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STARTLING EXPOSURE OF MR. BELL'S TRICKERY

He Publishes His Platform in The Patriot Every Plank in Which is Proved to be Absolutely Rotten and Unreliable.

In yesterday's Patriot Mr. John H. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, published the platform on which he hopes to win the two by-elections.

In order that the readers of The Guardian may get an adequate idea of the extraordinary hallucinations of Mr. Bell, The Guardian gives his platform herewith, clause by clause, as it appears in the Patriot, and gives underneath the actual facts.

The Patriot says: "In the course of his speeches the Leader of the Opposition pointed out the following reasons for contesting the seat:—

1. The precedent established by the Conservatives when Hon. Mr. Haszard became Judge.

THE TRUTH: There is no precedent. Never before in the history of the province had the Acadians been honoured by having one of their number promoted to the Premiership, nor was Judge Haszard's successor selected from Prince County.

MR. BELL: 2. At the last election the Liberals had the majority of the popular vote.

THE TRUTH: At last election the Conservatives polled a majority of the votes in the whole province as well as winning the majority of the seats.

MR. BELL: 3. The Liberals were prevented from having a recount in a close election.

THE TRUTH: In the absence of Premier Matheson from the province Mr. Bell, fearing an election petition entered into an arrangement with an agent of one of the Conservative candidates, whereby it was agreed to call off both petitions.

MR. BELL: 5. Mr. Arsenault does not call meetings of his friends and supporters, but merely attends meetings of his opponents.

THE TRUTH: The more responsible Liberals in the constituency decided not to have a contest. Mr. Bell tried to force Mr. Gilbert Gaudet to stand as Opposition candidate but the latter refused. It was again intimated there would be no contest and Mr. Arsenault issued a message to the Province in his capacity as Premier Mr. Bell, when he found the district would not summon a convention, got the President of the Prince County Liberal Association to call one and foisted Dr. Delaney on the electorate.

MR. BELL: Mr. Bell contends that since the last election much legislation has been introduced and many important matters revealed, namely:— 1st. The Tax Act of 1917, imposing a special tax of \$27,000 and more for the maintenance of the Dalton Sanatorium.

THE TRUTH: No such tax has been imposed. A War and Health Tax was passed of which, last year, \$7,437.45 was devoted to the Dalton Sanatorium and \$18,066.33 for war expenditures. In the current year the Government has entered into an arrangement with the Dominion Government to take over and maintain the Dalton Sanatorium for the period of the war and for two years thereafter.

MR. BELL: 2nd. An Act to expropriate all the vacant lands of the province and maintain them at the expense of the people.

THE TRUTH: The preamble of the Act gives the facts as follows: "Whereas there are in this province considerable tracts of vacant or uncultivated lands and interspersed in some cases with lands wholly or partially cultivated.

"And whereas SOME of such lands are capable of cultivation and agricultural improvement, while other areas contain natural deposits capable of development;

"And whereas it is incumbent upon this province TO MAKE ALL REASONABLE PROVISION FOR SOLDIERS RETURNING FROM THE WAR, and to that end it is desirable that areas of such land be organized and prepared for settlement and development;

"And whereas in order to constitute such areas it may be necessary to expropriate CERTAIN lands;

"Be it therefore enacted"—and thereafter follow the clauses of the Act giving the government necessary power to make all reasonable provision for soldiers returning from the war.

MR. BELL: 3rd. Changes in the Prohibition Act.

THE TRUTH: Admitted, but for the betterment.

MR. BELL: 4th. The extraordinary deficit of election year.

THE TRUTH: Admitted, but it is extra-ordinary only in so far as it was the sole deficit of the Conservative regime and was caused by the shrinkage of revenue due to the war and the destruction AFTER THE ELECTION of bridges and roads by a storm which the Patriot described as the most disastrous within memory.

MR. BELL: These and other matters recently developed, call for an explanation from the Government. The man who refuses to call meetings under these conditions, displays fear and cowardice.

THE TRUTH: Premier Arsenault followed the usual course of promising to attend all the Opposition meetings and to answer criticisms. Mr. Bell attempted to deprive him of this privilege as reported elsewhere.

