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Dalvey-By-The-Sea

After pussyfooting for an almost interminable time the Government organ announced yesterday that an order-in-council was passed by the Provincial Government in favour of "Dalvey-by-the-Sea at Grand Tracadie in Queen's County, including construction of a dust-free highway or highways leading to the said National Park from the city of Charlottetown and the village of Rustico, the necessary steps to be taken by the Government of Prince Edward Island for the acquiring of the said premises, and such adjacent lands as may be necessary to form a site for such proposed Park."

What is a National Park for but to draw tourists to a province? What better have we to offer tourists than our magnificent sandy beaches and surf bathing? What better place for these than Grand Tracadie? What more commodious sea shore hotel accommodation than at Dalvey? The thing is self-evident. If we want to sell what we are most anxious to sell, our tourist attractions, then surely our unique sandy dunes and delightful opportunities for surf-bathing should be ever kept in the forefront of the picture.

The late Mr. ALEXANDER MACDONALD, Vice President of the Standard Oil Company, and his wife, looking for a place where they could spend their summer, visited this Province a number of years ago and decided that Tracadie was an ideal place for such a residence. He accordingly acquired over 200 acres of land and built a magnificent residence which he named Dalvey-by-the-Sea. This residence is surrounded on three sides by a lake and on the other side by a sand beach, which for beauty and attractiveness cannot be equalled, far less surpassed, anywhere in Canada.

This is the property which the Government fixed upon as the ideal for their purpose—the development of our tourist traffic along lines which will bring thousands every year to our shores. The Government is to be commended for its vision in the matter, and the regret is that its courage was not equal to its vision, for if it had enlightened the public when it passed its order-in-council by this time our National Park project would have been under way and everybody satisfied. As it is we, who know the Province better even than the most expert of investigators must wait for the surveyors' report before formally taking possession of the ideal site for our purpose—the development of our tourist traffic asset through attracting wealthy people of leisure of the type of the MACDONALDS to spend their summer and money on our shores.

Rumored Recommendation

It is expected that every Province will be represented in the new Railway directorate to be appointed by the MACKENZIE KING Government. Only one appointment from this Province is likely to be made. Under former Liberal rule the appointee was Mr. NELSON RATTENBURY, and under the Conservatives Mr. MURDOCK KENNEDY—both men of long experience in public affairs. In connection with the new directorate it is rumored that a recommendation has already gone forward to Ottawa for the appointment of a young Summerside barrister.

In The Stilly Night

Citizens passing by the Provincial Building Monday evening or very early yesterday morning must have had their attention arrested by the blaze of lights in the Legislative Chamber and the sounds of vehement argument issuing through the open windows. Occasionally a deep bass voice, not unlike that of the Hon. Mr. MCINTYRE, would rise above the chorus of minor noises, like the boom of artillery amid the racket of machine guns. The fracas as heard indistinctly by the pedestrian passerby continued hour after hour, interspersed with spells of comparative quietude indicating that either the invisible combatants had become exhausted, or had concluded a truce. But such periods were brief in contrast to the cacophonous outbursts, piercing the dull ear of night in noisy recrimination.

It was the CAMPBELL Government and its legislative "supporters" in caucus assembled! What transpired, of course, is a matter of the profoundest secrecy. But rumour, that talkative dame who insists on invading the privacy of statesmen, swears the distribution of some \$50,000 of federal road projects was a chief bone of contention. \$30,000 of this appropriation, it is understood, is earmarked for Prince County west of Summerside while the remaining \$20,000 is for preparatory work on the Charlottetown-Souris highway. Differences of opinion as to the nature and direction of this work, the gravel and other contracts connected therewith, etc., are said to have generated an extraordinary amount of heat.

There was also the question of the National Park site, which the caucus was intended to have settled but which provoked so much acrimony that the meeting had to adjourn without any decision being reached. This necessitated publication in the local Liberal press yesterday of the terms of the order-in-council designating Dalvey-by-the-Sea as the Government's choice, coupled with the assurance that the recommendation of

the federal inspectors has not yet been communicated to the Province.

