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DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES

We note by the Patriot of Thursday that the Prince Edward Island members have distinguished themselves at Ottawa. "The House," the Patriot informs us "is attended by them in the afternoons even so late as midnight and between one and two o'clock on some occasions."

In the list, however, we find not a dollar for the standardization of the remainder of the Prince Edward Island Railway nor an eloquent protest by any of the Island members against its omission although the Patriot's interpretation of the promises of Mr. MacKenzie King gave our people the impression that this work would be proceeded with as soon as the King administration got on its feet.

HUMOROUSLY APOLOGETIC

Liberal comment on the new Fielding tariff and proposed taxation might be summed up in the familiar Scottish saying "It might have been waur (worse)". With one hand pointing out the wisdom and the sagacity with which Mr. Fielding grappled with the difficult situation and with the other showing the defects and the weaknesses of the tariff, the faithful press undertakes to swallow it all without a grimace.

The St. John Telegraph, probably the ablest Liberal newspaper in the Maritime provinces, performs the swallowing feat with humorous heroism. At the outset the Telegraph reminds its readers that "the country was told some months ago by the Prime Minister and Hon. Mr. Fielding as well that there would be no general tariff revision at this session."

It remarks that the changes are "acceptable in the expectation that the downward tendency in Customs charges will be maintained." Seeing that the "downward tendency" has been maintained for many years under different administrations there is little consolation in this. The Telegraph sums up its opinions thus far with the conclusion that "He" (Mr. Fielding) "has disappointed all the Conservatives by giving the consumer some relief" (relieving them of one million tax-

ation through reduced duties and adding \$35,000,000 in sales tax) "and promising more" (which heaven forbid it is to be of the same kind). "He has resisted the temptation to yield to the Progressive pressure for more radical changes. He has disappointed some Liberals who were disposed to expect sweeping changes."

"The farmers in particular and the consumers in general have gained fewer concessions than they wished," adds The Telegraph. Throughout its whole editorial comment, The Telegraph is ingeniously evasive and frankly apologetic.

The Toronto Globe swallows it with attempts at explanation. It comments thusly: "The increase in the sales tax by fifty per cent in the Fielding budget has one feature of special significance. At present the tax is four per cent, and like the old rate it will make no discrimination between the countries from which the goods are imported; but the increase of two per cent will be more than offset on imports from Great Britain of enamelled ware, cotton fabrics, flannels, lustrés, woollen fabrics, woollen clothing, rubber clothing, knitted goods, and boots and shoes, by an increase of 2 1/2 per cent in the preferential tariff on these products."

Comments from other Upper Canadian papers are equally in formative, equally apologetic, and equally evasive, many of them unconsciously humorous.

To a canned article in its columns The Patriot adds the following bit of summer comedy on its own hook. At least we assume it is its own as it is the only paper in Canada, so far as we know, that could put it that way: "The clouds of depression are already lifting, the feeling is widespread that the worst has passed; and the restoration of confidence will inspire the hope, nay the faith, that as a quarter of a century ago the Fielding Tariff was the beginning of a period of unexampled progress and prosperity, so the Budget framed by the same master hand yesterday may be the harbinger of better days when Canada will again march forward to greater achievements and an ampler prosperity."

It has been said of The Patriot that, if on a Liberal ship headed for perdition and with the Liberal flag flying, it would, even when making the last plunge over the precipice, declare "We are all right yet."

THE ETERNAL ROUND

A southern farmer, asked, why he was raising so much corn, replied "to raise more hogs." Why did he want to raise more hogs? "To buy more land." What did he want more land for? "To raise more corn." To grow more corn to feed more hogs, to buy more land, to grow more corn to feed more hogs, to buy more land, and so on ad infinitum, was the eternal round upon which he expended his energies and his ingenuity.

It recalls the eternal round upon which the Bell government has entered, as explained by the Honourable George E. Hughes: "To employ more officials, to collect more taxes, to increase the pay of officials to employ more officials to collect more taxes to increase the pay of officials, and so on through the eternal round!"

It is ingenious but unfortunately there is no logical end to the system. Fortunately the ingenious machine itself has an end and the end is in sight, otherwise we might go on eternally employing more officials to collect more taxes to pay increased salaries to officials to collect more taxes to but you know the rest.

Happenings Of The Week

VICTORIA DAY.