MR. BELL charges the Government with deliberate falsifying of the public accounts. They do this directly and by suppressing information regarding financial transactions which the public have a right to know.

1st. They concealed the payment of \$100 to Sheriff Horne.

THE TRUTH: Sheriff Horne, acting on the advice of counsel refused to discharge an order of the Court for which a penalty of \$100 was imposed. The Government, taking into consideration the fact that Mr. Horne had in good faith acted on the advice of counsel in his capacity as a public official, remitted the fine. This was no loss to the province.

MR. BELL: 2nd. They withheld from the liabilities of the province, \$3,500 that they had agreed by statute to pay to the Lady Wood Estate.

THE TRUTH: The statute authorizing the government to pay this legacy from the Liberal Government was not enacted until after the estimates for that year were passed and therefore was not and could not have been a liability to be provided for in the estimates.

MR. BELL: 3rd. They concealed from the public the fact that they had entered into a contract to saddle the province with some \$35,000, being the cost of the completion of the Dalton Sanatorium, over and above the \$30,000 supplied by Hon. Charles Dalton.

THE TRUTH: Mr. Bell has attempted to belittle the munificence of Sir Charles Dalton ever since he re-entered the House. Sir Charles Dalton defrayed the whole cost of the Dalton Sanatorium which cost him \$65,000 not a cent of which was paid by the province.

MR. BELL: 4th. They concealed from the public the fact that without authority in the Legislature, they had loaned \$10,500 of the public moneys to Mr. Dalton.

THE TRUTH: During the temporary absence of Sir Charles Dalton from

ROYAL FAMILY NAME CHANGED TO "WINDSOR"

The House of Saxe Cobourg and Gotha, to which the King Belonged, Being of German Origin, was Dropped by the King.

(Canadian Press.) LONDON.—King George today at a meeting of the Privy Council, announced the name of the Royal house and family to be The House of Windsor. The Privy Council, at which the King announced the change, was held at St. James' Palace. It was the most important and largest attended since the coronation. The attendance included Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour, and other members of the Cabinet, the Archbishop of Cant-

erbury, former Premier Asquith and all the members of the Colonial Government, who are now in London. The Privy Council unanimously endorsed King George's announcement and the proclamation, putting it into effect was published this afternoon. The King and family was originally of the House of Saxe Cobourg and Gotha when George I ascended the throne. It was recently decided to drop titles or names of German origin.

the province the contractor, a good Liberal, appealed to the Dalton Commissioners for money to carry on the work. The Commissioners, in the absence of Sir Charles, appealed to the government to come to their assistance and the government advanced the amount required to the contractor, which was refunded by Sir Charles Dalton.

MR. BELL: 5th. They falsified the Public Accounts at the election year by carrying back \$28,000 of the liabilities in that year to the year 1915.

THE TRUTH: Premier Matheson in his budget statement in 1915, six months before the election informed the House that as the finances for 1914 were so satisfactory the government had paid out of revenue for that year certain expenditures which rightly fell to the year 1915. This reduced the surplus of 1914 to that extent and the House unanimously, including the Opposition approved of that arrangement.

MR. BELL: 6th. They falsified the public accounts in the election year crediting to the year 1915, the sum of \$14,000, which was not actually received until two or three months after the close of the year.

THE TRUTH: This amount, due by the Dominion Government and belonging to the year 1915 and authorized for payment in that year was part and parcel of the revenue for that year at the credit of the Provincial Government and taken credit for as such.

It will thus be seen that Mr. Bell has deliberately misrepresented the facts in connection with the Public Accounts, every item to which he has referred being definitely and accurately accounted for.

MR. BELL charges the Government with usurping the functions of the legislature—with appropriation and expenditure of public moneys, not authorized by the Appropriation Act.

THE TRUTH: This is an old story in a new guise. Formerly it was Premier Matheson who was charged with Kaiserism and usurping the powers and prerogatives of the government.

MR. BELL: 1st. They took \$100 out of the treasury which they paid to Mr. Horne without the authority of the Legislature.

THE TRUTH: This is the same \$100 which Mr. Bell made to do duty at an earlier stage in his allegations.

