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Shameful Dismissals

The CAMPBELL Government is still busily swinging the political axe, the victims on this occasion being two of the most capable officials in the public service. We refer to Mr. JAMES ROBISON, retail vendor, and Mr. IRVINE MACLAREN, superintendent of Old Age Pensions. Both these officials are returned soldiers and have performed their duties in such a manner as to give the highest satisfaction to all concerned. Neither of them has taken any active part in politics; their sole offense, presumably, being the fact that they were appointed under Conservative administration. Mr. MACLAREN, who won a Military Cross in the War, took office on the introduction of Old Age Pensions in this province; he performed the initial survey work and brought order out of chaos in establishing the system on a working basis. Prominent Liberals as well as Conservatives have expressed the hope and belief that the services of these deserving public servants would be retained. The Government, in ignoring public opinion in this regard and playing politics with these appointments, has acted in a manner altogether inexcusable.

Not even the common courtesy of notification of their dismissal was accorded these men, before announcement of the appointment of their successors appeared in the Government press. The qualifications of the new appointees, Mr. VICTOR COYLE, Charlottetown, as vendor and Mr. OTTO CAMPBELL, Winsloe, as pensions superintendent, is a matter which is not in question here. Neither is the fact that they also are returned soldiers. The Canadian Legion, in a resolution adopted some time ago, requested the Government that no returned man be dismissed without just cause, even for the purpose of filling his job with another returned man who might happen to have greater political pull. The wishes of the returned soldiers' organization in this case, therefore, have been ignored, notwithstanding the Liberal pre-election guarantee of "justice" and "fair treatment" to all such men. "Such fair treatment," said Premier CAMPBELL in his election manifesto, "is only their due, and it is also suggested that one or more members of the Legislature might be appointed with the special duty of receiving communications from organizations of returned soldiers and presenting their requests to the Government."

How, it may be asked, has this latter assurance been implemented? Have the Canadian Legion been given an opportunity of expressing their views on these dismissals to one or more Liberal members for presentation before the Government? If not, then it is quite evident that the Liberal election policy, so far at least as returned soldiers are concerned, was simply a callously perpetrated hoax.

Political Rake's Progress

Here, in brief, is the "Rake's Progress" of our provincial Liberal dictators since coming into power:

- Abolition of Prohibition Commission and usurpation of its powers by Attorney-General at \$500 increased salary.
- Scrapping of Election Act clause safeguarding independence of parliament for purpose of giving legislative jobs to Liberal members.
- Firing of purchasing agents and hiring in their place of non-portfolio government members.
- Seizing of borrowing authority to the tune of Three Million Dollars on pretext of meeting expenditures of unstated total amount.
- Lavish outlay on government office renovations, etc., without legislative authority.
- Abolition of appeal to County Court Judges from arbitrator's award in land cases.
- Assumption of governmental power to dismiss Magistrates at will, without cause.
- Vesting politically appointed Magistrates with authority to reduce minimum fine under Prohibition Act from \$200 to a paltry ten dollars.
- Vesting in politicians authority to permit shooting of non-migratory birds, including Hungarian partridge.
- Free access to the Premier barred to electors of all but one particular district in the Province.
- Liberal manifesto guaranteeing "justice" and "fair treatment" to returned soldiers falsified by ruthless political dismissals.
- And the end is not yet!

Politics And Railways

The KING Government's action in scrapping the Independent Railway Commission has occasioned a great deal of adverse criticism. Rt. Hon. R. B. BENNETT summed up public opinion when he asked in Parliament the other day: "How is this country to save itself if we continue to play politics with the Canadian National Railway system? In this legislation we are just going back to the 'thin red line of extravagance' (quoting the DUFF commission report) and worse: we are subjecting this great property to political considerations and control. This is not a party matter. I wish I could speak with the tongues of men and of angels to convince my fellow-members here that we are trustees of a situation so grave, so difficult, and of consequences so far-reaching that they must be carried by generations yet unborn."

