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The New Parliament

There is something appropriate in the selection of Mr. F. Turnbull, M. P. as mover of the address at the opening of the new Parliament. He is the successor of the Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance whose election budget was in no small measure responsible for the defeat of the Mackenzie King Government.

As the session opening on Monday is a special one for the particular purpose of dealing with the unemployment situation, there will be no opportunity of dealing with general questions. But as it is anticipated that part of the unemployment policy will hinge on the safeguarding of home industries, entailing changes in the tariff, this may lead to considerable debate.

The New Zealand Treaty

The Winnipeg Tribune makes a logical comment on New Zealand's action in rescinding its tariff preference on Canadian-built automobiles, by describing it as "perfectly natural, but not just."

The New Zealand treaty was an important one for Canada, because it opened up to outside competition a home market on which an important branch of Canadian farming depended for its chief sales.

Potato Prospects Bright

Appropos the visit of the Pennsylvania Potato Growers' Association to Prince Edward Island and the surprise which the visitors exhibited at the excellent condition of the potato crop throughout the Province, the Sydney Post says:

The Prince Edward Island farmers may score handsomely with this year's potato crop, which gives promise of being one of the finest in the history of the Province. This is an off-year with potatoes in the United States, and even in Central Canada, where the growth of the crop has been checked by excessively dry weather.

Editorial Note

The Financial Post, Toronto, has been busy since the election explaining why it backed the wrong horse; it is a way unlucky tipsters have.

Trade eliminates many bitter war memories. Germany now ranks second in the race for first place in total trade with France. Germany's exports to that country increased 35 per cent. during the past five months, exceeding the United States.

It is worth noting that not a syllable of criticism is now heard anywhere on Mr. Bennett's doctrine that Canada's interests should be the first concern of Canada's statesmen. Even the Toronto Globe no longer assails it as a menace to the Empire.

The Sudbury Star, in its Aug. 2nd edition, has the following editorial note and comment: "The Charlottetown, P. E. I. Patriot published on Monday an election editorial 2 1/2 columns long, under the heading 'A Final Word.'"

The Lea Government made a tactical blunder in swearing in Mr. Thane Campbell as a member of the Executive before he found a seat in the House. He must now get in or get out, and it is not an easy matter persuading the Liberals of Second Prince that theirs is Hobson's Choice.

It is gratifying to note that this year, at least, Prince Edward Island potatoes are being exhibited in the Maritime booth at the Canadian National Exhibition. Last year, it will be recalled, we were reduced to the humiliating expedient of exhibiting New Brunswick potatoes "as a sample of Prince Edward Island potatoes at their best."

The Guardian is in receipt of the city inauguration edition of the Sudbury Star of August 2nd, issued on the occasion of Sudbury attaining to the status of city hood. This rising community of Northern Ontario is the centre of extensive nickel mining activities. The special edition of the Star runs to 64 pages, and contains excellently written articles and illustrations covering every phase of the community's history and activities.

Evidently the Honourable Mr. Scully's appointment to the Executive Council was considered as of less public importance than the appointment of a dentist at Falconwood Hospital. Mr. Scully was duly sworn in as a member of the Lea Government several weeks ago; and the news was casually announced to the readers of the Government organ on Saturday in connection with his attendance at Friday's Council meeting; whereas the Falconwood appointment was broadcast in the same organ several days before it was actually made.

Notes By The Way

The Liberal press is forever declaring that the Hon. R. B. Bennett's policy is "high protection." Neither Mr. Bennett nor any Conservative member of Parliament nor any Conservative newspaper has ever advocated "high" protection. The Prime Minister has constantly asserted that he will give Canadian industries and Canadian agriculturists adequate protection against foreign competition in order that Canadian workmen and Canadian farmers may have a chance to live.

It is to be hoped that many Americans were "listening in" when Sir John Simon spoke on India. Because our neighbours seem to know an appalling lot of things about India that simply aren't so.

We are sometimes tempted to wonder why it is that so many people do not see, or will not see, the obvious advantage of village, or even of a very small town life, especially in a period of scarcity and depression. Instead, they crowd into the large cities where thousands have crowded before them thinking apparently that if a living is to be found anywhere it will be in the great centres of population.

When a prodigious increase in production is thus accompanied by a lessened demand for men, the only explanation that appears is the substitution of machinery for human labor. That reveals an extremely difficult and complicated problem. We cannot check the application of science to agriculture building and manufacturing, yet we must always bear in mind that the human element is the most important of all, and the producer to be considered more than the product. The acid test of civilization is the home of the worker.

The New Outlook tells a striking tale of the saving of life in an emergency which deserves to be widely known:

"Eleven Boy Scouts were enjoying an outing in a rowboat on Lake Deschenes, when a sudden squall upturned the craft, throwing the boys into the chill waters. They were all swimmers, but it was night time and help was nowhere at hand. Their leader took command at once and rallied the boys. Under his direction they clasped hands over the capsized boat. As the hours passed, numbed with cold, some of the younger members felt themselves losing their grip and had to be supported in turn by their sturdier companions. Meanwhile, lest they might excite each other to panic or vainly waste their strength, they were ordered not to cry for help until the leader gave the signal. Later the order was given to unbuckle their belts and strap themselves to each other over the bottom of the upturned boat. After four hours in the dark waters they were rescued by members of the Aylmer Yacht Club. All were conscious when the rescue boat arrived, two swooned as they were pulled over the side, but all were brought safely to shore. The Scoutmaster stated that during the long wait for help there was no indication of panic. The way the boys obeyed his order not to cry for help until the signal was given indicated a high state of morale."

