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WHAT YOU REQUIRE

LEGISLATIVE CLOSE SEASON

Yesterday's Patriot, unable to revert the clear cold financial in yesterday's Guardian to get under cover by releasing the Anderson letter of October 30, 1919. This letter is more than what it claims to be, a partial statement of figures asked for by the government. Its preface shows this. Mr. Anderson said "The following statement, will I trust, cover what is required." That is all true and it corroborates the Guardian's figures of yesterday in giving the actual difference between revenue and expenditure on 9, 1919 to be \$137,341.81, which is even a few hundred dollars less than the Guardian's figures. The latter figures being \$1085.84, with uncollected revenue of course to be deducted from another article under the heading "The Provincial Debt, the" which makes the following statement which bears its contradiction on its face:

When the Auditor balanced the books at the end of 1919 he showed a total debt of the Province to \$1,198,882.31 (Public Accounts). The yearly interest on this amount at 6 per cent is over \$60,000. In 1919 the actual amount paid for interest was \$50,801.39 (p. 5). In 1920 the interest was \$497,58."

Now is it that if the interest on the alleged liability amounted to \$100,000, the Bell financiers eschewed with \$4,000 less which represents a capital amount of \$66,000. This is a sample of Liberal manipulation of accounts; their own figures condemn them. That \$253,000 is still dangling in the air of Mahomet's coffin.

MR. BLANCHARD WINS.

The Honourable Jeremiah Blanchard, the newly elected member of the First Prince and also newly elected to a seat on the Executive, yesterday sworn in and took his seat. His absence from the past week has been the subject of various rumors and considerable comment. The rumor was that because the government had replaced two Acadian door keepers by two of other nationalities, Mr. Blanchard

Notes by the Way

"Things a fellow had rather not be said", were once discussed a contributor to London Puncta, which things have been said by any persons in various callings, walks of life, and in various fields of the world's history on the politicians who are supposed to have very solid reasons for guarding their speech and are sometimes warned by their friends to be careful of their utterances. An occasionally found to have spoken unwisely with their friends. And it naturally adds to their regret when they find that their discreet or hasty utterances give aid and comfort to their opponents, rather than to their friends.

We have no official reports of the debates in the Provincial Legislature, but in the Ottawa Parliament there are such official reports. These are made by a staff of skilled stenographers, and are printed in unrevised form. These reports are supplied to the speakers in proof-sheets and each member is permitted to revise his own speech under certain limitations that are not very strictly enforced. It is found very frequently that the revised speech differs materially from the first, or unrevised report. Sometimes the new matter is introduced, but a fairly frequent change is the alteration or omission of words or sentences which the speaker referred to have thus omitted or amended. Many politicians are ill at that way.

According to a curious parliamentary ruling, originating many years ago, before modern ways of the world crept into politics, the word of an honourable member that is, officially honourable, must be accepted. That is, if a member lies like a Mohawk Indian (who is supposed to be a lineal descendant of Ananias) even if he himself and all his heavens know he is lying, he must not be called a liar—inside the House. To do so would be unparliamentary. Should an honourable member lose his grip upon his parliamentary self on hearing what he knows to be a deliberate perversion of the truth from an honourable member on the other side of the House and in his haste call him a liar, he must not only apologize, but retract and tell his fellow members who know he is lying, that he believes his honourable friend and is sorry for having so far forgotten himself as to doubt his word. Is this right? Is it right that one honourable member be compelled to lie, not to shield an honourable opponent, but to preserve what is technically known as the decorum of the House which decorum exists only in imagination.

"Liar" is an ugly word but the English language may be searched in vain for a complete substitute. We do not recommend its use in parliament or in the legislature, and we own to having lost considerable time in hunting up a word or a phrase to modify the apparent malignity of the good old Anglo-Saxon word "liar" which would better express what we meant.

The close season for legislators may be all right, but it may easily be seen that it can lead to misunderstanding.

refused to take his seat until the amende honorable had been made. Be this as it may, Mr. Blanchard took his seat yesterday and immediately after the ceremony his colleague, Mr. Metterall moved that Mr. Robert Martin, who has the Acadian qualification be appointed as door keeper. The motion was carried. Last year two Acadians held positions in the House. By this compromise the official list is increased to five and Mrs. Blanchard is evidently satisfied.

It is quite natural while human nature remains as it is that such things should occur. With us here in Charlottetown we have in most cases synoptic reports of the speeches delivered in the House. In a few cases only are verbatim reports attempted. Fortunately there are competent and we believe honest reporters for the newspapers which support respectively the government and opposition parties. We are confident that neither of these gentlemen would report any member as saying what he did not say, but of course in a condensed report much that the various speakers say does not appear. If an absurd or injudicious remark is made by one of the members supporting the government it is perhaps quite natural that it might appear in an Opposition paper and be omitted from the report of the same speech in the Government organ.

