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The Borden Highway

It was obviously an attempt to excuse his own negligence when the Minister of Public Works told the Legislature that the unsatisfactory condition of part of the Borden highway was due to faulty construction.

The Auto Pays All

It will be recalled that when the MATHESON Government introduced the automobile, the Premier declared that the licenses and taxes thereon would be set aside exclusively for the purpose of improving the roads.

In 1935, Gasoline Tax \$212,434.00
Motor Licenses 102,566.26
Total Auto Owner Tax \$315,000.26

Taxes on Autoists \$315,000.26
Interest on All Debt 242,630.49

Surplus \$ 72,369.77
which has gone to relieve the Government's other indebtedness. The motor vehicles are thus carrying the whole deadweight of our Provincial Debt, and leaving \$72,369.77 over towards paying all the government's services.

Decline In Cattle

The number of cattle on farms in Canada at December 1, 1936, was estimated at 8,257,400 or two per cent, less than the number recorded on the same date of 1935.

Dust Storm Ravages

Wheat growers in the southwestern areas of Kansas ravaged by dust storms will have to readjust farming practices to make the most efficient use of precipitation, agricultural authorities advised them at a big public gathering the

other day. Suggested changes include use of sandy soils more exclusively for row crops; greater development of strip farming where it is practical; increased summer fallowing; increased production and conservation of feed crops, and reseeding of range land with native and tame grasses and legumes.

Editorial Notes

Lucky are the farmers who got their roads hard surfaced under Conservative governments.

Can business stand it? \$50,000 for administration in a small community like this, besides having to lose from 50 to 85% of its just and lawful debts.

The Summerside doctors having followed the Charlottetown doctors in asking to be relieved of issuing scripts, there would seem to be nothing left for Premier Campbell to do but complete the Government Control measure he began in his special session of the Legislature.

The Character Reading specialists would not get much business if all Islanders were like Premier Campbell. He gets many free "readings" each day via multitudinous correspondence and verbally; and many are quite as stringent as the Premier's own "reading" to the Bell clan.

Now that the popular representative for Summerside and Fifth Prince, Mr. E. P. Foley, has been accorded the honor of moving the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne we may expect to hear from Hon. L. R. Allen. He will likely revive that hardy perennial as to who is the senior member for Fifth Prince anyway.

HON. MR. MCINTYRE did not take advantage of his opportunity in the Draft Address debate yesterday of explaining what his leader and party press meant by stating, in the 1935 election campaign, that with the revenues then available the budget "can and must" be balanced without increase of taxation, curtailment of necessary services, etc., etc.

The next time Mr. A. E. MacLean, M. P., croons he will probably sing "The man behind the skillet". His rendition at Tignish last December "The man behind the plough" would not be appropriate now on account of the recent change in the personnel of the Board of Review of the Farmers Creditors' Arrangement Act.

Another "pin-prick" for Canadians. The House of Representatives at Washington have just passed a bill to stop aliens from commuting to work in New York State and other border areas, after sponsors of the legislation had asserted it would "put over 300,000 Americans into jobs being held by foreigners."

Science now can obtain electrical evidence of the insanity induced by dementia praecox. A "pulse of insanity" flowing from the brains of persons with this disease is reported at Clark University and Worcester State Hospital. The pulse is an irregular voltage of electricity. It is reported as the first definite sign found in medical history which consistently foretells the approach of this, the worst type of insanity. It has been used to forestall relapses of insane persons under treatment. The pulse was invented by Hudson Hoagland, professor of general physiology. Co-operating was Dr. D. E. Cameron, of the research staff, Worcester Hospital. The electrical waves come from the brain cortex, in the back of the head. They are picked up by fine wires pasted to the scalp. In normal persons these waves flow about ten a second, each wave ranging from twenty to fifty millivolts of a volt, but in the insane the voltages are higher and longer. Occasional single waves last a third of a second.

The ancient prophecy of Mother Shipton that some day iron would float was fulfilled when the first metal ship managed to keep above the surface; her other prediction that some day men would fly was confirmed when the Wright brothers drove their elongated box kite over the sand dunes at Kitty Hawk, N.C. The two developments were perhaps unrelated, except that both were promptly put to use for the purposes of war. And now we have a condition in which thousands of carloads of scrap iron are awaiting shipment to Europe and the Far East. A large part of the current shipments is going to Great Britain—which has both coal and iron ore—and to Japan, which is poor in both. While there are grounds for hoping that a great war may not arrive for some time, the powers are competing actively in the scrap metal market, to be prepared for eventualities. It is to be hoped that the junkman's price scale does not correctly represent the prospects for maintaining world sanity and averting a general catastrophe.

