

PATRIOTISM AND BENEVOLENCE

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decided to look into the record of what other provinces were doing, and WE FOUND THAT NO OTHER PROVINCE WAS GRANTING MORE THAN \$1,500 TO A BATTALION AS A REGIMENTAL FUND; and we considered that if we did the very best that any province in Canada was doing—and there was only one other province that came up to a thousand—we would do very well. What is the proposal that comes from the Opposition? That, instead of \$1,500 as a regimental fund, we should make a contribution that would amount to some \$12,500 for that one unit. Are we to vote for that expenditure? And remember that is only in regard to the 105th. If we put that resolution through as it stands, we commit the country to an expenditure that will not improbably be twice the amount I have mentioned.

Are the members of the Opposition prepared to do that? If we did that, we would have to add to the Fifth Siege Battery now being organized for overseas, and the hundreds volunteering from other provinces, and those that might be recruited in the next six months.

Those who vote for this resolution will vote for an expenditure that will certainly amount to \$20,000 and might very well amount to \$25,000.

While the Government is very desirous indeed of expressing the wishes of our loyal people by making generous contributions where most required, we do not think that such an expenditure, in the circumstances that now exist, would be either wise or provident or patriotic; yet, that is the proposal which the Leader of the Opposition seeks to foist upon you.

THE DALTON SANATORIUM.

I wonder how many men there are in the country who will follow the leader of the Opposition when he says that the Hon. Charles Dalton, having made a gift to the province of a hospital for consumptives,—having done it for charity in this province,—that he should go further and maintain it.

I have never heard such a thing uttered by a man having a common sense repute in my life.

Are you going to say that the man who gave between fifty and sixty thousand dollars for the benefit of the afflicted in this province is to be insulted by being told that he has not given enough?

I would ask the men who make such statements, what are they doing for charity? If they would follow the example set by the Hon. Charles Dalton and give of their means, then we could have another institution for incurable cases of consumption and thereby cover the whole ground.

I believe that if only proper recognition were given to men who confer such large and charitable benefits on the country, we would not have to wait very long until some other man of means would come forward and bestow upon the province another boon that would help our suffering relatives, friends and neighbors.

But if those who make generous gifts to the province are to be assaulted and abused and insulted, as my hon. friend from Tignish has been in this House by the Leader of the Opposition and some of his followers, and out of the House by the newspaper which he is supposed to control,—assailed with vile and slanderous attacks filled with insinuations of the lowest and meanest kind imputing false and unworthy motives, what can we expect?

IS THAT THE REWARD WHICH THEY OFFER THE DONOR OF THIS GREAT GIFT? And now, in the last hour we have heard the insulting remark that, having given so much already for the establishment, he should have given more for its maintenance.

There is the lead that hon. members on the other side are now asked to follow.

They have followed in the past men who would scorn to take an attitude so far below the ordinary

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NEVER IN MY EXPERIENCE AND NEVER IN THE EXPERIENCE OF MEMBERS ON THE OTHER SIDE, I AM CONFIDENT, WAS THERE A BREACH OF FAITH AS THAT WHICH AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND MYSELF. NEVER COULD A QUESTION ARISE THAT SHOULD CALL MORE STRONGLY FOR JOINT ACTION AND THE BURIAL OF ALL POLITICAL MOTIVES. NEVER COULD A HIGHER CALL COME AND NEVER DID A MAN MORE UTTERLY FAIL TO ANSWER THAT CALL.

AN UNTRUE STATEMENT.

We are bound by legislative enactment passed unanimously in this Legislature in 1913 to make provision for the maintenance of the Hospital. The Leader of the Opposition—it is hard to tell why—has made a statement as to what that institution will cost—how much it will be a charge on the revenue. He has made that statement for the purpose of having it go through the country; but it has no more truth in it than his other statement that the Government took action to increase the tax on farm lands. IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THE INSTITUTION WILL COST THE GOVERNMENT \$14,000 to \$20,000.

There was no reason for his making that statement except to delude the few people who may accept as facts statements that emanate from that source.

The estimate that this House is asked to pass is \$7,000. That is to meet the charges for this year, 1916, because in 1916 the overhead expenses are the same as if the institution had been running at full capacity. The total cost of that that institution running at full capacity would not be more than \$14,000. From that would be subtracted the income arising from the patients who are being served by it.

