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Bonshaw Interests Threatened

The people of Bonshaw have received scant consideration from Liberal governments in the matter of road improvements or railway accommodation. They are now threatened with losing their water route, as a result of repairs to the West River Bridge which the Provincial Government has under operation.

If this plan goes through it will result in disaster to the trade of a large section of the country which is without railway or national highway accommodation. It would mean a complete shutting out of all water freight traffic, and render thousands of dollars' worth of property, private and government owned, a total loss.

For some thirty years this water route was regarded as of sufficient importance to justify an annual government grant of \$500 to a packet service. The local Government has discontinued this subsidy but the service is being carried on as a private enterprise, for the benefit of the farmers of the locality.

Four or five years ago the Dominion Government erected an additional warehouse on the Bonshaw wharf, which is also their property, at a cost of about \$2,500. Within the same period the Dominion Government expended some thousands of dollars to dredge the channel for this service. In addition to the Government owned wharf and warehouse there is McArthur's wharf and warehouses above the bridge, which would be shut off from operation if the bridge is closed with a permanent span.

It is hoped that the Dominion Government, which has large property interests at stake, will intervene in this matter and prevent this important water right-of-way being closed. The draw-bridge required, it is understood, is for motor launch traffic only and could be restored at comparatively little expense.

A Road Courtesy Campaign

A newspaper campaign which the Ontario Department of Highways has launched with the purpose of bringing about some reduction in the appalling number of motor accidents in the province deals neither with the law nor with the statistics on the subject. It makes an earnest appeal for courtesy and unselfish consideration between motorists.

A Menace To Sheep

Timely emphasis is placed by Hon. W. H. DENNIS, Minister of Agriculture, on the serious losses occasioned in different sections of the Province by sheep-killing dogs. In one locality, thirty-five sheep are reported to have been killed in one night; in another settlement a week later twenty-five were killed, and smaller numbers have been killed in other sections.

The shooting of dogs is not a pleasant task for the police, but dog owners in this case have the remedy in their own hands. They must be kept off other people's premises. In the city, destruction by stray dogs is largely confined to gardens. In rural districts where wholesale slaughtering of sheep has been going on, the case is more serious, and warrants drastic action being taken.

Marshal Ney

An appealing story comes from Charlotte, North Carolina. It tells of a cast being made of the head of PETER STEWART NEY, North Carolina school master of a century ago, in an effort to establish or disprove the tradition that he was in reality the great Marshal NEY, NAPOLEON'S "bravest of the brave."

Early in 1816 (according to the story) a Frenchman who was a master swordsman and rider appeared in North Carolina, taught in rural schools for the remainder of his life. It is told that this man was strikingly similar in appearance to the field marshal, that he was deeply moved when he learned of NAPOLEON'S death at St. Helena, and that on his own deathbed some years later he said: "I am Marshal Ney of France."

Discounting this story, however, is the historic fact that NEY, tried and found guilty of high treason, was shot in Paris on December 7, 1815. But the answer given to that by those who contend that he was PETER STEWART NEY were that the tradition was "faked" and that

powerful friends aided the illustrious field marshal to flee to America.

What makes the North Carolina story, or legend, appealing, says the Ottawa Journal, is that NEY was the most picturesque of all NAPOLEON'S marshals. When the Emperor lay dying in St. Helena it was the name of NEY that he coupled with JOSEPHINE in his last feverish whispers. And so long as men love heroism the story of NEY covering NAPOLEON'S terrible retreat from Moscow, personally marching in the tattered, broken ranks with musket and bayonet, will endure. The last to cross the frontier, he found himself in a small inn, and when asked who or what he was, replied with the old, deathless spirit: "I am the rear-guard of the Grand Army of the Emperor."

It would be a remarkable last chapter to his extraordinary story could it be established now that, instead of dying before a Paris firing squad, NEY spent his last years as a school teacher on this continent.

Editorial Notes

The sweltering heat of elsewhere has passed us by.

This is France's National Holiday in commemoration of the fall of the Bastille in 1793.

There have been more advertisements for farm help this year than for the three previous years.

Liberal representatives were in stormy caucus up till the wee sma' hours this morning on the National Park and road questions.

