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Hamlet Without the Ghost

Premier Saunders even out-Saundersed himself on Wednesday night when he spoke for two-and-a-half hours without introducing the budget.

As it was, the Legislature was for a time face to face with a discussion in which they were deprived of the plans and policy of the Government regarding the administration and financing of the province for the current year.

Budget Boomerangs

Premier Saunders threw a boomerang at the Opposition leader and Dr. McMillan in his budget speech Wednesday night, which yesterday reacted with devastating results when it returned home.

Then, too, there was the paper surplus of \$3,789 which the Premier flourished in his budget speech and which faded completely out of the picture when the Opposition leader analyzed it in broad daylight yesterday.

Labor-Liberal Alliance?

Rumor has it that the near future may witness the establishment of a coalition between the British Liberals and the Labor party. For the time being, this topic has thrown completely into the shade events at the naval conference.

Editorial Notes

Washington highway officials plan checking up "one-eyed" automobiles. The new highway law requires that the topmost ray of light must be three inches lower than the headlight bulb at a distance of twenty-five feet.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that it is equivalent to "aiding and abetting" for hotelkeepers to serve guests in their rooms with ginger ale and cracked ice. It is assumed that the chilled beverage is used to reduce the voltage of the "hard stuff."

The present belief of the Press Gallery at Ottawa is that there will be no Dominion election this year. This suggests an exchange, may or may not be correct, but it certainly was significant that Mr. King's broad hint that there might be an early appeal, was received with tumultuous applause by the Conservatives and in dead silence by the Premier's own supporters in the House.

It is well to be reminded of the fact that the hospitals save many lives that would be lost but for their treatment. The Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, last year treated 14,307 patients and the death rate was only 2.3 per cent, including those who died within 48 hours of admission.

Notes By The Way

Premier Saunders stormed and blustered at the Guardian for disclosing that the deficit was about \$250,000; and on the same day his Minister of Public Works tabled a bill authorizing the Government to borrow \$500,000—\$300,000 for the previous year, and \$200,000 for last year.

Mr. Saunders was very indignant that the Guardian should include Sinking Fund appropriations as expenditure to be counted in ascertaining the deficit. What is it, if not an expenditure? If it be taken out of the revenue and placed in another account for a specific purpose it can no longer be counted as cash in the treasury.

Evidently the Senate is not banking much on change of venue for divorce cases yet a while. The Senate Divorce Committee is going right ahead with its list. Moreover, it evidently plans to "make it snappy." The committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, when ten cases were set down, with about the same number for three subsequent days, forty-three in all for the week.

Only recently have we had "traffic cops" introduced here and they are on duty only on busy days and evenings in Summer and Fall. In other places they constitute a regular part of the city administration and are looked upon as valuable and responsible officials whose comfort must be safeguarded.

Conditions are getting so bad industrially in the United States that Canadians are being forced to return to their native land. This applies especially to Detroit and Chicago where there has been a great slump in business. The Toronto Weekly Star, a bitter partisan of Premier King, has this to say in a bulletin received from Ottawa: "They're coming back, hundreds of them—Canadians—from Detroit, Mich. and other United States cities. They're being thrown into the streets, homeless and broke. They can't get work because they are not 'naturalized citizens.'"

"One of the big automobile factories in Detroit is operating only three or four days a week; others are operating two. "An Ottawa man who has been in Detroit for a decade has just come home. He's broke and is looking for a job. He left three children and a wife in Detroit, waiting to hear from him. They were put out into the street because they were one day behind in paying their rent. Their furniture was planted on the sidewalk. They had to sell it to get enough money to eat."

That is the state of affairs as pictured from Ottawa; here is as reported from Windsor, Ont.: "A special committee of the Border Chamber of Commerce will discuss with Detroit employers the problems of Canadians in their employ and the



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

PAIN IN THE BACK
When you look at the large bones that form the spinal column, one piled on top of the other, from the hips to the neck, you must admit that Nature was wise in providing such strong support for that body of yours.

If then your body has such great support why should you have pains in the back, in upper back, in small of back, and also about the hips themselves? Simply because you do not let these bones support your body, but allow the weight to rest on the muscles and the ligaments instead.

If you had to lift a heavy weight and place it on a large block, once you got it on the block, it would require little effort to hold it there because the block would support it. If however you placed it partly on the block you would have to continue to hold it from falling. This would mean continuous effort on your part.

Now it is very much the same thing that causes your pain in the back. If you stand erect the bones in the spinal column and the ligaments that hold them together support the weight of the body without the help from the muscles. The muscles are for moving the bones. The front muscles to draw you forward—the back muscles to draw you backward—the front and back muscles thus keeping you nicely balanced without much effort on their part as your weight is on, or should be on, the bones.

THE VAGABOND
Give to me the life I love,
Let the jive go by me,
Give the jolly heaven above
And the byway nigh me.

