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OUR LEGISLATURE

Premier Stewart is to be congratulated on the prompt disposal of the Address in reply to the Speech with which His Honor Lieutenant Governor Hartz opened the present session of the Legislature. Although there was as much real matter in the Governor's speech as there was in the Speech with which His Excellency the Governor General opened the Canadian parliament—barring promises—the reply to the former was completed in three days whereas that to the latter occupied two months.

The mover of the Address, Mr. George D. Pope and the Second, Mr. T. W. Bentley, in their speeches made a most favorable impression. Mr. Pope is a new man in the provincial legislature but his maiden speech gave no indication of newness in political information and historic interest. His review of the provincial claims, their origin and their justice was in itself an education and well worth the careful study of everyone in the province.

Mr. Bentley, who although young in the House this being his third session, also did exceedingly well and the compliments paid him on his efforts were sincere and well deserved. The greatest tribute paid the Stewart administration, from the point of disinterestedness, was that by Mr. Saunders. K. C., the leader of the Opposition, who commended the government on practically all that it has done during the year. The history of the year, however, has not yet been divulged and, no doubt, Mr. Saunders who is a keen but generally fair critic, will find occasion, for party reasons at least, to point out some sins of omission or commission, real or imaginary, to infuse some spirit into his very small following. Mr. Saunders is playing an almost lone hand on the opposition side of the House and, in deference to this the government forces very properly were not over demonstrative in displaying their oratorical strength.

The prompt disposal of the Address, the business-like tone of the meetings so far held augurs well for the remainder of the session and holds out the hope that it will not be unduly prolonged and that no time shall be wasted in unnecessary eloquence from either side of the House.

WORK AND PLAY

An elderly philosopher on being beaten in a game of billiards by a young man, remarked to the latter, "Your skill in this game indicates a mispent youth." It was a poor compliment, the young man thought, but on looking more carefully into it, he admitted that the philosopher was right. Why did he win the game, he asked himself, and truth compelled him to answer that it was because he had spent days and nights in practice, days and nights which could have been more profitably spent.

His venerable competitor could play the game but very indifferently. He, however, knew much of science, philosophy, literature, history everything in fact which could enrich his life. The young man could play billiards with a skill and an art that was the envy of those with whom he played. But while an agreeable pastime, while his skill won praises from boon companions while it gave him the entrance into billiard society, what did it amount to?

Many expert players at games might well ask themselves the question put to himself by the young man, "What if they could stomach?"

play the game? What if they could win the prize at a bridge party, a hockey match or a ball game? What if they won the cups and the shields and the trophies if they won them at the expense of things more worth while?

Games are a necessity in a well balanced life. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is true of men and women, young and old. But all play and no work may fill the shelves of the den or the library with prizes and cups and trophies and leave the infinitely more important shelves of the mind as empty as those of Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

A judicious balance between work and play must be maintained in order to ensure a sound mind in a healthy body. The tendency of today, more perhaps than ever before, is to magnify the importance of becoming an expert in some particular form of sport, and it is one of the dangers of modern life. A mind well stored with useful knowledge, a mind made keen by intelligent study of the big things of the world, of the real things of life is more to be desired than skill in any sport.

THE DEVIL AND THE SEA

To find one's self between the devil and the sea has ever been regarded as an undesirable position. The federal Liberals are at present trying to extricate themselves from a position in many respects similar to the aforesaid. The Progressives with their western demands and free trade predilections are on one side, the eastern demands and the Protectionist Liberals of Quebec in their own party constitute a sea or a devil which must be avoided. Yet there is a compensating power in the hands of the Liberal administration. When the Progressives go so far in their demands as to endanger the allegiance of Quebec they are given their choice between yielding and a general election and they yield for the moment. When Eastern demands become too insistent the demands of the Progressives and their ability to break the government is brought into requisition. In this way there is a measure of safety in the Liberal position, but naturally the party is so busy maintaining it that they cannot be expected to do anything for the country.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir George E. Foster despite the fact that he is now well over the three score and ten mark, is one of the most alert mentalities in the Canadian Senate. An example of his flashing wit and readiness at repartee is told in the corridors at Ottawa. It was during the debate in the Senate on the proposal of Senator George Lynch-Staunton of Hamilton that the membership of the House of Commons should be cut down. This move by the Hamilton senator was quite evidently a counter-blast to the demand for Senate reform. He had on his desk a bulky volume of Hansard, thousands on thousands of pages of talk, talk, talk. "And I venture to say," declared Senator Lynch-Staunton, pounding his fist on the wordy volume "that in all those pages there is not one new idea. If any man can show me in this book one brand-new thought or idea I will undertake to eat the whole volume." And he paused for the effect of his challenge. Then there came on the silence the incisive tones of Sir George. And what he said convulsed the staid senators. "Don't," he admonished, "You would have wind on your young man. What if they could stomach?"

