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A DAY OF MOURNING

Today will be a day of mourning for the beloved Queen Mother Alexandra whose burial takes place at Windsor Castle at 11.30 o'clock this morning. Memorial services will be held throughout the Empire, coincident with the hour of burial. In this City a service will be held this morning at 11.30 in St. James Church. His Honor Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Heartz will represent the Royal family. The Federal and Provincial governments, the Judiciary, the Army and Navy, the City, the Great War Veterans and other organizations will be represented by officers and members of their respective executives.

PROTESTING TOO MUCH

The constant reiteration of the constitutionality of Mr. Mackenzie King's present attitude looks very much like "protesting too much." If our Liberal friends were as sure as they profess to be that Mr. Mackenzie King was acting unselfishly and in order to "let the voice of the people prevail," in not contesting one of the seats offered to him they would not harp so continuously upon it. Who protested against his acceptance of a seat if he could get one? Was he free to run a bye-election or was it because neither Mr. King nor any one of his ministers was sure of a seat anywhere in Canada? He was not sure of a seat even in Quebec for the people of Quebec although Liberal in name have no use for Mr. King or for the fiscal policy forced upon him by the Progressives. They voted for the King's candidates not because they loved Mr. King but because they were maliciously misled by designing politicians to hate Mr. Meighen. Neither the fiscal policy nor the record of the government was a factor in the Quebec elections. Even the newly appointed Liberal leader, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, whether he could have been elected otherwise or not, joined in the campaign of hate against Mr. Meighen. If matters are as represented, Mr. Mackenzie King had a perfect right to seek election and it is childish to pretend he refrained through unselfishness. He had done it before after defeat and others had done it this time if he had been free to do so and known where there was a safe seat.

It is freely admitted that he may be able to secure sufficient support from the groups elected in opposition to his government, for men in all ages have gone from one side of the House to the other for reasons best known to themselves and to those whom they joined. This, also, is "constitutional" but what we are most deeply concerned with is what kind of a government can thus be formed. There is nothing to prevent the Liberal party holding office for the next four years as they held it the last four for "the resources of civilization" are practically unlimited but what would another four years of log rolling like the last four mean for Canada?

Possibly the continuous protestation about the righteousness of Mr. Mackenzie King, his benign rule, the growing belief that he is the saviour of his country and that kind of bunkum may persuade the people of Canada that they did wrong in turning down such a man and such a party, but we do not think so. In fact people, sensible Liberals too, are becoming unimpressed with it and when the opportunity again oc-

urs it is more than probable that there shall be fewer Liberals returned even than there were at the recent election.

HELPING THE CHILDREN

Few realize the amount of work or the necessity for it that is being done by the Red-Cross Nurses in this province. Some idea may be had from the report, elsewhere in this issue of the clinic held by them last week in Souris where twenty-two children were successfully operated on for adenoids and diseased tonsils. The need of such operation had been discovered by the Red Cross Nurses in their medical inspection of the school children. The mental as well as the physical handicap to children, resulting from diseased tonsils and adenoids, is recognized by all physicians and the work being done by the Red Cross Nurses in diagnosing the ailments and physical defects of the children by regular medical inspection of schools, as well as by advising children and parents is invaluable and deserving of every encouragement. There are over 400 schools in the province and only three Red Cross Nurses to carry on the work of inspection. Yet all the schools have been inspected once, some of them twice in order to obtain proper results every school should be inspected at least once a year. Necessarily this would cost something but when we note the expense and the trouble we willingly incur to remedy defects in our calves, and cots and hogs we should not begrudge the expense of insuring the future mental and physical health of our children.

The clinic at Souris was a heroic effort on the part of the Red Cross Nurses, the most pretentious effort ever made in the Province and made too to save the expense of bringing the children to the city hospitals where, ordinarily, such work is done. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Wilson the Chief Red Cross Nurse and her able and capable assistants for this great and successful beginning of a work that is bound to go on increasing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

That "wave of prosperity" is coming again in anticipation, no doubt, of the coming session and a possible election.

"I seen," "I done," "I have came," "I had went" are a few samples of expressions still doing duty as part of the English language.

Four weeks from today will be Christmas. Have you made your purchases, got your Christmas cards? If not, why not?

The farmers this fall succeeded in getting most of their plowing done before the frost set in which was somewhat later than usual. This gives them a much-needed start in the spring, a start which they appreciate.

The potato situation has eased up considerably although there are many to be shipped and very many still in farmers' cellars. The hand of the speculator is becoming evident in the United States markets where the usual cornering is going on.

