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"PETTY POLITICS"

PERHAPS the most significant phrase used during the recent session of Parliament was "petty politics." It was used most effectively by the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, leader of the Opposition during the closing and stormy scenes of the last few days. Mr. Bennett has shown himself during his whole parliamentary career to be the very opposite of "petty" as shown that he is bigger and broader in his outlook, probably than any other man on either side of the House. For this he was unanimously chosen the leader by the Conservative party at the largest and most representative political convention ever held in Canada, and the party has so far had good reason to be satisfied with his choice.

Mr. Bennett throughout the session has shown his disapproval and even his disgust at the methods, the paltry and transparent pettiness of the methods employed by the Liberal party to keep itself in power. He used the expression "petty politics" as the only term that could picture the grovelling maudlin in the political mire by the Liberal leaders to purchase popular support which they had failed to procure by statesmanship or honest administration.

Mr. Bennett instanced among other things the parleying and the bargaining in connection with the new hotel at Halifax, the Government's refusal to subsidize a private enterprise, cited the reasons given for the refusal, the subsequent back-down and the granting of \$100,000. The Government had subsidized a similar private enterprise in Saint John, N.B. Why refuse the Halifax concern, and why, after refusing, did they back down and make the grant? The only reason was "petty politics." They wanted the support of the people of Halifax and undertook to pay for it with the people's money. They had made a similar bid for the support of the people of Sydney and of Vancouver.

The country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is dotted with monuments of "petty politics" in the shape of grain elevators, railways, wharves, bridges and other public works, where support is most needed, while places which can give only negligible support, but have greater need are refused even a small grant. Witness the refusal to provide necessary facilities for Prince Edward Island.

In British Columbia, where the provincial Liberal party is facing a political storm, federal aid is being poured in for railways and other public works in order to win support for the party. During the investigation of the Immigration Department, which has been wrecked by mismanagement, if not by open dishonesty, every member of the Government, the Prime Minister included, stood up to defend it, declaring the department had never been more efficiently administered than now, when it is practically a complete wreck costing the country millions of dollars a year.

Instances of the use being made of "petty politics" by the King Government might be multiplied. The people's hard-earned money is being poured out like water to purchase political support for a party which has by its petty political trimming to placate certain constituencies, drives thousands of Canadians to seek a living in a foreign country.

chasing that power with the people's money?

OUR ROADS.

IT is expected that several hundreds of medical men from all over Canada, the United States and Europe, many of them accompanied by their wives, will arrive in Charlottetown and will remain for a few days. This visit is being looked forward to with pleasure by our citizens and by the people of the whole Province, as it is expected the visitors will be shown over much of what we are all proud to call the Garden of the Gulf, a name by which many of our visitors also know it.

Are we ready for our visitors? Are our roads in such condition as to make it a pleasure to be driven to our several beauty spots? Are they in keeping with our well-tilled farms and our comfortable country homes? The general opinion is that they are not, and it is safe to say that those who are of a different opinion have not experienced either the comforts or the discomforts of motoring any distance out in the country. There were wrecked or ditched cars along the roads as recently as last Sunday.

This is not a political matter. It is a matter that concerns Liberals and Conservatives alike. Our Liberal friends, whose loyalty to their party constrains them to apologize or to explain, are just as anxious as are their Conservative brethren to give our visitors the best there is in the way of hospitality and enjoyment while here. Just as anxious to see the fair name of the Province upheld, as our visitors are shown the beauties which we are all proud of. Without dwelling upon details, our roads, to put it mildly, are not what they ought to be. In fact, they are dangerous in too many places. There are engineers and district supervisors on the job under a Minister and a department that are anxious to see our Province profit by this and future visits. There is less than a week in which to make necessary corrections. Everyone is desirous that these corrections be made immediately. Much depends upon doing it and doing it now. Let us hope for the best.

ABLE MEN CAN HELP.

WE may gather from a recent small debate in the Senate that that body is feeling the urge to broaden its work. It has been decided that next session the Finance Committee will function more actively in examining into the condition of the nation's finances, summoning witnesses, and making reports that will help to clarify the country's financial situation for the benefit of the general public.