NOTES BY THE WAY

In all the strife and stress of politics, a moral and economical question has loomed large in the back ground for years past both in Canada and the United States. It is the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. We thought we had settled it for all time in this Province. They thought they had settled it for all time in the United States years ago when prohibition was made an article of the Constitution of the Republic, and there is this to be said that not one of the score of amendments so far made to the Constitution there has since been repealed or abrogated. Like the ten Commandments given by Moses, they may be violated and broken but they have not been repealed.

In Canada the liquor traffic had long been strongly entrenched, when by a gradual process of local option, leading on to stricter laws, all the provinces had banned the open sale of intoxicants. Since then there has been a reaction. First Quebec, then British Columbia, followed by the three Prairie Provinces restored the legal status of the liquor traffic under various forms of Government Control. Ontario has since permitted the sale of much stronger beer than was allowed under the Provincial Temperance Act which it had before and strong and confident efforts are being made by the Moderation League and the brewing and distilling interests to obtain further concessions.

The need of revenue and the proven capacity of restored liquor traffic to produce it under government control has become a strong temptation to governments and legislatures in this matter. Most of the provinces are very heavily in debt and taxation for the support of the public services and the payment of interest is burdensome. These conditions have perhaps weakened the faith and cooled the ardor of not a few who were formerly zealous in the cause of enforced total abstinence. Advocacy of temperance and prohibition has fallen off in recent years while the smuggling and bootlegging of liquors has increased.

Complaints are made in many parts of Canada and the States that the prohibitory law is not enforced as it should be. We believe it to be as well enforced in Prince Edward Island as it is anywhere in North America. That the law is violated sometimes is not a sound argument for repeal. If the law is a good one, but rather an argument for more strict and energetic enforcement. And there is abundant evidence that prohibition in our own province has reduced both vice and crime and promoted the general sobriety, welfare and happiness of the community in which we live.

Premier Rhodes in Nova Scotia has recently made a statement that personally he is not a believer in prohibition and does not believe it can be enforced, but he does not propose to repeal it at present. He recognizes that there is still a strong sentiment in the province in favor of prohibitory legislation and will concede time for further trial of the law as it is, but if it fails—and he does not conceal his impression that it will fail—then he leaves it to be inferred that a radical change will be made in the statute next year.

In New Brunswick also there are evidences of a concerted movement for the adoption of government control. Yet it may be that if a plebiscite were now taken on the retention of prohibition, a considerable majority would be found in its favor, as has been the case many times in the past. The Maritimes were the first in the Dominion to adopt prohibition and should they ever reject it we may safely predict that they will be the last to do so.

It is gratifying to note that one of the Canadian Provinces has decided to make provision for extinguishing its provincial debt. It is the big and wealthy Province of Ontario that leads in this important matter. The debt of Ontario is very large, made up largely of expenditures on hydro electric development on a vast scale, and on improved highways. It is intended that the repayment shall be completed in forty years, beginning this year. It is now high time for other provinces that are borrowing from year to year and increasing their liabilities to take thought of following the example set by Ontario. Paying off old debts will

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

CIVILIZATION AND CANCER

A Danish physician reports that seventeen in every hundred people in Denmark, who attain the age of forty five, die later of cancer. He attributes this to the fact that food is very plentiful in that country, and that the digestive tract becomes irritated from decayed, salty and spiced foods, too much animal foods, and overeating in general. He points out that English farm laborers, whose diet would not include meat more than once or twice a week, have a very low death rate from cancer.