The Conservative leader did not claim perfection for the legislation enacted by the Conservatives in 1933, but he did contend that it had eliminated politics wholly from the Canadian National Railway picture. In this connection he cited one of his own experiences with Hon. Mr.

FULLERTON, chairman of the Railway Commission, when the latter had imagined a political aspect to a very minor suggestion which he had made, and had refused to even consider it. Would the directors appointed under the legislation before the House, depending every three years for re-appointment upon having earned the goodwill of the party in power, have a similar independence? Mr. BENNETT argued that they would not, and contended that the measure could only result in the Railway once more becoming bedevilled by patronage and political pressure.

Editorial Notes

May and Budget Day.

Alabama Senate has just decided by 20 votes to 13 to adhere to her prohibition law which has been in force for 20 years.

Alberta is a go ahead province in more senses than financial. The Department of Health reports that 84 Albertans were sterilized last year under a new act.

A sum of \$200,000 to develop the fish industry is like offering a dollar to reduce the public debt. It would not provide the quarter of the cost of a bridge to replace the Hillsborough one.

Field Marshal von MACKENSEN was at the moment celebrating his 86th birthday in Germany when the Italians announced the occupation of MacFud in Ethiopia. These Macs are everywhere.

In London Parliament was gravely occupied with the discussion of a case of a junior civil servant, who was suspended for seven days because he refused to feed goldfish. The Government gravely announced the junior clerk had resumed duty, and that his senior officer was now feeding the goldfish.

Here is a tip for our Exhibition directors all the way from Kansas. The "most beautiful Holstein cow" in Kansas will be selected May 1 at the Northwestern Kansas Dairy Show. "Personal beauty," not breeding, will determine the winner. Entrants may utilize any beauty device—curled eyelashes, girdles, permanent waves, plastic surgery, marcel and manicured hoofs.

A Toronto University professor, Dr. BARKER FAIRLEY, who resigned four years ago to accept an appointment to the HENRY SIMON chair of German language and literature in Manchester University has just accepted the position of head of the Department of German in Toronto vacated by the retirement of Professor NEEDLER.

From the outset it was evident the ANGUS MACDONALD Government desired to make party capital from the public enthusiasm over the Moose River mine rescue attempts. Col. HARRINGTON has debunked their claims to any credit; and now they must be sorry Prime Minister KING did not retain his services at Ottawa when he had the chance.

A Saskatchewan mother expresses her regret she was not resident in Toronto where she would be eligible for the \$500,000 "baby race." She is Mrs. JOHN KILMARTIN, the mother of 17 children in 23 years all being in excellent health. She is also the youngest grandmother in the province, her daughter having become a mother when her mother was but 35 years old.

Miss GRACE DEMERS, a great aunt, told an interviewer that the DIONNE quintts were never spanked. One of them developed a craving for crawling out of bed and had to be put back seventy-one times before the habit was broken. Miss DEMERS did not say what were the other means taken for curative purposes. But evidently in the DIONNE nursery they believe in forgiving at least ten times seven.

WINSTON CHURCHILL's father, Lord RANDOLPH used to thunder against the Channel tunnel as an idiotic scheme to deprive Britain of her isolation. His son WINSTON is out as vigorously favouring the proposal, ridiculing those "deep and enduring prejudices" of his father and those who agree with him today. He favours a tunnel from Dover to Calais 44 miles, which will cost \$150,000,000 besides \$800,000 in addition for a railway.

Because he admits he smokes and drinks an occasional glass of beer, a Philadelphia youth runs the risk of losing a legacy of \$5,000. His uncle specified that the young man must prove himself worthy before the money be paid. At the hearing several witnesses for the estate testified the Uncle never had respect for persons who drank and always looked upon them as wicked and unworthy. The nephew admitted he drank beer occasionally and smoked. Judge SANDO reserved decision.

