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### A MILD REBUKE

Mr. James McIntyre, M. L. A., Souris, administered a mild rebuke the other day to the "squealers" in the legislature. He suggested that men, before going into politics should fortify themselves with a coat of oil so that criticism would fall off them like rain off a duck's back. To avoid the necessity of any one rising to a question of privilege and perhaps wasting a session over it, we wish to explain that this does not claim to be a verbatim report but merely the gist of his remarks.

The suggestion was a good one. Some honorable members appear to have either sandpapered themselves or been sandpapered by their constituents before coming into the legislature. In any case they have spent more time squealing about being criticized than in doing the work they were elected to do. For the benefit of those who have conceived the idea that the privileges appertaining to the legislature include license to abuse and vilify and misrepresent all and sundry who disagree with them and who have not the privilege of stopping the torrent at its source, we would suggest, not a coat of oil but one of concrete, for they will need it. It is one of the easiest as well as one of the cowardliest things in the world for a body of men banded together in a common cause to rise one after another behind their shelter and abuse their opponents when the latter must await their opportunity to reply. Such a course may afford temporary relief but to the independent onlooker it is simply a picture of baffled childish rage.

We commend Mr. McIntyre's suggestion. To those whose raw flesh has been touched by the Guardian's criticisms a coat of oil might be an emollient, but for those who have got it into their heads that they can individually and collectively stand behind their privileged defences and pour forth their abuse we would strongly recommend the concrete.

### THE AMENDMENT

Mr. Speaker Duffy informs us that the statement in the Guardian with regard to the amendment proposed by the opposition in the House on Friday last is not correct. He says the Speaker was not called upon for any ruling in the matter, nor did he reserve his decision. On receiving the written amendment from the clerk of the House, he compared it with the original motion and remarked that it was tantamount to negating the original motion. He asked the mover of the amendment if that was his intention, but that he received no reply.

In connection with the above we have only to say that while the mover of the amendment did not reply, the Hon. A. E. Arsenault replied to the speaker that the amendment was "all right".

This remark of the Hon. Mr. Arsenault, the fact that Mr. Methall was called upon and resumed the debate on the original motion together with the facts as explained by the Speaker, naturally led to the conclusion that the amendment was held in reserve. It may also be remarked that the Speaker spoke in such a low tone that his remarks could not be distinctly heard in the Press Gallery.

### EXPLANATORY

By a typographical error in our editorial of Saturday on the financial statement furnished to the House Friday it was made to appear that the liabilities of the province under Conservative rule showed a net increase of \$113,000. This should have read gross increase, the net increase, as shown by the statement being only \$43,000.

### WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW?

There is no pleasing the Patriot. In our Saturday's issue we gave unstinted credit to Hon. W. M. Lea, Commissioner of Agriculture for his magnanimity in loaning his prize bull to the government absolutely free of charge and suggested that the government should in some manner, even at the expense of amending the constitution re-compense him for his generosity. And the Patriot, either through jealousy that any one else should compliment the Commissioner, or through its own natural perversity, calls our compliment and our suggestion a "sneer"! What is the use of trying to be nice to a paper like that? The government can purchase stallions in Ontario but must impose upon the generosity of one of its own members by borrowing a bull from him, free of cost, rather than go to the expense of buying one. The thing is an outrage and the Patriot's jealousy absurd. Credit to whom credit is due is our motto.

### DODGING THE SOLDIERS

The Patriot a few days ago jubilated on the appointment of Mr. Anthony Flynn, a retired railway man, to a position in Falconwood Hospital. The Patriot omitted to mention what regiment, if any, Mr. Flynn had served in at the front to entitle him to a position which was desired by competent returned soldiers, those people for whom the government and its organ are constantly shedding tears. Mr. Flynn already enjoys a handsome retiring pension from the railway, a benefit not enjoyed by those who only risked their lives in sacrifice for their country. We commend a study of this item to the honorable members for Charlottetown and the second district of Prince who expatiated most eloquently and feelingly on what the Bell government is doing for the returned soldiers.

### WHY ARE THEY CRIMINALS

Two or three cases of robbery ending in murder have occurred in the city or province within a short time, says an Ontario exchange, the criminals being young fellows who have scarcely reached man's estate. In one case two brothers were concerned, one of whom has been sentenced to death and the other to twenty years penal servitude. Two other young fellows are awaiting trial for a callous murder, and the evidence seems to show that after the murder, a day or two later, they again went forth and resumed their acts of robbery under arms, risking the doing of further capital crimes.

Where a murder has been committed the object of the police is to discover the criminals, gather the evidence and see that the guilty are convicted in the courts. This is the task of the police and it is often difficult enough.

But when the police and the hangman are through, and justice has been done, any thinking person is bound to feel that a great many questions remain unasked and unanswered. The law concerns itself with the guilt of the accused, but in this country the State does not especially concern itself with this question, which is of supreme importance. How did it come about that a youth of twenty has made such a wreck of his life that he must die on the gallows? The pursuit, capture, conviction, and hanging of a youth of twenty is necessary enough at times. But the reasons why it is necessary ought to be looked into in the hope that we may work around to better days in time.