Notes by the Way

James Bryant Conant has "Doctor" written before his name and is also president of Harvard University, although but 43 years of age. He has just added to his record by having his collar bone fractured while skiing in Vermont. Which shows how far our great and venerable institutions of learning have travelled from the realm of the grave to that of the frivolous. It is on record somewhere in New England that a small-town parson was dismissed by his congregation in the former days because he leaped over the front gate when calling on a parishioner, instead of opening it and walking sedately in. As for colleges, students might drink more than was good for them, even then as now, but the pictures drawn for the faculties are austere and gloomy to a degree.—Rome (N.Y.) Sentinel.

Dale Carnegie says, in his book, "The Unknown Lincoln," that had Lincoln married Ann Rutledge, in all probability he would have been happy—but that he never would have been President of the United States. Mary Todd, whom he did marry, led him an unhappy personal life, but this experience granted his character and made him tolerant, while the unbridled ambition of his wife spurred him on, forcing him into the political career for which he thought he had few qualifications. The world is forever calling for experienced people! None of us can have too much.

Fully as important to thousands of Americans as any policy being devised in Washington or dealing with the future is a policy announced this week in Toronto, Canada. Last Wednesday the Ontario Legislature heard a report of the Dionne family's financial conditions. It was revealed the Dionne assets amounted to \$543,046.39 plus contracts guaranteeing \$400,000 in the next two years. The family thus stands assured of an ample income for all-time, thanks to the famous quintuplets. And what of them? The billychou days are over." The Legislature was told, "Billichou has all right as long as the children don't know it was going on. Now they are growing up they are beginning to notice their surroundings, to take stock of things, and to understand them. A momentous problem at least seems to be out of the way.—Condon, Ohio Repository.

Any idea that the English language is a moribund one, in which no new words can be introduced, is totally demolished by the last words employed in the following paragraph from an item in the London Times: "The Royal Automobile Club has been informed by the ministry of transport that four lengths of road in Hill which were previously subject to the 30 mile per hour speed limit, have been derestricted." —Fr. deictin Gleener.

The tower of London is a strange choice for a wedding. Yet that is just where the Hon. John MacLean will be married this spring. She is the daughter of Lord Maclean and will be married in the historic Church of St. Peter ad Vincula in the tower. The reception will be held in the King's House, opposite the church, where the Milne family resides. Built in Henry VIII's time, this house has been the scene of many historic events. The bride is to wear silver brocade with train of Brussels lace above the train of her dress. A gorgeous bride for a gloomy old tower.—Chronical Telegraph.

To make a practice of suspending fundamental laws simply because a strike is in progress would be unthinkable. Union leaders who are eager to establish the labor movement on a progressive and responsible footing, should not lightly discountenance this essentially legal and therefore unobjectionable weapon.—Washington Post.

Funny how the world has changed. It was but a few years ago and men and women fought hard battles against poverty before they forgot their pride and allowed their names to appear upon the list of those getting aid from the county New the county board to investigate the names to keep people from getting their names on the list. Some people think the list is a sort of social register, a def they work harder to get their names on the scroll than their parents worked to keep it off.—Austin Minn. Herald.

A chap who swears advertisements to the world that he is either incapable or that he is too lazy to struggle to have been employed by a Kitchener man. Like that new carburetor which may or may not move a car for 200 miles on a gallon of gasoline, this invention deserves every encouragement.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

It is time to get relief responsibility, or at least a much greater share of it back to local units, and to get employment, so far as possible, back to normal methods. The normal methods mean approval of projects on a basis of need and value selection of workers on a basis of competence, encouragement of private employment and the introduction of a relief "bottom" which should be, so far as possible, locally supplied and administered.—Boston Christian Science Monitor.

According to the leader of Madrid's defence forces, an entire Italian division under an Italian

That Body of Yours
By James W. Barton, M.D.
KNOWLEDGE OF BODY AILMENTS IS POWER

Meeting an acquaintance, a high executive of a national corporation, one day and noticing that he was limping, I thought he had likely strained or sprained an ankle. He informed me that he didn't know the cause and didn't want to know it, that the less anyone knew about ailments the better for their peace of mind; that if there were anything wrong with him he didn't want to know it. As he had as much brains or intelligence as most of us I said nothing.

A most dramatic answer comes from Professor Elliott P. Joslin, Harvard University Medical School, in a recent issue of Hygea. The sub-heading of his article is "Knowledge Is Power."

"All those who were afflicted with diabetes profited greatly by discovery of insulin, but doctors with diabetes benefited most of all. The use of insulin lowered the general death rate of my young adult patients by 80 per cent, but the death rate for my young doctors afflicted with diabetes dropped more than 90 per cent. Why did this occur? Are doctors so different from other people?"