Real poetry is to literature what the flowers are to the landscape. The cultivation of poetry, like that of flowers, begets a love of the beautiful and no life can be sweet without beauty, not necessarily physical perfection of features and form, but the beauty which is reflected from a beautiful soul.

Notes By The Way

Mr. Meighen at Hamilton a few days ago expressed his opinion that in future wars when a question might arise as to sending Canadian troops overseas, to assist the Mother Country, no troops should be sent unless and until the people had been consulted at a general election called for the purpose of deciding that question and had expressed their approval. This expression of opinion by the Opposition leader was received with surprise by many Conservatives and Liberals as well.

Mr. T. L. Church, a prominent member of the Conservative party, and recently elected to Parliament in one of the Toronto divisions, has expressed his strong opposition to the doctrine laid down by Mr. Meighen. Speaking at a Conservative meeting, Mr. Church is reported as saying, "I do not approve of Mr. Meighen's doctrine; we are part and parcel of the British Empire and not a nation within ourselves. I will oppose Mr. Meighen's attitude on the floor of the House." This and other remarks of like purport are said to have been heartily applauded at the Toronto meeting.

More will be heard hereafter of this difference of attitude and opinion on what may be regarded as a vital and important question, especially should Mr. Meighen make it an issue in the coming bye-election in Bagot in which he is expected to take part. Years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed the doctrine that "when Great Britain is at war, Canada is at war." This view of the case has hitherto been accepted as constitutionally sound. If Britain were at war with any one of the great powers, Canada would certainly be liable to attack by Britain's enemy.

Canadian ships at sea would be equally liable to capture with British ships in any part of the ocean's wide expanse and if captured would become lawful prizes of the belligerent enemy. Canada would be liable to invasion and her cities liable to bombardment from land or sea, or from the air above. Nor could Canada avoid these dangers or withdraw from the war after it had begun, except by renouncing her allegiance to the British Sovereign.

As to the Great War, the prompt action of the Canadian Parliament saved much valuable time which would have been lost had Parliament been dissolved and had the people been asked to say whether or not Canadian troops should be sent. We all know that the great majority of the people would have endorsed the proposal, but there would still have been a strong minority opposed to such action and these would have been embittered by the heated discussions during the campaign and their defeat at the polls. Would such a referendum in 1914 have contributed to peace, order, and the welfare and glory of Canada, or the reverse?

It would seem that before laying down such a precedent as is implied in Mr. Meighen's proposal very careful consideration should be given by the Conservative party to the subject in all its bearings. Canada is the oldest and strongest of the federated Dominions and our example might prove not to be acceptable to the others. How, for instance, would it affect the South African Union with its mixed population of English and Dutch? Yet it would seem that in a matter so closely affecting the relations between the Dominions and the Empire there should be concerted policy and action, or no present attempt to change the line of action adopted by all the Dominions in 1914.

It should be remembered also that the Irish Free State is now a member of the Dominion sisterhood. How would the new doctrine affect relations in that quarter, where the late President Wilson's program of "self-determination" has found favor with the nationalists and advocates of an Irish republic? If Canada set the example of submitting our imperial relations to the hazard of a general election might it not speedily prove a bone of contention, tending toward disruption of the Empire?

The question seems too big to be suddenly put forward as an issue or even as a side issue in a coming general election in which the dominance of the Conservative or the Liberal party is chiefly concerned. It is a question upon which the Conservative party is more likely to be seriously divided than cordially united. And if it is intended as a measure to build up a Conservative party in Quebec it is a matter of mere expediency at best, and doubtful of beneficial results in view of a coming election that can be more easily won without than



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

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With all due respect to the Island service, the sooner the C. N. R. gets the individual oil-burning cars, running apart from the freight car service for the benefit of the passenger service, the better for all concerned. I am, Sir, etc., J. C. BURKE, Sackville, Nov. 25, 1925.