Victoria! What golden memories hallow The very mention of that queen-name; In myriad hearts it is as deeply graven.

As the marble of a hall of fame. Soldiers and statesmen pass and are forgotten, Swept to oblivion as by restitless flood; But ever brighter shines the deep affection

"For her the people call "Victoria the Good."

One of the victims of measles, which is prevalent in the Southwest London district, was the Duchess of Devonshire, wife of the former Governor-General of Canada who suffered from a severe attack.

Surrounded by carnations, roses and daffodils the bevy of pretty young nurses Misses Laura Amelia Dodd, Catherine Nicholson, Ruth Evelyn Shelton, Winnifred Mary McLaren and Mabel Amanda Wright who earlier in the evening had received their diplomas and class pins in the Hertz Memorial Hall, were the guests of honor Monday evening at a reception given them by the junior nurses of the P. E. Island Hospital in the Nurses Home. The visitors who were the relatives and friends, were very kindly welcomed by the matron, Miss Beer, who has already endeared herself to her staff and her assistant Miss Profit, before being ushered into the music room where a witty and original program was given consisting of choruses especially composed for the benefit of the 1922 graduating class. After a jolly hour refreshments were daintily and abundantly served. The guests, after singing "For they are Jolly Good Fellows" and extending heartiest congratulations said their farewells. The nurses were presented with the usual exquisite bouquets by Mr. James Tall, an annual gift which is always a delight to the graduating class.

Mr. A. A. Pomeroy has had as his guests this week Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Edgcombe of Fredericton, N. B. Mr. Edgcombe, who has had a pleasant holiday fishing, sight-seeing, etc. is leaving today for Halifax. Mrs. Edgcombe will remain over until next week when she will be joined by her two daughters who with their husbands will motor here from Fredericton.

The Daughters of the Empire tea in the Navy League yesterday afternoon was one of the neatest affairs held for some time and the wide patronage it received must have been gratifying to the ladies who worked so strenuously for its success. The many fancy articles attractively arranged and quickly to appreciate buyers, while the tea, which was a dainty collection of everything that is good to eat, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Victoria Day, with its bright sunshine, found Charlottetown deserted and the first holiday of spring, was royally celebrated by a round of picnics, drives and fishing parties.

A dance at Beach Grove Inn was enjoyed by the visiting Oddfellows and their friends, the inn being opened on Victoria Day for the first time this season.

Daily Selections for Guardian Reader

From the W. S. Louison collection

NEW COURAGE

By F. W. Hutt

Never mind the failures, try to find a better way, Keep in mind the purpose of the leaders of today; Just begin all over, aiming higher than before—

Never mind the failures, hope for something good in store. Never mind the failures, trudge along another mile; Notice how one little path grows sunnier the while. Mount each hill in triumph and with faith both strong and new

Hold the path of honor whatsoever it passes through. Never mind the failures, Strive to clear a better way. Courage for tomorrow be your motto for today. Up ye cheery hearted ones, no time for being sad. Never mind the failures—make the world around you glad.

A man may be down but never out unless he is down in the mouth. If the coal strike keeps up there will be a slate shortage.

The Golf Links looked beautiful in their spring dress for the official opening on Victoria Day when a sweepstake competition handicap medal play for men and women was called, the winners being Mr. F. T. Watkins and Mrs. W. K. Rogers. Luncheon was served by Mrs. McCready president, Mrs. W. S. Stewart, Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Noel DeBlais. Today's tea hostesses will be Mrs. F. L. Hazard, Mrs. W. Erdley Hyndman, Mrs. J. O. Hyndman and Miss Haviland.

The Duke of Connaught, who was 73 last week, was among those who visited Lord and Lady Shaftesbury before their departure for Canada on the Empress of France. His grandson the Master of Ramsay, son of Comander and Lady Patricia Ramsay, is now the idol of the Duke's eye and spends much time with his royal grandparent.

The young people are eagerly anticipating the opening of the tennis season at the Park this afternoon when tea will be served by the Misses Bourke, Miss Freda Hazard and Miss Miller.

There is quite a lot of activity among the summer cottages just now, cleaning up the grounds, planting gardens and generally renovating for the summer season so quickly approaching. Keppock is to have several new residents this year, and Holland Hall has its usual quota of visitors listed, while the hotels are also all booked ahead for a full season. A new summer colony is opening this season at Southport, facing the East River, where eight or more pretty new houses have already made their appearance. It is understood that the Bank staffs of the Royal and Canadian Bank of Commerce have each taken a house, while others are to be occupied by parties of young people and families from this city.

