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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Nearing Prorogation

The Legislative session now drawing to its close has had the customary ups and downs—spells of excitement and lethargy, with comments wise and otherwise, and bouquets and brickbats exchanged in the fashion traditional to our representatives since the century-old building in which they foregather was erected.

The members have been diligent in their attendance and attention to duty, and while the legislation has not been onerous they may congratulate themselves upon having earned their now substantial emoluments to the best of their ability.

One innovation at this session calls for unqualified approval. That is the decision to take the Estimates by easy stages during day sittings next week, instead of rushing through at the traditional all-night sitting which has been a farcical feature of the proceedings for years past.

Cunard To The Fore Again

The Cunard liner "Samaria", at present carrying displaced persons from Europe to Canada under agreement with the International Refugee Organization, is to return to the company's service next month.

Pasture Improvement

According to a report in the Telegraph-Journal, New Brunswick's program to increase grain production in the province is beginning to attract interest.

The minister said that records show it costs about twice as much for feed to produce dairy products in winter, as compared to summer when livestock was on pasture.

A pasture fertilizer program would not solve the problem in itself. Other possibilities were early cutting of hay, using the after grass for grazing; sowing oats in late June for use for grazing about four to five weeks later; similar use of Japanese millet.

forecast wider experimentation with ensilage, especially in the Saint John area, where hay-making is more difficult.

He concluded: "In any case grass either as pasture, early cut for hay, or made into ensilage is a native crop of high nutrition value, which should be made the most of for production of livestock and livestock production in New Brunswick."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tomorrow, Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.

"They were all discharged," says Premier Jones of the members of his Government, past and present. Evidently the recent changes were not a mere reorganization, they represented the creation of a new Government.

Premier Duplessis is introducing a state lottery because "foreign lotteries draw large sums out of the Province." It seems likely he will at the same time be forcing other Provinces to take a similar step to offset the Quebec ticket sales.

A small group of editors of agricultural papers and secretaries of certain breed societies, in Canada and the U. S. A., are to be invited to attend the Royal Show, Oxford, as guests of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Paul Julius, Baron Reuter, journalist, died this date 1899. A native of Kassel, Germany, he became a naturalized British subject in 1851, establishing a news agency in London, subsequently opening branches with correspondents in all parts of the world.

Price support now to be made a permanent part of Government control approved by all parties in the House, farmers will be one step nearer their ideal of being reasonably sure before planting that they will reap without absolute loss, though the profit will still be uncertain.

Premier Jones suggests that it is not the field of the Government to provide cold storage facilities for shipments to Newfoundland. There are, indeed, potent arguments against the Government being in the shipping business at all, but as it definitely is in that business, it would be well to give the most satisfactory service possible.

Canada's Auditor General has proposed means of ensuring proper parliamentary supervision of the public accounts. All of the recommendations deserve study but so particularly does the one which calls for the submission of groups of estimates to special committees rather than trying to handle them all in the House itself.

The fishing bounty payable under the Treaty of Washington, 1882, amounts to only a few dollars per fisherman. There is good grounds for diverting the fund to the provision of a hospital ship or similar purpose, but the decision on the matter should be made by the people concerned, the deep sea fishermen of our East Coast.

If brains and legal knowledge count for anything in business, the Provincial Government's venture into Crown Company enterprise should be an assured success, not to be finally judged by its initial report of loss in its first six months' experience; of course, one can never be sure seeing the C. N. R. after a record of half-a-billion deficit.

Congratulations are due to Principal Frank MacKinnon of Prince of Wales College on the well-merited honour of a Doctor of Laws degree conferred upon him by the Senate of the University of New Brunswick. A young man in years, Dr. MacKinnon is ripe in experience and has made substantial contributions to the educational interests of his native Province.

The Government is seemingly almost in despair in its effort to prevent the Province to be over-run by skunks. Hon. Mr. Cullen declared in the budget debate: "The sum of \$5,000 is also being estimated for skunk control. This year we will try to get a man to work at this on a full-time basis, as an experiment, to see what can be done.

During the last twelve years we have paid over \$60,000 in skunk bounties, and it seems that we are hardly holding our own. In fact the skunks are getting more widely distributed all the time." Better take care we have not a repetition of the rabbits in Australia.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

LARRY GORMAN

Sir,—In a recent column of "Pioneer Days in P. E. I." F. H. MacArthur quoted parts of a song by Larry Gorman. He also stated that he believed Gorman was a resident of King's County but could not come by the facts to verify it.

For the information of your columnist, and others who might be interested, Larry Gorman as a young man resided in Glengarry, P.E.I. "just a few miles southwest from Bloomfield Station." Some of his nephews are still there.

Anyone wanting to know how popular he was in the lumber woods should read a book called "King Spruce" which can be obtained at any library.

When I was a youngster just learning my prayers, we were trying to learn some of Larry Gorman's songs and poems.

I am, Sir, etc., A PATIENT at the Sanatorium

NEGLECTED ALBERTON

Sir,—It was very amusing to read a meek little speech made by our local member, appearing in The Guardian March 22. It seems he has an idea of linking Alberton with Newfoundland, as a port. First things, first! Give us a road to haul our produce to the wharf. The people are anxious to be linked to Alberton South.

Our Government seems to circle Alberton. A short time ago the Federal Government voted \$5,000,000 to be spent on public buildings and wharves but not one cent was given Alberton.