MR. BELL: 2nd. They usurped legislative authority by expending \$6,500 on Government House.

THE TRUTH: This was the expenditure incurred on Government House to make it habitable and was unanimously approved by the Legislature when the accounts were submitted to them at the annual session.

MR. BELL: 3rd. They usurped legislative authority when they entered the contract to complete the building of the Dalton Sanatorium.

THE TRUTH: This is the charge which has been disproved above.

MR. BELL: 4th. They usurped legislative authority in loaning \$10,500 of the public money to Mr. Dalton without having the authority of the Appropriation Act.

THE TRUTH: This is the third time in the course of his platform, Mr. Bell has attacked Mr. Dalton's generosity and is evidence of the bitterness of his malignity towards the only Prince Edward Islander who has ever endowed an institution in his native province. We have already disproved this allegation.

MR. BELL, after dealing with other phases of the financial situation, also emphasized the following points:—

(1) The Liberals oppose the imposition of a special tax to maintain the Dalton Sanatorium.

THE TRUTH: There is no such special tax. There is a War and Health Tax which Mr. Bell opposed, suggesting that the burden of the war should fall on the returned soldiers after they had done their bit at the front. The Dalton Sanatorium has been taken over by the Dominion Government and will be maintained by it until two years after the war.

MR. BELL: (2) They oppose the Government shirking the responsibility for the enforcement of the Prohibition Law.

THE TRUTH: The Liberals did not oppose a Commission. They suggested a commission of Judges of the Supreme Court and maintained that they did not see how the government could get responsible men to undertake the work without remuneration. The government has succeeded where Mr. Bell thought success impossible.

MR. BELL: (3) The Government has done little, if anything, for agriculture. They have alienated the sympathy of all agricultural associations. They have destroyed the oyster industry.

THE TRUTH: Under the Liberals the Province was steadily going from bad to worse. Deeper and deeper into debt were the farmers being plunged by the grab, graft and gross incompetence of the clique which had kept the Government in its hands for twenty years. They fooled the farmers, filled their own pockets and fattened and batted on the revenues of the Province while the public service starved, public works crumbled to ruin, and the sons of farmers were driven from their island home to develop less fertile but better governed lands elsewhere. For twenty years, by fraud misrepresentation, bribery and corruption this clique of so-called Liberals, of which Mr. Bell was a member, kept control of the Island treasury, mismanaged its affairs, obtained snug billets for themselves and their favorites, while the farmers were allowed to struggle and toil against adverse circumstances with no prospect whatever of improving their position. But there came a day when the farmers rose in their wrath and vented their vengeance on the greedy, grabbing, grafting ghouls driving them to political graves, unwept, unhonored and unsung.

In their places the farmers returned men of honor and integrity, men who thought more of patriotism than self, duty than dalliance, the interest of the farmers than the interest of favorites, the welfare of the province than the advancement of self-interest. And what has been the result? In five years the Province has risen on the ashes of its dead self. Today, instead of being a by-word as the pauper Province of Confederation, it holds the proud distinction of being the most prosperous Province in Canada's wide dominion. Today, Prince Edward Island is the envy and wonder of the world, the farmers are the most prosperous and contented on the American Continent. Last year, after five years of Conservative rule, the farmers realized \$2,000,000 more for their crops than in the next best year in the Island's history. The debt of the Island has been decreased by some \$10,000; \$217,000 has been spent on permanent public works, annual deficits have been relegated to limbo, and in their place annual surpluses are the rule.

FOUR GERMAN STEAMERS CAPTURED BY BRITISH

(Canadian Press.) LONDON (official).—Four German steamers have been captured by British destroyers in the North Sea, ranging from 1,088 tons, as the smallest, to 1,415 tons as the largest. Two others escaped, but were badly damaged by gunfire.

BRITISH SUCCESSES LONDON.—Slight British successes are reported in Nieuport and Wiremon sectors.

French Repulse German Attack PARIS.—A strong German attack near Teton was repulsed by the French with considerable enemy loss.

