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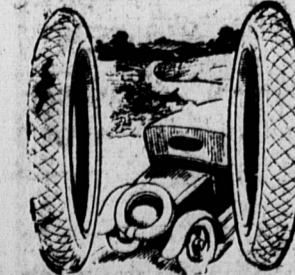
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EXPLANATION WANTED

Saturday's Patriot makes the following illuminative statement on its front page, under the caption "Absolutely untrue":

"Mr. E. H. Beer, President of the Board of Trade, authorizes us to state that the reference made in the Guardian's editorial today (Saturday) to the Board of Trade and the Charlottetown-Pictou steamship service is absolutely untrue."

At a loss to understand what this sweeping statement meant, we called up Mr. Beer on the phone Saturday and asked him wherein the reference mentioned was false. He declined to make any statement.

Failing to find out from Mr. Beer wherein our editorial was incorrect we consulted Mr. A. A. Pomeroy who was president of the Board last year.

He stated that through the efforts of the Board of Trade the steamer Constance was secured for the service last year and a federal subsidy was secured for her. She had given good satisfaction and her owners this year spent some \$4,000 in making alterations for this summer's service which would afford better accommodation for passengers and autos. Some weeks ago rumors were in circulation to the effect that the contract and a larger subsidy were going to be given to the Magdalene which was not in any way superior to the Constance. Because of these rumors the Board of Trade wired the department at Ottawa asking that no contract be entered into with another steamer before consulting the shipping interests and the Charlottetown Board of Trade. In the meantime Hon. J. E. Sinclair came to the city and members of the Board of Trade urged upon him to advise continuing the contract with the Constance. The Board of Trade received a communication from the Department stating that they were "committed" to the Magdalene.

On Friday when the Guardian's editorial on this subject was being written we called up Mr. Beer on the phone and asked him if the Board of Trade had communicated with Ottawa asking that no change be made in the service without consulting the Board and the shipping interests here and he stated positively that no such communication had taken place. At this was contained in our Saturday's editorial which Mr. Beer authorized the Patriot to declare "absolutely untrue."

Now, if Mr. Beer, for the benefit of the public will kindly inform us where the falsehood lies, we shall gladly give him the necessary space.

The public are greatly interested in this question as the steamship service is subsidized for the benefit of the public and it seems only right that the citizens of Charlottetown should have some say as to what boat should have the subsidy. Considering that the Constance opened this service last year largely through the efforts of the Board of Trade and the owner had gone to considerable expense in improving the boat for the coming season it would seem natural that all things being equal the Constance would receive the backing of the citizens and the Board of Trade.

It is somewhat strange that the public have been kept in the dark on this matter. There is a question of principle involved and the fact that the authorities at Ottawa have overridden the wishes of our people, evidently at the instance of interested parties, calls for a more explicit statement from the President of the Board of Trade than his sweeping assertion

in Saturday's Patriot that The Guardian's reference was "absolutely untrue." His official capacity as the President of the Board of Trade demands a full explanation.

PADDING

The Patriot does not like the speech delivered by Mr. Murdoch Kennedy, M. L. A., on the budget, nor the Guardian's editorial comments on it. Having no other argument to advance it accuses the Guardian of "padding" the speech and proceeds to pad the Guardian's remarks. This is an old trick of the Patriot, so old and so childish that it will mislead no one. The statements made by Mr. Kennedy about the profitability to certain members of serving the Liberal party, were clear cut and specific; they were taken from the government's Public Accounts; they were evidences of patronage extended to party supporters which we believe have no parallel in the political history of this province. It was once said of the Prince Edward Island legislature that there need be no fear of grafting or profiteering because our revenues were so small that there was nothing to graft or to make a profit from. These good old days are over; with several hundreds of thousands of dollars borrowed there is plenty of scope now, if not for grafting and profiteering, at least for a lucrative business. The figures presented by Mr. Kennedy, from the Public Accounts, show in part how these opportunities were taken advantage of by certain members of the party. On this phase of the speech, "padded" with figures which could not be refuted as they were taken right from the Public Accounts, the Patriot is silent as the proverbial clam.

The people, however, are not silent; they know now partly at least why the extensive borrowing by the government is so popular in certain quarters and why the boasted surplus has turned out to be a huge deficit.

OUR SILVER FOXES

The Fur Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has issued a bulletin giving some very interesting information on the fur trade of Canada.

