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PUBLIC OPINION

The Montreal Board of Trade is doing a good work in arousing public opinion to the necessity of more rigid economy in the matter of public expenditure, federally, provincially and municipally. It has issued its third circular on the subject under the caption "Mind Your Own Business."

a thing impossible, but to make it impossible ever again to place incompetent men at the head of Canadian affairs.

CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

Financial and industrial authorities are peering cautiously into the future and they are not all satisfied that the time for shouting and jubilation has arrived. They are anxious to be persuaded that the "era of prosperity" predicted by interested politicians is at hand but they want evidence.

The May monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada is cautiously and very mildly optimistic, or rather, makes a brave attempt at optimism, being careful not to be ostentatiously so. It says: "So conflicting is the evidence which may be gleaned from basic conditions in Canada that it is impossible to forecast the immediate future of Canadian business."

The hollowness and the falsity of that sham political optimism which is now being voiced abroad regarding the financial position of Canada, although not referred to directly in the pamphlet, is apparent to every thinking man and woman. We are being constantly told that our financial resources are satisfactory, that our industrial situation is improving and that conditions generally are much better than ever before under any other government.

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The very opposite opinion is being freely expressed and we are being told in all sincerity that we are drifting towards a financial crisis. During the budget debate it was shown that to the enormous debt left us by the war, a debt which Canada willingly incurred and to which she added the sacrifice of 60,000 lives and 200,000 maimed.

Men of first class ability and honest patriotism are none to plentiful in the public life of either the several Provinces or of the Dominion in the Atlantic section of Canada in these times and they are proportionate in demand. Great care should be taken in the nominations yet to be made by both the leading parties in the section that men of calibre should be selected for representatives in both the Federal and Local Houses.

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Speaking collectively and in comparison with the past the representation of the Atlantic Provinces in the Ottawa Parliament is distinctly below par. Blair, Davies, Fielding, Pugsley, Senator Ferguson and others who once stood in the front rank of public life at Ottawa have either passed out of life or public activity within a comparatively short period.

It is not the expenditure of our taxes everyone's business? We are paying some \$350,000,000 in interest every year for the debt thus incurred, an enormous charge on nine million of people and we are all paying it, paying it in our grocery bills, in our clothing, in our rents in our pleasures, paying it in income taxes, in our sales taxes in everything we buy and in everything we sell.

By virtue of their talents, character and influence a majority of the Maritime statesmen we have mentioned had a considerable personal following at Ottawa among their provincial colleagues. Howe, Tupper, Tupper, Tupper and Davies were in this class. With one possible exception there is not a single Maritime Minister at Ottawa, with or without portfolio, who has a single personal follower. Such is the present rather pitiable condition of our Maritime representation at Ottawa.

It would be unfair to the Montreal Board of Trade to give the impression that in its circulars it has dealt with the question from a political standpoint. Its warning has reference to federal, provincial and municipal governments alike and its advice to electors is to elect men to each of these governments who are pledged to and are known to be honest and capable in the matter of public economy.

It is accentuated by the fact that by the criminal neglect of the Government our own Province has been deprived of two of its members in the Senate during the present session and no protest has been uttered in Parliament. The time was when a Conservative Government had the British North America Act amended to save our representation in the Commons. A Liberal Government now repays this generosity by violating the same Act to take away half of our representation in the Senate. Surely the Maritimes have fallen upon evil days!

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It is up to the electors to say whether these deplorable conditions shall be permitted to continue. The remedy is not out of reach. It is hardly thinkable that the ability and manhood of the Maritimes has declined or vanished to any such extent as our weakened parliamentary exhibit would seem to indicate. If such has been really the case we must accept the humiliation of our back bench position with such grace as we may. But oh! "what a falling-off is there, my countrymen!"

Notes By The Way

The budget debate added over 100 speeches to what had otherwise been a very talkative session. A part of the time was taken up with talk about talk, which seems to be the most useless sort of verbiage. Each party blamed the others for prolonging the debate and taking up too much time.

There was something really amusing when the one man who had exploited more of the valuable time of the House than any other member threatened the others with a dissolution if they did not stop talking and get on with the business of Parliament. More than half of the members did not speak during the debate and could realize the humor of the situation and the absurdity of the angry Premier's threat of which he himself was unbecomingly unconscious.

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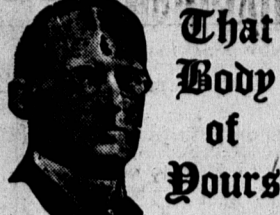
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By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE VALUE OF HEAT

It would appear that other countries seem to appreciate the value of heat in various ailments, more than we do in North America. In Japan the hot bathing and application of heat to various disorders is a routine procedure. The use of the huge hogsheads, filled with hot water, in which the Jap immerses himself after the toil of the day, was a part of the army life during the war with Russia.

The circulation is hurried along, and thus the fatigue wastes in the muscles are removed from the system. Our athletes try to secure a hot bath after a strenuous contest, so that they will not go "stale."

For years it has been customary to treat all sprains with cold applications to prevent the swelling. Our latest books are telling us that heat, hot applications, are the first indication because as the damage is done, the best thing to do is to get a good circulation there, to remove the debris of all the tearing, and start early repair of the tissues.

The first thing noticed was the prompt relief from pain. This is the great factor in the application of heat in sprains and other injuries. It is very soothing. This ulcer was completely healed in twelve weeks, and in the majority of cases he states, that the cure was complete in three weeks.