B. C. Liberals Dissatisfied

British Columbia newspapers contain news of unrest in the ranks of the Liberal following (says the Gazette) and it would seem that there is discontent with the political methods of the administration. Vancouver Island, with its relatively small population of some 125,000, is far from contented with its share of the taxation, and there is a movement to have a separate province. That is but one worry, but it is little less bothersome than the financial difficulties besetting the Ministry. The Provincial Liberal Association is scheduled to meet in Vancouver on July 24, which is a cause of dissatisfaction in Victoria, the capital. Liberals friendly to the Premier, Hon. T. D. PARTULLO, are endeavoring to have the meeting of the party executive shifted from Vancouver to the capital, or elsewhere, but the Prime Minister himself is reported to be strongly opposed to such a move. He has intimated that he will be on hand at the association's meeting on the 24th to make a fighting defence of his leadership and of the policies followed by his Cabinet. He is said to be banking on the ministers' loyalty, for they are, with the exception of Hon. JOHN HART, Minister of Finance, men who have been raised by him from the ranks to their first ministerial offices.

Editorial Notes

Welcome rain elsewhere was not so welcome here.

To be, or not to be, Dalvey—that is the question.

In New York they are sending drunken drivers to prison for six months without the option.

Nothing can check the forward march of the Women's Institutes. Ten new branches formed during the past year is a magnificent achievement.

Now that the trial is over and the verdict rendered, what about that open rum shop which appeared so prominently in the alleged assault and robbery case? Taken as a matter of course, by an Attorney-General, who officially, is in the beer business himself?

The CAMPBELL Government seems determined to cut Bonshaw off the map altogether. There is no hard surfaced road there, the S. S. Harland has been refused a subsidy for its West River and other services, and lies idle at the wharf. Now this anti-progressive government has resolved to dispense with the drawbridge at West River which will prevent shipping to and from Charlottetown. What has Bonshaw done the CAMPBELL government to deserve such treatment?

This year's graduates of Halifax University have got in bad with the Sons of Temperance by visiting a brewery en masse. The Sons of Temperance protested against the visit, and announced their intention of taking the matter up with the University Board of Governors, finally deciding it would be one of the chief topics on the agenda at the grand division meeting in Sydney July 14. Search for scientific knowledge rather than the desire for beer attracted the graduating class is Class President DONALD B. SAUNDERSON's reply. "That the brewery happened to be making beer is surely no crime," Mr. SAUNDERSON added.

The Montreal Gazette, while valiantly standing behind the remnant of the TASCHEREAU regime, regrettably admits through its Quebec correspondent, that there is little optimism in the ranks of "the faithful." Mr. GOUBOURT's platform and inaugural speech were calculated to put some pep into the campaign, but their very radicalism has estranged many of the old-time Liberals. The aloofness of the Federal Government is also discouraging, for, while not actually ignoring the new outfit, the powers-that-be are very cautious about associating with a party the financial transactions of which have still to be investigated.

The announcement is made from Rome that Italy is to make an attempt to colonize Abyssinia or Ethiopia, with its European subjects, the first venture being in the territory around Addis Ababa. After this, the regions to be colonized will be Harar, Jimma and Lake Tana. The first settlers are to be agricultural workers, but no produce is to be grown that will compete with what Italy herself grows at home. The settlers will concentrate on coffee and cotton, but hides, oil seeds, sugar, alcohol for motor fuel, wool and grain also will be produced. When the farmers are well-established, industrial workers will be sent in, but the Abyssinian industries will turn out only semi-finished products, none of which will compete with home industries.

There is no such thing as a criminal type or physique. Being a criminal is not hereditary, because a criminal is seldom the son of one. Crime results from environment, bad-housing, lack of playground facilities, neglect of the individual, some forms of movies, exaggerated crime news and careless handling of the boy or girl who has made the first mistake. Mr. IRVING P. REXFORD, of the Crown Trust Company, told members of the Rotary Club of Montreal in his review of "Youth Service" as elaborated at the 27th annual convention of Rotary International recently held at Atlantic City. Vocational guidance to help youth decide what he or she wants to do, or better, what he or she is specially suited for, is an important feature in youth service. Mr. REXFORD told the assembly, "Young people today want fellowship and service. They want to feel that some one of importance is interested in them and they want to know some person they can trust and depend upon, one to whom they may go when they are in trouble."

Notes by the Way

It was inevitable in the circumstances that punitive considerations should have played some part in the general adjustment and that the great powers of Central Europe should be left in a position of disadvantage. Disregarding the trust and parity of post-war diplomacy, and the sincere efforts of Stresemann and Bruening to remodel the mentality of Central Europe on more pacific and liberal lines, it is now clear that the settlement of 17 years of pacification has merely been the granting of cumulative concessions to the Central Powers. The chief result of Versailles is the map of Europe as it is now, and it is clear that the Nazi Government is determined to recover all or more than all the territory that was lost by that treaty. As for the pledges of good will and cooperation, from Locarno to Stresa, they have become little more than fictions.—Melbourne Argus.

