financial year, in order to show a "surplus."

Yesterday's Patriot voices two tearful complaints. The first is with reference to the Bell government's refusal to pay its proportion of the street improvement assessment now three years overdue. It admits that the Bell government had passed the act which made it compulsory for the government to pay its proportion of the cost of improving the streets adjoining government property but just how this can in anyway excuse the government for its three years' refusal to pay the assessment is beyond us. The second complaint is that Mr. Stewart had not announced his intention of abolishing the poll tax before the session closed. Just why Mr. Stewart should publish his platform at that time the Patriot does not attempt to explain. Doubtless had he done so the Bell government would have made corresponding promises but this would not have helped the Bell government as its arrears in broken promises have already bankrupted it. The people would not have believed it no matter what it might promise. So after all the Patriot has really nothing to complain of in this. In its haste and anxiety the Patriot makes grave mistakes in its historical allusions. It says that the era of deficits and debts was inaugurated through the economies practised by the Sullivan government. If the Patriot will refer to its political history and go a little farther back it will find that the Peter's Liberal government, during its regime from 1890 to 1910 ran up a continuous series of yearly deficits amounting in all to \$765,000. But this is ancient history.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The present summer will be a busy one socially. The ball will be appropriately opened by 300 newspaper men and women this month; this will be followed by the visit of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Byng of Vimy in August, the Welsh Glee Singers in September and the overthrow of the Bell government whenever the opportunity occurs. There will be other minor events such as the visit of warships, the annual Scottish gathering

Notes by the Way

The evening organ of the government recently began a series of articles on its editorial page entitled, "Why I shall vote Liberal or something like that. These contained a repetition of the platitudes, mis-statements, egotistical self-laudations and fulsome praises of Messrs Bell, Crosby and Lea that had been twice repeated with nauseating effect during the recent session of the Legislature. The series ran for some days and then petered out. The series was so weak, unconvincing and ineffectual that even the writer of them seemed to become conscious of the fact and abandoned his task, or the editor in chief, or some one in supervision had called a halt.

The fact was that every one of the "Why's" if taken notice of by anybody, suggested an obvious and crushing answer and would be more likely to induce an intrepid reader not to vote Liberal than to persuade him to do so. Every question of "Why I should" naturally provoked a "Why I should not" that was conclusive in favor of the Opposition. Thus the writer of the "Why's" was on dangerous ground and was doing injury rather than benefit to the party he wished to support. There are a score of easy and convincing reasons why all honest and intelligent electors should refuse to vote Liberal. Electors of this class desire to place men in power whom they can trust and they well know that they cannot trust the Bell government. It is notorious for its broken promises and breach of faith.

Intelligent electors want capable men at the head of public affairs, and the record of the past four years has proved the men in power to be utterly incapable. And not only incapable, but negligent. How they have neglected public health, deprived the poor consumptives of care and cure, the neglected fishermen and also the farmers in the matter of fertilisers. Four fifths of the roads to farmers' doors have been neglected, that the incapables may be able to have some improved roads that they can boast about as good for racing cars of visiting tourists who are regardless of the speed laws. And at what cost per mile and what debt and interest charges these roads were improved! For their incapability and neglect intelligent electors should vote against them!

Intelligent electors do not want men in power who spend half the legislative session in long interminable speeches beslobbering the government and themselves with fulsome praise. The most notorious example of this sort of thing in any legislature past or present in any part of the world is that of the Bell government and its supporters. It was unknown under Sir Wilfrid Sullivan's regime or those of the Conservative or Liberal premiers who succeeded him until the Bell government came in. Since then it has become an intolerable and sickening nuisance that can only be abated by turning them out of office. For such silly and misguided loquacity which has rendered the Legislature and the Province ridiculous in the eyes of the world they should be defeated at the polls. There is no hope of cure by any less drastic remedy.

Almost from the beginning the Bell government has been a house divided against itself, and for that reason they should be defeated. Only so long as its members were conspiring together to break all their pre-election promises, falsify their professions, double the taxes and increase their own pay 150 per cent could they at all agree. Since then their quarrels have been frequent and notorious and the internal feud still goes on. They have verified to the full the old maxim that conspirators in wrong-doing inevitably fall out. It was a selfish and a cruel conspiracy and it has cost the Province dear. Never before had Prince Edward Island such a Government of Taxers and Spendthrifts, or a government which so fattened itself at the cost of a despoiled people!