When healing is slow in run down individuals, the stimulation of the part by heat is just what is needed to get some activity. This is the reason that it is not unusual for an old sore or ulcer to be irritated by some preparation in order to stimulate the circulation and get the blood bringing new material, and removing old material from the spot.

The Public Forum

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

RAILWAY FREIGHT

Sir,—Notes By The Way" in the Guardian of May 1st, made very spicy reading, especially the lame excuse offered by Sir Henry Thornton for why the National Railway receipts fell off badly during the closing months of the fiscal year.

At Wood Islands and Hopfield and surrounding country there is enough lumber going to waste that would give employment to hundreds of men. If they would only ship it by rail they can find a market at Montague for all the lumber they can send them at \$2.50 per car delivered at Montague. But when it takes almost half of that for freight where is the lumberman going to get off in the small end of the horn? The cost of charging \$23.50 freight on a car of lumber if they charged \$10.00 they would get a train load where they only get a car load under the present high rates in keeping with salaries ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per year. It would also be the means of keeping these men home but the funny part comes in here, if they could bill the cars of saw logs out as fire wood it would cost about \$3.00 less per car.

Where does the difference come in? The R. R. hands don't have to put a hand near either wood or logs to load or unload; what makes the difference? Here it is in a nut shell. The R. R. knows the saw logs are worth more than the wood and they want their dip out of the difference. The same may apply to cattle or horses. It takes about half the price of an animal to pay the freight. Still people will wonder why there are so many vacant farms in that part of the country, besides other parts of the Island. Depending on our Railroad to ship their farm products P. E. I. cannot nor will not pay such high freight rates to help pay \$50,000.00 salaries. If the Railroad as we may. But oh! "what a falling-off is there, my countrymen!"



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MISLEADING COMPARISONS

Sir,—The comparisons made by the Rev. Elwin Malone in Monday's Guardian shows how superficial figures, selected at random, may be made to reflect unfairly on a Government and a people. He first compares provinces whose revenues and population are counted in millions, with our small colony where both are numbered only by thousands. This is followed by the mistaken assumption that, because none of our appropriations are earmarked for that purpose, we are non-contributors to the cost of containing against the white plague.

A little deeper research will disclose to our fellow friend the fact that by very long odds—Prince Edward Island contributes a larger proportion of her revenues to public charities than any province in the Dominion. In the matter of tuberculosis it is common knowledge that an expensive sanitarium was closed by the late Government, while in almost every other province these institutions exist. While I would not wish to minimize the importance of this movement, I must point to the fact that the number of patients here, whose families are unable to care for them, is limited; a less percentage than in some of the provinces referred to. These needy ones have been materially assisted by our Government in various ways.

The sum of \$3,225.23 was distributed last year on what is denominated Paupers Scales. Quite a percentage of this goes to T. B. purposes. Again \$200. to the Dispensary, partly used in the same way. The three Hospitals receive \$500. each or \$1500.00 in all, and Red Cross a sum of \$2,650.00 from which there is the indirect contribution to patients of that class. Then the orphanages, get \$500. each, where the children of those indigents are cared for. Added to these we have Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary—absorbing almost a fifth of our whole revenue—in which, unfortunately, patients suffering with this disease have had to be treated.

Larger provinces have their Health departments, hospitals and sanitariums. While these institutions have a cost in management, they have also a revenue income. Comparisons are not fair when they are given credit for the expense, without also charging against them the receipts. For instance Nova Scotia received in 1923 \$517,041.69 in revenue from these institutions. How much of this should Mr. Malone deduct from his \$97,231.00 T. B. outlay which he credits to that province? In New Brunswick they had a revenue of \$55,960.19 from their sanitarium alone. Our Island's contribution is all outlay, and no income. Nova Scotia's revenue was \$5,577,872.57, while our income was about \$700,000.

There is never a dearth of excellent suggestions as to really desirable expenditure of monies by the governments of the day—whether Liberal or Conservative—but always a most lamentable lack of advice as to the means of procuring these funds. Last year our revenue ran short of expenditure about \$23,000. From what fund would our friend propose to draw on for this further outlay? Let me add that I am in the fullest sympathy with the cause he advocates, but I am also sensible of the difficulty of the situation, which

What Mr. Winston Churchill Has To Say About Insurance

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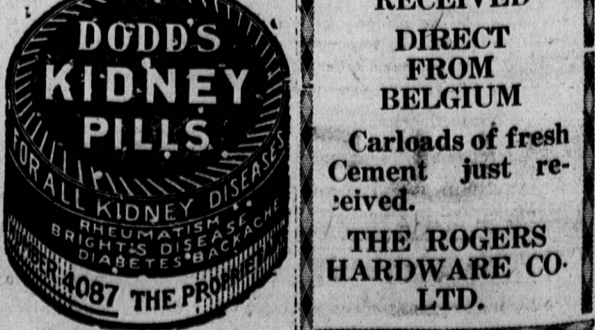
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DELIVERANCE AT HAND:—I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, Psalm 91:15. REJOICE:—O Blessed Redeemer and Lord, we would come unto Thee, for in Thee we are safe from every fiery dart of the Wicked One. REJOICE! REJOICE!

VICTORY Spring has triumphed gloriously—Rejoice! Rejoice! Winter's minions wall and flee, Turn and run from field and tree, Routed, vanquished utterly—Rejoice! Rejoice! Spring has opened wide the gates Where the trembling violet waits, Called the bright birds and their mates, Rejoice! Rejoice! Spring has triumphed gloriously—Rejoice! Rejoice! With quick gesture, proudly, Trophies spread o'er the world to see, Gives them then to you—and me—Rejoice! Rejoice! —Rebecca Helman.

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