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CONSERVATIVE CHALLENGE

The challenge issued at the Win... meeting by Mr. J. A. McDon... the brilliant young lawyer who... to be one of the Conservative r... representatives for the Third Distri... of Queen's after the next electio... has not yet been accepted by the... Liberal candidates. The challenge... was that the Government members... produce a statement of receipts and... expenditures for September 8, 1922... similar to that produced for Sep... tember, 1919, over which the Gov... ernment members have made such... a noise in the past three years and... which they are now parading at all... the campaign meetings.

On the eve of the bye-elections... last autumn, it will be remember... ed that the Bell Government pub... lished, over the signature of the... Provincial Auditor, a statement of... receipts and expenditures up to... September 8, 1919, when the Con... servative Government went out of... power. Mr. McDonald challenged r... iof's emphatic denial. The judg... the Liberal candidate, Hon. David... McDonald, to produce a similar... statement, giving exactly the same... information for the eight months of... 1922 ending on September 8. The... challenge is absolutely fair and the... Bell Government has a right to... give the information. It will be val... uable information for the people. If... the financial situation on Septembe... 8, 1919, was such as to necessitate... quadrupling the taxes, it is equally... necessary to know what necessi... ties may arise from the correspond... ing financial condition on Septem... ber 8, 1922.

Mr. McDonald claims, and he... knows what he is talking about;... that the difference between revenue... and expenditure in September, 1922... will be found to be no more favor... able, than was the difference at a... corresponding date in 1919.

Now, it is up to the Patriot, as... the spokesman of the Bell Govern... ment, and as the publisher and ad... vertiser of this now notorious "de... licit" statement of \$253,000 to come... forward with its comparative state... ment. Mr. J. A. McDonald repeat... ed his challenge at subsequent meet... ings. He will no doubt do so... again. Will the Bell Government... candidates, or their organ, the Pa... triot, withhold the information? The... Government has the information;... the books are balanced at the end... of every month. To make it easier... let the Patriot give, over the signa... ture of the Provincial Auditor, the... financial statement for August 31... 1922, which is already made up, as... those for all previous months are... and will need no research. This... would mean a difference of only... eight days, which, for purposes of... comparison, would make but little... difference.

After the generous use made by... the Patriot of the statement of 1919... and particularly as an imputation... of unfairness and deception has... been cast upon the Bell Govern... ment because of it, the Patriot, if... it wants to be fair and especially... if it wants to get itself and its pa... rty out from under suspicion, will... lose no time in producing the state... ment asked for. "If," as Mr. McDon... ald said, "it was fair in 1919 it... would be equally fair in 1922."

MORE EVIDENCE.

"We have repeatedly denied these... charges (of deception on the part... of Liberals before and after their... election) and again emphatically... state that they are false, that no... deception was used either before or... after the last election," thus says... the Patriot of last Wednesday.

Notes by the Way

"We again affirm that under the... Road Act of 1912 as operated by... Mr. Stewart and the members of... the then Government up to Sep... tember, 1919, the roads and bridg... es were in a disgraceful condition... and we call as witnesses all those... who used or travelled over the... roads during these years. They... were rough, they were full of ruts;... culverts, when not entirely rotted... out or washed out were from 2 to... 12 miles above the surface of the... roadbed, making it ruinous for all... sorts of vehicles."—The Patriot, July 3, 1923.

Here we have a rather extraor... dinary statement made by The Pa... triot in its leading editorial of the... date mentioned. It is something... more than a statement. It is a... solemn affirmation. Witnesses are... summoned to attest to its accu... racy—many witnesses—who all... travelled the roads during the... years before 1919.

According to this affirmation... there was not a single culvert left... in any of the roads in the days of... Conservative rule. (The roads in... all extend over some 3,500 miles.)... And not a vestige of them left in... the roadway, for we are told that... when "not entirely rotted out or... washed out" they "were from 2 to... 12 miles above the surface of the... road-bed, making it ruinous for all... sorts of vehicles. The others were... above the clouds. They could only... be seen on clear days, even the low... est of them without a telescope.

LIBERALS AND FARMERS

The Liberal candidates are now... telling the farmers how much they... love them and how much they did... for them during the past four years... and, incidentally, asking them for... their support at the coming elec... tion.

As to their great respect for the... farmers we have their word for it... and we shall leave it at that. As to... what they did for—or rather to—the... farmers we have the legislation... passed during their four sessions;... also the promises made before their... election. It may interest the farm... ers to look into the record as they... ponder over the promises. Here... is part of it:

They increased the land tax by... thirty cents on the \$100, that is, from... 20 to 50 cents.

The value of the farm lands of... the province has for many years... been, in round numbers, \$20,000,000.