Taxpayers, who have to provide the millions annually spent by the Government, are the only unorganized class in the country. Almost daily many of the numerous existing organizations advocate and press on the Government schemes which, if adopted, would swell still further national and local expenditure. The taxpayers, as a body, are content with an individual protest, or a remonstrance by a Chamber of Commerce. Why do they not organize? Why do not housewives form an association, and analyze their weekly budgets, bringing out the high proportion of the outlay attributable to taxation? If the taxpayers, and particularly the housewives, took a real interest in public administration and made a study and examination of expenditure, Governments would have to be more cautious when they came to impose taxes.—Irish Independent Dublin.

In Britain certainly the word "Socialism" has lost some of its sting. It is no longer persuasive to British voters for anyone to say that because a measure is socialistic it is therefore bad. There are few British politicians ready to say no Socialism is good. Have party battle cries, then, a distinction without a difference? Or ought we to say the question is one of degree, one side wanting more nationalization, the other less?—Christian Science Monitor.

A teacher in Columbia University has examined 370 boys and girls between the age of 10 and 15 years. More than 34 per cent supposed that the Kellogg Pact was a company that made breakfast food; 60 per cent supposed that the United States belonged to the League of Nations. One-third was sure that most Americans are trying to stir up trouble with the United States. More than a third believed that there is danger of an attack on the United States within a year.—New York Times.

A number of factors recorded by the London Times helped to make May a better month than had been expected. Unseasonable weather was just bad enough to prolong the use of coal, and not bad enough to interfere with outdoor work and construction. All the principal metal trades showed activity, as did engineering and construction. A part of this is credited to the rearmament program.—Frederick Gleaser.

Since the close of the Great War, South Africa, possibly more than any other dominion, revelled in the comfortable doctrine of isolation. She was, she reckoned, a tremendous distance from both Europe and the Pacific. Of the European Powers holding colonies in Africa, France and Belgium were still in the relationship with Britain; as were the Portuguese; Germany had lost all her colonies, and we do not suppose one South African, Dutch or British, in a thousand, ever thought of Italy as a competitor in the colonial field. Now the scales have dropped from the eyes and South Africa realizes that, far from being isolated from conflict, she stands even more than Australia and New Zealand in the forefront of the potential battle—Caecilia Statesman.

The Cunard-White Star Line seems to know exactly how many persons visited the Queen Mary during her stay at New York, but has yet to determine the value of the things they stole. There were 25,410 visitors, of whom 8,160 paid a dollar. But from the way the chief steward talks, \$9,000 will not begin to replace the articles carried off as souvenirs, which included spoons, knives, forks, salt and pepper shakers, brass name plates, whole potted plants, clocks, silver calendars, ash trays, golf balls and pieces of china. Many of the missing articles, the steward says, must have been removed with wrenches or screw drivers.—New Bedford, Standard Times.

Sir Kingsley Wood, minister of health, visited Brighton recently, and was present at the opening ceremony of one of over 300 houses which have been provided by Brighton corporation for the rehousing of people from slum areas. Sir Kingsley referred to the national campaign against the slums which the king, when Prince of Wales, started. He remarked that since His Majesty inaugurated that plan of campaign two or three years ago some 400,000 people have left the slums for better housing conditions.—London Municipal Journal.

It may be that the Government is obligated to protect the small investor who wants to risk his funds in the stock market, but surely there is an equal obligation to protect the taxpayer and the small insurance policyholder against the consequences of continued unnecessary spending. The small investor is not compelled to venture into the stock market, but the income-tax payer is compelled to invest in the Government whether or not he ap-

That Body of Hours

MEASURING NEED OF VITAMIN A BY DEGREE OF NIGHT BLINDNESS PRESENT

We are all familiar with the excellent medical and dental inspection in many schools. Defects in nose, throat, teeth, ears, eyes, the spine and other parts of the body are brought to the attention of the parent and where treatment cannot be provided by the parents, the school boards do their best to supply the necessary treatment. This means much to the health, happiness and mental progress of the child.