It will be noted by an announcement that appears in this issue that the old established investment firm, the Eastern Securities Company Limited, have installed a direct ticker service with the Toronto Stock Exchange and will also provide board room facilities. This house established in 1910, and who have had a branch in Charlottetown since 1922, always kept their clients posted in connection with their investments and their action in supplying this up to the minute service on industrial and mining stocks will be appreciated by their clients.

At a memorial service for Lord HAIG at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, London, the Rev. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL disclosed that the Field-Marshal's message to the troops on April 11, 1918—"Our backs to the wall, each one of us must fight to the end"—finished with a sentence which he crossed out before it was issued. It was: "Be of good cheer, the British Empire must win in the end." The Field-Marshal cancelled that final sentence because it savoured of "such boasts as the Gentiles used" from which *Mary Queen* prayed that our Empire might be saved.

Notes by the Way

Ottawa reports that the per capita consumption of eggs in Canada is nearly 400 a year, more than in any other country in the world. As the egg is a nutritious and sensible article of food, Canadians should be a sane and solid people. Perhaps the few who are not, have been neglecting the egg for some flightier fare.

The London Zoo has received a gift of a white "blackbird" derived from an albino or partially albino strain, which was raised in captivity. Judged by its pink eyes, the present bird, which is a hen, is a true albino, but its plumage is not entirely devoid of pigment, being cream-colored rather than white. This is the usual coloration of the females of the strain. Most of the males, however, are described as silver, a color that is nearer to pure white than that of the males. Other males are pure white.—London (England) Times.

President Roosevelt will be a welcome visitor to Canada at any time he finds it convenient to come. It will be recalled that President Harding was the first American President to visit this country while he was in office, and this remains one of the bright spots in that unlucky President's career.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Reciprocity pact is now law. No one will know just how it will work until it is given a fair trial. However, there is a growing feeling that it is a one-sided agreement and that Mr. King in his anxiety to get a treaty signed put his signature to a treaty that gives Canada the worst of it.—London Free Press.

We rightly in these days of increased mechanization recognize the importance of education for the profitable and safe use of the increased leisure that will come to many. The satisfaction of intellectual life may be said to be one of the functions of education for leisure time. Leisure well used, also increases efficiency in working hours. But, as has well been pointed out by an American college president, today the need of a knowledge of the contemporary world as a basis for sound and intelligent judgments has become so great, appetite for prejudice, passion and ignorance are so varied and insistent, that continued education for adults assumes a civic and social significance which must make us all scrutinize its undertakings with keen attention.—Annual Report of Toronto University.

The breathless interest with which people in Great Britain, and for that matter all over the world, followed the Moose River rescue shows that when human sympathies are aroused barriers of distance, race and nationality vanish completely.—The Spectator.

Nourishment for life comes from without but life is a curative. We are the sunlight. We are the rose. We are the green and fragrant fields. We are the lark's song, the dancing ripples of the stream, the struggle of the writer whose book we read, the mystery of the heavens, and the sensual beauty which stirs our blood as we look upon a great work of art. We cannot expect to own life in others nor that which is far separated from us. Life for us is only that which we are able to absorb, to make our very own, and to give substance to our being.—Ex.

The least that ought to be done is to put British defences in order. It may be said that an argument of this sort is just as convincingly available for any of the nations whose recent expenditure on rearmament creates anxiety. That is not so. When all the facts are considered, Britain is seen to have become as vulnerable as any through the militant development of air-craft, and to remain more vulnerable than the rest by reason of the vital necessity of safe entry for the raw materials indispensable in key industries and for the food-stuffs needed to keep her people alive.—Auckland News.

President Roosevelt's expressed desire that youths under 18 should be taken from their jobs and returned to school, and older workers of 65 and up be retired, is of a nature to bring youth and age together in at least one respect. Neither the one nor the other likes to abandon the pay envelope in these upsetting days.—Ex.