The Liberals claim they have ad... ded nearly \$100,000 to the expendi... ture on education, principally an... increase to the teachers' salaries.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The ladies are gradually gliding... into the political field where the... game is beginning to warm up. They... are down on the poll tax which... has hit their fathers and brothers... and consequently themselves. They... are going to vote for the Conserva... tive candidates and the repeal of the... poll tax.

The Public Forum

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

A Mud Shoveller's Advice

"Sir,—I see a paragraph in your... paper on how to vote. It is well... the people know without being... told. Men working on the roads... in mud to their knees for two dol... lars per day (10 hours) know just... how to vote.

We are told that Mr. Bell has... been sitting on the chest for four... years. Correct; and he took good... care that no poor man got a dol... lar without earning it. Money was... just dealt out to friends and grat... uous of the Bell Government. We... in the Second District are going to... vote for John Kennedy and Chel... sea Sharp, two men who live in... his district, men with unsullied... reputations, men who know a poor... man's wants, and never were... shown to turn anyone away cold... or hungry. Lawyers are all right;... but not the kind we had. Mr. Saunders will get such a knock-out... that he won't come to for four... years. He should get a jack screw... and lift Mr. Bell off the chest, and... give poor people a living wage... and enough to pay our poll tax and... he may save his deposit.

Universal Suffrage

"Six.—As an election is due short... ly I wish, by your permission, to... call attention to the absurdity of... the property qualification in our... little House of assembly. Our as... sembly, as at present constituted is... the strangest incongruity in North... America, if not in the world.

Fifteen Councillors are supposed... to have a veto over the fifteen... assembly men; to protect the prop... erty holders! What this protection amounts to... is stated in the "Salary Grab" and... the 150 per cent increase in... our taxes by the Bell Govt. Our... young men pay a poll-tax, at least... they are liable to pay, and can vote... for only half the members of the... assembly. This is taxation without... representation.

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The Issue

"Sir,—I see no use in all this... everlasting talk about what the dead... governments did and left undone. What... have we electors here and now... to do with the virtues and the faults... of the Sullivan, the Peters, the... Farquharson the Matheson and... the other Administrations that are... now-but memories? Didn't we... rightly (or wrongly) in the last... general Provincial election punish... the Arsenault Administration for... its alleged extravagances, its pro... posed education tax, which was... held to be unnecessary and its pro... posal to accept the 40 per cent... road money placed at the disposal... of the Province the terms of which... it was loudly proclaimed, would... "ruin the country"? Didn't we... turn down the Conservatives and... give the Bell Government splendid... majority with which to economize... and reduce taxation and prosper? No... doubt we did. Consequently the... Bell Government and the Bell... Government only is now on trial... by the electorate of this Province? Arsenault and all his deeds are... out of the question. Our duty now... is to decide whether or not to vote... for the candidates of the Bell Gov... ernment, whether or not to renew... our confidence and support in and... the campaign when he printed that... article. It has been hugely enjoy... ed in Opposition circles. He has... been publicly asked to explain or... verify his affirmation, but has not... done so. On the contrary he has... again solemnly denied that any at... tempts would be sure to fall off if... the culverts suddenly disappeared... in this fashion like the baseless... fabric of a vision, or a Bell Gov... ernment surplus.

That Body of Yours

Did you ever stop to realize that... some physical work seemed... to leave you completely tired out... mentally as well as physically. The... explanation is that perhaps... it called for the use of the brain... more than some other work. However... after a week of this "new" kind... of work, you notice that you are... not as fatigued as you were when... you began it. Why is this? Well, when a piece of work is to... be done, that is by the muscles of... the body, a number of parts of... your body get busy. First your will... (whatever this is) that decides to... perform the act, then the part of the... brain where the impulse must start... the nerve that conducts the impul... se to the spinal cord, then from... the spinal cord to the muscles that... actually perform the act. You can see... how much like "electricity" it is, the... storage battery, wires and so forth. Well, the movement is done so... often in just the same way, that... the nerve centre in the brain... doesn't find it necessary to act, and... the movement actually originates... in the spinal cord, freeing the... brain from work. When a youngster is learning to... walk, the little brain is alert in... putting one foot forward and bal... ancing itself on the other, with... nearly every muscle in the tiny... body taking part in the movement... forward. Soon it learns to walk... without any thought of balancing... or care in the placing of the feet. Similarly, when you began to... learn to dance, to ride a bicycle or... a horse, your brain entered into it... until the exercise was perfected. Thereafter you were able to glide... along without any conscious... thought in the matter. And so that wonderful brain in... that body of yours does the exer... cise until one of its servants in the... spinal cord can do it for you, and... the brain rests or learns new... movements thereafter.

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Daily Selections

A BRIAR ROSE
A Briar Rose that was sweet and... pink... Was growing down by the river's... brink, And there the water that flowed... along... Would sing the words of the River... Song.

The Summertime of her life was... spent... In lovely peace and a deep con... tent, Till some one came and he saw... her there... And plucked the Rose for a Bouton... niere.

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