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LET GEORGE DO IT

Probably never before in Canada's history has there been such a universal demand for economy, for reform, for something, anything so long as it will be different. Delegations to Ottawa are suggested, Boards of Trade are passing resolutions showing the necessity of reducing taxation and the cost of living. Evidently there is something wrong, evidently reform is needed but what are we doing about it besides passing resolutions and sending delegations to Ottawa?

What is the cause of the high taxes, of the high cost of living? Look at the public expenditures, the expenditure for new railway lines, for elevators, for harbor improvements for public works without any regard to usefulness or necessity.

World is too much to say that every delegation to Ottawa, every resolution of Board of Trade, while demanding a rigid economy, is at the same time petitioning its own representative and the government in general for something, for a branch railway, for an elevator, a what or something else? How many of these are really needed? How many are built or promised as a bait with which to lure the electors to support some member of parliament?

The high cost of living and the high taxes are the outcome of inexcusable extravagance on the part of the government. What are we paying for useless Royal Commissions to constitutions in which bye-elections are being run? The amount of useless expenditure in Canada is appalling and increasing. And the reason largely is that the value of a representative is generally measured by the amount of expenditure, useless or otherwise, which he can get for his constituency. This, we admit is not true of our own province; we have received nothing at the hands of our Solid Four and we have not expected anything although we have for many years needed the completion of our railway.

PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTION

Our Liberal friends are becoming greatly agitated over the notice of resolution given by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. They see in the proposed resolution a demand for "high protection," for "excessive duties" and consequent increase in the prices of the necessaries of life. Nelher Mr. Meighen nor any other Conservative ever advocated "high protection." The "principle of protection" in our duties on foreign goods is all that the National Policy ever stood for and that principle has been as staunchly adhered to by Liberal as by Conservative governments. True, Liberals have preached "free trade as it is in England" but they never had the temerity to put it into practice, and there has not since the National Policy was first introduced been any material interference with it till the conglomerate Liberalism of Mr. Mackenzie King found it necessary to barter Liberal principles for Progressive support.

What do we mean by the "principle of protection?" Simply to impose such a duty upon foreign goods and foreign products as to give our Canadian producers at least an even chance in our own market against foreign competition, to give our farmers and manufacturers a chance to get on their feet. At present the Canadian market is flooded with American goods and American farm produce. For example, we have in Canada enough bituminous coal to last us a thousand years, yet we are buying American coal to the tune of an average of \$80,000,000 a year and at a lower rate right here in Charlottetown than we can buy Nova Scotia coal for. The fact that this coal enters Canada under a nominal duty is but one of the factors but it is a large factor in the demoralization of our coal industry. What would it mean to Canada and to the Maritime provinces to have at least the Maritime share of this \$80,000,000 spent here? The "principle of protection" would impose such a duty on American coal as would at least bring its price to the price at which Canadian coal could be produced.

What is true of coal is true of all our farm products, of all our manufacturing products. We want the Canadian market for Canadian products; we want Canadian industry for Canadian employees and for Canadian raw material. This is the "principle of protection," the principle of the original National Policy which brought prosperity to Canada in 1878 and maintained it till 1921 when industrial and agricultural devolution and emigration were ushered in by the bartering and makeshift policy of the Mackenzie King government.

The people of Canada will not be stampeded by the cry of "high protection" with which the Liberal press is trying to scare them. The history of the past four years is plainly written and the cause is well known. Canada for Canadians is the National Policy, the policy under which Canada formerly prospered and under which it will prosper again.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Circus comes to town today! Hooray!

Only eight days till Shrove Tuesday and pan cakes.

The Government at Ottawa is collecting, or rather being presented with, the views of all and sundry on the question of preference for Maritime Ports. Unless something is done now in favour of our ports when subsidies are being talked about, we shall have little chance later when there will be nothing to bargain with.

The line of criticism levelled against Mr. W. T. R. Preston's report in England is not so much that it is not justified as that it is unintelligible. The London Times says it reveals a confusion of thought and that the difficulty of the underwriters is intensified thereby. How characteristic of W. T. R.! Remember his reports on the soldiers' vote at the front?

A Liberal correspondent at Ottawa writes that while the subject of a general election is discussed very frequently in the corridors, there is little serious talk yet in Government circles, and it is known that at present, at least, there is no sentiment in favour of a general appeal to the people this year. But, of course, it is a way Governments have. They don't discourage their supporters in well doing until the last moment.