There are ten soldiers there now. The Dominion Government is paying from a dollar and a half for privates to two dollars a day for the officers. A careful estimate will show that when that number of soldiers is increased to twenty THE AMOUNT WILL BE QUITE SUFFICIENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INSTITUTION, with the other revenues that will be coming in.

Those are the facts, and why the Leader of the Opposition should think it proper to cloud the whole question by a statement so far from the truth, is something he will have to account for, first of all to those who are trusting him with leadership. That institution in its operation is capable of rendering to this country a service which we cannot estimate. Let us see where the Opposition is placed in regard to this institution. Soldiers are there belonging to this province, with wives and families here.

Are you going to close the doors of the institution?

Because that is what your vote will mean. If you vote for the resolution by the Leader of the Opposition, those soldiers will be turned out of the institution and left to wander into other provinces more kind and generous who will take them in.

Our own afflicted people, mothers of families, are knocking at the doors of the institution now. ARE YOU GOING TO TURN THEM OUT AND SEND THOSE MOTHERS HOME TO THEIR LITTLE ONES TO DIE THERE AND INFECT THEIR FAMILIES?

Yet, every man who votes for this resolution is voting that that shall be done.

I would not like to have on my conscience such a horror as must be in the mind of every man who realizes what he is doing by voting that this institution shall be closed.

The compact made, not by the Government but by the Legislature three years ago, was that we would do the very thing we are now asking to have done to-day.

Are we to repudiate that and say that while by parliamentary enactment, we told the Hon. Mr. Dalton that if he would build an institution of this kind we would take it over, we will not now stand by that compact?

If you do so how can you say that Germany was false when she tore up treaties? IT IS ONLY A "SCRAP OF PAPER." IT IS TRUE, AND IT WILL BIND ONLY HONOURABLE MEN.

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to disregard it. That is true. But I want to know how many of the hon. members on the other side of the House will follow the triumvirate that now ask them to commit such a breach of honour? That is what it means; and having committed this breach of honour where do you stand? You have refused to grant the amount which you promised and the institution must, so far as we are concerned, close its doors.

Now, face that! The man who will support such a proposal as that is preparing for inevitable political ruin.

He may think, in his shortsighted, shallow way, that he is going to gain credit by saying not to tax the people.

He will gain no credit. People, when it comes to matters of this kind, are anxious to take their part in doing their duty?

We are not below the standard of Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia had no man with such a heart as Mr. Dalton. No man offered that province such an institution as Mr. Dalton has given us; but the Government of Nova Scotia put their hands into their pocket and built one themselves, and having built it are now maintaining it. Are we so poor and mean that when an institution of that kind is put into our hands, we will shut its doors in the face of the needs of the people and refuse provincial aid?

See where your party leaders are leading you, and save your own reputation and consciences by refusing to follow a lead that is downhill to political disgrace. That is where it leads to, and I do not think—if the hon. members on the other side consider the matter seriously—he will be able to obtain a subservient support from gentlemen whose standards of honour cannot allow them to break a solemn compact and refuse to do a deed of charity and benevolence by helping our consumptive people.

TAXES NOT OPPOSED ELSEWHERE.

You can search the journals of the provinces of Canada and will not find a single case in which the loyal Opposition in the houses of Parliament voted against these taxes.

Are you going to bring discredit on this province from end to end of Canada, and allow it to be said that the Opposition of Prince Edward Island voted against imposing a war tax?

The disgrace and discredit to the Island's name that will be the result of such conduct on the part of the Opposition cannot be measured in money.

It is all very well for members of the Opposition to get up and say "We are loyal."

These are mere words. The future will enquire, what was your act? You will stand unique in every part of the British Empire. You will stand alone. It is not courage that will make men stand alone in a case like that. I leave you to find a name for the motive.

We are not poorer than other provinces, and we are not less patriotic. WHY THEN WILL YOU LEND YOURSELVES TO PUTTING THAT BLACK STAIN UPON THE NAME OF THIS PROVINCE?

There will be a roll of honour when the war is over, and there will also be a roll of dishonour. In that honour roll will be recorded the names of men who have done their duty, while in the other roll will be shown the names of those

who shirked. In that roll of dishonour will be found the names of men who will say: "We cannot go to the front, but we can do something else; we can pay, but we will not; we will pass it on to the next generation as a burden to be borne by them, PART OF IT BY MEN WHO ARE NOW FIGHTING AT THE FRONT WHEN THEY RETURN TO TAKE UP THE DUTIES OF CIVIL LIFE HERE.