TWO FATAL RIOTS IN PETROGRAD (Canadian Press.) PETROGRAD.—Two fatal riots took place in the streets last night when rival Socialist parties fought each other with rifles and machine guns.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE Rejected Suitor Kills Former Sweetheart's Husband and Fatally Wounds Her and Himself.

(Canadian Press.) ARNFRIG, Ont.—Bruce M. Leitch, aged twenty-five, a returned soldier of Montreal, is dead, his bride of a week is dying at a hotel in Sand Point, and William Bennett, aged twenty-five, of 375 Notre Dame St., Montreal, is lying in Renfrew Hospital, Leitch, who was on leave from a Toronto convalescent home, was spending his honeymoon with his bride at Sand Point, near here, Bennett, who had been rejected by the girl, who was Miss Gertrude Lillian Stanning, of Montreal, learned of their whereabouts, and arriving in Arnfrigt yesterday, waylaid them on a lonely road and killed Leitch in cold blood, then shot Mrs. Leitch through the right lung and face, and himself through the head. The three were found lying in the roadway by a hotel-keeper, of Sand Point, at whose place Mr. and Mrs. Leitch had been staying.

RESIGNATIONS FROM RUSSIAN CABINET PETROGRAD.—Four members of the Russian Cabinet have resigned.

CANADIAN HIGHLANDERS CAPTIVATE NEW YORK NEW YORK.—Two hundred Canadian Highlanders swept New York city off its feet yesterday and this morning. The Joffre and Balfour regiments were welcomed by the enthusiasm of the crowd. Today the visitors have gone to Newark, N. J., where they received a civic welcome.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Strawberry festival in New Glasgow Hall Thursday evening, July 19th.

**Come to the ice cream social in aid of Missions to be held near the Church at North Wiltshire on Saturday, July 21st.

**All plot holders are requested to meet Thursday, July 19th, at 1 o'clock for the cleaning up of Pownal Cemetery.

**LEAGUE OF THE CROSS PICNIC, Wednesday, July 25th, on the beautiful grounds at Cream Sliding. Two special trains from Charlottetown.

**The Red Cross Society of North Wiltshire intend holding an ice-cream and Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, July 25th. Full particulars later.

**Don't forget the Hazelbrook social to be held on the grounds of Thomas Ings adjoining the church tomorrow evening, July 18th. Every body welcome.

**The regular monthly meeting of Strathcona Institute will be held in the Consolidated School on Thursday, July 19th at 7.30 p. m. Balance of Paris Green to be distributed.

**Mr. P. A. MURPHY, Department of Agriculture will address a meeting of the Brookfield Farmers' Institute on Friday, July 20th at 7.30 p. m. All members requested to attend. Also anyone interested in the growing of potatoes.

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OPPOSITION LEADER GIVES RAW DEAL

Mr. Bell Attempted to Manipulate Dr. Delaney's Meetings So That The Premier Would Not Have Opportunity to Reply to His Criticisms. Mr. Arsenault Gives Him a Roasting which he is not Likely to Forget in a Hurry.

The person who said: "For ways that are dark," etc., comment us to the "Heathen Chinee" could have applied it equally well to the Leader of the Opposition.

When Dr. Delaney called his meetings for the Third District of Prince County, he invited the Premier to be present. Hon. Mr. Arsenault replied to the invitation by a letter in which he said that he would attend, and if any charges were made that required a reply he would make an answer. Hon. Mr. Arsenault accordingly attended the meetings at Egmont Bay, Cape Egmont, Mt. Carmel and Wellington, and at each of these meetings replied in one speech to the attacks of Messrs. Delaney, Bell, McLean and Gallant. At the Wellington meeting when the chairman called on Mr. Bell, the Leader of the Opposition tried to force Mr. Arsenault to speak first, but the chairman announced that it had been agreed otherwise, and Mr. Bell had to go on with his speech. He then tried his old trick of talking against time in order to shut out Mr. Arsenault, and not before Mr. Bell had exceeded the time by a half hour did the chairman succeed in making him stop.

At the Grand River meeting, the same night, the matter was organized beforehand in order to force Mr. Arsenault to speak before Mr. Bell. A strong partisan was placed in the chair, not by a vote of the meeting, but even before the people entered the hall, and he was given his instructions.