Or let autumn fall on me
Where afield I linger,
Silencing the bird on tree,
Biting the blue finger.
White as meal the frosty field—
Warm the fireside haven—
Not to autumn will I yield,
Not to winter even.

Let the blow fall soon or late,
Let what will be o'er me;
Give the face of earth around,
And the road before me.
Wealth I ask not, hope nor love,
Nor a friend to know me;
All I ask, the heaven above
And the road below me.

allegations that such employees are being discharged because of their nationality and residence. This was decided at a meeting of the directors. The directors were given the names of several Detroit concerns who are alleged to be discriminating against Canadian employees.

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.

INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—In the Public Accounts under Motor Vehicle Receipts we find \$9,384.87 charged as expenses. Amounts of this size should not be passed over lightly. We pay a very high car license and have a right to know where the money goes.

I am Sir, etc., CAR OWNER

CAR LICENSES

Sir,—I heartily endorse the statement of "Car Owner" in his recent letter regarding auto licenses in this Province.

The time has come when car licenses should at least be reduced to half the amount that is now being paid, as cars are a real necessity, not a luxury as was formerly supposed. Many more cars would be bought on our Island province were it not for this extortionate license fee.

Car owners, fall into line at once and not allow yourselves to be robbed in this way any longer. Figure your car license and gas tax of five cents on every gallon used and see where you get off at. It is surely high time to wake up.

I am Sir, etc., CAR OWNER, Queens County.

SANATORIUM PLANS

Sir,—We were surprised to read in the report on the sanatorium that the three local architects had submitted plans for the building and that one of them had been selected.

In fairness to ourselves we beg to state that no plans were submitted by us in competition. What we sent in were some rough pencil sketches made months before in consultation with, and for the guidance of, Dr. Creelman and before the Commission was appointed.

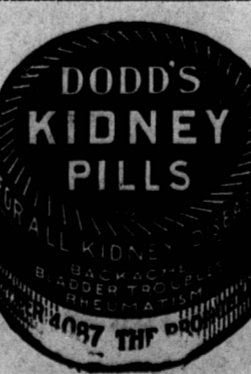
To lead people to believe that a competition was held is untrue as we felt long before the Commission asked

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

THE MINGAN ISLANDS

Q. Where are the Mingan Islands? A. The Mingan Islands are in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and were discovered by Jacques Cartier on August 9, 1535 when he sailed into what is now called Ste. Genevieve Harbor. He called the locality St. Laurence Bay based on the festival of St. Lawrence. It was the first use of the phrase St. Lawrence for Canadian waters which now covers the entire gulf and river.



us that an architect had probably already been selected and our time would be wasted.

We are, Sir, etc. CHAPPELL & HUNTER, ARCHTS. March 27, 1930.

COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY

Sir,—Matters concerning prohibition are in a state of chaos. By common consent the Act is not being enforced. Charges are broadcasted, with scarcely a denial, of grave irregularities and neglects of those responsible for its administration.

The air is also rife with statements and rumors of the work of hidden hands, secret influences and methods to defeat the work of enforcement. Partiality and favoritism has been openly charged. Difficulties in the detection of offenses have been offered as an excuse for defaults; and against these the answer is given that the Act can be enforced—that these excuses are handed out as a palliative of inefficiency, carelessness and wilful neglect.

Hon. J. D. Stewart, in his speech on the Address, advised that a commission of enquiry be appointed. The Premier, in reply said he was willing to grant such a commission. Doesn't it seem that an independent and competent commission to enquire into the whole matter of enforcement, secret services, details of cases handled and cases shelved, compromises, withdrawals, informations withheld and the reasons therefor and after diligent enquiry to report on the errors of the past, and recommendations for the future?

Such a commission represented on behalf of prohibitionists by men of sterling ability like for instance Messrs. Neil McLeod, K. C., and W. E. Bentley, K. C., would surely reach the rock bottom of facts, and from these prescribe some wholesome cures.

Why not have this commission—and have it at once?

I am, Sir, etc. JUSTICIA

WORSE, AND MORE OF IT

Has the Government of this Province gone altogether mad? And what kind of men have we representing us in Parliament when they permit such legislation as the Government is now passing.

The very latest piece of insane legislation is an act establishing a provincial police force presided over by a Commissioner of Police.

We have a little province whose population has been gradually dwindling until it now numbers about 80,000 men, women and children and lawlessness has so increased that it is necessary to establish in little Prince Edward Island a Provincial Police Force.

But that is not all—read this delectable morsel. "A member of the force or any other person acting under instructions given by the Attorney General or Commissioner of Police shall not be convicted for a violation of any Provincial Act if it is made to appear to a Justice or Magistrate that the person charged with any such offence committed the same pursuant to such instructions for the purpose of obtaining evidence."

Was ever the like of such legislation placed on the Statute Books of any Country, civilized or uncivilized? In other words the Attorney General of this Province, or his Commissioner of Police, can send forth men and women throughout the land with instructions to violate all or any of the laws of the country with impunity under the ostensible

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