Cutting Of Melons

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What happened to the Sun Life Bill? I enquired of a member of the Committee. "It's shot." Well he did not stop there. I will. It isn't according to Hoyle to go on, but one must admit the clarity of the explanation is lessened, by not giving all his words.

The Sun Life Bill was founght in the two sessions previous to this. So great was the opposition to it that the Bill was talked out. Now, the Sun Life Company has withdrawn the application asking for the privilege of increasing their capital from two to four million dollars. They are now going to the Courts to see if they have not the right under their Charter, to increase the capital as desired, without the consent of Parliament. The Sun Life Company was once two companies with a capitalization of two millions each. One of the companies lapsed. They now want to revive it. If they can they wil give their shareholders two shares for one and they pay dividends on both. This is known as slicing the melon. Fine for the shareholders, but poor business for the policy holders, who have paid enough in premiums to force the growth of the melon to the slicing size and then continue to pay enough to allow a substantial dividend on the doubled capital.

The Bell Telephone Company Bill has passed the committee, but the interest of the public has been pretty well safeguarded. Before the Company can issue any stock it must secure the permission of the Board of Railway Commissioners as to amount to be issued and the terms and conditions of issue. The Board of Railway Commissioners is the body that allows the Bell Telephone Co. to charge a rate which will yield an 8 per cent. dividend on the invested capital. It would now work something like this: The Bell Telephone Company stock has just now a market value of $170 a share. The par value of the stock is $100. The Board might allow the Company to sell its stock to its present shareholders for $140 or $30 below market price, but the public who use the Bell Telephone would only be required to pay 8 per cent on the par value ($100). The Company would have $140 to use for extension and improvements: the public would pay for the use of the $100.

It is fashionable now for companies —when their dividends get so large that they are positively indecent, to split the stock, giving two or three or even four shares for every one held by the shareholder. The Massey Harris Company. The Fleishman Yeast Co., Canadian Ford Co., International Nickle were among those present at the melon slicing party.

The division bells rang; and the members came rushing in and then the vote was caled off. Even Parliament can change its mind, though it never had in twenty years, until a few days ago. Mr. Robb, Finance Minister told me that never before in his time, had a division been called off after the bells rang. And why now? Mr. Fred Kay, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, asking the House for extra powers for the Committee, or in Parliamentary language, "power to widen the subject of reference." This motion was debatable. John Evans of Hosetown, Sask., spoke and made charges against the Board of Grain Commissioners. The Western Farmer had lost confidence in the Commissioners. He believes they work with and for the grain trade, and not the grain grower. He asks that they be dismissed and a new and larger Board appointed having one member resident in Saskatchewan, or in Alberta; tha tthe whole grading business be investigated, and that the power of the commissioners to enforce their rulings be made clear.

Hon. James Malcolm, under whose Department this matter falls, crossed the floor, consulted with Hon. R. B. Bennett, and then moved the adjournment of the Debate. E. J. Garland Bow, River acting for the Farm and Labor Groups, said he would not support adjournment. Many back benchers in both parties made it plain to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Malcolm that they were going to vote against the adjournment. Things looked bad. Hastily a conference was called. Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Garland conferred at Mr. Bennett's desk. Would Mr. Garland call off the vote if a full dress debate was allowed next day on the whole grading business? He would, and so stated from his place in the House. The vote was called off. The Budget debate was set aside next day, and the Grain Business given the floor for two days, and the end is not yet.

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MUST SATISFY THE CONSUMER

Simcoe county newspapers are discussing the potato situation which is causing grave concern among the agricultural fraternity. That Simcoe county growers have to take 30 cts. a bag today when potatoes from New Brunswick are selling for a dollar a bag is evidence of something radically wrong.

To discover the reason for the preference for tubers from the Maratime provinces a visit to the kitchen of a large city hotel is at once convincing. The Herald was shown how potatoes are cooked in one of the down town hotels in Toronto. They are peeled by a machine that takes the hide off a hundred in a minute. The machine is adjusted to peel a potato of a certain size and if a small potato gets in it is not peeled; if a large one is fed in the machine, the potato is wasted. Here lies the reason for grading the tubers. The Western Hospital uses a car load of potatoes in a few days. If they are not graded there is either a waste of time sorting them and adjusting the peeler or there is a great waste of potatoes. Large consumers insist on accurate grading and not being able to get Ontario potatoes graded they buy Maratime potatoes carefully graded.