Mr. Earle Spicer of Halifax, who is so kindly remembered in this city, gave a successful recital at the Aeolian Hall, London, this week. Mr. Spicer, who is a baritone, made his first appearance last week at a Queen's Hall orchestral concert.

Mrs. Greener and two little daughters who spent the winter in this city with Mr. Edmund G. Coombs, left this week on return to their home. Mr. Coombs accompanied them to Ottawa.

The Queen of the Belgians has just accepted the gift of an English aeroplane for her own use, and intends to pilot it herself.

The Right Rev. C. W. Gordon, D. D., of Winnipeg, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is well known also as "Ralph Connor" was among the interesting visitors to arrive in the city last evening.

Letters from Mr. and Mrs. James Paton this week indicate they are having a glorious time on their trip to Spain and the Mediterranean countries. At the Azores en route they were charmed and delighted with the beautiful gardens of Ponta Delgada where there are all kinds of flowers in bloom besides pine apples and oranges ready to be plucked.

The engagement of Miss Helen McLaren, only daughter of Mr. John A. McLaren to Dr. E. Notting of Halifax was announced among their friends this week, the marriage to take place early in June.

"A Pair of Sixes" was very prettily staged and exceptionally well acted at the Prince Edward Theatre on Thursday evening by the Dramatic Club of Mt. Allison University. It was a delightful entertainment and the young performers will always receive a cordial welcome in this city. Yesterday they were entertained to a drive around the city and suburbs.

A cable from London to the World says: "Lady Rachael Cavendish, the Duke of Devonshire's beautiful daughter, has been filmed for the "Topical Budget" which is being shown at all the moving picture shows. Significantly, she is described in the picture as the young lady "in whom such particular public interest is being taken." Lady Rachael, one of the charming bridesmaids of Princess Mary, smiled most agreeably before the camera. The film excites a buzz of admiration wherever it is shown. The exhibiting of the picture has naturally revived the report that a marriage is contemplated for her with one of the royal Princes—it is believed to be the Prince of Wales. It is unprecedented for a girl in high society to allow herself to be filmed in this distinctive way for the "Topical Budget." It will have a result—everybody in the country will learn of her attractions and admire them.

Notes By The Way

(From the Examiner)

Here and there you can haul a good load and make fair speed on the Government road. That is what some published letters say, as we read in The Patriot the other day; which is part of the truth and only a part, when all of the facts are laid to heart. For it's up with a bounce and down with a thud, where the washouts came with the Spring-time floods, as you motor along it rather jars things, sometimes also breaking your car springs, and always when reck'ning the distance to town, you should think of how far you must go up and down.

Just now all the roads are equally dry, whether they run where it's low or high, and also they're all about equally rough, and this last fact is particularly tough. In the Spring and the Fall there is mud over all; and in winter all covered beneath the snowfall. So four months out of twelve, we may say to ourselves—for one-third of the year, as it now must appear—is all and the very best we can get, whether the seasons are dry or wet, from this Government scheme with its cost and its debt. That's the sum of it all, though perhaps a letter may now and then say the improved roads are better.

Here and there better, but some of them vile, and the cost up to two thousand dollars a mile—one mile improved where there's ten miles neglected, just as might have been expected, if we take all the roads into consideration along with the blundering Bell combination! One mile in ten made worse or better, for one-third of the year—that's what should have been said in a letter. Two thousand a mile makes a big debt load, more than horses could haul on a Government road.

Stop and think now for fully four months of the year Jack Frost, the people's great Engineer, builds for the people his excellent snow roads! He lands low or high, and where there are no roads; over the hills and over the ridges; and over the rivers he builds us bridges, and every one of his bridges of ice so smooth and even and level and nice; everywhere it's this engineer's plan to build his bridges of single span; he builds them quick and he builds them strong; he builds them broad and he builds them long; over the rivers and ponds and lakes, and oh, how little time he takes!

When he takes a contract he does not shirk; he gets right at it and does the work! In two or three nights and as many days he bridges the ponds and the rivers and bays, and often in a single night, he builds snowroads all clean and white over thousands of miles in country and town, just gathers material and lays it right down—when the roads get dirty he puts on more, of the same material which he keeps in store. (He isn't to blame if it piles up in drifts—that's the fault of the wind as it blows and shifts!) In the spring if we ask him how much we owe for his bridges of ice and his roads of snow, and for keeping them up one-third of a year? he just goes off with a smile and a cheer.