Many who did not know the late Mr. J. L. Shaw as a merchant in Charlottetown will recall him as the very efficient officer of the Children's Aid Society, and will be grieved to learn of his untimely passing hence in London only a couple of weeks after the demise of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw spent the previous winter in California and had looked forward with the greatest pleasure to spending this winter in England and on the continent.

Wheat prices are tumbling down again from their high mark and in this connection considerable significance is attached to the statements in a grain review issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in which it is stated "that the expected shortage of bread grains upon which excessive speculation was based was not likely to materialize." "World's commercial stocks of wheat," the review added, "are heavier than at this time any year since the war. High prices are causing a heavier movement of wheat by Argentina and Australia, and at the same time are forcing economy in consumption, indicating, as has been pointed out in previous reviews, that no serious world shortage of wheat is apparent at this time."

Notes By The Way

There seems to be a lull in Senators of late. Five seats in the Red Chamber have now been vacant for some time, it has been believed that Senators are most active and most useful to the country when Parliament is in session. The session is on, but there are no Senators on those five empty seats. Not as yet, Prince Edward Island is entitled to be represented by four Honorable Gentlemen in that lordly Chamber, but only three are there. Thus the Province is deprived of one fourth part of its representation, the honor, dignity and emoluments, privileges and immunities which pertain to it of right and which one of its worthy sons or daughters should be now enjoying.

Other provinces some three or four in number are now in a similar plight but not in equal degree. New Brunswick for instance, is entitled to ten Senators and has but nine. But nine out of a possible ten is a more favorable condition than to have only three out of four and this is not all. Under Section 22 of the British North America Act, 1867 it is provided that the Maritime Provinces shall be represented by twenty-four Senators. Quebec by twenty-four and Ontario by twenty-four. The Maritimes have now but twenty-two Senators. This is the more serious aspect of the case.

Ontario has three times and Quebec twice the population of the Maritimes and this provision giving the smaller population equal representation with the larger in the Senate was specially designed for the better security and protection of the small Atlantic Provinces. This makes it the more important that at the present time when the Maritimes are fighting for their lives and for their rights that every seat in the Senate to which they are entitled should be occupied.

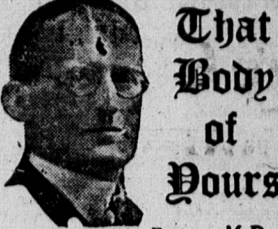
More over under Section 24 of the B. N. A. Act when a vacancy occurs in the Senate it must be promptly filled. It reads as follows: "(24)—When a Vacancy happens in the Senate by Resignation, Death or otherwise, the Governor-General shall by Summons to a fit and qualified Person fill the Vacancy."

The article is mandatory. When the vacancy occurs the Governor-General must issue his summons. This is very different from the provisions of the B. N. A. Act with respect to filling vacant seats in the House of Commons (Section 42) which Parliament has no power to alter or amend the article that provides for filling vacancies in the Senate. These are more important being appointments for life and for that and other reasons already stated the procedure is laid down permanently in the Constitution, the British North America Act.

It is therefore clear that the Governor General and his constitutional advisers are contravening the Constitution of the Dominion in not appointing a Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. John Joy. They are at the same time and by the same neglect refusing to Prince Edward Island its just right to have Four Senators at Ottawa during the parliamentary session now in progress and refusing to the Eastern Section of the Dominion its just right to be represented in Parliament by twenty-four Senators at a most critical time in the history of the Maritime Provinces and when those Provinces are most seriously protesting against an invasion and abrogation of their rights by the government of the day.

Under the Constitution the Maritimes are as much a part of Canada as a man's leg is a part of himself. Is it of no consequence that they have been deprived of their place in the sun, robbed of their trade, which has been diverted to American ports and have lost one third of their representation in the House of Commons? Apparently this is the King Government view, when by its action it decrees that two of the Maritime seats in the Senate shall remain empty while Parliament is sitting.

No election this year; the session in end in June; a short session in 1926 followed by a dissolution. That is said to be the general sentiment in government circles at Ottawa just now. It follows the line of least resistance among the "ins," gives assurance of one more \$4,000 indemnity and puts off the day of retribution as far as possible. All of which is quite characteristic of our present rulers. To wobble along for another year before toppling over will be running quite true to form.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE ENLARGED THYROID

The enlarged thyroid gland in the front of the neck is still an object of interest to everybody. So much has been learned about it that it would seem that there was nothing more to be learned. Yet physicians and surgeons will be the first to admit that some aspects of thyroid trouble has them puzzled.

