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PARTIZANSHIP

It has been cynically said of the Maritime Provinces that politics here are determined at birth. It is not so, otherwise there would never be a change of government there would be an everlasting monotony of either Liberal or Conservative rule except in the event of either of the parties outrunning the other in population.

Fortunately, or unfortunately changes in political administration are not dependent upon the accident of change in population. The majority of people vote not because of hereditary tendencies or family characteristics, but because they have certain well defined ideas as to political policies and principles. Whether their ideas are well or ill founded, whether they have been led or misled by the politicians depends very largely upon their own intelligence or their own credulity. That honest men may be misled has more than once been demonstrated in this province and in this Dominion; it has also been demonstrated more than once that "the voice of the people" is not "the voice of God." Majorities are not always an evidence of right.

Why should there be any misleading in public life? Primarily a man or a body of men is misled because uninformed rather than because misinformed and the first requisite is to study the political situation. There are two sides to almost every question there are two sides to each of the various policies set forth by the different political parties and every man—and henceforth every woman—has a right to his or her opinion. The opinion may be founded upon a general understanding of the question or on absolute ignorance, nevertheless it is an opinion right or wrong and its possessor has a right to it. It is the duty of those who in any way guide public opinion to endeavour to place public affairs before the public in what they conscientiously believe to be the true light. Usually, however, those who are guiding public opinion are themselves advocates of one side or the other of a policy and they may be said to be biased. They may be a job hunter, or candidate for election by one party or the other. In such cases the public can only weigh the evidence for themselves and govern themselves accordingly.

Where public men have been tried, where they have been elected and given an opportunity to implement their preelection promises, and have failed or succeeded the public have an infallible guide as to whether to trust them again. The man or the party that solemnly promises to pursue a certain line of conduct and after securing the confidence of the people, deliberately violates their promises is not again to be trusted. Excuses and explanations are useless without repentance and confession such men and such a party are not to be trusted again.

This is about the position in this province today. We have a party in power, elected on definite promises to pursue a certain course; after election that course was deliberately abandoned and the course which they had solemnly promised not to take they have followed. The public will have no difficulty this time.

As to the duty of the guides of public opinion, the press, the pulpit, the platform, there can be no question. It is their duty to point out the wrong-doing, to warn the people against being hoodwinked and deceived by unscrupulous office seekers and job hunters. At present the opposition press is being abused and villified and charged with falsehood and even with sedition. By whom? By those and those only whose political sins have been laid bare on the table. The record of the ruling party is now an open book and the public are the judges. Some there may be who for selfish ends will lick the hand that feeds them, but we may rest assured that the general public, who have been so shamefully misled not only by false promises but by concerted attempts to conceal their errors and their faults, will not be deceived again.

THE FLAPPER.

The fast pace of the Twentieth Century is perhaps accountable for the re-introduction of the almost obsolete word "Flapper." In its now accepted meaning, however, it bears a family resemblance to its original usage. Originally the word meant a young game bird not yet able to fly but making what use it could of its partially feathered wings.

In our day it is being used as a sort of compromise between the terms "school girl" and young lady." A flapper may be of any age from, say, ten or twelve to say forty or fifty. Her right to the distinction lies in her manner of living, moving and having her being. If she flaps like a young bird no matter what her age is, she is justly and legally entitled to enter society or stand on the outskirts of it as a flapper. Most of them are young, the others want to appear young hence the duckling-like attempts to soar and the innocent duckling like return to earth.

The word does not necessarily carry with it any suggestion of reproach, it is simply a neutral, non committal compromise. She may be a flapper in reality, that is she may not be able to fly but she is in deadly earnest in trying to; on the other hand she may have her wings fully developed may be able to fly at any rate of speed and in any direction but so long as she can flap like a young duck she passes in and out as a flapper.

The style of dress also has something to do with the right to the name. Both the real and the pretended flapper have a penchant for a certain style of dress or undress and to extremes in both; the more extreme the more they enjoy the distinction of being known as a flapper.

The flapper, old or young, is the joke of these modern days, a serious joke too, so serious that many mothers are now organizing a crusade in an endeavour to curb what they regard as a disease of modern society. From an exchange we learn that a society known as The New England Women has sent an appeal to every one of its colonies to help in starting a wave of moderation in the direction of the flapper. Mrs Grant, President of the Society says, "We do not want to refoim her, merely to urge her to moderate her dress, her dancing and her manners. Girls these days don't seem to have any clothes on from the waist up and skirts are so short there is little below the knees".