But sometimes youngsters may not have any visible defects, may be of average height and weight for their age, but seem to "pick up" nose and throat colds easily, have swollen eyelids, and the light hurts their eyes. A couple of years ago Drs. F. C. Jeans and Zelma Zentmire, Iowa City, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, described a method of measuring the degree of night blindness, or the lack of ability to adapt or adjust one's self to the dark, and showed that night blindness was due to a lack of vitamin A in the body. By giving foods rich in vitamin A—cod liver oil and carrots (found in carrots, spinach and other vegetables, oranges and egg yolks) for some weeks to children afflicted by night blindness, these children were able to adapt themselves to the dark in a normal manner.

The degree of night blindness may be determined by the ability of the child to read letters of varying shades from black to faintest gray on a white background, in a light of constant dimness, after an adaptation period (allowing the child to get used to the darkness of the room) of some five to ten minutes. Some months ago these two physicians described in the Journal of the American Medical Association some further results in overcoming night blindness by administering vitamin A.

Using a test for ability to adapt to the dark as the means of discovering whether there was sufficient vitamin A in the system, we found that 26 per cent of a group of country children and 53 per cent of a village group of Iowa children presented evidence of not having sufficient vitamin A. Of the seventy-eight village and country children who were low in vitamin A and who continued under observation, all except three developed normal ability to adapt themselves to the dark after a period of the use of vitamin A or carotene.

This is a simple method of learning whether children and adults are low in vitamin A and so bringing them up to normal.

MONEY'S WORTH

To see a strange out-landish Fowle, A quaint Baboon, an Ape, an Owl, A dancing monkey, a Gnu, a bear, A foolish Ingn move alone, A Morris-dance, a Puppit-play, Mad Tom to sing a Roundelay, A Woman dancing on a Rope, Bull-baiting also at the 'Hope'; A Rimers Jests, a Juglers cheats, A Tumbler showing cunning feats, O, Playdoy acting on the Stage: There goes the bounty of our Age: But unto any pious motion, There's little coin and lesse devotion. —Henry Parley.

A Baldwin Uniform

Not so long since the publication of a newspaper picture of Stanley Baldwin in a naval uniform gave rise to the question, What's his rank in a sea-going sense? It was explained that he was an Elder Brother of Trinity House.

What is Trinity House? To many people that's a question they could not answer, or could answer only vaguely. "The Guild of Fraternity or Brotherhood of the Most Glorious and Undivided Trinity and of St. Clement in the Parish of Deptford Strand" is the oldest guild of mariners in Britain, probably in the world.

Actually, though not formally, the guild would seem to have been founded in the 13th century to prevent wrecking and pilage of vessels on the English coast and to help shipwrecked sailors and to provide bourses. Henry VIII gave the present Trinity House its charter in 1514. Today it provides pilots, breaks up wrecks dangerous to shipping, builds and maintains the lighthouse, lightships, fog signals, wireless directional stations and buoys along about 2,400 miles of the English coast.

proves record navies of boat-dogging.—Baltimore Sun.

Of only one thing can be sure in France. That is, that nothing will turn out to be what it now seems. It is always so in Oriental affairs. What appears on the surface is no indication of what is going on underneath. If we may add a guess to those coming over the cables, it is that whatever is going on, and wherever it is going on, Japan is likely at the bottom of it, even at the bottom of this assumed anti-Japanese salvation army.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Scottish Battle Songs

"A. K." in The Aberdeen Journal) The battles of Scotland have an intense quality, like the battles of France. They were smitten by the sword that fought them deep into the national consciousness. It may be possible to teach the history of some nation without reference to their wars, though I doubt it, but certainly not in the case of Scotland. Our battles were not those of great barons using men for pawns, but of the common people fighting alongside or against these barons with a sense of nationhood behind them. Only when he went abroad was the Scot a mercenary, and only when he fought on behalf of England did he demand money for his services in this country.

For a people who constantly protest our peace-loving passion, to have a Mahomedan deluge in war, Highlanders and Borderers have never at rest with their neighbours, and like the Lowlanders between them are seldom content to this day unless they are fighting—with their tongues and spears of their claymores and pistols. Yet it is curious that of all the Scottish battles hardly one can be said to have been decisive in the sense that it ended or created an epoch, or distinctly altered a current in human affairs.