The senators should not forget this good resolution which had its genesis with Senator J. J. Hughes. In the Senate, are many business men of broad experience both in finance and in politics, and their examination into the country's financial position cannot but react to the benefit of the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Curious to have members of parliament demand an additional fifteen dollars a day because of the increased cost of living? Have they not themselves been boasting of having reduced the cost of living?

A four pound trout is a good advertisement for Prince Edward Island. It was evidently grown especially for this summer's tourist business. We have lots more of them. If we can't hook them we can frighten them, anyway.

Notes by the Way

TRIAL by jury is as old as Magna Charta, but more and more it seems to be passing away. For centuries it was regarded as a bulwark of the liberties of the subject where now it is looked upon as a cumbersome appendage of the judicial system and of little practical utility. A recent article in Harpers' Magazine tells that in Connecticut juries have been waived in 70 per cent. of the criminal cases tried, and in Maryland in 90 per cent. of such cases. Thus largely do accused persons consent to be tried by a judge without a jury.

The faults of juries as set forth before the Bar Association of New York include the following:

(a) In criminal cases women who commit murders are acquitted out of sympathy; men are acquitted because they happen to be World War heroes, or to have been mistreated by their victims; in times of local excitement, defendants are convicted on the slightest evidence when on the merits there is great doubt of guilt. Juries refuse to convict because they don't like the law, or wish to give the accused "another chance."

(b) In civil cases wills are upset because the jury thinks certain provisions are not fair; juries are prejudiced against corporations; a rich defendant in many cases has little chance against a poor plaintiff; a woman is awarded high damages because of attractive personality.

(c) In all cases juries are unable to remember the principles of law charged, or to understand and apply them, even in simple cases; generally they don't apply the law to the facts. They are prone to be led astray by dramatics, side issues and mud-slinging.

(d) More specific examples of unfitness of juries to pass on merits are found in cases involving medical issues, insanity questions and fraud. Negligence is never a question of fact alone, but a complex of fact and law; and intent and fraud involve psychological elements.

(e) Incidental evils are that most of the perjury committed, "grandstand plays," appeals to bias and prejudice, delays of justice and the uncertainty of litigation, are all unavoidable incidents of trial by jury and would be swept away by its abolition. This is a grave indictment of the jury system. How far the benefits arising from it serve to counterbalance the evils cited and the objections put forward is a matter upon which there are wide differences of opinion.

The attempt to revive the Tunnel plan of communication between the mainland and this Island can serve no useful purpose. It means that the Car Ferry shall be scrapped, after most invaluable service for years past and just as a second Ferry steamer has been promised for the route to cost a million dollars. That is a proposal that no Government would for a moment entertain. The Tunnel was advocated by The Guardian and others thirty years or so ago when there was no other plan in sight to relieve our terrible winter disabilities. The Car Ferry was substituted and has performed the required service in a manner which most people believe to be quite as satisfactory as a Tunnel.

We cannot have both a Tunnel and a Ferry. Influential newspapers on the mainland are naturally ridiculing the revival of the Tunnel project as an instance of alleged exorbitant and insatiable demands of Prince Edward Island and the Maritimes, when, as a matter of fact we have seen no evidence as yet that there is a corporal's guard behind the proposal to exchange the Car Ferry for a Tunnel, even if the Ottawa Government were willing to have it done.

The Parliamentary session which began on 26th day of January, was expected to close before the Easter holidays. Later it was announced as confidently that the end would be reached before Empire Day, May 24. Since then May has passed and June has come with the session still going strong until the eleventh day of the month of Bloom—say four and a half months in all. It might have been worse. As it now appears the 96 Senators and 245 Members of the Commons each



That Body of Hours

By James W. Bartol, M.D.

WHEN BREATH HAS BAD ODOR

While it must be admitted that catarrh, infected teeth, tonsils, or sinuses may be the means of giving a bad odor to the breath, nevertheless—halitosis—as advertisers like to call it, is due in the majority of cases to a condition many feet removed from the mouth. As you know food enters the mouth, moves on to the stomach where it remains three or four hours getting softened and moistened and undergoing some chemical changes. It then enters the small intestine where it undergoes more chemical changes and then it is ready to be absorbed into the blood. During this absorption it has to travel along a tube about twenty feet long, which it does in the course of about six hours.

Thus we can say roughly that you get all the good out of your food into the blood within ten hours after you take it in.