"During the insulin period of treatment for diabetes the death rate of my diabetic doctors between the ages of 25 and 39 has been less than one-fourth that of my other diabetic patients. Somehow doctors manage to live much longer with diabetes than do others who are not doctors."

"Why have doctors benefited more from the use of insulin? Why is their death rate so much less than that of other diabetic patients?"

"The answer is that doctors know more about diabetes than do their patients and so can avoid its dangers (diabetic coma—deep sleep and air hunger). It is the knowledge of diabetes and its complications which helps them. It is so plain to them that the intelligent and conscientious treatment of diabetes pays that they are careful and faithfully follow the rules of diabetic treatment. Not every diabetic can be a doctor, but if he wishes to do well as a doctor he must study diabetes."

I have quoted Dr. Joslin fully (not free y). He has spent a lifetime in the investigation and treatment of diabetes. These figures certainly show that "knowledge is power."

The treatment of diabetes is based on diet, insulin and exercise. The patient no longer stays in bed or seated all day, but does work or takes some exercise. By the use of insulin and exercise the starch food is burned or used, thus giving strength and energy.

general is active in the fighting. This would be in line with the communiqué recently issued by the Fascist Grand Council in which Italy's solidarity with the Spanish rebels was reiterated. In view of this stand it cannot yet be taken for granted that should the proposed sanitary cordon actually cut off all "volunteers" and supplies from entering Spain and should that lead to a government victory, Italy will abide by such an outcome of the civil war. Even more than Germany is Italy committed to the rebel cause.—Washington Post.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

ASTOUNDING REVELATION

Sir,—In the report of expenditure on officials under the Farmers Creditors Arrangement Act the most essential point is the time the various commissions and other bodies served. For instance T. A. Daily served eleven months and twenty-one days for which he received \$812. or at the rate of about \$700. per year. For the same period of service G. Harding received \$616. S. DesRoches \$562.88 for 12 months and 11 days. A. F. Bell \$302. for 12 months.

HINTS FOR LEGISLATORS

Sir,—Now that our old war dogs have got their legs crossed again for their annual round table discussion, what will it be this time? One thing we can be sure of, much of their talk will be on balanced budgets and economy. But the people have listened so long to that old tale that they are about sick of it, and are now calling for action. Let us hope our Government representatives have got over their long spell of sleeping sickness, and will offer something constructive for a change.

We hear a lot these days of starting some manufacturing on a large scale on this Island, which would be very good if we could be sure of its success. I am told this is a million dollars back of this enterprise, but money especially foreign money does not count for much on this Island. I remember, over three million dollars back of them, tried to come in here to electrify the whole Island, which would have kept unemployment off but they could not get legislation passed to allow them to go to work. I believe our Government has now realized their mistake, and are coming around to that company way of thinking. For I see our Premier is taking of rural electrification for the Island, and this is about the only constructive thing he has spoken of since taking office as Premier. If he will take some immediate action on this matter he will be doing some real good, not only to the farmer who has suffered under candle light all their lives but will also help every man and woman on this Island. Now that we are taking in foreign money, which every other Province has been doing for many years, to the tune of three billion dollars, he won't have to worry about getting the money for an enterprise of this kind. It's waiting for him any time he says the word. This is something we know would not be a failure. We could not be so sure of other manufacturing on a large scale such as canning for if it meant to be successful farmers would be expected to change from their present method of farming, which could never be done on this Island. If our present system of farming was good enough for our fathers and grandfathers it is good enough for us, so why not use a little horse sense. If our present canning factory can stand more business why not build more to it like our cream factory is doing this. If you want more manufacturing, why not build a small tannery and a shoe factory. We all wear shoes and these have to be imported, also extend our present Woolen Mill, which seems to be doing very nicely under its present management, and have them knit socks, sweaters and many other things. They could also make underwear. Overalls and such things as most of us wear. Such things have to be imported and would stand a better chance of being successful than one factory on a large scale when you have to import experts and high pressure salesmen at big expense and big salaries to run them. Our farmers would be very willing to co-operate by raising more cattle and sheep which would eventually take over our vacant farms and help keep our boys and girls at home. If these things are given careful consideration along with electricity for the farmer, paved roads and tourist traffic, it would not be necessary to put an unbearable tax on our poor truckmen, who are compelled to throw it onto the farmers shoulders. But the farmer is always the goat and he is getting so many things tied around his neck it is keeping him hump-backed. I hope our legislators while they have their feet under the table will kick one another on the shins hard enough to open their eyes to see these things and give them due consideration. I Am, Sir, Etc. J. W. MITCHELL

THE EXHIBITION

Sir,—If it were not for the fact that we are bent on getting a better prize list at the Charlottetown Exhibition, I would not ask for further space in your paper. Mr. MacKinnon was correct when he stated that he did not think I was trying to hurt the Exhibition. On the contrary, I am advocating something that is needed more than anything else to make Charlottetown a bigger and better exhibition, namely, more money in the prize list.