Who will be candidate for that roll? The hon. Leader of the Opposition is ready to make that sacrifice.

IT WERE BETTER FOR HIM THAT HE GAVE UP ALL HIS WEALTH, THAN THAT HIS NAME SHOULD BE AT THE HEAD OF A LIST OF MEN WHO TRIED TO LEAD THE PROVINCE INTO SHIRKING ITS DUTY, AND WHO IS PREPARED TO SHIRK HIS OWN.

We may leave our children money or we may leave them none. If we leave them money it may do them good or harm; the chances perhaps are equal. BUT FAR BETTER, WE CAN LEAVE OUR CHILDREN AN HONoured NAME. They will be prouder of the father who left them not a penny but sacrificed his all in a good cause; prouder far than they will be of him who, to enlarge his fortune, neglected his plain duty.

We are proud of our ancestry because they were willing to sacrifice all they had at the call of duty; prouder than if they had left us titles and wealth. And so in days to come a bright light will turn upon this period, and in that light our actions will show up clearly to those who follow us.

HOW PROUD A THING IT WOULD BE FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNTRY, IF WE COULD ENROLL IN THE CHAPTER OF HISTORY WE ARE MAKING NOW, A UNANIMOUS PATRIOTIC ACTION BY THIS HOUSE IN DEALING WITH THE GREAT QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WAR, WHAT A PROUD PAGE IT WOULD BE!

But what a page it will be if we have there recorded this resolution, containing such dishonouring proposals.

BORN IT WAS IN DISHONOUR; LET THE THING BE KILLED. It should never have been seen.

Would it not have been a prouder hour if the Opposition had said, "Let us sit down together and reason—let us agree upon some joint action? If we do that perhaps you will change your plans on our suggestion, or perhaps we can change our views on your suggestion."

Would not that have been better than that the Leader of the Opposition should have taken all the information I had to give and, instead of carrying out our agreement, tried to frame up a scheme by means of which a disagreement could be affected in this House?

Don't you think the other course would have been more honorable and patriotic? I know from a party standpoint the Opposition are ruining themselves by the course they are taking.

I know that the leading men in the Liberal party in this province—men who are regarded as having stood for many years in the forefront of the party—ARE SIMPLY DISGUSTED WITH THE COURSE THEY ARE PROPOSING, and the same thing will be true from end to end of the province.

Politically, I would far rather see the Opposition take the course they are proposing to take now.

POLITICALLY, THAT RESOLUTION IN THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE WOULD BE FOR EACH ONE OF THEM A HANGMAN'S ROPE.

But there is a larger and broader consideration, and that is the consideration of how we will stand before our people, before the rest of Canada, if such a thing as this is allowed to blacken and disgrace

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You know, dear Gott, I was your friend und from mein hour of birth. I quietly let you rule de Heaven veil I ruled o'er the earth, Und ven I toldt mein soldiers of bygone battle days. I gladly split the glory und gave you half the praise. In every way I dried to prove mein heart to you was true, Und only claimed mein honest share in great deeds dat ve do. You could not haf a better friend, in Sky or Land or Sea, Dan Kaiser Vilhem, Number Two, de Lord of Shermany.

So vat I say, dear Gott, is dis, dat ve should still be friends, Und you should help to send my toes to meet dere bitter ends. If you, dear Gott, will dis me do, I'll nodding ask again. Und you und I vill hardners be for evermore. Amen.

But listen, Gott, it must be quick. Your help to me you send, Or else I haf to stop attack and only I lay defend. So four and twenty hours I gif to make de Allies run. Und put me safe into mein place, de middle of de Sun.

I' dis you do, I'll do my bart, I'll teil de world de fact, But if you don't den I must tink it is an hostile act. Den var at once I will declare, und in mein anger rise, Und sent mein Zeppelin ships to wage a fight up in de skies. It's ultimatum, now dear Gott, is von of many more, Mein mind is settled up to clean de whole world off de floor. Because you was mein bardner, Gott, an extra chance is giften. So help at vome, or else I'll be, De Emperor of Heffen.

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Ontario spent in one year for her hospitals in connection with the soldier \$225,000. Are we so far below the standard of Ontario, so far below Nova Scotia, so far below Manitoba and the western provinces that when we get this great boon, we have not got the public spirit, nor the patriotism, nor the philanthropy, nor the charity to open our doors to let the people in? I feel that there I may safely leave the case. There is no point of view from which merit can be found in the proposals made by the Leader of the Opposition.

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