In a foreword the fact is incidentally stated that "it was the fur trade which led to the early colonization of Canada." The first fur trading company chartered to trade in furs was formed by a number of merchants from France in 1603; the first trading post was established at Hochelaga in 1611. Exploration of the western and northern parts of Canada showed that the territory bounded in wild life and in 1670 in English company, the Hudson's Bay Company was chartered to trade in furs and build its first trading post on Hudson's Bay. Other posts were soon erected and their establishment was continued until their locations extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The first Canadian company to trade in furs was formed by a number of Montreal merchants in 1783. In 1821 all fur trading companies of British North America were united under the Hudson's Bay Company.

No authentic record of the value of furs was obtained until the decennial census of 1881. According to this census the value of furs in 1880 was estimated at \$87,555. In 1910 the value was \$1,227,550. These values represent almost exclusively wild furs. In 1920 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics commenced the annual collection of returns from fur traders, and for the season of 1919-20 the value of pelts purchased from trappers and fur farmers is shown to have been \$21,387,005.

The total value of pelts sold from fur farms in Canada in 1920 was \$388,335 comprising \$373,140 for silver fox pelts, \$11,111 for patch fox; \$3,349 for red fox and \$735 for mink. The value of live animals sold from fur farms in the same year was \$763,221 comprising \$750,123 for silver foxes; \$12,095 for patch foxes; \$318 for red foxes; \$150 for mink and \$35 for marten. The value of live foxes exported from Canada in 1921 was \$277,182.

Notes By The Way

(From the Examiner)

The question of the decreasing population of the province is really a serious one for the people and for the government also, and we are pleased to find in the chief government organ a treatment of the subject which is in strong contrast with the levity and bombast which were the main characteristics of the speech recently delivered by the editor-in-chief of the same newspaper in the Legislative Assembly. In that famous "benediction," as he called it, the speaker characterized debt and taxation as blessings and the foundation of progress.

No speech delivered during the session was so generally or frequently applauded as was this one by the entire body of Liberal members present. They cheered the speaker vociferously and by so doing made debt and taxation the slogan of the Liberal party. Now the Patriot shows that by the census the Island's population in 1891 was 109,078, and is now only 88,915, the loss in thirty years past being 20,163. And the editor inquires "What is the matter?" but does not suggest any remedy for the alarming conditions disclosed.

It is apparent that if debt and taxation are great blessings and sovereign remedies for all the ills that flesh is heir to, as set forth in the "benediction," then any of our present ills might be alleviated and healed by increasing the debt and the taxation which always follows upon debt. But in his article which follows the "benediction," the editor clearly shows that he has in the short space of two or three days entirely lost faith in the prescription which he gave to the House. He does not propose to double the dose of debt and taxation, as he certainly would have done had he kept the faith that inspired the Benediction.

Now we entirely agree with the conclusions arrived at or implied in the editorial article referred to that our loss of population is a very serious matter, that it fares ill with the land which loses its people and that debt and taxation are not incentives to our people to stay at

Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

From the W. S. Louson collection

BE GREAT OF HEART

Be great of heart! No fairer greatness lies. In skill's domain or any golden prize. Fame hath no worth on mortals to bestow. Like that which true and gentle people know.

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Be great of heart! Neighbor and friend to all. Stand by the weaker brother lest he fall. Give to the poorer, soothe the saddest heart. This is true greatness living to its best.

Be great of heart! One who men's worth exalts. And seems to mark their trivial sins and faults. There is no greater office to life's end. With more rewards than that of just a friend.

By Edgar A Guest

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It is interesting to note that of the total value of silver fox pelts produced in Canada in 1920-21 which amounted to \$432,130, Prince Edward Island produced \$243,694 or nearly 60 per cent.

home, or to bring other people from abroad to take their places. And by so much we condemn the central feature of the Benediction oration which has been adopted as the slogan of the Liberal party in this province. We ought to have government "according to the well understood wishes of the people" and no people that we have heard of have yet called for more taxation simply because they thought it to be a good thing and a blessing in itself.

We come next to the cause of the blessing exodus that has gone on, rising and falling like the waves of the sea for thirty years past. Why have so many of our people left this good land in which they were born to seek homes in other lands? In the main was it not because they were discontented at home? And why were they discontented? In the first place they were discontented with their rulers at home and at Ottawa, who violated the plain terms of Confederation and their own solemn promises to implement them by giving us steam communication with the mainland.

And who were our rulers here and at Ottawa during the period 1891-1911 when the exodus was greatest? During the whole of that time we had successive Liberal governments in this province, and during 15 years of the 20-year period we had the Laurier Government at Ottawa, 1896 to 1911. Laurier broke his solemn promise to remove the shackles from our winter transportation. Successive Liberal governments in this province held up his hands notwithstanding this gross breach of faith. What could do more to incite discontent among our people than the conviction, forced upon them that they could neither trust the pledged word of their rulers nor the binding contract under which our province had entered the Union?