No question of skill or veracity arises in such cases except when a speaker denies having stated in the published report, as he may be, under considerable temptation to do. It is perhaps natural, other things being equal that more of "the things a fellow wishes he had not said" should be uttered by twenty-five men on one side than by five men on the other side and this has certainly happened. That a number of these have been reported in the Opposition press and omitted, various sentences which the speaker referred to have thus omitted or amended. Many politicians are ill at that way.

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.

More Broken Promises

Sir,—I have read with much interest the letters in your columns on Prohibition. But there are other questions of greater importance to be considered, and Sir, if you will allow me space I would like to let the readers of your paper know how our soldier boys are treated by those in office and by our honorable members that do not represent the people. At the last election the Liberal party made a lot of capital out of the returned soldiers by making them promises, and by those promises they got the soldiers' vote, and the soldiers got their promises, and it looks like that is all they ever will get, for when there is a vacancy it is not infrequently filled by men who never served their country.

Now, let us go back to the year 1915 when they were holding those recruiting meetings, and the government was sending out special trains to carry army officers, and members of parliament to help carry on those recruiting meetings, and all the singing and speeches and all the promises they made to the young men if they would only go and fight for the Motherland, and save our fair Canada's honor. But out of over a hundred young men who attended three of those meetings in Freeland, and Conway, there was only three brave boys who gave their names to be enrolled on the roll of fame. Their names are Percy Murphy, Edison Ramsay and Haven L. Thompson. Murphy got killed in Flanders, Ramsay and Thompson came back to Conway, and are here at the present time, and are looking for the work they were promised at the time they enlisted. Now there has been two vacant places filled here at Conway by men that never enlisted or served their country. The man that got the place that was promised to Haven L. Thompson on this section never went to the front, but the government gave him the Public Works Job that was promised to H. L. Thompson, a fine strong young man, he was nearly four years in the army; he was only 17 years old when he enlisted, and he was in France three years on active service and was wounded. He got a promise from Mr. A. C. Saunders for his support, but it failed. He got his papers signed by some of the Liberal Committee, but after all he is turned down to make a place

When speaking of taxation, and the unwillingness of people to pay, the Commissioner of Agriculture once thought him of the fact that children had sometimes been taken by the nose and forced to swallow unpalatable medicine. Few persons knew or had ever heard of such a thing. Horses or cattle are sometimes treated in that way but who had before ever heard or thought of children being so treated? And this in Prince Edward Island! Were not the humanity of our people and the credit of our fair Island here traduced and insulted? The Commissioner's words, however qualified, or explained, do not remove the fact that a coarse, insolent and arbitrary thought was in the speaker's mind in regard to the enforcement of taxation. Surely this utterance was one that the Commissioner has since regretted!

The Attorney General's threat to tax everything tangible and intangible," the Premier's sledge that the road projects would give permanent highways without costing the taxpayers a cent or adding to the debt, fall in the same category, along with the pre-election professions and promises which for years past they have been vainly endeavouring to deny, or ignore, or explain away. Truly they have broken all records as to the number of things they have said of which now they see the folly and wish that they had never uttered. When did any past government ever make so sorry a record for itself in words and deeds that they are now afraid or ashamed to speak of?

Well may it be as one of their own number has admitted that nobody will praise them but themselves, wherefore the Sing Song of self-praise must be continued! "Yes, they have made many new records beside their frantic boasts and foolish words. A new record in taxation, a new record in expenditure, a new record in closing down public utilities, a new record in deceiving the people, a new record in taking to themselves 150 per cent more for themselves than any previous government had ever taken! Why should anybody praise them for such record breaking achievements as these?

for relations of some of the Liberal powers that be. Now, Sir, I must give A. E. McLean, M. P., credit for the nice letter he wrote to the father of the returned soldier, and this is a part of his letter:

"I feel very strongly that a returned man should have the preference, but you will understand my hands are tied and I promised to abide by the decision of the Committee. Now our honorable member is willing to abide by the Committee of seven men that didn't have a son that volunteered in the army, and when the election was held during the war, they voted for the pro-German side of it.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FAIR PLAY.

Mr. LePages "Poor Man"

Sir,—I wish to call your attention to a statement made by Mr. LePage in the House "That the poor man is relieved of taxes and the wealthy man must pay up." Let me give you a few instances how the Bell Government taxed poverty. The total assessment in my district is about \$20,000. We are forced to pay our teacher the same supplement as districts with total assessment of from \$60 to one hundred thousand or go without a teacher. A poor farmer with three sons loafing all winter is forced to pay \$12 poll tax. Young girls today under sixteen years have charge of many of our schools with a salary of five to six hundred dollars while most of the farmers cannot make ends meet by working from twelve to sixteen hours a day from spring till late winter.