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Do our people patronize the mail order houses because they are more than ten years thirty or forty years ago? It is not too much to assume that a present-day mail order house would have had very little attraction for the busy public of forty years ago. Fancy, dainty articles now make up a considerable measure of the attractiveness of the mail order catalogue. Scores of articles are now being shipped into the United States treasury, and two or three of it the catalogue were not dazzling them before people's eyes. And that means that many people buy what they do not need and in many cases can ill afford. A great deal of the wearing apparel of especially young girls bears the earmarks of the mail order shop. It may be attractive to the eye, but very substantial. As some writers have intimated, times have greatly changed the methods employed by farmers in disposing of their products. Forty years ago, or very much later than that, farmers within from ten to twenty miles of Charlottetown hauled their farm produce to the city. While there they purchased whatever articles they needed in the line of clothing and groceries, and returned home with very little cash in their pockets. They made the exchange of the farm products for home necessities and were well satisfied, and possibly happier than they are today. It is true the little store which can turn up a mail order catalogue and leisurely look over its pages and order what he wants? He knows very well that if what he orders does not suit, he can return it at no extra cost to himself. This, it seems to me, is a very evident reason why so many patronize the mail order houses. Of course, it is an open question whether the articles purchased are really of any better value. True, they may be cheaper, but are they better value? The mail order houses are most obliging and make it a point to please every customer.

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The Public Forum

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of fox companies! Verily, we have been wounded in the house of our avowed friends. It is all very fine to be loyal to the other fellow, but put the shoe on the other foot. Apply the golden rule.

And while I am making these observations I may as well make mention of another place where loyalty is sadly lacking. As I peruse the pages of The Guardian from week to week I notice that a large percentage of those who marry (from the country) come to Charlottetown to have the "knot tied."

In the first place it is a slight on the home minister, and if the monetary side of it is worth considering at all, then the poorly-paid country person should be thought of. The country pastor does all right for funeral services, etc., etc. He is seldom asked to stand aside and let the city person conduct the service on such occasions. The latter would be no more of a slight than the former. Why not be loyal to the man on the ground. Don't forget this when you are looking for a "knot-tyer."

Another observation I wish to make before concluding is that the present trend in politics amply confirms the contention that we have no room in this country for more than two political parties. It would seem that we are doomed to face another federal election within the year. If we have the chance we should do all in our power to make it a straight contest between the two old tried parties. Strange, wasn't it, that few of the politicians promised to cut down the indemnity to \$2,500? I am, Sir, etc., AN OBSERVER, Nov. 25, 1925.

THE GREAT QUESTION AT ISSUE.

Sir,—"Fairplay" in the Patriot is trying to "draw a herring across the trail." What are the facts under discussion? They are: (1) That our Prime Minister—Mr. Mackenzie King, came here before the election and told that "Protective duties is taxation"—that the people of Canada must pay the Protective duties imposed by the Canadian Parliament; and, therefore, that electors should not vote for the proposed protection, of their productive interests. Hundreds heard him; many believed him. He was supported in his assertion by the Patriot which in its headlines, articles and paragraphs announced "The High Taxation Party."

(2) But no sooner was the election held and a demand for potatoes developed in the United States, than the Patriot declared that P. E. Island farmers pay the full amount of the Protective Duty imposed by the United States government and paid into the United States treasury, and two or three of its correspondents, bear out its statement.

(3) If the Patriot's statement is true there is certainly something very wrong in Mr. Mackenzie King's statement that "Protective duties is taxation." This is the more evident in view of the fact that all kinds, and indeed all the necessities of life are cheaper in the highly protected United States than they are in less highly protected Canada. Only when there is a crop failure, causing shortage in the States, can we sell our products in the States.

The reasonable conclusion from these facts is that a change is needed by Canadians. Canadians can't, of course, make any change in the tariff of the United States. But they can insist that a change shall be effected by their representatives in the Parliament of Canada. They can vote for the party and the candidates who will relieve them from the payment of duties to both Canada and the United States.

What had better be done in the circumstances? Something ought to be done; something must be done, if Canada is to maintain its nationality, and not become, ere long, a mere "adjunct" of the United States.

It is clear, at all events, that any and every duty imposed by the Parliament of Canada, will go into the Treasury of Canada. It is clear, also, that the money so obtained will be of use in the payment of Canada's national expenditures or in the reduction of Canada's national debt. A change in the direction of higher duties would, therefore, be a change in the right direction. If higher duties would bring more money into the treasury of our country, the direct taxes which we have to pay at every turn, on every cheque we draw, on every receipt we take—may be to some extent reduced; and that would be a change for the better.

Then, if such a change as has been wrought in the United States by means of Protective duties were wrought in Canada by the same means, the change would certainly be in the right direction. Canada's home industries would increase in number and extent; more men and women would be needed in Canada's factories; and Canada's population would consequently be increased; the market for Canada's farm products would thus be stabilized and extended—a good thing for P. E. Island; then if in the course of a few years competition among home manufacturers and other producers should result—as it has resulted in the United States—in the reduction of prices, that, surely, would be a boon to all consumers.

