

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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OLD AGE PENSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

New Zealand was the first of the far southern British Colonies to adopt the system of old age pensions. In that Province the Government appear to have introduced the measure before there had been any general desire expressed in that behalf. The measure appears to have turned out to be a popular one and to have produced such good results, particularly in the way of reducing pauperism, that other Provinces in Australia have been impelled to adopt it. Early among these is New South Wales where the new pension act is to take effect on July 1st next.

New South Wales has a population of 1,370,000 of whom nearly one third are residents of Sydney, which, with its suburbs contains 440,000 people. Last year in charitable relief of all kinds, including hospitals and lunatic asylums, \$2,900,000 was expended. The cost of the old age pensions now provided is vaguely estimated at one and a half to two and a half millions, and may therefore be set down at two millions of dollars. The preamble to the Act set forth its object quite clearly:

"It is equitable that deserving persons who during the prime of life have helped to bear the public burdens of the colony by the payment of taxes and by opening up its resources with their labor and skill should receive from the colony pensions in their old age."

The State of Victoria has also adopted a partial old age pension system. In New South Wales, however the plan is more complete and provides pensions for persons of both sexes of sixty-five years and upwards. It is stipulated that they shall be persons who have paid taxes, have been law-abiding and industrious and that at the time of claiming the pension they shall have insufficient means for their support. In New Zealand the pension rate is seven shillings a week. In New South Wales the maximum rate is \$130 a year. It is so arranged in both New Zealand and New South Wales that where a pensioner has other income, whether from his own labor or from his savings he shall not receive from the State more than will make up a total of one pound a week, including his private income.

In Victoria the pension system is a tentative one, which went into force on 1st January last and is to continue for six months. Its operation will therefore expire on the date at which the New South Wales system goes into operation. In the Victoria law it is provided that any Victorian who has been a resident of the Cape Colony for 25 years, who is 65 years of age and poor may apply to a police magistrate and upon satisfactory evidence of his past industry and good conduct and present need, may be placed on the pension list at ten shillings a week. Persons under 65 may also be pensioned on the ground that their health has been impaired by work in the mines or at some unhealthy trade. Sir George Turner, the Premier, had estimated on a cost of something under \$325,000 for pensions in the six months. It turned out that 18,000 applied for pensions within the first month and 15,000 of these had certificates granted them, so that it became apparent that if the scheme were made permanent on the present basis it would cost Victoria from three to three and a half millions of dollars yearly.

This does not look very promising and may put a damper on the progress of such "advanced" legislation. Victoria is the one colony which has been least prosperous in recent years, whether or not from its adherence to a high protective policy. In any case it is to be observed that organized labor is mainly at the basis of the old age pension system in the Commonwealth. In no part of the British Empire have the laboring classes so large a control in legislative and governmental matters. It is well enough that the experiment should be tried, and other countries will watch its development with great interest, but it must be apparent that the system has some drawbacks. Not the least of these is the danger that among certain classes the assurance of a fixed support from the State in old age may lead to improvidence during the period of middle life.

The Nelson Miner of May 7 tells that mining matters are practically at a standstill there. Two more mines had shut down the previous week and more may follow, although it is hoped that the stoppage may be but temporary.

The doctors are on a strike in Germany. It arises out of a state of things in which under sickness insurance some 30 millions of the German people are entitled to free medical attendance, at the joint cost of the Government and sundry associations to which the members contribute each a small sum.

The point is being discussed whether in the event of Sir Louis Davies' retirement from political life the Island can probably retain for the present a portfolio in the Federal Cabinet. All Islanders would no doubt prefer to be so represented, especially in view of the advantages which have resulted from having Cabinet representation within the few years past. But there are obvious difficulties in the way. The great West, including Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia, with 17 representatives in the Commons, has but one member of the Cabinet, Hon. Mr. Sifton. British Columbia with six members in the Commons, and vast mining, fishing and lumbering interests, has long been clamoring for Cabinet representation. New Brunswick is anxious for another Minister, having had two from the time of confederation down to 1896. In view of all these facts, and the further fact that but three of our Island representatives in the Commons are supporters of the Liberal Government, it will be difficult for us to retain our hold upon a portfolio at Ottawa. Sir Louis Davies' ability and prominence in his party enabled him to hold on, though having only two supporters from the Island. One strong man is a tower of strength in these matters. Our best chance to retain our position lies obviously in sending to the seat when it becomes vacant the ablest and most influential man available. Even then our new representative will be new to Federal public life, and might not be able at once to secure a portfolio. In any case wisdom should select men of first-rate abilities to fill the few seats which we can hold in Parliament.

Great Victory.

BARNABY RIVER, N. B. Mar.—Few cases of illness and recovery have excited the interest in this community, as has the kidney trouble of Mr. Cornelius Crotchie. Mr. Crotchie's treatment by the doctors at home and in the hospital, and the fact that they absolutely gave him up as a case beyond all hope, is well known. His subsequent restoration by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills reads like a miracle. "For five years I have suffered off and on with kidney trouble. Last fall I had an attack, for which the doctors had little hope of my recovery. I was obliged to go to the hospital for treatment, but it did me no good, so I came home given up by the doctors. A friend suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills. From the first box I improved. Now I am at my work every day."

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The grocer examined it with the rest, and, intending to chaff the countryman said, "Fshaw! I've got something in the egg line that will beat that."

"I'll bet you a dollar you haven't," said the countryman, getting excited.

"Right!" replied the grinning grocer; and going behind the counter, he brought out a wire egg-beater.

"There's something in the egg line that will beat it, I think," said he, reaching out for the money.

"Hold on, there," said the farmer; "let's see you beat it."

And he handed the egg to the grocer. The latter held out his hand for it, but dropped it in surprise on the counter, where it broke two soup plates and a platter. It was of solid iron painted white.

"Some folks think they're mighty clever," muttered the farmer, as he pocketed the money and walked out; "but 'tain't no use backing against the solid fact."

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At 9 a.m.	At 10 a.m.
At 11 a.m.	At 11:30 a.m.
At 2 p.m.	At 3 p.m.
At 4 p.m.	At 5 p.m.
At 6 p.m.	At 6:30 p.m.

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At 9 a.m.	At 10 a.m.
" 12:45 p.m.	" 1:15 p.m.
" 2 "	" 3 "
" 5 "	" 5 "

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PROHIBITION OF CIGARETTES.
TORONTO, May 13.—The general ministerial association passed a resolution to-day calling on the government to enact a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes in Canada and making it a misdemeanor for any person to have them in his possession.

A Woman's Troubles.

Mrs. Chas. Keating, sen., Owen Sound, Ont., writes—"It is a pleasure to tell what great benefits I have derived from the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I am 55 years of age, and for about five years my life was one of great suffering from nervousness, weakness and extreme physical exhaustion. I could not sleep, and hot flushes would pass through my body from feet to head. I consulted our family physician and two other doctors, but they told me that about my time of life I was likely to be troubled in this way. I continually grew worse and despaired of ever being cured. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food came to my notice, and as we have Dr. Chase's Recipe Book I had confidence in the doctor. I was so surprised at the help I received from the first box that I bought three more. They built me right up and made me feel healthy and young again. They have proven a great blessing to me, and I hope this testimonial will be of help to some weak, nervous woman suffering as I did."

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