As soon as the hall was filled the "organized" chairman announced that the Liberals were "going to run this meeting," and that the order of speaking was: First, Mr. McLean, representing Dr. Delaney; then Hon. Mr. Arsenault, then Mr. Gallant and then Mr. Bell.

The Premier protested, saying that he was there to reply according to arrangements made with Dr. Delaney and faithfully observed at previous meetings. The chairman, however, said that he was going to carry out his program regardless of arrangements and even refused the opinion of the meeting. Mr. Arsenault then said that under the circumstances, and as there was a gross breach of faith, he would withdraw, and started to leave, followed by fully two-thirds of those present. Some one seeing the meeting disperse, thereupon, shouted "oward, you're afraid!" Anybody who is acquainted with Mr. Arsenault knows that he never shirks an issue nor refused to tackle any odds. On the present occasion he wheeled around like a shot, and exclaimed: "Nobody ever called me a quitter. I can handle them all, even if I have to speak first."

The roasting Mr. Arsenault gave Mr. Bell that night will long be remembered by the people of Grand River, and by Mr. Bell himself. One of those present was asked by our correspondent: "How was the meeting divided?" "I do not know," replied the other, "but if you can judge by applause, Mr. Arsenault had by far the long end of it."

Mr. Bell afterwards found out that he had gained very little by speaking last for before he was half through the hall had thinned out, and not more than one-third remained to hear him finish.

EXTENSION NOW THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE

Graham and Pardee Deal Treacherously with their Friends and False to Previous Promises.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA.—There will be no further extension of the term of the present parliament. Sir Robert Borden introduced his resolution asking today for an extension and it is evident that it will be opposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, representing the anti-war Liberals, has already spoken and declared his opposition.

Sir Robert Borden asked for extension to protect the men at the front; in their franchise, and to prevent disorder at home while these men were fighting our battles abroad. He declared that unanimity in the request was necessary to the British Government, acceding to it. If there was any considerable opposition the resolution would be withdrawn.

Following Sir Robert Borden, to the surprise of everyone, Hon. George P. Graham instead of Sir Wilfrid Laurier arose. Mr. Graham is a member of the recently formed war Liberal party. He moved a resolution demanding conscription of wealth before extension was granted. It has since developed that Hon. Geo. P. Graham and P. F. Pardee did this without the knowledge of their colleagues in the new party in an effort to entrap them against the government. It has been known for some time that Mr. Graham was playing with both the Laurierites and the conscription Liberals, but Pardee's double game has created a profound impression.

Guthrie, Clark, McGraney, Carvell, Buchanan, McLean and other Liberal conscriptionists left the House and gathered in the corridors. They denied any knowledge of the amendment and when Graham came into the corridors told him in unmistakable language their opinion of him.

A meeting of war Liberals was called this evening and it is believed the amendment will be dropped.

Following Mr. Graham Sir Geo. Foster announced an Income Tax and that it would be brought before the present parliament. The treachery of

Pardee and Graham is believed by some to have wrecked the Union government. Other Liberals say it has cleared the air and made it more possible as these men were continually obstructing such a coalition.

Leading Liberals from Ontario and the west who are here but not members claim the union government must come. Today's event shows that Pardee and Graham cannot be trusted and that an election is inevitable. There will now come before Parliament a new soldiers' voting bill, a Federal franchise act, and in October or November will come the final test between those who wish to maintain the nation's honor and those who wish Canadians to be defaulters to the Allied cause.

Minard's Liniment cures colds, etc.

EXTENSIVE STRIKES IN GERMANY

COPENHAGEN.—Extensive strikes are reported to be in progress in the Silesian and Rhine coal fields of Germany. Trouble has arisen over food restrictions and objections to the labor service law.

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THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this morning at 9.25 and tomorrow at 10.14; it will be high tonight at 11.19 and tomorrow at 11.58.

The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 8; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.48, and Friday at 4.49.

The moon sets tonight at 8. The last quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, July 11th at 7.12 a. m.

There will be a new moon on Wednesday, July 18th, at 10 a. m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and thirteen minutes.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.