And now, under compulsion, they have called on a general election and appointed the day for their own political funeral. It should be a happy day, a day of liberation from misrule for Prince Edward Island. Thousands of honest, patriotic, God-fearing men and women will then have the power to make it so. Think of it! A day to ring out the "Self-Seekers," the Promise Breakers, the Spendthrifts and the Wasters, and to ring in men whom we can trust and honor, who will restore the faith of an honest, faith-keeping people as their chosen rulers. Surely it will

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion of issues of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by its correspondents.

Suction Dredge

Sir—In a recent issue of your valuable paper, I noticed a report that the suction dredge, that has recently been undergoing repairs, had collided with the Hillsboro Bridge, while endeavouring to proceed up to Mount Stewart. As a matter of public interest, it would be of value to know just how the tide was running at the time of collision, if ebb or flood. If the tide was flowing, would the person responsible for sending the dredge up at such time, kindly oblige by explaining just what new form of modern seamanship this is.

I am Sir, etc., BLOWHARD.

A Stitch in Time

Sir—Just a word of friendly advice to candidates; for goodness sake don't let them send any moonshine or booze around as I do not want it where my little boys are, for it is no good, only the devil's curse, and it sets the men voters crazy and they don't know what they are doing so if candidates want to give them the present give them a shirt, or a pair of pantaloons, or a few figs of twist something that will not make them send booze.

I am, Sir etc.

FARMER'S WIFE.

One that will vote for a good government.

FRANCE FORGING AHEAD IN WORLD-WIDE RADIO

LONDON, June 13.—The British authorities have been criticized of late for their failure to promote radio communication on a world scale, and with permitting France, Germany and the United States to occupy this field to the exclusion of England.

It is pointed out that France is planning a great station at Pondicherry, India, and that in July she will open a high power station at Buenos Aires. Later in the year two other stations will be ready in South America. These will be in direct communication with the French station at Saint Assise, with Nauen in Germany, and with Long Island, New York.

From Saint Assise France by radio will reach India, China and Japan on the east, and North and South America on the west.

RADIO INSTALLED ON VESSEL SHOVING OFF FOR THE POLE

WISCASSET, Me., June 12.—WNP is officially on the air. This is the call assigned to the radio station on Captain Donald B. MacMillan's little schooner, the Bowdoin, which is now scheduled to leave here June 23 for the polar regions.

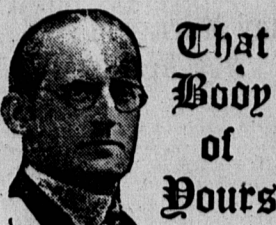
Thousands of radio fans who read the International Morse code have been hearing this call for several weeks without knowing its source. At first WNP, or Wireless North Pole, was heard transmitting from Chicago, where the preliminary tests were made, and recently from Southport Me., where the complete transmitting set was installed.

The radio equipment is now in shape and every detail gone over carefully because mistakes made cannot easily be remedied later. The transmitter, designed expressly for Arctic work by M. B. West of the Chicago Radio Laboratory, has been thoroughly tested through the co-operation of amateur members of the American Radio Relay League, the organization furnishing a skilled operator for the expedition.

As the vessel is the smallest ever used for polar exploration, space is an important factor and one of the forward bunks was displaced to make room for the apparatus. Ample provision has been made whereby members of the crew will each be supplied with headphones and, if short wave messages fail to penetrate the aurora, a long wave receiving set can be brought into use.

Such emergencies as are likely to occur have been foreseen and spare parts and accessories are provided in watertight boxes. Special attention was given to the Batteries of which 10,000 were made up and carefully seasoned. From this number, 1,000 of the best were picked. Although these will last eighteen months, parts and chemicals are supplied for enough batteries to last two years more.

As far as radio is concerned, the Bowdoin is ready to shove off.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

DID YOU EAT TOO MUCH?

During the war there was not only less food eaten, but the garbage collectors reported a great diminution in amount of food thrown out. Many people actually felt better and decided that war or no war they were going to cut down on the amount of food eaten, for the rest of their lives.