Liberal newspapers are making a great hullabaloo over New Zealand's decision to withdraw a preference for Canadian motor cars. That, they say, is what comes of Mr. Bennett's position on New Zealand butter.

Reading such comments one might almost get the impression that Canada's preference on New Zealand butter was withdrawn by Mr. Bennett. It was cancelled, of course, by Mr. King. He admitted his mistake, acknowledged that New Zealand butter was injuring the Canadian dairy industry, withdrew the preference admitting it.

Why then, blame Mr. Bennett? Mr. King when he cancelled the butter arrangement, said it would be followed by a new treaty. That treaty, in all probability, will still be negotiated. In the meantime, this attempt to blame the Conservatives for what New England has done about our motor cars is simply childish.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

SPLINTING THE SPINE

One of the early lessons I learned about suspected tuberculosis was that where the symptoms were conflicting it was better to consider the case of tuberculosis than to make the mistake of telling a true tuberculosis case that he did not have the disease.

The idea was the care the case would get for the ensuing months would be only of benefit even if he did not have the trouble whereas the delay in treating a true case of tuberculosis might lose him his chance of recovery.

Fortunately the X ray, the blood sedimentation test, and other aids now help in making the correct diagnosis.

However tuberculosis anywhere in the body is always uncertain as to how quickly or how slowly it will increase or decrease in severity. And so in cases of tuberculosis of the spine, should the cases be operated on or should one wait to see how it will develop.

As you know Dr. Albee's operation for tuberculosis of the spine is to take a piece from the shin bone and by sawing a groove in the sharp prominence you can feel along the spinal column (back bone) he lays in this splint of bone from the shin, and it grows in place and so keeps the tuberculous bones of the spinal column apart, thus giving them a chance to heal.

Dr. Albee reports 885 cases on which he has performed this operation; in 63 per cent the operation had been done from one to five years previously, and in 31 per cent it was from five to nineteen years.

That is only 6 per cent had been done within the previous year. In 90 per cent of the cases the results were classified as excellent, and 8 per cent fair.

I believe with results such as above parents should be willing to have their youngster undergo this operation, which saves months, perhaps years of rest in bed.

And for adults it is likewise good sense whether the trouble is due to tuberculosis, war or other injury.

The Poet's Corner

THE NAMELESS ONE

Roll forth, my song, like the rushing river, That sweeps along to the mighty sea; God will inspire me while I deliver My soul of thee!

Tell thou the world, when my bones lie whitening Amid the last homes of youth and old That once there was one whose veins ran lightning No eye beheld.

Tell how his boyhood was one drear night-hour, How shone for him, through his grief and gloom, No star of all heaven sends to light our Path to the tomb.

Roll on, my song, and to after ages Tell how, disdaining all earth can give, He would have taught men, from wisdom's pages, The way to live.

The Public Forum

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

FOR GOVERNOR

Sir: With the expiry of the term of one who has excelled in the position occupied by him as Lt.-Governor of this, our favored Island, several names have been suggested of men fitted to succeed him and one of these was recently mentioned in the Guardian.

Should Mr. Nicholson care to accept of the honorable but onerous position, the public would doubtless be well satisfied; more so, that our country owes a debt to his son and daughter, who risked their youthful lives in our stead.

Another who has a very special claim to the gratitude of this community is Dr. J. S. Jenkins, who with his brother, risked his life for his countrymen in the Great War; and whose father and grandfather risked their lives, and saved the lives of others in the prompt and courageous services rendered during the sudden, totally unprepared for, and deadly visitation of the small-pox in the year 1885-6.

Sacred writ has it "All that a man hath will he give for his life," and in risking their own lives in defence of that of others, ought to entitle the name of J. T. Jenkins and his worthy successors to everlasting remembrance.

I am sir, etc. A RATE PAYER

THE MARINERS OF ENGLAND

(Lucio in Manchester Guardian) "It seems possible that the suggestion made by the Prince of Wales to have a putting-green on the sun deck of the Empress of Britain will be carried out. The lawn will be irregular in shape, but it will provide a putting area of 300 feet by 12 feet.

"Gardening, in some form or another, is quite a feature of life at sea nowadays. The idea of a real greenhouse was first of all introduced on the Majestic. The structure is on the upper deck, and here plants are forced into bloom, and even some crops of quick-growing salads are produced."—The Star.

The boy stood on the putting-deck, Whence all but he had fled; His putter had a twisted neck, His touch was sure and dead. He sank his seven-hundredth shot, Then straightened up and said:

"I am monarch of all I survey, My rivals are all on the shelf, And here I persistently play Unlimited games with myself. Thank heaven, there's room on this ship For all sorts of hobbies and chances— A man can enliven his trip With any old sport that he fancies. The mate is in the greenhouse Spraying off the bugs; The Captain's in the rose-bower Hunting round for slugs; The surgeon's in the cabbage patch, The purser picks the pea— And so they leave the putting-lawn Exclusively to me. "And here I stand day after day Putting agreeable putts away! With one for thou and one for thee And one for him and one for he, And one for you and two for me— And vo-ho-ho! for a life at sea!"

MORAL

Ye gentlemen of England Who sit at home at ease, How little do you realize The perils of the seas! Where sea-gulls nip the captain's nose.

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