That the era of the horse is by no means past is evident from the fact that horse-drawn vehicles in London have increased by 65 per cent. in the last 10 years.

Now its out—the CAMPBELL Government did pass an order-in-council in favour of Dalvay as a National Park, on the strength of which \$40,000 was put on the Estimates at Ottawa.

An autoist from the mainland declared on Sunday that he had travelled through Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, but he had never swallowed so much dust as he had done between Charlottetown and Mount Stewart.

Sympathy will be extended to Lieut.-Governor MACLAREN, Saint John, in the sore and unexpected bereavement he has sustained in the death of Mrs. MACLAREN, who was well and favourably known in this province.

The line-up of Italy with Germany Austria and Hungary is distinctly alarming to France and discouraging to Britain. The British Government have at length concluded it is unsafe to put one's trust in princes, whether they be of royal blood or merely self-elected dictators.

Mr. HENRY C. PILLS, president of the International Association of Clothing Designers, predicts a greater swing from the staple and sombre trend of the depression era to the colorful fabrics of better times. In other words, tailors want a brighter outlook to show trade is moving, not static.

The new Quebec Liberal Government is preaching honest administration. Hon. WILFRED GAGNON, Minister of Trade and Commerce declares: "Some members may fall and take advantage of their political office to enrich themselves. These, I say, should be punished and Mr. GAGNON has promised that all such found to be punished. The Government of Mr. GOUBOURT will be a strictly business administration."

The annual convention of the Women's Institutes is always an event of public interest and importance. This year's convention opens this morning in the Prince of Wales College hall, and will continue today and tomorrow. It will be the duty of a Government representative to welcome the delegates. The occasion would seem to be timely for an explanation of the Government's action in connection with the appointment of a successor to Miss MACMILLAN.

From Windsor Castle last week the King motored to Burhill, Surrey, to receive the 50,000 pounds (\$250,000) model house built by the Royal Warrant Holders Association as a jubilee gift to King GEORGE V, who died before its completion. "The King's House," as the building is known, overlooks the Surrey hills with a distant vista of Sussex. The choice of a tenant for the house is a matter for the King's discretion. He has not made his decision. The privileged tenant will receive an endowment fund for the upkeep of the house.

The need for effective co-operative marketing was never more apparent than during the past few years. Outstanding in this connection has been the work of the Prince Edward Island Co-operative Livestock Marketing Board, which holds its annual meeting tomorrow afternoon in Queen Square School hall. Upwards of 4,000 farmers are being supplied with marketing service through this organization, and it is expected that a large attendance of shipping club delegates and patrons will be present at tomorrow's meeting.

The superstitious and gullible, like the poor, are always with us. At Lindsay, Ont., it is reported a farmer named R. J. COPELAND discovered his giant black hen laid an egg with the upraised inscription on the shell "Jesus comes." He gave it to a catechist who in attempting to photograph the egg broke it, so he saved the contents and gave them to his parson who made a meal of them and preached a sermon on the "miracle." Mr. COPELAND says the egg was found under a burdock leaf in an out-of-the-fence corner. It bore, in addition to the inscription, a clear picture of the moon and letters that could not be deciphered. "It is a peculiar thing that the night before the egg was found by Mrs. COPELAND, 60 of our 90 giant black hens were stolen," said the owner, adding that the egg was laid by one of the remaining 30 hens.

Notes by the Way

Most of us go through life with-out ever suspecting who is our best friend. We think of this one or another, but each has never been put to the irrevocable test—and without it, who shall we say is our best friend? Well, I will tell you who is your best friend, and I will confess right here who is my best friend. Your best friend is yourself—and my best friend is myself.

The university graduates are asking, "Where do we go from here?" Dear young thing, open your little peepers on your own farm, your dad's shop, your mother's kitchen. There's a real job right under your nose if only you're not too snooty. You owe the world a whole lot. But that same world will serve you and like you and help you if only you dig right in. Your big question should be "What can I do," rather than "What pay have you to offer?" Yes, that's the dope, dear young friend. It's up to you, first, last and always. But don't hold yourself cheap.—Exeter Times Advocate.

A preacher has a hard time. If he is a young man he is too old. If he is a young man he is too old. If he is a young man he is too old. If he is a young man he is too old.

