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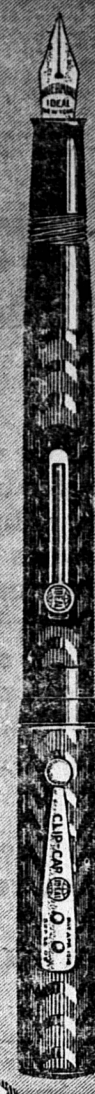
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DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Charlottetown will this evening be honored by a visit from one of Canada's most distinguished men, the Reverend C. W. Gordon, D. D., better known in the literary world perhaps by his pen name Ralph Connor. He will speak this evening in St. James Church when many who have read his delightful books will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing him. He is making a tour of the Dominion in his official capacity as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and, it may be remarked, is the first to honour the province with an official visit during his incumbency as Moderator.

There are many reasons why the public should be anxious to see and hear Dr. Gordon. As the official head of the Presbyterian Church, as one of the most distinguished Canadian authors, as a returned soldier, having served as Chaplain overseas during the war and as an outstanding scholar and speaker, he deserves, and we feel assured will be accorded a warm welcome in Charlottetown. St. James Church is commodious and there is room and a welcome for all and all are invited. Dr. Gordon we understand makes but a short visit; this time, arriving this evening and leaving tomorrow morning. We trust the reception accorded him will be such as to make his next visit a longer one.

THE NEW TARIFF

The farmer who said that his hog didn't weigh as much as he expected and that he always thought it wouldn't, has a parallel case in the matter of the new tariff, a summary of which is given elsewhere in this issue. Those who remember the tearful sympathy expressed by the Liberal federal candidates and campaigners for the farmer and the poor consumer and the promises given that the new tariff would be so adjusted as to relieve the poor man and especially the poor farmer of the heavy burdens imposed upon them by previous governments will peruse the new tariff schedule with more than disappointment. A very little study of it will show that the federal government has "reduced" the burden of taxation just as the Bell government reduced it in this province by quadrupling it.

The apparent reduction of 2 1/2 per cent. in the duties on some fifty articles imported from Great Britain is more than compensated for by the adverse exchange rate; while the addition of fifty per cent to the sales tax places the prices of these goods considerably higher than before the duty was reduced. The total value of the fifty articles on which the duty was reduced amounted to, at the most, sixty million dollars per year. The reduction in duties amounts to about one million dollars. Against this there is an increase of fifty per cent in the sales tax. The sales tax last year amounted to, in round numbers, seventy million dollars, so that the increase of fifty per cent now imposed will mean an addition of \$35,000,000 to the burden of public taxation. This then is the effect of the much heralded new tariff and new taxation scheme: we are saving a million dollars by the reduction of certain duties but are losing \$35,000,000 by the increased sales tax. Everybody pays the sales tax; every consumer who buys an article of food, of wearing apparel or of machinery for his farm pays his proportion of the sales tax and, notwithstanding the promises of a few months ago the purchasing public is called upon to pay an ad-

ditional tax of \$35,000,000. In addition to the increased sales tax, new taxes have been imposed upon cigarettes, passenger automobiles, confectionery, bank cheques, bank notes, telegrams cables, etc., which the consumer now has to add to his former burdens.

It has been well said that increased taxation and Liberalism go hand in hand. This province has had its practical demonstration of the truth of this saying in the transactions of the Bell government; it is now learning its lesson from the Federal Government.

Not one of the Liberal pre-election promises has been fulfilled, not an explanation of or an apology has been given for the breach of faith, for the want of vision which prompted the promising or the necessity, if any there was, for the different course taken. Here is the platform or the part of it on which the Liberal party was returned to power. It presents a strange contrast to the fulfillment:

"That the best interest of Canada demand that substantial reductions of the burdens of customs taxation be made with a view (1) to diminishing the high cost of living which presses so severely on the masses of the people; and (2) reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion.

"That to these ends, wheat, wheat flour, and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food, farm implements and machinery, and repair parts thereof, rough and partly dressed lumber, gasoline and illuminating, lubricating and fuel oils, cements and fertilizers, should be free from customs duties, as well as the raw material, entering into the same."

(Not one of these articles has been made free, except tractors, which were already free. Wheat, flour and foodstuffs are not only not made free, but are left absolutely untouched except as they are added to by the additional sales tax; and the others, instead of being made free, are reduced by but a paltry two and a half per cent.