As you know, cancer is now the scourge of our civilization, and millions of dollars have been freely given by wealthy men to try and learn the cause, and later the cure, for this dread ailment. The more civilized and enlightened the community, and the more plentiful the food, the higher is the death rate from cancer.

That it is due to an infinitely small organism, to a certain condition that arises in the cells, to perhaps tissues incomplete in their development at birth that after forty years of partial activity spring into a sudden and rapid growth to catch up that forty years and gain their full maturity, are among the theories that our scientists have been putting forward.

One of the later opinions is that the strain of modern life is an important element in the causation of cancer. Now where does food come in under the above causes? It is thought that too much food, and food that is too rich, puts too much strain on the digestive apparatus, that food is not completely broken up, that portions of it are moved by the liver and the blood carries around within itself materials that irritate the delicate surfaces of the organs of the body.

The treatment of cancer by radium and the X Ray has been successful in some cases, when the growth was easily reached, but surgery still stands first in effectiveness. Irritation of a tissue, that is ready to form a cancer if irritated, seems to be as much as we know on the skin, or a surface tissue anywhere.

Until the cause of cancer is definitely known we can only bear in mind the knowledge we have now in our possession, and govern our daily habits accordingly.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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OUR POSSESSIONS AND GOOD—And Pharaoh called into Moses, and said, "Go ye, serve the Lord; only let your flocks, and your herds be stayed; let your little ones also go with you. And Moses said, "Our cattle also shall go with us." Ex. 10: 24-26.

PRAYER—Lord God, now we would give Thee our hearts, our lives, and all we have received from Thee.

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THE SURE PROMISE— "When He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, He will not suffer the destroyers to come to smite you." Ex. 12: 23.

PRAYER— "The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide; A shelter in the time of storm."

THE JOY OF THE FUTURE— Trouble is laughter as soon as it's done, Danger is joy when the battle is won, The night is forgotten when morning's begun, So don't stay too long at your walling, The rough road is dreary to travel, but you will look back and smile when your journey is through; You may doubt this to-day, but you'll find it is true, So don't fret too much when you're falling.

The care which now burdens you down will grow light, Your doubts and your fears will soon slip out of sight, And you'll laugh at them all when you've put them to flight, So don't be too gloomy about them, For the pride of tomorrow is fashioned today, Men boast of the burdens they've borne on the way, And the fears which this morning fill you with dismay, You will laugh at the moment you rout them.

There's none of us free from the whiplash of care, The gladdest of hearts have been stung by despair, But all come to beauty some time and some where, provide a convincing reminder not to incur new ones.

Happenings of The Week

It used to be a jolly place Where men could smoke and chat And swap the latest funny yarns— But the girls have stopped all that.

No prize-fight pictures on the walls The pink gazette is gone; The waiting men sit, silent and With now and then a yawn.

Each time the barber calls out "next!" The flappers all arise; If some poor guy claims it's his turn, They freeze 'im with their eyes.

The girls now go to fights and games; Their shyness all has flown; There soon won't be a spot on earth That men can call their own.

Prince Henry, King George's third son, who recently passed examination for promotion in his regiment, the Tenth Royal Hussars, will shortly receive his captaincy in the army. It is understood he will then be appointed to the staff of either the Viceroy of India, or of his uncle, the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of South Africa.

Prince George, the King's youngest son, who has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the navy, will have to take his turn in standing watches, including the cheerless watch from midnight until four o'clock in the morning. Young Lieutenant Windsor is stationed on the flagship Hawkins of the fleet in the Far East. King George, who went through the mill of naval service insists that his sons in the army and navy, shall take their turn in the duties of their rank.