We haven't got it this bad yet but we have the flappr and she is becoming more numerous every day, or rather every night. From the speed she has made she may shortly be expected to reach the stage so graphically described by Mrs. Grant.

BRITAIN'S "DECADENCE."

Britain's financial operations are a continuing marvel. For months past the press has been filled with articles by experts demonstrating that she was drifting to insolvency that she was being crushed by her debts, that, in a word, her people bled white by the unceasing financial drain of the past eight years were facing the spectre of bankruptcy. And just as we are sadly preparing for the crash, what happens? Simply this: that the British Chancellor gets up in the House of Commons and not only refuses to hang out crepe for a vanished greatness, but actually announces that the Old Land is prepared and able to take care of all her debts and declares a reduction of taxes.

Truly, the "decadence" of England, so frequently in the mouths of many of us in the days before the war, is a strange kind of decay.—Ottawa Journal.

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 expressed by its correspondents.

School Tenders

Sir—Regarding the letter in your issue of May 11th, from Messrs E. Parkman and Son, re tenders for Public School Additions, and Mr. Smith's letter of the 12th. inst. would like to say that on Monday, May 1st., personally we called up Mr. E. E. Parkman's House four times through the afternoon to notify him or to leave a message that a set of plans were awaiting him if he cared to tender, but could get no reply. We spoke next to Mr. Schurman's town manager, but he said they were not in a position to tender and Messrs Morrison having asked permission to tender were given a set of plans.

We regret that Mr. Parkman did not get a set of plans if he wished to tender, but there was no intention on our part to deprive him of the right and we called up in good faith to notify him, but after the several attempts above, concluded he must be away and date for closing being noon of the 5th, there was no time to lose so we proceeded with the next on the list suggested.

I am Sir, etc.,
JAS. E. HARRIS,
E. S. BLANCHARD.
Architect for Prince St. School Additions.

Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

From the W. S. Louson collection

COMFORT

Say! You've struck a heap of trouble—
Bust in business, lost your wife,
No one cares a cent about you,
You don't care a cent for life.
Hard luck has of hope bereft you,
Health is failing, wish you'd die
Why, you've still the sunshine left you
And the big, blue sky.

Sky so blue it makes you wonder
If it's heaven shining through;
Earth so smiling 'way out yonder,
Sun so bright it dazzles you;
Birds a-singing, flowers a-ringing,
All their fragrance on the breeze—
Dancing shadows, green still meadows—
Don't you mope, you've still got these.

These, and none can take them from you;
These, and none can weigh their worth,
What! you're tired and broke and beaten?
Why, you're rich—you've got the earth!
Yes, if you're a tramp in tatters,
While the blue sky bends above
You've got nearly all that matters.
You've got God, and God is love.

Robert W. Service

British Sympathies Ever With Belgium

BRUSSELS, May 12—King Albert gave a banquet in the Palace to King George and Queen Mary. In toasting his Royal visitors, King Albert said Belgium still was suffering from the destruction and the economy troubles caused by the war. The efforts she had made up to the present toward reconstruction had been with her own resources, but now her finances were exhausted. The King added that Belgium needs at the same time reparations, peace, work and security, a complex necessity which had determined the policy Belgium had resolved to pursue in full agreement with her allies.

Replying, King George said that if there was one thing certain in the uncertain epoch through which the world was passing, it was that the difficulties of Belgium would rapidly be surmounted, thanks to the wisdom of Belgian statesmen and the indomitable vitality of the Belgian people. He added that in her progress towards the great future ahead of her Belgium always would have the sympathies of the British Empire, which fought beside her in the World War.

Happenings Of The Week

An English correspondent says that several changes are likely to take place among occupants of Royal residences. It is probable that Queen Alexandra will leave Marlborough House for Sandringham, the former being occupied by the Prince of Wales. When this occurs, the Duke of York will make his home in his elder brother's present residence, St. James' Palace. Before it was occupied by Queen Alexandra, Marlborough House was regarded as the official residence in London of the Prince of Wales. Both King George and the late King Edward occupied it before the accession to the Throne. It is a very spacious building and is well adapted for entertaining on a large scale. St. James' Palace has been used as a Royal residence for more than 200 years. It ceased to be the home of the monarch after the accession of George III., but has often been used by the King's children. The present King and Queen lived there for some time after their marriage.