If there is anything to be said for lower duties than we have now, if the policy of Mr. Mackenzie King and his followers can be supported by argument, in the circumstances which now prevail, I shall be glad to hear it. But let not get away from the point that will be at issue in the next election as it was in the last. "Truth, like a torch, the more it shook the more it shines;" and it will be well if, before the next election, voters in this Province and throughout Canada can have a clearer perception

of the remedy lies with the merchants themselves. They must conduct their business on the principle of service. The writer has known of merchants who would go to no end of bother to get a market for anything the farmer had to sell, while others would not care a fig. Perhaps there is a lack of loyalty on the part of our own people, grain and dressed to call it that. This lack of loyalty groups up in other places also. How many of us have been duped by dealers

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Jewels One Line Long. JEWELS ONE LINE LONG. (From the Toronto Globe) It is sometimes said that the world has become too hurried to enjoy poetry. Some observers claim that an age of motor cars, airships and struggle for advancement does not fit the mood for the enjoyment of real literature. There is evidence that this is an exaggeration. The successful lecture tours of Bliss Carman, Charles G. D. Roberts and others in Canada show the existence of a considerable number of people who find mental change and exhilaration in the reading and hearing of poetry. It is a revealing aftermath of the daily struggle, a widening of outlook, a help to the imagination. Carman himself in a recent lecture at Queen's University spoke of poetry as a "sort of weather report on the climate of the soul." If a man or woman finds enjoyment in poetry, that person is not a mere machine, a drudge in life. Letters received by The Globe since the publication of an article on the "finest line" in poetry indicate a considerable interest. Under the evening lamp a good deal of poetry has been absorbed by many people and the revival of such a subject brings old favorites to mind. Supplementing the quotations already given, we propose to mention lines from additional authors who with an example or two from the wells of Canadian verse. The season of the year now nearing its close was richly pictured by Keats in his "Ode to Autumn," with this opening: "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom friend of the maturing sun." Shelley dealt with the same season in his "Ode to the West Wind," in which he said: "Who chariotest to their dark wintry beds? The winged seeds." There are several fine lines in Bryant's "Thanatopsis," as: "The hills, Rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun," The efforts of Canadian poets have been largely directed toward descriptions of nature rather than interpretations of life, but Lampman combined the two in this from "Knowledge," picturing the searcher in his delights: "To wander like the bee among the flowers of the sky, Till old age find us weary, feet and wings Grown heavy with the gold of many thoughts." For sheer delight and imagination, can autumn be better described than in these words, as by Lampman: "The wizard of Autumn, faint blue-eyed—Swinging his coner, goes." Though Carman is first of all an interpreter of Spring, he has touched Autumn with sureness and delicacy, as in these lines from "The Joys of the Road." "The rare smell of the forest loam When the strength of sad-hearted leaves go home." These and many other quotations might be found in the little clippings harbored by readers or copied in their commonplace books, and they add zest to the life which contains so much of the dull and the dark.

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Witness Football Game From The Air. NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Unable to obtain Army-Navy tickets except at the high price demanded by speculators, a New York football enthusiast today chartered a Sikorsky transport plane, accommodating 14 persons, for the purpose of circling over the Polo grounds and viewing the military classic Saturday, from the air. Officials of the airplane company making this announcement declined to disclose the cost of engaging the ship for this novel purpose, but said average cost per passenger, providing there is a full load, would not be much in excess of the speculators' ticket prices, said to range as high as \$25 and \$35.

Star Gazing in December. (Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Winter is the best time for star-gazing says the American Nature Association describing the beauties of the heavens during December. "Five stars of the first magnitude will be visible in the eastern sky during the last of the year, and Venus will appear at her best. "We will find in the east Taurus The Bull," says the Association, the Pleiades and Hyades and the rubby Aldebaran, that represents the Eye of the Bull, and there is the magnificent Orion with its many stars of first and second magnitude. "To the north of Orion will be the brilliant Capella, The Goat, with her small kids or Hoedi close by forming a small triangular group that makes it easy for us to identify this brilliant star. Castor and Pollux the Twins, in Gemini, will be well in view in the northeast. "Venus will be a magnificent object in the southwest for about three hours after sunset. All during December Venus will parade

Your Birthday. NOVEMBER 27.—You are a born leader, and will get to the top of the tree. Folks value your opinion, and love is always at your side. Don't get too ambitious, and never let greed enter your life. Your birth-stone is the topaz, which means fidelity. Your flower is the chrysanthemum. Your lucky color is grey. with the disturbance its introduction is sure to create.