The lovely bright sunshine on Tuesday tempted young and old out for the opening of the third session of the Fortieth General Assembly of the Legislature and the streets were lined with interested spectators as the Guard of Honour paraded to the Assembly Hall where His Honor the Lieutenant Governor formally opened the House at three o'clock. The Guard of Honour headed by the Regimental Band, consisted of one hundred men supplied from the Prince Edward Island Regiment and was under command of Major T. B. Rogers, with Major F. R. Andrew, Captain W. J. MacDonald, Capt. O. W. Campbell and Lieutenant Des Roches, while Governor Hartz was attended by his Aides de camp Colonel J. P. Hooper, Colonel J. S. Jenkins, Lieut. G. H. Buntain, Naval Aide Colonel S. R. Jenkins and his private secretary, Mr. Harold L. Palmer.

Miss Dora Matheson is spending a few days in Malpeque and is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Keir. The "menfolk" held sway this week gathering from all parts of the Province to attend the numerous meetings in connection with the Farmers' Week's program. Mrs. R. E. Mutch entertained very pleasantly at dinner last evening inviting as her guests several of the teachers of Prince Street School and others friends.

Mrs. P. E. Island Orphanage Bridge, in the Navy League on Wednesday afternoon was the outstanding social function of the week and reflects with credit on the ladies, responsible for it. Twenty-four tables were played and were so much enjoyed that it is now planned to have another, probably a mixed bridge at the Victoria Hotel. The prize winners were Mrs. W. E. Bentley Mrs. W. A. Huestis and Mrs. Birt, Miss Emma Nicholson was in the lucky chair.

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A great many friends here will learn with regret that Mr. William Wright, for many years a traveller to this Province in the interests of Christine's fur house, met with an accident near his home in Westmount, P. Q. last week, Mr. Wright was standing on the sidewalk waiting for his car when an advancing auto skidded hitting a telegraph post which snapped off and in falling hit Mr. Wright breaking his right arm in two places and also a small bone in his leg. Mr. Wright was at once taken to the Western Hospital and at last reports was doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Winnifred McLeod left yesterday on a visit to Arizona where it is hoped the hot dry climate may greatly benefit her health. Miss McLeod is one of our brave overseas nurses whose arduous duties undermined her health and her wide circle of friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. E. H. Beer left early this week on a holiday trip to California.

Mr. G. W. McPhee, M. P. of Yorkton, Sask., returned home for the parliamentary recess, but Mrs. McPhee remained in Ottawa for the season.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, head of the Presbyterian College, has been nominated as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by the Glengarry Presbytery. The election takes place in June.

Mrs. G. D. Pope of Summerside accompanied her husband to Charlottetown and is remaining here for the Parliamentary session.

Mrs. P. E. Keeping entertained on Saturday afternoon at her home, Experimental Station, Kentville, N. B., in honor of her mother, Mrs. Thomson, who with her husband, Rev. W. A. Thomson, of Charlottetown, have been spending some months with their daughter at Kentville. Some of the friends took this occasion, it being the birthday of Mrs. Thomson, to present her with a fruit bowl, filled with fruit, as a token of their esteem. This is the first time, since her illness of several months duration, that Mrs. Keeping has received. Mrs. Keeping was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. F. Hockey, Mrs. M. P. Pike poured tea, and little Miss Frances Keeping attended the door.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gane Morris, are at present visiting in South Barbara, California.

Mrs. B. Roy Holman, was among the hostesses entertaining at a pretty bridge on Thursday evening at her lovely home in Brighton.

At the Y. W. C. A. annual meeting on Tuesday Mrs. P. R. Hartz was elected Hon. President, Mrs. K. J. Martin, President. 1st Vice Pres.—Mrs. John Richards; 2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. R. H. Jenkins; Recording Sec.—Mrs. Seth Henderson; Corresponding Sec.—Mrs. E. Hyndman; Treasurer—Mrs. R. Arthur Peake. The several reports showed a very successful year's work and the "Y" in a flourishing condition under the able leadership of Miss MacCollum. A pretty served tea brought the meeting to a close.

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He Found the Right Way
"Cost me a lot of cash to find it," said Brown. "Saving money was fairly easy; keeping it was a different matter."
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