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Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, has written to Miss Arnoldi President of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, thanking the society for its wedding gift.

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The social life of the city was resumed this week after the long Easter rest, when Mrs. McKinnon, wife of the Lieut. Governor, was hostess at a large and delightful Bridge for ladies on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. McKinnon, assisted by Mrs. A. G. Peake received her guests in the drawing room, gay with carnations, and wearing a lovely gown of rich black lace over American beauty satin, the bodice being draped over satin and gold lace. In the dining room was a profusion of double tulips and greenery, refreshments being served from the daintily appointed table as the guests enjoyed a social chat. Very acceptable prizes were won by Mrs. Conroy, Miss Edith Rogers and Miss Gillespie. The afternoon proved one of the most delightful of the season.

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On Thursday evening His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. McKinnon entertained most agreeably at a mixed Bridge of twelve tables. The lady prize winners were Mrs. Hornby, Miss Rois of Summerside and Mrs. Jamieson and the gentlemen Mr. C. H. B. Longworth, Mr. Miles, and Mr. A. W. Weeks. Supper was charmingly served at late hour, the guests passing a pleasant hour chatting over the tea cups.

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The sudden death of Mr. Horace Haszard came as a severe shock to his numerous friends yesterday morning among whom he is kindly remembered.

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Lt.-Col. the Rev. Canon F. G. Scott, senior chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary forces in the Great War will take passage on the steamer Montrose, on the 19th inst. for England. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Scott. Canon Scott's experiences in the Great War are being published each Saturday in the Guardian and are being widely read, especially by the overseas men among whom he was a favorite padre.

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Mrs. B. LeRoy Holman of Summerside was among the visitors in attendance at the Government House Bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

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Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Greenlees of Georgetown have as their guest Mr. R. G. DesBrisay of Petit Rocher Quebec.

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Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Cecil Stewart who have been spending the winter at the Queen Hotel left yesterday for their bungalow at Belleview.

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Mr. E. Blake McInerney, manager of the St. John's, Nfld. branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, and son of Mrs. G. V. McInerney of this city, has been promoted to manager of the bank's Paris office. Mr. McInerney, who is not much more than thirty years of age, has arisen rapidly in the services of the Royal Bank. He entered the St. John, N. B., office of the institution on leaving the High School and soon rose to the position of accountant. Then came a transfer to the main office of the bank in Montreal, with the rank of assistant manager, and later he assumed the same office in Toronto. Mr. McInerney's next step was to the New York office of the bank, as third agent. From New York he was transferred to St. John's, Nfld., as manager of the branch there, and whence he will leave for his new office in Paris.

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Cupid is reported very busy just at present and several weddings are reported for the early summer months.

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The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws has been conferred on Sir A. H. Davies by McGill University.

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Mrs. H. A. Fortier of Ottawa entertained at a delightful week-end dance for her daughter, Miss Madeline, in honor of the daughters and guests of the visiting parliamentarians, included among them being Miss Beatrice McKinnon. Spring flowers were used effectively to adorn the rooms.

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Nearly three hundred agents and friends of the White Star-Dominion line were entertained by the company at luncheon Tuesday on board the new passenger liner Regina, which arrived in Montral on Monday on her first visit. Among those present was the mayor of Regina, Mr. James Grassock, who presented the steamer with a replica of the city's arms and Mr. W. K. Rogers of this city who is returning Monday from attending the ur sales in Montreal.

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Mr. J. H. Malcom's many friends re glad to see him back to business after his recent illi position.

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Ushered in by the traditional alute of village guns, the Oberammergau Passion Play began Tuesday to celebrate its twenty-ighth decennial anniversary since s beginning in 1636. From advice eceived the burgomaster of the illage says that he expects the otal attendance to reach above the 00,000 mark in the thirty-three erformances that will be staged. Mr. and Mrs. James Paton, who are aving a delightful time on their European tour, are also taking in he Passion Play at Oberammergau.