Nectansmere, where the Scots broke up the most serious invasion of the Angles; Largs, where the Scandinavian menace was completely destroyed; and Harlaw, where the Lowlander indicated plainly that he was never again to be dominated by the Highlander—these three battles were probably decisive in the widest sense. But Falkirk, Bannockburn, Flodden, Dunbar and Culloden were won and lost before they were fought. Sooner or later the greatest of the battle, in which victory was no mere chance or defeat not shame, full, found their way outside orthodox history into literature that either was traditional or could be cherished by the people. There was a song of Bannockburn, which is probably not very early, exhorting Englishwomen to mourn their men slain on the Carse; but as Edward's army was mostly Welsh, the song rather misses its point. Much more important is the fact that it was the victory of Bannockburn that was responsible for giving us Scotland's first great poem, "The Brus."

Both Otterburn and Harlaw supplied the theme for several songs and ballads. There were the Scots and the English ballads of The Battle of Otterburn, and there were the related but not that shamed ballads of "The Hunting of the Cheviot" and "Chevy Chase," all referring to the victory of the dead Douglas over Percy. But I have dream'd a dreary dream, Beyond the Isle of Sky, I saw a dead man win a fight, And think that that was I. Little wonder that, with these early battle ballads for exemplars, there could scarce be a skirmish fought in all broad Scotland but some local rhymester must try his hand at recounting it in verse.

Little wonder either that the English, Sir Philip Sidney, should have felt his blood mounting as at the sound of the trumpet when he read "Chevy Chase." There was never a time on the March-partis Douglas and the Percy met, But it is marvel an the red blud sun not, As the rain does in the street. No less bloody and much more important a battle, Harlaw was not been quite so happy in its minstrel. The original ballad is lost; the poem which is erroneously taken to be the original ballad was rescued from oblivion by Allan Ramsay in his "Evergreen"; the traditional ballad we have to-day is not more than two hundred years old; and finally Scott wrote in the most acceptable minstrel manner, "The Ballad of the Reid Harlaw." The poem in the "Evergreen" was written by a pacifist who gloated over the death of warlike men:—

Malcolmsh of the Clan Held Chief, Macklean with his great haughty Head, With all their Secour and Relief War dulefully dung to the Field, And now we are freed of their Deid, They will not lang to come sae; Thousands with them without Remed, On Donald's Side that Day was slain. The present-day ballad ends on a grim note of typical Buchan candour:—

Flodden gave us a ballad—and "The Flowers of the Forest" and "Marmion" Scott never wrote a

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better battle-piece, belicose Borderer though he was, than his description of the ring of spearmen round the Scottish King. It has been praised as the most Homeric passage since Homer:— But as they left the dark'ning heath, More desperate grow the strife of The English shafts in volles hailed, In heading charge their horse, assailed, Front flank, and rear the squadrons sweep To break the Scottish circle deep. That foug was, than their King wide go, But yet, though thick the shafts as snow, Though charging knights like whirlwinds blow, Unbroken was the ring, The spearmen men still made good Their dark impenetrable wood, Each stepping where his comrade stood, The instant that he fell.

Tattooing Halibut

The borderers had got their minstrel again, singing of the old days in the modern manner. The wars of Montrose, Cromwell, and the Covenanters, made no ballads good enough to last for ever. Montrose's wars were poetry in themselves, his every battle from Tippermuir to Philiphaugh a song with the flashing of swords for accent and the charging of horse for rhythm. Never probably in any country has there been such a campaign as that of 1645-6, in which each battle—even the last at Philiphaugh, which was clean rout—was a little miracle. Nor were the Cromwell wars an episode for the song-writer to linger over. The minstrel preferred to be able to extol his country, and here, save for the bright genius of David Leslie, there was nothing to extol. For nearly a decade, under Cromwell and Monk, Scotland lay conquered and subdued; not even Edward I. had been able to accomplish what the stolid, tearful, psalm-singing Ironsides achieved as a matter of course. And the Covenanting Wars—there again a training upon the Psalms led to a remarkable unfitness for the composition of ballads. The Jacobite Rebellion, save for two jewels of satire—"Sheriffmuir" and "Johnny Cope"—gave us nothing of permanent value in the way of battle-song. There is a lament over Drummuise Moore, and there are of course scores of lyrics about Bonnie Prince Charlie, but the beauty of spirit and simplicity of style that animate "Chevy Chase" were not to be recaptured any more than the lost throne of the Stuarts.

Judges' Ages

If one wants to live to a ripe old age, one should get himself appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario, judging by the ages of the members of the bench. The many of the present members. The retirement of Sir William Mulock as Chief Justice, at the age of 92, after 21 years' service on the Bench, calls attention to the ages of his colleagues. Mr. Justice Riddell holds senior-

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