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PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

The report of the Department of Public Works, tabled last Friday shows that this arm of the government was more than ordinarily busy during the past year.

The names of the tenderers for contracts and supplies together with the amount of tender, are given in connection with road projects and public institutions, placing the whole work of the department in the full light.

HOUSEKEEPING EXPENSES

It has long been evident that the house-keeping expenses of this province are out of proportion to our means. For many years we have been going behind and if the process continues the end can only be bankruptcy.

We cannot have our cake and eat it. We have fairly good roads, fairly good schools, we look after our poor and helpless ones—all of which we have a right to have and to do.

The legislature when making its appropriations for the coming year estimates the cost of every arm of the public service. The estimates are openly discussed by both sides of the House and they are cut down to the lowest possible figure, oftener than not, below what the province really requires.

Clearly we cannot afford to cut down our expenditure. If the government has misappropriated a single dollar, if there has been extravagance in any department then the government might well be blamed but no misappropriation or extravagance is apparent.

The Auditor's report of the Public Accounts is open and above board and the failure to make ends meet is frankly admitted. By a little manipulation of figures, as has frequently been done in the past, a better showing could have been made.

Public Accounts tabled last week. If there has been any extravagance or wastefulness, if there are any untapped sources of revenue, now is the time to make it known.

AS TO BYE-ELECTIONS

When the political winds are favorable, the political sea smooth, and the ship is known to be staunch, bye-elections are held when vacancies occur and the results are determined by the electors.

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Speaking of a provincial deficit of this year serves to remind middle-aged and older electors of the days when successive Liberal Governments in this Province for twenty years from 1891 to 1911 had a deficit every year, ranging, if memory serves us rightly, from \$38,000 to \$186,000 a year.

A poor excuse is sometimes said to be better than none, and this one was of Liberal origin. It was in the same period of Liberal rule that the provincial income tax was brought in to bless us, which has been continued and since then we have had trial of the Bell Government poll tax, which the people refused to pay and which has been repealed according to promise by the Stewart Government.

At present we have a condition in which both parties fully realize that the revenue of the Province is insufficient to provide for maintaining the ordinary public services of the Province and both the Government and the Opposition have agreed in a just demand that the Dominion subsidy shall be increased. That action is in every way commendable. It remains to be seen with what measure of fairness the Liberal Government now in power at Ottawa will meet our claims.

It is apparent that our claims are just and simple justice is all that is asked for. The Province is not asking anything by way of favor. It is also apparent that as between parties at Ottawa in the past any substantial recognition of our claims has come from the Conservative side. We mention this as a strong incentive to the present Federal Government to carefully consider the justice of our claims and deal with them in a spirit of equity and fair play.

Notes by the Way

The trade balance by which Canada's exports exceed the imports was last year \$392,331,447, and is boasted of accordingly by Liberal politicians and their press.

Thirty-six times the Dominion has had an unfavorable trade balance and twenty-two times the balance has been favorable. Both Conservative and Liberal Governments have shared in the favorable and unfavorable balances.

Take a larger group of exports and note how they have increased since 1910. Exports of wheat increased four times; flour, wool, pulp, bacon, hams and whiskey increased three times; condensed milk and butter seven times; oats 13 times; barley, 15 times; rye, 5 times; automobiles, 200 times, and sugar, 3,500 times.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Boston, M.D.

THE SOCIAL WORKER.

One of the important officials in any large hospital now is the social worker. It is her duty to go to the home from which the patient comes, try to help in any way possible and to gather information that will help the physician to understand the case better and thus give more accurate treatment.

Most of these workers have plenty of hard sense and tact, and are really a valuable asset to the work of the hospital.

If the patient is suffering from stomach trouble, some idea of the diet of the household is learned, how the food is cooked, the regularity of the meals and so forth.

Where the patient does not have any real ailment, this worker looks for certain causes for worry and anxiety that may be an important factor in delaying the patient's recovery.

Now the hospital is considered the logical place for sick people, where they can have scientific attention at all times.

THE KING OF LOVE.—"Thou thy loving kindness hast led the people that Thou hast redeemed, Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation." Ex. 15:13.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN Sometimes we think of what might have been. And forget that we live today, and that someone is needing a helping hand, because somebody's life is grey.