Truly in those days there was cause enough for the exodus. It had its origin in the malfeasance of Liberal representatives in the Legislature and the Dominion Parliament, continued during the 15 years of Laurier rule at Ottawa, and Liberal rule at home. The exodus was distinctly checked by the accession of the Conservative Government here in 1911 and the opening of the Car Ferry in 1918. It has been renewed and accelerated by the Great Betrayal of 1919 and the burden of taxation since laid on by the Bell Government—by men who deceived the people and proved faithless to every trust reposed in them.

The exodus is going on and it will go on so long as these men remain in power. There is no hope of anything better until they are turned out of the seats they have dishonored and disgraced. Such men would breed an exodus in any land, however favored by Heaven. A Liberal government came into power in this province in 1891, when our population was at its maximum of 109,078. When driven from power 20 years later the Exodus Breeders left only 88,915. The direct loss was over 15,000 and the natural increase went along with it—at least as many more—making 30,000 people lost to the province, in twenty years under Liberal rule. Further comment seems needless; the facts speak for themselves.

Flew To Paris Clad In Pyjamas

LONDON, May 6.—Paul Dennelis, the French pilot, flew from London to Paris yesterday, clad only in pyjamas.

Dennelis overslept at the aero drama hotel. His machine was loaded with copies of the London morning papers, which were to be delivered on the Paris boulevards by breakfast time.

So the pilot did not waste the minutes that would be necessary to dress and started in his pyjamas.

RY. EXTENSION BILL LOST

OTTAWA, May 6.—A bill to restore excursion tickets on railways was introduced by Mr. T. L. Church (Conservative, North Toronto). The bill was given its first reading, but when Mr. Church asked for a second reading by the unanimous consent of the House, there were cries "Six months," and the bill went over to another day. There is little chance of it being heard of again this session, except by special arrangement.

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Others' View Points

A FAMOUS BELL RINGER

(Toronto Globe)

When a man comes all the way from Birmingham, England, to Toronto, to ring a bell or bells, there must be something of more than ordinary interest about the event and about the man. Harry Withers, who has named the citizens of Toronto with his inaugural playing of the new carillon at the Metropolitan Church, is one of the most modest of Englishmen, and at the same time is perhaps the greatest bell-ringer in the world.

"How did you come to take up bell-ringing?" he was asked by The Globe. "I started when I was twelve years old with one bell at St John's Church, Birmingham," he replied "and I gradually worked myself up till I became one of the ringers of St Martin's. In 1906 Mr Caddbury bought a peal of bells for Bourne-mouth, and I played at the opening and have played ever since."

Bell-ringing with Mr Withers is not merely a hobby, it is a passion and even at his daily work in the blacksmith's shop at Bourne-mouth, his ears are ringing with the anvillchorus. Have Ringing Guilds. We people realize the fascination that the art of bell-ringing has for a large number of people in England. It is not generally known that there are what are called "Ringing Guilds" all over England.

"St Martin's Ringing Guild has a large membership," said Mr Withers, "and the men come as far as fifty miles just to pull one bell. There are twelve picked men for Sunday ringing, but membership in the guild entitles a man to at least one pull at a rope. Some of the guilds are very conservative and you have to become a regular member before you can get entry into the tower.

"Carillon playing is comparatively new in England, but is common on the continent," said Mr Withers, referring to the bells at the Metropolitan Church, which he said, were by far the best he had ever touched.

"It is really a science, and is called 'campanology,' after the city of Campana, Italy. There is a regular journal on bell-ringing called The Ringing World, which has been published for about fifty years."

Recalls Rhyme. Strange to say, there have been people who have no ear for bell music, and Mr Withers recalled a rhyme, supposed to have been written by a Frenchman, as follows: "Disturbers of the human race, Who set the bells a'clanging If ropes were in their proper place,

WILL LIKELY ACCEPT MEMO.

LONDON, May 6.—It is generally believed, says a Reuter despatch from Genoa, timed midnight, that Mr. Jaspar, the Belgian Foreign Minister, will not maintain his opposition to the memorandum presented to Russia which it is expected France and Belgium will accept as soon framed. If the memorandum is not accepted Premier Lloyd George will probably return to London immediately.

Watched A Clock Lays Strange Egg

NEW YORK, May 6.—When Lester Vulture, of Lakewood, N. J., collected the eggs in his henhouse today he found among them one laid by a Rhode Island red that was far different from any he had ever seen before. One side is flat and on it is printed what resembles the dial of a clock, with thirteen figures.

A young nephew of Mr. Vulture found an old alarm clock recently and set it on a platform opposite the nest where the Rhode Island red was sitting. Poultry sharps say that gazing at the clock probably brought about the unusual.

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