### Current Comment

In the debate on the Liberal "WHITEWASH RESOLUTION," a number of members placed an emphasis on stress upon the "personal" phase of the question, some going to the unwarranted extreme of charging the Guardian, and more particularly that thorn in their side, Current Comment with attacking the person or individuality of our public men. This is one of the frequent escapades of the Patriot, when it is without any other form of defense, but its irresponsible methods of political warfare have been such that little or no stock is taken as to any of its intemperate utterances. It is not however so excusable in members of a legislative body some of whom are not totally devoid of intelligence to make such charges without at least giving some grounds upon which to base their assertion. The files of the Guardian are in the Library and at all times available to the members, and when making such assertions they should have sufficient respect for the rules of parliamentary debate, if not of common decency, to have those "personal" paragraphs at their command in justification for their utterances. If such language is producible our position would be obviously very weak, but when the opposite is the case, then it only makes those who use the intemperate language the more ridiculous.

Now, while we have been at times strong in denunciation of political wrongs and political wrong doers, we have been equally careful to avoid private reflection upon any one apart from their public and political acts. Take for instance the paragraph quoted in Wednesday's Patriot, about the strongest they could lay their hands upon, or they would not have selected it. The first sentence reads,—"And yet Premier Bell with cold blooded audacity dares to associate THE RECORDS of those men of stature with the petrotron pignies now in power." Was this personal in any sense of the word? It was a plain and commonplace comparison of "RECORDS" and that comparison was made between the giants of political "STATURE" of other days with men, no matter what their personality may be, who have shown themselves to be, in political force and accomplishment, as small as the word pignies. None but those of the most extreme density and ignorance would give this a personal interpretation. The conclusion of the paragraph was emphatically similar, that they were "scarcely fitted to act as scullions (literally servants) to those great predecessors" and to put them

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### DALTON SANITORIUM

As there has been a great deal of discussion in regard to the Dalton Sanatorium, and as I have been asked to express my opinion by different individuals, I will endeavor to give my views on the subject, if you will kindly spare me space in your valuable paper.

It has already been made known to the public the origin of the Dalton Sanatorium and how our honorable friend, Mr. Dalton gave a large sum of money for the building of this magnificent institution, and which the leader of the present government claims has cost too much to keep in operation and which is now closed to the use of the public. I wonder does my honorable friend, the leader of the government, stop to think what would happen if all the leaders of the different provinces throughout Canada were of the same opinion, and were to close up all the provincial sanatoriums. What an awful state of affairs it would mean if there were no sanatoriums to treat consumptive patients, and to prevent the spreading of this terrible disease. It would simply mean that a very high percentage would become infected with the White Plague.

Now I would like to pass a few remarks on a letter from Judge Stewart which appeared in Monday's Patriot regarding this institution. He claims that the Dominion government spent \$15,000 in an effort to bore for water, and was compelled to abandon the attempt as useless. I beg leave to contradict Mr. Stewart's statement for I was present at the sanatorium at the time when the contractors completed their contract, and which was not abandoned as useless, but as very successful and it stood the test satisfactorily to the government inspectors, with all the anything worth mentioning and water to within a few weeks of the time it was closed. It is needless to mention that this institution has been supplied with all the water necessary for the four years or more that it was in operation and there was no complaint in regard to the cost of cartage from the station to the institution.

Mr. Stewart tells us about running a siding into the institution in order to save cartage. I must say I was never a specialist on tuberculosis myself, but I have been a patient in some seventeen different hospitals throughout France, England, Scotland, United States and Canada, and I must say that I have never seen a railroad siding running into the yards of any hospital with the exception of one in Scotland on the outskirts of Glasgow. It is known as Stokehill. I was told by the superintendent that it was one of the largest institutions of its kind in the British Empire. Previous to the war this institution was a workhouse, and while the war was on was one of the accommodations for the wounded soldiers and was so much needed

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Again Mr. Stewart informs us that Dr. Royer of Philadelphia pool-pooled the idea of securing a place of great elevation. Then I must say that Dr. Royer has pool-pooled the ideas of some of the greatest tuberculosis specialists, not only in Canada, but throughout the whole country.

It is this gentleman's opinion that a quiet place is not beneficial for consumptive patients, where they will have an abundance of opportunities to dwell upon their ailments and troubles. Perhaps our worthy friend would rather recommend a gymnasium for a place to treat consumptive patients. I would like to refer to a remark

### THE PUBLIC FORUM

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

### ACADIAN EXPULSION

As much has been said and written of late re the expulsion of the Acadians, I would kindly ask space in the columns of your valuable journal for these few lines.

It is a well known fact, admitted by all historians, that the British government was not responsible in any way for the deportation of the peaceful Acadians, but on the contrary, had given well defined orders to treat them with due regard.

However, Sir, we do not wonder that in those rather troublesome days, a certain number of unprincipled British officers in high command, disregarding the well defined wishes of the British government in order to wreak their hate, vengeance and greed upon the peaceful Acadians, thereby effecting this most cruel and barbarous transaction, for which no parallel can be found in the world's history.

But, Sir, we do wonder that, in these days of enlightenment, in the twentieth century, learned men are to be found who will whip themselves up in the folds of the glorious British flag and shout to the whole world "about fair play and broad-mindedness and stand up before intelligent people and endeavor to the best of their ability (which, by the way is of no mean order) to uphold and justify such a regrettable and unjustifiable tragedy.

Pardon me Sir, if I say that I am afraid that these would-be fair-minded gentlemen are rather fussy, because if judged by their utterances, they are unwittingly advertising and proclaiming to the world what perfect specimens of tyrants they would be if placed in similar circumstances. Possibly had they been amid the scenes of 1755-58, they would have immortalized themselves, and their names and their deeds would also be recorded in those most lamentable and regretful pages of British history—pages that every true fair-minded British subject would like to wipe off the annals of this nation.

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