When the United States entered the war 19 years ago, it was to be a war to end wars. This year the United States is appropriating \$1,160,963,908 for land and sea forces. The Senate may reduce this as a matter of form—probably shave the odd \$3. The peace-time war appropriation is 60 per cent above that of last year. It may be assumed that the United States is not convinced that the last war ended war.—Montreal Gazette.

An eminent literary man, native of the Dominion, says the much discussed "great Canadian Novel" remains to be written. So that fiction producers, of whatever class, should keep on trying. Reading tastes change with the years; and there is no telling what may be regarded as popular a decade hence.—Toronto Globe.

Great are the educational powers of responsibility and office. Thus Frank King tells us of unemployment that "we are now getting a picture of what all that is coming to, and it may be that as a result we will see that this question is not going to be settled by any means as soon as a good many had hoped it might." In other words, Mr. King is being taught after 1925 what Mr. Bennett was taught after 1920.—Ottawa Journal.

From Easter it is an easy step to

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

MIND OVER MATTER

There was a time when the physician was interested only in what he discovered when he made his examination—murmurs in the heart, rales (rattling noises in the lungs), creaking in joints, sugar or albumen in urine and other findings. The patient was asked a few general questions. The patient's home life or surroundings, the way he reacted or responded to trouble or difficulties, the calmness or upsetment of his mind were not considered a vital part of the cause or treatment of his condition.

To-day practically every physician recognizes the power of mind over matter, and there is no greater faith healer anywhere than the competent beloved family physician. Thus we find that psychology—the science of the mind and the emotions—is not only being used in psychiatry—treating the diseases of the mind—but psychology is being used to treat and to prevent diseases of the body; this is called psychotherapy. Therapy means the method or means of curing and psycho the mind.

Formerly psychology was taught in colleges and universities, not in medical schools, because it was the study of the mind and the way it works. To-day while every thoughtful physician practices psychology in treating patients it was not one of the subjects taught him in medical college. It has been known for some time that the suggestions—psychotherapy—can actually correct troubles in the body and prevent real or organic ailments from developing. It has more recently become known through Prof. Cannon of Harvard and Dr. Geo. Crile, Cleveland, that organic diseases can actually be developed in the body by wrong or incorrect thinking.

Thinking inwardly, having a phobia—fear—toward an ailment or ailments, can so affect the workings of the body processes that actual disease occurs.

It is our lesson to us all is plain. We should try not to worry or be afraid of an ailment but go to the family physician, become instructed as to the best method of treatment if an ailment is present, or dismiss it from our mind if there is no ailment.

It should be remembered however that an ailment or infection (from teeth, tonsils, intestine or elsewhere) can in turn affect our minds, so that matter can at times then have power over mind.

Japan And Germany

(Vancouver Province)

Rumors get afloat persistently of a possible alliance of Germany and Japan against Russia. The two nations are strategically situated for an alliance—one of the west of Russia and the other to the southeast. And neither makes much secret of the fact that it is afraid of the Russian bear.

Common fears have in the past been sufficient for effective military alliances even if there were no other link. But it may be said that there is a spiritual link between Germany and Japan. The old Prussian knight were fighting men before they were anything else, just as the Japanese Samurai were, and it is not forgotten that when Japan sought a new system of government, she decided to emulate herself. It was in Prussia that her envoys found the system that they thought would best suit the Japanese people.

But, though there are forces drawing the Japanese and the Germans together, there are also forces which will in the end tend to drive them apart. These are economic forces.

The great market of China has, for a long time, had attractions for the nations of the West. Great Britain and the United States have for years been selling great bills of good there. Germany had a good share of the trade before the war. Then she lost it. Now she is coming back to the ground, and which claims as an Oriental nation to be able to understand the Chinese as no Occidental can, has been gathering more and more of the market to herself. Customs figures just issued by the Maritime Commission indicate the trend. In 1935 and 1936, the leading trading nations supplied the following percentages of China's imports:—

United States	26.2%	18.9%
Japan	12.5	15
Great Britain	12	10.5
Germany	9	11

For the first time, it will be seen Germany last year sold China more goods than Britain did. If the tendency continues, it will be Germany rather than the United States or Great Britain that will be Japan's chief business rival in the Orient.