Sometimes we sigh for the days long past. We think those were happier years, but we only remember the hopes and joys, for time has veiled the tears.

Yours truly, Margaret S. Musk

1,600 Emigrants Coming To Canada (Canadian Press.) LONDON, March 21.—In connection with the migration of families to Canada, 1,600 persons have sailed this week-end from Liverpool, Southampton, Glasgow and Belfast.

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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.

OLD TIMERS FIDDLING CONTEST

Sir.—In reply to Mr. R. C. McDonald in yesterday's Patriot the Publicity Association offer the following explanation for holding the contest in Holy Week.

Immediately on being advised by the Intercolonial Club of Boston of the contest to be held there on April 6th the Association endeavored to get to the Strand Theatre for some night during the present week but found that it had been previously booked for the whole week.

The Association deeply regrets having to hold the contest in Holy Week but has no choice in the matter.

The contest cannot be postponed till after Easter. The Contest in Boston is on the 6th and our candidate will have to leave here on Saturday the 3rd of April at the latest.

I am, Sir, etc., A. E. ARSENAULT, Pres. P. E. I. Publicity Ass'n

TOURIST ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

Sir.—It seems to be quite generally known that our P. E. Island Publicity and Tourist Association is short of the necessary funds with which to carry on a publicity campaign compatible with what we have to offer in the line of beautiful pastoral scenery, cool refreshing summer climate, and a long list of other attractions which appeal to tourists.

There is no doubt that all caterers and people supplying the wants of transients would only be too glad to subscribe to a fund which will surely increase their trade.

We can see now that the Tourist trade and campaign for Tourist trade is past the experimental stage. It has "arrived"—our duty now is to hold what we have—and increase our trade from year to year.

We have to be pretty much "alive" to keep abreast of other places, which are after the tourist trade harder than we are. It is at most imperative that there be an information bureau at Borden, manned by some cordial, hale and hearty Islander who will give all tourists the "glad hand of welcome"—furnish them with road maps, etc.—all free of charge. Give them all a good first impression. It will be quite a novelty to some of those tourists to get "something" free—besides the air and the scenery.

I am, Sir, etc., J. PENDERGAST.

RETARDED CHILDREN

Sir.—Would you kindly grant me space for a few follow-up remarks on the subject of retarded children.

Our schools are full of such unfortunate. It is not strange that our inspectors do not take into account the ages of the children in the lower grades. What an absurdity it is for any inspector to commend a class in the Second Reader, unmindful of the fact that there are children twelve and thirteen years of age in that class who have browsed about in that same old Reader for two years or more.

Winter Reflections On Summer Attractions

WEST QUEENS AND PRINCE COUNTIES FULLY ABLE TO COMPETE WITH THEIR RIVALS

HISTORICUS

Those who are out to visit all parts of Prince Edward Island summer find as many attractions in West Queens and Prince as elsewhere. Going west for a car trip by the Malpeque Road they cannot escape seeing a great deal of the finest tract of country that Dame Nature has fashioned in her choicest designs.

Like all our hotels in the tourist season the visitor is not only guaranteed choice food but actually has a feast of delicacies of the finest qualities served up in the various kinds of fruit, etc. and goes away bestowing the highest praise on the food and culinary efforts of the caterers.

From Summerside to Tignish by the old western road is reputed to be the most attractive highway for autos in eastern Canada.

Going by rail there is a good hotel at O'Leary and by auto at different points within easy distance along the coast. The coast scenery is also a drawing feature for visitors. It is found lavishly displayed on both the northern and southern sides of the county.

We are now at Tignish the farthest point west, and our present journey's end. It is also not far from the beautiful scenery of the village. The citizens take great pride in the beautification of the town, and in having the best of order maintained. It would be worth while for the visitor to have a run up there if for no other pleasure than to see how well the townspeople do their work. In fact all the towns and villages in that end of the Province are well kept.

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Back To Wilson Germany's Slogan (Canadian Press.) BERLIN, March 21.—Discussing the breakdown of the Geneva negotiations, the Borsen Courier declared that "despite the ignominious betrayal of Germany's confidence in his fourteen points, 'back to Wilson' should be the political slogan of Germany."

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