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SILENCE AND SUPPRESSION.

The kind of editorial conscience the Patriot possesses and the opinion that paper entertains of the intelligence of its readers is indicated by its continued justification of the Bell taxes while remaining as mum as an oyster concerning the suppression of the official document which belied all its and its party's representations as to the need of the taxes.

The Patriot and its party have persistently claimed that there was a deficit of \$230,000 at the end of the financial year; Hon. A. E. Arsenault presented figures to the House, and they were never disputed, showing that the whole deficit for the past eight years was only \$56,000.

Why was this done? Why is the Patriot silent about it? Why did the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Creelman McArthur, who had boasted of his independence, connive at this suppression of an official document of such supreme importance and regularly received in the House?

THE WEATHER.

In an issue of the Guardian some weeks ago we quoted an experienced farmer as predicting an unusually dry summer his prediction being based on past records showing that winters of extreme severity have invariably been followed by dry summers.

FOR BETTER THINGS

There are a few—too few—communities in this province which have inherited from a past generation a literary taste, a taste which characterizes the community and raises it above the ordinary materialistic level into which so much of the province has fallen.

CURRENT COMMENT

Hon. A. E. Arsenault, leader of the Opposition, was asked by the Premier if he would accept \$1,000 from the legislature, in consideration of the splendid services he had rendered the Government in perfecting legislation, and in further view of the fact that it was now the custom to pay an extra stipend to Opposition leaders.

The reply of the Hon. Mr. Arsenault was well in keeping with his record. He "appreciated very greatly indeed all the kind things which the Attorney General and Leader of the Government had said concerning him."

An item in the TAXATION ACT of the volte face character, which should have received considerable attention from the Hon. Geo. E. Hughes, seems to have been most shamefully relegated, with the host of other things, to the Government dump heap.

That the Ottawa Liberals have been disappointed with Hon. McKenzie King has been evident for some time past. That Island Liberals, and especially Prince County, are sorely disappointed is equally evident.

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Lord for to-morrow and its needs I do not pray Keep me from stain of sin and wrong

THE IMMIGRANT

By SIR ANDREW MacPHAIL (In University Magazine) IV.

More than half the population of Canada lives in the city. The ratio is increasing. All are agreed that the urban population is large enough, and that no further addition by immigration is desired.

Canadian cities present few at all. The Island, through the regular channels of the press and Boards of Trade plainly indicated the absolute necessity of a second Car ferry, and that nothing but this would meet the increasing transportation demands of the province.

And so they got behind the wily leader and commenced to prod. The Government press were making sport of them and their puerile representative, and he must do something to save his skin and protect his friends.

And this did not satisfy his island friends, but for the party's sake they must make the best of it. About four single columns of Wednesday's Patriot are employed in the heroic effort to defend his cold-headed weakling efforts, and to camouflage them into an appearance of actual labours on our behalf.

The Patriot still glories in its shame. It points out that if "the life of the Federal Government, during the last two elections of 1917 and 1919 hung upon the same thread, it would have met with the same overwhelming defeat as the Arsenault Government."

The manager of a factory does not care to what height wages rise. He merely asks his employers how much they want, and he distributes the payment among the consumers of his product.

tractions for the immigrant. The glum, which is twin sister to the factory, is not sufficiently developed. They are without well established ghettos such as exist in New York and Chicago.

The city has broken down. The salvation of Canada lies in the land. The migration that will save is a flow of population from the town to the farm.

Farming is a way of life. It is that and nothing else. It is not a business. If a man does not find his life's pleasure in his daily work, in the contact of his fields and the companionship of his animals; if he does not enjoy his labour in woods, by stream and sea; if he thinks less of his daily bread, of the provision for a serene and contented old age, and more of the profit he draws, he would be best advised to seek some other vocation.

Most surely is the farmer doomed when he depends upon a government to extricate him from the difficulties into which he has fallen or which have fallen upon him.

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On the farm nothing "pays" in itself. Each thing is a by-product of something else. The enthusiastic young man or woman, fresh from the Agricultural College, who engages in chicken "farming," soon discovers that the enterprise dies when the original capital is done.

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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

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on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Lane to Philip C. Kaufman, and the young bride is shown wearing a gown of ivory brocade from which the wedding gowns of her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother had been made.

Mrs. E. C. Coombs, of Charlottetown has been spending a couple of weeks in Halifax, at the Birchdale.

Among the very welcome visitors over the week end was Mrs. (Prof.) Wright, of Glace Bay, who made many friends here when Prof. Wright was organist of the Methodist Church.

Consul Pierce was right royally entertained on Thursday evening by the Knights of Pythias, who with numerous others, deeply regret his departure from their gatherings.

Miss Ross of the P. C. Hospital was another welcome visitor here for the holiday.

Jack Pickford and Charlie Chaplin made a "flying" trip from San Diego to Los Angeles this week. Lieut. Omar Locklear was the pilot, and the journey was negotiated in a real airplane.

Hon. A. E. Arsenault is in Montreal and Ottawa at present on a business trip and pleasure trip.

The Golf season was auspiciously opened last Monday, many members and visitors being in attendance. The ideal weather of the past week has drawn many daily to the links which are in excellent condition.

A cable message from London announces the Queen Mother, Alexandra, who has been suffering from a severe bronchial attack, is now improving. During a violent attack of coughing a small blood vessel burst in one of the Queen's eyes, causing impairment of the vision. It is stated, but there is encouragement that with care and rest this inconvenience will pass.

The dance at the Country Club Monday night, although perhaps