Anticipations of the summer vacation. The railway companies and other travel agencies, backed by the seaside authorities and big employers of labour, are again making every possible effort to induce people to take their holidays earlier. This movement, which is of such obvious benefit, has made considerable headway in recent years. In spite of it August remains the supreme holiday month. The arrangement of school terms compels many thousands of people to go away in August, but on its merits the month has no more, and in some respects rather less, to commend it than others.—London Daily Mail.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

"FLY, BAIT AND GAFF," ETC.

Sir,—Although I am not in the habit of airing my views in the Press, I wish to endorse the sentiments set forth by Mr. Ludlow Jenkins in the Guardian of April 15th with reference to the proposed slaughter of young shell ducks.

It is hard to understand the mentality of a great many of our so-called sports. Apparently the only way—"in their view"—to protect their particular object of sport, is to slaughter something else. Does it ever occur to them that perhaps the shortage of birds on our waters and of fish in them is the result of their own excessive greed and poor sportsmanship?

There has developed here in the last few years a class of "sport," generally a government official or a pensioner of some sort, who having unlimited time at his disposal—spends the summer, day in and day out, depleting our streams of fish with fly, bait, gaff and net, and the fall, day in and day out, slaughtering birds of all kinds, and then complains that game is getting scarce. He is the pest who should be exterminated and not the shell duck.

Has it ever occurred to Mr. Gallant, or his superiors, that the shell duck is an important article of food to many homes in this province during the fall and early winter? Also, owing to the early slaughter of our black ducks due to the unseasonable opening of our shooting season it is the only chance of sport left to a large section of our population—fishermen, farmers and laboring men—who have to wait until the fall work is over before they can take a day off with the gun? I will venture to say that there are many homes in this province where shell and sea ducks are practically the only meat served during several months of the year. Of course this is an argument that will not appeal to those few fortunate sports who think that the birds of the air and the fish of the sea were provided for their special enjoyment. They may wake up some day to find that the ordinary citizen has something to say in the matter.

In my opinion the real reason behind this uncouth proposal is the idea that this permit will protect the game hog who wishes to roam the streams and marshes, shooting immature black ducks before the opening of the season. The man who—with or without a permit—will deliberately slaughter newly hatched birds, helpless and innocent, has within his soul (if any) a germ of the same spirit which animated the man or men who kidnaped and killed the Lindbergh baby. If the department officials wish to protect our game fish let them stop their netting and snaring of trout and salmon. Let them see that the bag limit is enforced. Let them stop the sale of trout to hotels and boarding houses. Let them stop the issue of trout fishing licences on the upper reaches of the fishing streams. In other words let them do what they are paid for doing. On nights of fishing in the upper basin of the Fortune River each fall by nets licensed by Mr. Gallant destroys more trout than the shell ducks devour in that river in five years.

In closing let me say that if I am in possession of the sentiments and spirit of the civilized people of this part of the Island, any so-called sport who is found indulging in the pastime of shooting young birds around any of our streams this summer will find himself, gun and permit, enjoying a cold bath in the water in which float the remains of his murdered victims. And, oh! how I would like to be there to poke him under a few times.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 J. F. STERNES,
 Souris.

The Perfect Crime

(London Advertiser)

One of de Maupassant's most powerful short stories told of a man's life being ruined through suspicion directed at him because of a piece of string. In New York City Florence has been drawn into confessing the murder of Nancy Evans Titterton through expert police handling of a mystery where the only clue was a thirteen inch strand of twine. If it were not that New York uses the electric chair rather than the gallows to dispose of its convicted murderers, the short bit of cord might be a veritable hangman's noose.