Something has got into the system that so affects the thyroid gland that the secretion it manufactures becomes altered. Now this secretion has as its work the regulating of certain processes in the body, that is as to the speed with which these processes are carried on. The gland itself grows larger in size, and the supporting structure or frame work becomes greatly thickened.

This thickening of the frame work naturally takes up the room of the glandular or soft substance. Now just as the liver stores up sugar for immediate and future use, so does the thyroid gland store up iodine. But owing to the framework taking up the place or room of gland substance only a fraction of the normal amount of iodine is found in many of these enlarged thyroids. The foremost investigators now believe that the iodine secreted by the thyroid was not sufficient iodine in it.

The treatment for these cases varies greatly. Many get better completely, and others are greatly improved by the removal of part of the gland. That rest-mental and physical, which great improvement has been proved in many cases. The trouble with these bad cases is that everything seems to be working at a feverish haste. There is the loss of the regulating mechanism, the secretion of juice from the thyroid which should have the effect of steadying various functions, seems to allow things to simply run away.

The patient is tired, because these actions are going on at this rate the whole twenty four hours of the day. Thus the heart works fast all the time and if it is supported by plain easily digested food, and rest, the patient seems to get along fairly well.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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TRUTH MAKES FREE.—Then said Jesus, if ye continue in my word, the more ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32.

PRAYER.—May thy word, O God, ever be stored up in our hearts that we may not sin against thee. Then shall we be free indeed and joy shall abound.

THE FRIENDS OF DAYS GONE BY. Oh, friends who gladdened vanished years, I fondly picture all your dear, dear faces glowing fair. On memory's love-lit wall; Though change and distance brightly beams Each earnest, truthful eye. For friendships' portraits, never fade, Dear friends of days gone by.

Your kindly look and cheering words Made smooth life's rugged ways. Your smiles were sunshine in the gloom Of sorrow-clouded days; Oh, peaceful, happy be your paths. Though far from mine they lie. And oft in spirit may we meet, Sweet friends of days gone by.

My heart is full of grateful thoughts And faint would breathe in song The deep devotion, fervent, true, That has been yours so long; But far too weak are words to tell Of love that never can die— God bless you all forevermore, Dear friends of days gone by. —Una. Mary A. Ford.

Your Birthday FEBRUARY 16.—Be ever ready to lead others, it is yours by right of birth. You cherish above all else your character, and are careful and conscientious in all you do. You are fond of art and the best things of life, and your love is whole-hearted and enduring. Be more helpful, and be ever ready to do a kind action. Your birthstone is an amethyst, which means sincerity. Your flower is a primrose. Your lucky colors are light blue and yellow.

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 of correspondents.

THE GUARDIAN WAS RIGHT

Sir,—It now appears that you were right quite right—in your prediction that no one would be appointed to P. E. Island's vacant Senatorship until after Parliament has risen. Mr. Nash and Mr. Ratcliff and all the other good Liberals who have "expectations" to be kept on tenter hooks and the people of this Province are to be deprived of their fair share in Parliamentary representation, because some one of the "most obedient" supporters in the House of Commons is to get the plum. Well, as we can all now see, that is the way of the Liberal "Machine." You are to be congratulated on your understanding of it.

I am, Sir, etc., A CYNIC.

LET US HAVE A SQUARE ISSUE

Sir,—The statesmanlike resolution, of which Mr. Meighen, leader of the Opposition has given notice, is evidently worrying greatly the Government Party, led by Mr. Mackenzie King. I see all kinds of fault with it in the Patriot and other government organs. In the interests of the country at large and in fair party play the Government Party ought to accept the challenge which the leader of the Opposition has given, come out openly and squarely for a valid revenue on Free Trade principles, and obtain, at the next election, the decision of a majority of the electors one way or the other on the issue drawn. Wobbling and uncertainty is stifling Canadian industry and operating to the great disadvantage of our farmers.

I am, Sir, etc., AN OBSERVER.

Tin Shimmies For Bank Messengers

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The "tin chimies" has made its appearance in Wall Street as the garb of those messengers who carry millions of dollars in securities through the streets of the financial district and frequently lose odd trifles ranging from \$100,000 to twice or three that much.