Mr. MacKinnon's reply to my first letter was, to say the least, very unsatisfactory; in fact in almost every particular he avoided the question. When I pointed out that practically one hundred per cent of the stock exhibitors were dissatisfied with the prize money paid, he began naming over

Lenten Meditations

By REV. DR. MATHESON

"All kindreds of the earth shall call because of Him"—REVELATION I. 7.

Some one has defined religion to be "pity for God." It is a bold definition, but there is a side on which it is true. We are apt to think that the joy of our Lord is the only motive to religion. It is not so. I may be drawn to love by the pain as well as by the joy of the object. I am told that there is a Divine cross. Where can it lie? you say. Is not God exalted in majesty above all other beings? Yes, and that is just where it lies; the Divine cross is the Divine solitude. We commonly think of a king as the symbol of joy. I never do. To me the first sensation awakened by the name of King is that of pity. I see one whose life is led by an abiding loneliness—a loneliness which is rather enhanced than diminished by the crowds which surround him. I heard a minister once pray for the Queen "in her lonely life." It suggested to me that singular passage, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone." It made me understand how the Divine life rose out of the Divine greatness, how the crown itself became the cross. It gave a new significance to the old words which inspiration has heard on the lips of the Divine—"I thirst." The height of God's throne is the depth of God's solitude; the increase of His command is the lessening of His communion.

My soul, hast thou entered into the pity of that thought—the waiting over the cross of God? I have heard thee say, God is sufficient unto Himself. He is not, or His name would not be love. Love means insufficiency to one's self; Divine love is most of all insufficient. What though He comes with clouds of majesty, if the very majesty makes Him alone. The word that pierces Him is His absence from the scene of His glory; as He trends the wine-press there is none with Him. Say, wilt thou break through the cloud, oh, my soul? Wilt thou come to the heart of the Lord? Still He carries His cross up the Dolorous Way. He faints under His burden of loneliness. Renew thy past efforts, successful or vain. Bring Simon of Cyrene to bear, without compulsion. His cross, bring Mary of Magdala to share His reproach for woe's sake. Bring Nicodemus to break the silent night in which He dwells. Bring the dying malefactor to remember Him in His Kingdom. Bring the man that lay on Christ's bosom to rest Christ on his bosom. Bring Peter bar-Jona to watch with Him the missing hour. Often hast thou cried because thou needest Him; hast thou no voice of waiting because He needeth thee?

The several improvements made around the grounds and telling how exhibitors praised the management, and concluded by saying it was a very successful exhibition. He was not aware of it. At the same time Mr. MacKinnon is quite aware of the fact that he has met delegations of dissatisfied exhibitors, and he also knows that delegations have waited upon the government asking that they take a hand in this matter, and if they failed to get more money put into the agricultural prize-list, that they should give a grand prize at the disposal of Amherst Winter Fair. In the face of these facts, is he being fur-square?

Mr. MacKinnon has on more than one occasion, referred to a meeting called, to which the exhibitors, including myself, were invited and given an opportunity to air their grievances, if any. I may say that the meeting was called for a specific purpose, and not a general one of a chance given for such expressions. Let the notice calling that meeting be published. It will speak for itself.

Charlottetown—Best prize list in the Maritimes and on a par with other Eastern Canada exhibitions. Mr. MacKinnon used a lot of figures to prove this, and he may conscientiously think it is so, but by showing at the different exhibitions each year we know for a fact that it is not, and here are a few figures for proof. The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada offers forty cents to every dollar paid by a Class A exhibitor to Holstein exhibitors. Page 41 of the Charlottetown prize list states that this amounts to \$213.60. On page 22 of St. John prize-list the amount is quoted at \$347.60. Amherst Winter Fair prize-list on page 30 gives the amount as \$315.40. I have not a Halifax prize list at hand, but the difference would not be so great, as they reduced their prizes last year. O'fering to pay freight to the Nova Scotia exhibitors, and in this connection one Nova Scotia exhibitor told me that he would have \$45.00 to the good had he paid his own freight and the prize list remained as it was the previous year. The above-mentioned differences are checked we receive from the Holstein-Friesian Association for our awards at the different shows.

Again how did Mr. MacKinnon deal with my reference to the report that Amherst Winter Fair had a surplus last year of around \$5,000.00? He began by saying that I could not have meant last year as the 1936 financial statement is not out yet, and went on to give part of the 1935 statement. Why did he not publish the com-

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