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MR. DUNNING'S HUMOR

Sometimes the jest or the witticism of a politician is like a knife with two edges and cuts both ways. The Hon. Charles A. Dunning, former Minister of Railways, in accepting a nomination at the hands of his constituents in Regina, showed a keen sense of humor and a keen sense of the expense of the Maritime Provinces. Had he penetrated the outer marches of this Confederation to the eastward and become acquainted with us and our problems, or had he even read history aright, assuredly, he would have emulated his Regina speech with some other form of gaiety.

Mr. Dunning, it appears, was devoting some attention to his successor, the Hon. Mr. Black, quite a usual exercise in politics, and a compliment which Mr. Black will doubtless return in due season. As to these exchanges between the honorable gentlemen in the political arena of the hour, we are not particularly concerned, but when one of the combatants takes a sly at the Maritime cause and in so doing betrays his ignorance of the fundamental issues, even if only in attempting to throw his audience into a paroxysm of mirth, it becomes necessary to orient one who has lost, or never discovered, the guiding stars in a world of hard facts.

Mr. Dunning at Regina appears to have sought the pinnacle of humor in two statements, chiefly. These are they: "I believe it is correct to say that in the Maritimes there is a number of matters of importance. The first is being born, the second is a free ride on the Intercolonial, the third is marriage, and the last is death. This is not to their discredit; it is a political railway from the start."

"It was a very good way to run a railway, and it piled up deficits year after year." The importance of being born in the Maritime Provinces needs no emphasis. There is no better place in which to marry, or in which to die. The Maritimes do not want any free rides on the Intercolonial. Rather the people here are asking that their fellow-Canadians elsewhere, through an awakened sense of justice and broad Canadianism, shall abandon the many free rides they have so long enjoyed at the expense of the Maritimes, including the free canal transportation which we have for a generation assisted to finance liberally for them, or, to come closer to Mr. Dunning, that the Dominion, in considering the Maritime case, shall give thought to the financial obligations of which we and the other eastern provinces relieved Saskatchewan and the six western provinces when the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern were taken over.

In the case of Mr. Dunning's own province, for example, the bonds which he guaranteed, and which were taken over by the Dominion, amounted, including accrued interest, to \$18,830,214. Mr. Dunning would be one of the first to recognize how necessary it is for a public man to keep the record straight and to preserve a just sense of proportion even when dealing with the affairs of those benighted Canadians, to the number of a million or more, dwelling down here by the sea. When he talks of free rides on the Intercolonial he gives ample proof that he has been listening to the idle talk in which too many people in the Central Provinces indulge when they attempt to discuss the position of the Maritimes in relation to this Confederation.

We come now to Mr. Dunning's statement that the Intercolonial piled up deficits year after year. According to evidence in preparation for the Duncan Commission the total deficits on the Intercolonial from the time it was built down to the present day amounted to \$7,000,000—a fleabite annually if distributed over the lifetime of the railway—whereas if Mr. Dunning will make enquiry, or will scan the official records, he will discover that the deficits on the Central Vermont—a part of the Canadian National system which Canadians pay to maintain—amounted in a single year recently to \$3,500,000, or just half the total deficit on the Intercolonial since the day of its construction. Here again is material strongly suggesting the need for that close knowledge of the facts and that invaluable sense of proportion without which no public man's equipment is sufficient for the purposes in hand.

Mr. Dunning, notwithstanding the fact that it was his misfortune not to be born in Canada, knows his West. It is his misfortune and ours as well that he does not know the Maritimes. He should come among us, first fortifying himself by a study of many matters to which, as his speech indicates, he has not yet found time to give adequate attention.

As a former and perhaps prospective Minister of Railways, he ought to be able to see that the obligations of which Saskatchewan and the other Western Provinces were relieved have a very direct bearing upon—for one example—the problem of the Valley Railway here. When either party at Ottawa is asked to do for us in the

Feeding The Other One



Queer Quirks of Nature

HE TRIES TO SCARE HIS ENEMIES. By AUSTIN H. CLARK.

A SURPRISE is in store for you the first time you meet with this butterfly alive. The first one I ever met was first and flew at me, making as it came a loud crackling noise. That was in Venezuela in a grove of coconut palms, on the trunk of which this butterfly, which is mottled gray in color, delights to perch, head downward.