The new departure in masculine apparel is really an armor plate steel shirt with pockets on the inside, and once the messenger has inserted himself in the garment he is in there to stay until someone with a key unlocks it. The house which dispatches the messenger has a key and the house to which he is directed holds the other.

Bandits may assault or even kidnap the messengers, but the National Surety Company, which tends to equip its messengers with the tin "inclosure" feels confident that they cannot get at the goods without the use of can-openers. Blasting powder or other devices which would be a liability injury to the messenger and which would also attract much public attention, if employed in crowded streets, where most of the robberies have occurred.

Nurmi To Run In Hamilton, March 5

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—The Ontario indoor track and field championships will be held in Hamilton on Thursday March 5, under the auspices of the 91st Battalion Princess Louise Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, according to an announcement from the office of the Ontario branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, this evening. Bably Kerr, famous sprinter is arranging the programme and has completed arrangements for Nurmi and Ritola, famous Finnish record smashers, to appear in special handicap races, the former at a mile and a half and the latter at the three miles.

Boudoir Bandit Terrifies Women

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—Roused to action by repeated robberies by a daring "boudoir" bandit who describes himself as "the lone wolf" Boston police are patrolling the Back Bay apartment house district of the city with "shoot to kill" orders. Thirty special plain clothes officers are guarding the district and will continue to patrol the neighborhood until the criminal is captured.

Says Stolen Money Purchased Liquor

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Feb. 13.—Testimony that Alexander Rooney, former accountant of the Government Telegraph Bureau for a period of six months took from the cash drawer more than \$100 weekly to purchase liquor that was consumed in his office, was given yesterday in the opening of the trial of Rooney on the charge of larceny of nearly \$13,000 of public money.

When Wild Creatures Fight

Nature has endowed all her creatures with some method of self protection. The feline tribe have sharp teeth and sharper claws; the animal of the cattle tribe have their horns, some have been given great fleeces of wool, and the poor skunk has a bad smell wherewith to rout its enemies. In the animal world, the law of the survival of the fittest is always uppermost, and the wild creatures owe their existence to their external watchfulness, and their ability to do battle with their own kind in the light for supremacy or the right to live.

Firm Stand In The Pacific, Or War

LONDON, Feb. 13.—William Howard Gardner, Vice-President of the Navy League of the United States, on a tour on the Far East, predicted in an address to the Canadian Club today, that if Britain and the United States did not increase their fleets and take a firm stand in the Pacific there would ultimately be war. A nephew by law of the famous Rear Admiral Mahon, Mr. Gardner, now retired from business while still a young man, means to devote the rest of his life to an investigation of foreign affairs as they affect the United States, especially as regards the influence of sea power, both mercantile and naval, over international questions. In appearance, he resembles John Galsworthy, the English novelist and playwright; he is tall and a facile speaker. His home is in New York City.

Ask Cheap Coal Rate

TORONTO, Feb. 13.—Alberta coal for Ontario is again a live issue. The "expert enquiry" into transportation costs, which was announced in the speech from the throne, today, has a vital bearing upon the subject, Premier Ferguson stated. The enquiry has been conducted by Messrs. Lockhart Gordon, George Kilmer, Earle Lawson and a Mr. Oliver, a Chicago transportation expert, the prime minister added. Application, based upon their findings, will be made to the Dominion railway board for a special rate for coal shipments from Alberta to Ontario.

Air Control Will Win in Next War

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 13.—Control of the air will be the decisive factor in the next war, in the opinion of Brig-General Lord Thompson, who was Secretary of State for Air in the British Cabinet when Ramsay MacDonald was Premier. Scipping here Monday en route to the Pacific Coast, Thompson, who is a veteran of three wars and a former member of the Supreme Council at Versailles, spoke freely of the development of aircraft. When questioned about his many references to "the next" great conflict between nations, Thompson replied: "My dear fellow, I am a practical man. Just now Europe is sick of fighting. We have a breathing space for at least ten years—perhaps longer. After that, nobody knows."

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A notable duel was that fought at the London Zoo by two elephants named Tippoo and Emperor. Emperor was extremely fond of a colleague belonging to one of the keepers, and Tippoo, apparently, maddened by jealousy, one day picked up the dog and dashed it to the ground, killing it instantly. The two elephants fought so fiercely that for a time it seemed inevitable that one or the other would be killed. There is, in fact little doubt that this would have happened had not an attendant managed to separate them.

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