Mr. LePage may sing his party praise (self praise) but we farmers will remember the salary grab, the roads that cost \$1,900.00 per mile while the roads on which we hauled our produce were neglected.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FARMER

The Side Hitch

Sir,—In reply to a letter signed "Taxpayer No. 2" of March 21st, let me first say, I doubt if he is a taxpayer. He says ministers, agents and Indians are exempt from road duties. Let me tell him that either of these three do more road breaking than he does. I myself do more road-breaking in one winter than he does in his many years.

He says: If the people of this Province thought there was any advantage in the side hitch they would have adopted it years ago. I may say if they were all like him they would not allow any change no matter how much good that change would appear to them, as they would never part with two to four dollars to make the change. He says we would have to shovel roads at least nine feet wide. He apparently never saw a team of horses hitched to a sleigh, one horse on each runner track; just the kind of a road that the shift shaft would bring about, the two tracks only. He cannot see that there would be very little shovelling to do, and that only in cutting through banks after a storm to make the road where it ought to be.

He would likely climb over the high banks, like climbing a fire escape and just drop or jump down from the other side enough to ruin a horse for life same as I saw at Orwell Corner, and many other similar banks that I experienced.

He mourns and groans over the possible cost of a double set of harness. Let me tell him that 95 per cent of P. E. I. farmers are equipped with double harness. How could they handle the mow-cow or binder or truck-wagon without just imagine such a man calling himself a taxpayer or a farmer. Certainly it would be a one horse farm with a one horse farmer on it. Let me tell him to be a real farmer requires brains. A real farmer tries to get ahead and will hail with delight anything that will bring him easy to market, that will save time and expense that will count for something. A real farmer will be kind to his horses, not abuse them. He also

wants to drive and have his horses haul a decent load with pleasure and profit. A real farmer is supposed to have good judgement and would never think of making four trips say twenty or more miles to market with four men, four harness, four sleighs, four set of harness, over our patches and slues taking up a whole day, and see the abuse to the horses, the unnecessary wear and tear to harness and sleighs, the knocks and bumps each man also receives, the many cuss words that will come from at least three out of every four men, when all this could be done easier and quicker with one man and one team by having the good roads system. Once they are properly broken, not over the high banks and not to the back of the fields then to the road again a cross to the opposite side, back through the fields behind the barns, around the stacks, back again to cross the road, strike for the first gap they see open no matter how far back, and so on and continuing making the roads many miles longer just to avoid breaking the roads where they ought to be, and not brushed or marked out. The public in general must stop and wonder can this be the right trail, as there is no resemblance of a road?

Once we get some good system and practise it, a track once broken at once begins to get better with the more traffic single or double, as the firmer smoother and broader it becomes, that a blind horse could trot along with pleasure. Here they use blind horses with blind or half blind drivers to break the roads in some sections. This same correspondent wonders what the man with one horse will do. He says there are legions of them. Men of his stamp get lots of things that men of ordinary intelligence never see, I travel this province as much as any man and I find but very few one horse farmers. He might possibly be one as I might possibly be astray in my opinion of where he rightly belongs. But if he has but one horse, and has a little bit of intelligence he should know that with the shaft shifted a few inches over, the horse could haul a load very much easier, on a good hard smooth road than he could haul the same load in the centre

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection.

APRIL'S WAITING TIPTOE

Sometime 'twill be bird-time,
Though now the storms may sweep;
Sometime 'twill be brook-time,
Though now the ice lies deep;
Sometime 'twill be blossom-time,
Though now the drifts are swirled,
April's waiting tiptoe,
Just over the edge o' the world!

Never was a Winter,
But stepped aside for Spring;
Never as a silence,
But something came to sing,
Never as a bleakness,
But blossoming-buds unfurled
April's waiting tiptoe,
Just over the edge o' the world!

Can't you catch a message,
Thrilling through the air?
Can't you hear the melody,
It has not far to fare!
Can't you smell the fragrance
Of blossoms shower peared
April's waiting tiptoe,
Just over the edge o' the world!

—Minnie, Leona Upton



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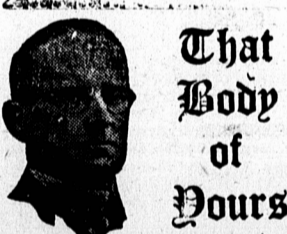
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ONE SIDED HEADACHE

The answer is "Yes." The outdoor life, plenty of indoor exercise, and the natural daily evacuation of the bowels seem to lessen the number and severity of the attacks. As a matter of fact nearly ninety percent of the sufferers with this form of headache give a history of constipation. So you see the cause may be due to the poisons from the waste matter in the intestines. It is a reasonable supposition, isn't it?

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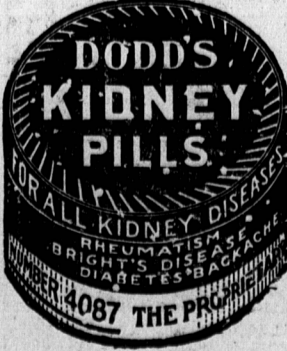
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