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Miss Annie Ross of Summerside was among the welcome visitors o the city this week.

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Miss Frances Pollock of Ottawa eft for her home on Thursday after n enjoyable visit with her friend, Miss Wetmore of the P. E. I. Hospital staff.

Notes By The Way

(From the Examiner)

"Kind language endears," as has been both said and sung, and therefore in chiding our erring brother of The Patriot, we desire to do so in the most kindly spirit. We cannot altogether approve of his language in a recent editorial in which he charges the two leading newspapers now in opposition to the Bell Government with "sowing the seeds of Bolshevism," and with "teaching the doctrines of pure Bolshevism." We greatly regret that he should use such unpretty words. We can't think that he really believes what he wrote.

But we wish to make every reasonable excuse for him in his error. At the time of his writing he was evidently in trouble and hard pressed. Now that the House has been prorogued the Bell Government has few or no defenders, and he as a member of that body and having a newspaper under his control may seem obligated to make the best defence he can for them. Perhaps he thinks "he has to do it," as the saying goes. We realize that his position is a hard one—a very hard one. Quite probably, too, he felt that it would not ruffle our feelings at all to call us Bolshevists, which thought is quite true, and as that was the best excuse he could find for the Government, he used it.

He may have been asked to use the bad word Bolshevist and weakly yielded to the temptation. In the funny column of a newspaper there was related an angry colloquy between two fishwives, in the midst of which a child of one of them called out, "Hurry, mother, and call her a thief before she calls you one!"—Is it not quite possible that the author of the phrase "a pack of wolves," may have suggested to our editorial brother to "hurry up and call out Bolshevist," in which case he would, of course, have to do it! We want to make every reasonable excuse for the erring one.

But still that word Bolshevist is quite unbeautiful. Even if it were true of the Opposition newspapers that they were Bolshevistic, which they are not, in our opinion what "a bad lot of people" we must have in Prince Edward Island, when twice or three times as many of them buy and pay for those papers every day as buy the dear truthful and loyal Patriot. We cannot believe that any one but a Bolshevist would regularly buy a Bolshevist newspaper. Would you think so, Brother Patriot? We really hope there are very few of them in this loyal province, and not the tens of thousands who exist in The Patriot's too vivid imagination. In any case, we wish to make all due allowance for a hurried fountain pen held in a trembling hand.

And there is some truth in what our erring brother has to say about one or two statements that have been made in this column. We frankly admit that we did charge the Bell Government and its supporters with taking taxes from the people and putting the money in their own pockets, as in the case of the Indemnity Grab. As the statement was entirely true and was proved at the time it was made and has not been denied by anybody, what was there Bolshevistic about it? Some persons think it was perhaps more Bolshevistic to take the people's money in that fashion than it was to record the fact. Lenine would know. Hadn't you better ask him, Brother Patriot?

To some hundreds of old men, long past the age of 65 years, it might seem to be quite as Bolshevistic for the Bell Government to send out official demands for them to pay poll taxes, "if not already paid," as it was for the same elder-

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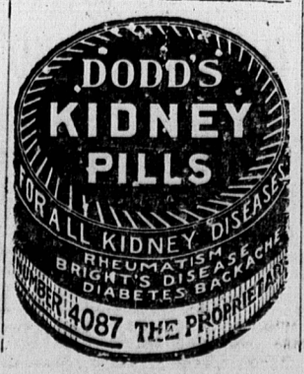

The Toll of Death in Russia

TEN MILLION CHILDREN in Russia are doomed to die in the slow agonies of starvation unless the people of Canada awaken in their generosity, and by gifts of food and money, enable the Save the Children Fund to prevent this horror.

The famine in the Volga region is the most appalling in recorded history. Whole populations are exterminated. Children—fatherless and motherless, homeless, with death stalking their steps—wander the highways and byways until they creep into some abandoned hovel to die.

Hundreds of thousands have died from starvation and neglect; but millions can be saved if food is dispatched at once.

Will you give something? Will you save a helpless child from starving to death? What you do give means little to you—yet it means the life of a child!

25c will feed a child for a week.
$1.00 will ensure sufficient food for one child for a month.
$500 will establish a kitchen and feed 100 children until the next harvest.

Two boys brought to the Relief Station in Saratoff

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