The case illustrates how faulty court procedure can render unworkable the most brilliant police work. At school in 1927 an intelligence test revealed that Florence was only of "borderline" intelligence, that is somewhere between normal and subnormal. Despite strict instruction he lagged behind his own age. However, his conduct gave no warning of his future criminal tendencies, and his teachers considered him quite well behaved. Out of school the lad developed a mysterious faculty for getting along without working. In 1932 he faced a grand larceny charge for the theft of an automobile. The charge was reduced and he was released on suspended sentence. Within a few months he was arrested on a burglary charge and sent to a reformatory. Shortly after his release on parole, he was again arrested on an automobile theft charge, and sent back to the reformatory to complete his original term, sentence being suspended on the new charge. Eventually he was turned loose on society despite the warning of a psychiatrist at the reformatory that he was likely to have difficulty in refraining from illegal acts. After he was released from prison he secured

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ed a job as an upholsterer, a trade he had learned in prison. Paradoxically this was the beginning of the Titterton tragedy.

When the police reached Mrs. Titterton's home in response to a call from Florence, who with his employer, had just delivered some furniture and discovered the body, they had no particular reason to suspect either of the men. A careful search of the apartment revealed nothing likely to afford any information except the piece of string. Lengthy investigation showed that this was of a kind used in the shop where Florence was employed. It was then discovered that he was not at work during the morning on which the crime was committed, and that he had given his employer a false excuse for his absence. Then his record came to light. Police officers dropped in to the little shop each day and pretending to be completely stumped, asked Florence's advice. He spun a variety of theories. Finally, one day when he was reporting to the probation officer, he was arrested, and confessed to the crime.

There is much talk of the perfect crime, but there is no record of one ever having been accomplished. Unsolved mysteries there are, but whether or not the perpetrators have escaped through good luck rather than intelligence. Most attempts at super-crimes defeat themselves. Despite their elaborate precautions the criminal neglect some vital point. In detective stories the authors are careful to have their characters make this mistake, to insure the logical unraveling of the mystery. Careful police work usually reveals some flaw in the most carefully planned crime, and chance, which sometimes aids the criminal, is quite as likely to play into the hands of his enemies, as in the famous Crippen case.

But now, too long since fallen, Too straight, too deep they've lain. To gulchmen even at the touch Of resurrecting rain.

—Frederick De Rocheville, in the New York Times.

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"A Bad Master"

St. Catharines Standard
 The best line of comment and criticism on the radio broadcast from Moose River, comes from The Hamilton Spectator, which submits: "Radio, like fire, is a good servant but a bad master." Our contemporary submits that a conversation with the best friend of the late H. B. Magill was an atrocious breach of taste, and similar complaints from other sources have been made. In one home, the stressing of the danger to the rescue gang of 30 or more, and the possibility of broaching on the probability of their being entombed, caused the broadcast to be promptly turned off by the family. The circumstances of the two men were sufficiently exasperating, without added horrors from the imaginative mind of the broadcaster. Granted that the job has been long and arduous by the standards of the '30's, there remains the fact that they are—just why it is difficult to explain—required to talk and keep on talking to fill in time.

Hon. Michael Dwyer is authority for the statement that false radio reports caused a six-hour delay in the rescue work. Just how, he does not explain, but his word may be accepted. This is highly deplorable in every sense.

As the Hamilton Spectator says, thousands have made a Roman holiday out of the tragedy and drama at Moose River, thrilled as never before listening in. In a great many things the Canadian people benefit by their proximity to the United States, but in regard to other things, there is a disability attached to the American influence and neighborhood.

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The Poet's Corner
THE AWAKENING

Across the plains of April Fresh regiments of rain With slanting silver bayonet March to the front again.

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So too once young dreams called When Spring's wild bugles blew— On feet that still outran the rain They sped, each year anew.

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