Somehow we feared this would happen. Hollywood is planning a screen affair which will be called the "Baby Derby," the story being based on the will of the late Charles Vance Millar, Toronto lawyer who died in 1927.

It is reported some months ago during the time of the Aly Maher Government, that Italy had been sounding its regarding a non-aggression pact, but generally the idea did not prove popular with Egyptians. In any case, we do not think that the Egyptian delegates are so foolish as to imagine that an Italian promise to guarantee Egypt's security would be a better bargain for them than the guarantee of an alliance with Britain.

It is believed that about two out of three individuals have, at least at times, a little slumping up of the liver. The slumping up of the liver is a condition which, to some extent, does not really endanger health or life. It would seem that this sluggishness increases gradually to such an extent that, by the end of three to five years, the liver is a "bilious" attack or the individual feels that he must take "a good dose of Epsom salts," and he then gets a "fresh start," as liver, gall bladder, and intestine have been given a clearing up, cleansing.

Some physicians are prescribing bile salts in combination with other drugs. These physicians do not look upon bile salts as a drug, but as an animal substance needed, by the body to make up for a lack of it in certain patients.

The majority of individuals, unless they are old or sick, can maintain their liver manufacture enough by simple bending exercises, keeping knees straight. The bile then flows from the liver and gall bladder to small intestine where it breaks up fats, kills harmful organisms, and stimulates the intestine so as to prevent constipation.

By a curious turn of fate the University of London commemorates its 100th anniversary and the University of Heidelberg its 500th in this same week. A few years ago the coincidence would hardly have been called for extended comment. Today it is otherwise. Both institutions have reason to rejoice in a glorious past. But the future? Among the thousands of scholars who studied at Heidelberg in happier times and who look back on their student days with pride, there is surely a sinking of hearts at the prospect of an alma mater regarded as to become part of a totalitarian State. In London there must be an unuttered determination to foster the liberalism from which the university sprang.—New York Times.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR!

Sir,—In your article in yesterday's Guardian on "Demilitarized Zones" you attribute to Lord Salisbury the handing over of Heligoland to Germany in the late Victorian days. I was always under the impression that this act of statesmanship was the work of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who made the exchange for some real or fancied German concessions to Great Britain in 1890. It stands ever since as an example of the peace at any price policy, and what it usually results in.

I am, Sir, etc., F. M.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS, ETC.

Sir,—How long are we to be afflicted with the worst element that can infect any province, viz: drunken auto drivers? Every week at the Summerside courts drunken drivers are tried and the court sentence is seven days. Only seven days! When the lives of every law-abiding citizen is endangered by those drunken auto drivers. Where is the Attorney General? Why does he not step in and protect the public? He could employ his time better that way than in his "con-templation of going over the Province" looking out a site for a national park; something that is not wanted here as the natural scenery of this province is more beautiful than any national park. This remark was made by a gentleman now here from Jasper Park. It is not yet too late for the people to hold meetings of protest and stop this park nonsense. Get busy, electors! Call indignation meetings and notify Premier Campbell and Premier King to cut out this nonsense and spend the money on hard surfacing more roads. We pay more than \$350,000 annually in license and gasoline tax to the Provincial Government. This large amount should be used to better roads and protection from drunken drivers who should get at least one year in prison upon conviction of drunkenness while driving. The electors of this Province now realize the mistake they made when they defeated a progressive government like the

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REVERTING THE FOREST

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THE BIRD

A bird came down the walk; He did not know I say; He bit an angle-worm in halves And ate the fellow, raw.

And then he drank a dew From a convenient grass, And then he hopped sidewise to the wall To let a beetle pass.

He glanced with rapid eyes, That hurried all abroad,— They looked like frightened beads, I thought

He stirred his velvet head Like one in danger; cautious I offered him a crumb, And he unrolled his feathers And rowed him softer home

Than ours divide the ocean, Too silver for a seam, Or butterflies,—banks at noon, Leap, plashless, as they swim.

—Emily Dickinson.

McMillan Government. The Premier should now realize how unpopular a ter the keel-hauling he got at the Liberal meeting at O'Leary on Thursday.

A DISAPPOINTED LIBERAL

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