The 1919 declaration of the Liberal party also said:

"That a revision downward of the tariff should be made whereby substantial reductions should be effected in the duties on wearing apparel and footwear, and on other articles of general consumption (other than luxuries) as well as on the raw material entering into the same."

Comment is unnecessary; it is Liberalism.

AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATES

The Dominion Department of Agriculture directs attention to the fact that the usual method will be followed this season of securing an estimate of the field crops sown and the number of farm animals owned throughout the Dominion. This method was inaugurated in 1918 and has been found very valuable in securing before hand an approximate idea of what the year's harvest is going to be and whether there is an increase or decrease in the number of animals on hand. The information is valuable as a guide to the prices during the autumn and coming winter. Printed schedules will be distributed among farmers by the teachers in the rural districts and when filled out with the desired information will be returned to the teacher and by him or her to the Department of Agriculture. Those who for any reason have not been supplied with these cards are requested to apply to the provincial department.

The information desired is as to the number of acres sown to

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.

Road Contracts

Sir.—In regard to Road Contracts this season we understand that some contractors are figuring to reduce wages on the different road contracts to \$1.75 per day and even to \$1.50 per day. If this is the case the government should have a fair wage clause in their specification and not allow the different contractors to pay at least less than \$2.00 per day.

I am Sir, etc., LABORER.

Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

From the W. S. Louson collection

THESE THINGS SHALL BE

(By John Addington Symonds 1840-98)

These things shall be a loftier race Than e'er the world hath known shall rise, With flame of freedom in their souls, And light of knowledge in their eyes.

They shall be gentle, brave and strong To spill no drop of blood, but dare

All that may plant man's lordship firm O'er earth and fire and sea and air.

Nation with nation, land with land, Unarmed shall live as comrades free, In every heart and brain shall throb The pulse of one fraternity.

Man shall love man with heart as pure And fervent as the young-eyed throng, Who chant their heavenly Psalms before God's face with undiscordant song.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mold And mightier music thrill the skies, And every life shall be a song When the earth is paradise.

There shall be no more sin, nor shame, Through pain and passion may not die; For man shall be at one with God In bonds of firm necessity.

the various field crops and the number of the various classes of animals owned on or about June 15th. The cards, we are informed will be distributed about the first of June and are returnable as soon thereafter as possible.

The usual assurances are given that the information thus received will not in any way be used for purposes of taxation or otherwise than in securing agricultural information. Only totals will be used for this purpose and no publicity will be given as to individual acreage or the number of animals owned by individuals.

It is hoped that every farmer in the province will see to it that his farm is represented in these statistics. The information, although only an approximate estimate, will be very valuable in gauging prices as all prices depend upon the supplies likely to be available.

Battleship And Torpedo Collide

BERLIN, May 25.—The German battleship Hanover and Torpedo boat D. 18, collided during night manoeuvres last night near Sassnitz. Ten sailors on the torpedo boat were killed.

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Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 3, 1922.
Manager, Imperial Biscuit Co., Ltd., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dear Sir: You have asked me on several occasions for my opinion with reference to the Imperial Biscuit that you are manufacturing. Being a small shareholder in your Company, I perhaps have delayed writing you on that account. Ever since you began manufacturing the Imperial Biscuit, as a Fox breeder I have used your Biscuit in my own ranch and have found them an excellent article of fox food. For the past two years, since you have almost perfected this Biscuit, I have watched closely from a far standpoint the ranchers that have been using this Cod Oil Biscuit, and the results are very noticeable indeed—one could almost tell from the skins that were brought to my office for sale where Imperial Biscuits had been fed. For instance, it is noticeable in the pelt of the animal that there was a luxurious growth of fur, clear in color, and with that brilliant sheen or lustre which goes to make a high grade pelt.

My advice would simply be that no fur farmer that anticipates successfully raising a good grade of fur can be without this superior food for his foxes; and I know that it is the intention of the manufacturers to endeavor to improve if possible and make a Biscuit that is a perfectly balanced ration.

For the sake of good furs, I trust that you will continue putting out to the people the information you have with regard to your Biscuit, and when they begin feeding them as the chief article of food we will then all know what a boon it will be to the good furs of this province.

Yours faithfully,
W. CHESTER S. McLURE,

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