No, good Jack Frost is well content to do all that work without charging a cent, but with certain persons it's different! Four months of the year without any cost our road-work is done by Engineer Frost. Surely Jack himself must be a hummer—but we don't get the work done so cheaply in summer. No, every year it costs more and more, every year more than the year before; every year—it's the one thing that's sure—the road-work costs more while the people are fewer.

Taxes are driving the people away! Under doubled taxes they will not stay, but that is just the Bell Government way. Boasting about their improved roads, but caring not for the people's loads. What good are roads of mud or gravel with only a handful of people to travel? Telling them, too, roads won't cost them a cent, after all of the people's money they've spent! After all of the debt that they've piled on every man and woman and child! After all of the taxes they've laid on man and wife and on youth and maid!

We were told one day when the House was sitting that our very wise Government thought it was fitting to have the new roads kept always repaired, and for this a measure was being prepared, so that the roads they called "permanent" would be patched every year, "without costing a cent." But no such measure has yet been produced—perhaps it was prepared but not introduced—like that one for holding the by-elections, or it might be because of caucus objections. Any-

You Need Not Be Extravagant. Another season has come. It seems but yesterday since we were all preparing for last Spring, but low and behold, here is another Spring at hand, and our Furnishing Department is overflowing with bargains in shirts, underwear, ties, collars, gloves—everything men want, to make them comfortable. With Spring, comes an obligation service to yourself. It is a time when the purse strings must be loosed and the small change put in circulation. We do not expect any extravagance in buying. You do not need to be extravagant if you buy your furnishings from us. What we do expect, and what every person should do, is to buy what you need. In other words, let it be your motto to buy from us what you need, but buy carefully. Suits made to order from \$37.00 to \$56.00. Ready-to-wear from \$25.00 to \$55.00. MacLELLAN BROS.

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Others' View Points. Women as Economists. Toronto Globe. An official who has been doing research work for mutual savings banks in the United States says that wives whose husbands earn less than \$4,000 a year make wiser and more economical use of money than do the husbands, but when the family incomes rise above that point the feminine impulse towards economy weakens and the wives are apt to spend on dress more than they can afford. Mr. Arnold Bennett, in his latest book, "Mr. Prohack," develops this theme amusingly. Mr. Prohack was a civil servant with an inelastic income who was pinched like his class, by rising prices during and after the war. His wife practised a rigorous and increasing self-denial, but the husband balked at giving up one of his clubs. Unexpectedly he came into a fortune and was astonished when his self-sacrificing wife suddenly embarked on a career of soaring luxury and social ambition. The American statistician and the English novelist agree that woman is more economical than man when she has not the means of being otherwise. If they are correct it is another phase of feminine capacity for privation and patient suffering which is admittedly greater than in the other sex. Whether the husband or the wife is the thrifter is a fertile topic of domestic conversation, no matter what the family income may be; but there is not always an agreement on the subject in every household.

STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION. WASHINGTON, May 25. The steamed Andree, British, of 2,534 tons register, was in collision off the Philadelphia navy yard today and was sunk according to advices to the naval communication office here. No lives were lost. It was said. The naval authorities at Philadelphia, it was added, did not know what ship was in collision with the Andree.

Lives Lost. PHILADELPHIA, May 25. The British steamer Andree, of 2,534 tons, tonight collided with the steamship Alexander, of 4,184 tons register, of the Admiralty Steamship Line, opposite Fort Mifflin (Pa.), seriously disabling the former.

The Alexander struck the Andree amidships. The blow was so serious that the Andree started to sink necessitating the running her into shallow water on the New Jersey city, where she anchored. No lives were lost, the report says.

Dolls Succeed Teddy Bears. London Times. Into every part of London the craze for dolls as an aid to shop window dressing has spread. In Bond-street the French rag doll, with highly colored hair and cheeks and beautifully dressed, may be seen sitting solitary among fastidiously arranged stock. In others, there are Eastern figures with limbs that move in any direction they are placed. But the commonest type of doll is the "bay vamp"—a chubby mascot not elaborately thing else but to tax or to borrow—or a Salary Grab, as we've learned to our sorrow!—can always be put off till tomorrow!

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