However there are parts of the food that the intestine cannot absorb, so these parts are of no use to the body. Some of this is the husks or fibrous coverings of food, or some food stuffs themselves that the intestine cannot absorb. Sometimes even good food products pass along with this waste.

These unabsorbed food stuffs must be removed from the body. Although they travel along a large tube that is only six feet long, they take longer to pass than it took the food to travel the twenty feet of small intestine, with absorption going on also.

This means that this waste matter is in the large intestine from about twelve hours in a really healthy intestine to forty-eight to sixty hours in a slow acting large intestine. During all this long time owing to the large number of tiny organisms in this waste material numerous poisons are manufactured.

These poisons can cause the movement of large intestine to go upward instead of downward, and the gases from these poisons can travel upward past the junction of the stomach and out of the mouth, hence the bad breath. Thus constipation is a frequent cause of bad breath. Of course incompletely digested food in the stomach can also be a cause. Bending exercises by making the abdominal muscles work, actually press against the large intestine, and send the waste matter downward and hence out of the body.

So if teeth, tonsils, sinuses, and throat are not to blame, you can feel fairly certain that the bad breath is due to a slow or lazy large intestine.

The Land We Love

By Frank Yeigh

Interprovincial Conference

Q. What was the recent Interprovincial Conference? A. An Interprovincial Conference was held in Ottawa in October at which several matters were discussed the meeting being characterized by harmonious and cordial relations. Immigration, federal subsidies, incorporation laws, natural resource ownership were among the important subjects discussed and an agreement reached in some cases.

DAILY LESSONS

IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Do not say "said said nothing farther." Say "further" in the sense of something additional.

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: depends. Pronounce de-pendz, not penz.

OFTEN MISPELLED: supple; two p's.

SYNONYMS: incompetent, unqualified, disqualified, inadequate, unequal, unfit, unsuitable.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: COMMENDABLE; laudable; creditable; praiseworthy. "Your actions are wholly commendable."

get a fraction less than \$1,000 per month, \$4,000 in all, by way of indemnity for their arduous services. The strenuous efforts of the majority of the Commoners to get \$6,000 each per session, or \$1,500 a month, seems to have failed for the time.

Politicians with power to fix their own rate of pay never consult their constituents in regard to such trivial matters until the thing is done. From the beginning the record to date is a raise from \$600 per session to \$1,000; then from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per session; next from \$1,500 to \$2,500, and lastly from \$2,500 to \$4,000. They will no doubt make it \$6,000 next year, and after that the sky will be the limit. "Wait till you see us next year!" was the exclamation of the late lamented J. Israel Tarte, good Liberal that he was.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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TRUE NATIONAL GREATNESS—Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14:34.

PRAYER—May our contribution to our Nation ever be for righteousness.

UNCHANGED

What was of yesterday is dead. What science thought was true Now from the realm of fact has fled.

Always the truth seems new, Only the sunshine and the rain And trees with their nesting birds remain.

Now should the dead of long ago Return to earth once more This changing world they would not know As one they'd walked before. But smiling up to sunny skies The buttercups they'd recognize.

So swiftly do men's manners change— That should the dead return They'd look on us as people strange Whose customs they must learn. But poppies, growing row by row, And daisies and clover blooms they'd know.

They'd find the birds' nests where they were In their remembered springs. Nature, and all that dwells with her Would be familiar things. They might not know us, grown so wise. But all the flowers they'd recognize.—By Edgar Guest.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. How is an informal dinner dress made?

A. An informal dinner dress is a modified formal dress. It is high in the back and low in the front with long or half-length sleeves.

Q. What kind of paper should be used for the wedding invitation?

A. Pure white, unglazed paper. A recent fashion is to have the bride's initials embossed in white where crests would appear.

Q. What kind of person is rarely popular?

A. He who, in his conversation, makes others feel unhappy or uncomfortable.

HOUSEHOLD SCRAP BOOK

By ROBERTA LEE

How to Make Whitewash

Fill a bucket half full of lime and cover it about 2 inches with water. Let it stand 24 hours to slake, or until it is the consistency of paste. Dip out a portion of this slaked lime into another bucket and thin with water to desired consistency. Add 1 teaspoonful bluing to ½ bucket whitewash and ½ pint salt to make it stick.

Salt and Pepper Shaker

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