The "Whip-Cracker." His Noise Invites Death.

Quitting a number of butterflies, including several of our common ones, are noise makers, but usually the noise they make is a rather faint grating or rustling sound, more rarely a sharp crackle. This butterfly makes the loudest noise of all. In Brazil there is a bird with a sharp beak and abnormally big mouth called the Surunga, which is very partial to this butterfly and at once attracted by its whip-cracker crackle. It forsakes the branch on which perhaps it has been perching half an hour without having given the smallest sign of life and darts off after the whip-cracker with great eagerness. This bird frequently alights upon the ax, the vibration of the leaves caused by the strokes of the ax driving it into the insect, so that butterflies are fitting about.

POEMS I LOVE

"Say Not," by A. H. Clough. THESE optimistic lines may have some of the flavor of Longfellow, but that is certainly nothing against them as poetry. One might find fault with them for teaching too evident a lesson, holding that exalted servitude should not fare into that which is dangerous province; still, I like them tremendously.

Say not, the struggle naught availeth, The labor and the wounds are vain, The enemy fiercer, nor our fall; And as things have been they remain.

Just Fun SECRETARY HOOVER says there are now 500 stations broadcast, and that 250 more want to start. We had them all on our set the other night—al at once.

DUTY calls a man to church on go fishing, and pleasure urges him to go fishing, says a Vermont paper. And Monday morning he shows up all sunburned.

MANY a sixteen-year-old boy is sitting up late at night trying to teach Ma and Pa the Charleston.

STRONG prejudices are often found in a weak person.

DOCTOR, don't you find it inconvenient to travel way out here in the country to see me? "Oh, no, I have another patient near here, so I'll take two birds with one stone."

IN JAIL He sang in the sylvan park, In the dark hours of morning he sang. Like the thrill of a lark his voice In a clear tremolo rang.

Of course he was pinched, and thrown in jail. And held in a dungeon dark, when told his tale, "You may be a lark in the park in the dark, But you're here just a jailbird in jail."

THERE are people who never care for music except when they can play first fiddle.

IN MANY homes no radio is needed. Either the husband or wife is in the air most of the time.

A DUMBELL POEM. A billiard ball swallowed a rabbit, And Pat was heard to utter, "Yes, I'll have no bread today, 'Cause there's a hare in the butter."

WHAT we need now is a magazine full of articles showing how famous men got poor.

PERPETUALLY (J. Fuller Gloom in Border Cities Star) Everywhere I stray— "Always!" "That's all they sing and play, "Always!" Theatres and shows, Everywhere one goes, There's no more repose— "Always!" I'm so doggone sick of "Always!" I'm inclined to kick "Always!" Thought it once a hit, Gives me now the pip I'm off of it, for "Always!"

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DINNER STORIES

A NEGRO woman was telling a friend that she had been to a wedding. She described the bride's white satin gown, the veil, the slippers, the flowers and everything. "And what did the bridegroom wear?" asked the friend. "Well, do you know that good for nothing nigger never showed up at all," was the astonishing reply.

THE wife and daughter of Col. Berry, camp commander, came to the stage after taps and demanded admission. The sentry objected. "But, my dear man, you don't understand," expostulated the older woman. "We are the Berry's." "I don't care if you are the cat's whiskers," retorted the sentry. "You can't get in at this hour."

Other Views

AND GETTING WORSE (Providence Journal.) In getting about with ease and speed we lead the world, especially in the use of automobiles. Yet the common use of automobiles in crowded areas has created problems more serious than those they theoretically solve. So many cars are now used for getting about that people are more bothered in getting about than they were twenty years ago.

COMBINES AND THE CONSUMER (Baltimore Sun.) The best way for combines to disarm prejudice is to give the consumer the benefit of promised economies from large-scale operations. They have been granted much leeway, though often there is distrust of their financial set-up and doubt whether what savings are effected by them find their way to the consumer's pockets. In other words, they are being allowed to get into their hands power which may be readily abused and should watch their step.

FAITH IN NUMBERS (Edinburgh Blackwood's Magazine.) We have had many warnings of late years that democracy was losing its hold upon the world. It is still on its trial and it seems as though it

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