Now what is the advice the garbage man gives you? Run your motor with as lean a mixture as possible without causing the motor to buck.

Similarly you should run that body of yours on the smallest amount of food necessary for the wants of the system.

Don't misunderstand me. We all like to eat. If we don't we're not well. If food doesn't look good to you and you have no appetite then get busy and create one. It is one of the joys of life to sit down and enjoy your food.

But you see that body of yours was built to do a lot of work. There are huge muscles on you, huge organs inside also, capable of much work.

You sit at the desk or stand at the bench and use only a fraction of the working part of your body. However, food is made so attractive these days that you sit down and eat enough food on one meal to do you really the whole day.

That body of yours does its best for you. It takes it all in, makes intestine, because it isn't needed. In many cases it simply stores it up as fat, and you find yourself sluggish and heavy. So if you find yourself getting heavy, or you feel sleepy during the day time, just try eating a little less food during the day.

Of course if you are outdoors, working or playing you are going to need plenty of food because it will not only be needed to maintain animal heat, but also to repair the tissues you wear out when you work or play.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection.

THE HOUSE OF LIFE

To what old friend or foe Do I this hostel owe? This prison house no presence Part bestial, part divine; This house wherein oft shine The lamps of dream, the taper-glow Of thoughts; where ghosts glide to and fro— Old ghosts of hate and love, that sunder The silence with their breathings low; And, pale with wonder, Hope and Despair, with footsteps swift or slow, Pace in the darkness, its chief chamber under And come and go Around the living clock that beats below.

I fancy He who willed it, And out of silence drew This house of joy and rue, And with the darkness filled it Thought, in His Heart's high essence. The wisest thing to do, For me as well as you, Was, in the walls He builded, To hide somewhere the clue That leads us to His presence Above the starry blue. —Madison Cawein

MUMMIES OF SONG

PARIS June 12.—Buried in the Paris Opera, hundreds of "mummies of song" will come to life again in about a century. They are phonograph records of the most noted singers who have been heard in the building above, places in the cavernous vaults by President Fallieres in 1907. Others were added to the collection five years later. The object was to preserve those golden and silver notes for future generations.

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S. A. McDONALD 145 Great Geo. Street. PARDON WOULD ONLY SEND THIS CONVICT TO GALLOWES. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 13.—James Shrumm, 50 years old, is one of more than 2,000 convicts at the state penitentiary here who has no desire to be paroled. Not that Shrumm would not like his freedom, but the haggard old man who was sent up for life would merely face the hangman's noose if pardoned for he had been sentenced to death after he had been sent to the prison. Shrumm in 1912. His only visitors since that time, he said, have been his wife, a newspaper man, and a lawyer who took his last \$50 to appeal his case, and has not been heard from since. Even his wife, he declared, has not visited him for years. According to the lonely convict's story, he entered the prison with his 20-year-old stepson, Harvey, in September, 1912. Shrumm was convicted and sentenced for the killing of Mont Hall and Gent Gibson in the culmination of a feud started he said by Hall and Gibson. The young stepson drew 25 years as an accessory to the killings but was paroled by Governor Gardner in 1918. "When the time came for our trial, they tried me for killing Gibson," Shrumm said. "I got ninety-nine years. "Four days later, they tried me for killing Hall. Some of the same jurors that sat in the first trial were on this case also. They voted to hang me. The case went to the supreme court, but was affirmed after I came here. "I haven't heard from my wife or anyone else in two years. I reckon I will die right here, as I don't care to be paroled, and then strung up by the neck." Minard's Liniment for Neuralgia. ANTI-RUM FORCES REPORT PROGRESS IN ARGENTINA. BUENOS AIRES, June 13.—The Rosario branch of the Argentine Anti-Alcoholic League has made notable progress, according to Dr. Benito Velasco, the president of the institution, who told his hearers at a crowded meeting in Rosario recently that the wave of alcoholism, so noticeable all over the world since the close of the war in Europe, had threatened Argentina, but that thanks to the efforts of the league it was being successfully combated in the great cities of the republic. He cited statistics to show that drunkenness was on the decrease and urged his hearers to continue the work of propaganda which had proved so beneficial in this respect.

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