Potatoes for hotel consumption must be all of one variety. These big consumers cook their vegetables in deep wells in electric ranges. They put probably a bagful in a well and turn on the current. When the top potatoes are cooked the current is turned off and the water drawn off. The potatoes on the top are firm and nicely cooked through. Below them is a mixture of mush, firmly cooked tubers and some half cooked ones. This is what comes of mixing varieties. The big consumer will not take mixed varieties and not being able to get Ontario potatoes of one variety he takes Maratime potatoes, and gets them guaranteed to be all of one variety.

The heavy consumer knows the varieties just as well as any potato grower knows them. He has his preferences too and so far as The Herald could gather the Dooley is the potatoe that gives the greatest satisfaction. It cooks up firmly and when it is mashed it is as our informative says "mashed potato and not mush." He says that even adding a little milk to it does not break down its firmness. These consumers are not averse to any variety of potato so long as the shipment is all of one variety. They like the Cobbler, but state that it is not so firm a cooker as the Dooley. The varieties that are liable to go to pieces in the well under the weight of other potatoes are not wanted.

In a dealer's warehouse The Herald was shown thousands of bags of potatoes. From one pile a bag was taken and emptied into a box. Every tuber was the same size and not a bit of dirt adhered to them. These were New Brunswick potatoes. In contrast, a bin of Ontario potatoes was pointed out. All these potatoes were awaiting grading by the dealer. At the back of the warehouse was a pile of dirt which came off several carloads of Ontario potatoes. Not only does the dealer have to grade and clean, but he must pay a trucking company to remove the dirt.—Alliston Herald.

Elmira is one town at least that pays its town constable a fairly good salary. At the last meeting of the council his annual stipend was increased to $1600.

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Presentation

We are pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. John Plester and family of Swinton Park with us as they moved into town on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Plester is agent for the International Harvester Co. Prior to their departure from Swinton Park Mr. and Mrs. Plester were visited by their neighbors and friends on two different occasions and presentations were made. The following were the addresses which accompanied the presentations:

Swinton Park, March 12, 1929.

We , your friends and neighbors, have gathered here to-night, to show our appreciation and convey to you our united good wishes concerning your future welfare.

You will be greatly missed in this community, as you have always been ready to offer a helping hand and we always found you very cheerful and congenial neighbors.

We wish you to accept this purse as a token of our good will and best wishes.

Our sincere wish is that you have health, prosperity and happiness in your new home.

Signed on behalf of the community of the 16th con. of Proton. — Jas. Hardy, Miss M. Smith, Jno. Coulter.

We, your friends take this opportunity to bid you good bye and wish you every happiness in your new home. We will greatly miss you, but feel that our loss will be others gain. May we hope to see you often and we feel that you will long be remembered by us so we would ask you to accept this purse as a token of our friendship and appreciation.

Signed on behalf of the 18th con. friends.—Lawrence Irwin and Mrs. Walter Knox

"POOR THINGS" SAYS AGNES

Miss Agnes Macphail, M. P. for S. E. Grey, in writing a letter to the newspapers of her riding, says she attended a social function at which wives of the cabinet ministers were hostesses. She adds: "Two ministers have not a wife—poor things." Now there's Agnes Macphail. She hasn't a husband and yet she won't likely describe herself as a "poor thing."—Meaford Mirror.

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LOST — Small carrying case for motor car license. etc.. also chain for car late in the fall near F. J. Collinson's.—Finder please return to H. Gorrell, Flesherton.

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FOR SALE—Spy Apples—Graham Bros., Eugenia.

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FOR SALE—A sow for sale, due March 31st.—Mrs. Jos. Croft, Maxwell.

FOR SALE — Good seed barley.—J. E. Cargoe, R. R. 2, 'Phone Flesherton 31 r 32.

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FOR SALE — Cream separator, just run one season.—E. Fisher, Flesherton.

FOR SALE — Two good bronze tom turkeys, bred from London prize winners. — Jas. Turner, R. R. No. 3, Priceville, 'Phone 21 r 11.

FOR RENT — Six roomed house and good garden, opposite the high school in Flesherton. — Mrs. W. J. Caswell, Proton Station, R R 3.

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W. A. MORTON,
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13 acres of land, mostly seeded to alfalfa, with good frame house, frame stable, orchard and drilled well. This property is situated in the village of Eugenia, on the main road, and is the estate of the late Mrs. Alex. Hoy.

For further particulars and terms of sale, apply to Alex. Cameron, executor of the estate, Eugenia, Ont.

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