The cars will soon be dragging in the mud and the people will be paying repair bills and taxes.

This district has been predominately Liberal but it does not need to remain that way. We are tired of smiles, give us action.

I am, Sir, etc., A VOTER

THE DRAGGER QUESTION

Sir,—It seems to me that some of our politicians' remarks are very misleading to the public and fishermen alike concerning the dragger out of Prince Edward Island ports.

First of all the idea of the dragger is the use of a larger boat to go off-shore and not in around the shore so as not to take a chance of getting the net torn, perhaps too badly to repair, on one or more anchors, as the net itself is braided with forty-two thread twine which is the size used on the New Brunswick dragger.

And on the ground rope you will likely find wooden rollers which will not tear up the bottom, as some would like to make it sound, as if it were a dredge. You will no doubt find a stranger that will take a shoot in sometimes, and destroy some gear, but when he finds out, he will not be there long.

Secondly, as to the size of boat, I don't think you will find a dragger of 150 ft. long with speed of 12 knots fishing at present out of any Canadian port. A boat of that size would cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000 so you can see that is badly out of tune for P.E.I.

The bigger the boat the less chance fishermen will have to gain control of them. I would beg of the Government and companies concerned to give the fishermen a break, and see to it that one or more fishermen own their boat as they do in New Brunswick as these boats are too small to have profits split in too many ways as this might end in failure.

Therefore I heartily endorse the Government's program of giving them a try-out, but I would like to see some smaller ones tried out also; who knows, we might develop a boat for lobster fishing and do some light dragging, and in that way might increase our earnings.

I am, Sir, etc., NORTH SIDE FISHERMAN PREMIER JONES AND THE FEDERATION

The Obstacle To Be Overcome



similar to that of a general whose soldiers have followed him through thick and thin and who on the last great campaign have plodded over the burning sands of the desert, and the snow clad peaks of the mountain range, down into the valley of the promised land, hungry, weary and worn, expecting warmth, food and shelter, but are amazed to see their leader leave them leaning on their rifles outside the door while he goes in to the banquet hall and when one of their members approach him on their behalf, his attitude is: "I am inside, what do I care for them now? Let them starve. Let them freeze. Let them go to the devil!"

An apology is due the Federation from Premier Jones, but whether he is big enough to do so or not remains to be seen, for they were within their rights and only trying to better their condition and came to him expecting to find one who would lend a sympathetic ear and not betray them.

I am, Sir, etc., SUMMERSIDE TRAVELLER

CRITICISMS RESENTED

Sir,—I was very much amused, yes even disgusted, to read in Monday's issue a column signed, "An Irate Mother." O'Leary, P. E. I. Her quotations were exceedingly absurd and before she finished she had herself contradicted.

First of all, she asserted that today's generation is up at dawn to start their daily work. She knows that isn't right. If she visited a lot of homes on Prince Edward Island she would find that this generation certainly isn't "up at dawn." Many do well to "roll out" at noon.

Her sons work very hard at potatoes. Well, if they were good farmers they wouldn't be working so much at potatoes. They're not good farmers if they are good farmers, as she says, they are potatoes would just be a side issue.

She says that women of today work as hard as the pioneers getting meals for the men working at the potatoes. Once again, there's a weak link some place, if working at potatoes is the only test. At any rate, they (especially in O'Leary) would have electricity, running water and good stoves, so their work cannot be compared with that of the pioneers. Then again, how much handcraft work is done today? Little or none.

Was there no war fifty years ago? Most certainly there was and right outside the door—bears, thieves, etc. The housewife was in danger all the time. Then there was the war against disease and the war of struggle for Responsible Government and Confederation and did not the Prince Edward Islanders take part in the South African War? Those early heroes won't soon be forgotten.



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The Poet's Corner THE END OF EVERYTHING The child is tired of all his toys— The music-box with tinkling noise That only has one tune to play: Tired of his dolls grotesque and gay That sleep and walk, and eat and dream— How strangely real the puppets seem. His spinning balls (lung left and right Lie at his feet, their colours bright Already dim with clouding dust; In careless ruin on the floor His dear kaleidoscope is thrust From whose dark depths he'll New stars to dazzle wondering eyes— "I'm sick of all my toys," he cried And kicks them in his quivering rage. Till Nurse, bent like a hoop with age, Paeks toys and infant in her box Shuts down the lid and clicks the locks. —Phyllis Megros.

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) A TEN-WEEK SESSION "It is expected that the Legislature, having despatched all the business which the Government thought was required by the country after an arduous session of ten weeks or more, will be prorogued on Tuesday next, or perhaps sooner. The robins and smelts have arrived, and so has the season for planting and fence making — country members are naturally anxious to get to their farms — their green fields — the invigorating air of their rural homes — their children and — their wives. Parliament must be therefore, prorogued with as little delay as possible. We shall, as soon as the Lieutenant Governor has made his complimentary speech to us for our great exertions on behalf of the public, endeavour to find out how we have spent the last ten weeks, and what measures we have passed. The inquiry will involve considerable labour and research." —The Examiner, April 24, 1890.

MALES ARE VAIN NORTH BAY, Ont. — (CP) — The vanity of male ruffed grouse is proving their undoing. Wildlife researchers at Algonquin Park are trapping them by putting a mirror in a box. The grouse follow their reflection into the box and become prisoners.

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