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MR. KING'S DILEMMA

According to our despatches this morning Mr. MacKenzie King has declined nomination for Prince County for certain reasons chief among which no doubt is the fact that the nomination was offered to him by the machine rather than by the electors in convention and the fear that the latter might insist on a convention which might upset the original calculation. What the machine or the electors, or both, will do now remains to be seen. In any case it is admitted that the machine was pretty badly damaged in its recent arrogant assumption of authority to throw down the two or three candidates who were in the field for nomination. Mr. MacKenzie King, certain of defeat either in Prince or North York, has decided to take it in North York where his chances are those of the Patriot's "snowball."

Another dilemma, worse than that of Mr. King confronts the Liberal party. Mr. King himself declares that so far as the tariff is concerned he is on an "uncharted sea". This is not the real trouble however; the sea is "charted" all right, has been charted for over forty years and the leaders of both the old political parties have experienced no difficulty in following the chart. Where Mr. MacKenzie King and the remnant that followed him got into trouble was when they undertook to make a new chart and now he and his followers have discovered that the chart is not workable. His Quebec friends on whom he depended have told him plainly that the Liberal tariff policy is not workable; they have declared unequivocally for the Meighen policy of adequate protection; hence the abandonment of the Liberal chart.

In his speech at Toronto the other

day, referred to on our front page yesterday, Mr. King gave a revised and glorified version of the Liberal tariff platform. This was before he discovered where his Quebec friends stood. Now the glorified version must be re-glorified to make it palatable to the whole dominion; to the farmers whose markets would be endangered by tariff meddling; to the industries which are barely keeping afloat; to the employees whose wages are already being reduced under the stress of hard times.

The general voice of Canada says let there be no doubtful experiments till the storm is over; let there be no meddling with tariffs or trade relations which can only further unsteady conditions which are now so unstable as to threaten the whole industrial and commercial fabric. Canada is intrinsically rich, rich in natural resources, rich in courage and energy and in men who have fought and won out in a more serious fight than they are now engaged in. They will win out if they follow the charted course; they will fail if they are carried away by fads and new and panicky experiments. The free trade or near free trade fallacy of the Liberal party if adopted would spell irremediable ruin to Canada and Mr. MacKenzie King has been told so by the friends upon whose support he has depended up till now. Let it be thoroughly understood that there is no hope for Canada under the uncertain and word covered policies of present day Liberalism. This is no time for pussyfooting among new and untried theories; no time to entrust the ship of state to a leader who has no chart. The Canadian sea is well charted and is safe under the guidance of one who knows the chart and goes by it.

Current Comment

The Patriot is about as unfortunate in the selection of its metaphors as it is ridiculous in its logic. Mr. Donald Nicholson, M.P., because of his indifferent health, and his physician's advice, saw fit to withdraw from a candidacy in which the people twice honored him with election, and would no doubt have repeated, had he remained a candidate, and the Patriot, ever personal and always ready to strike below the belt, instead of giving him credit for his services, and sympathizing with him in the ill-health which unfortunately forced him to reduce his political activities, throws its underhand and undignified slurs at a gentleman who commands as much, or more, respect than the best they can sift out of their own political combinations. As we remarked in a previous comment, the Liberal organ "can never be original without being abusive and personal," but if it thinks to gain any party advantage by such scurrility, it is at liberty to travel its bye-roads of slime as long as its festering constitution can stand the strain. It has always been the ethics of sound politics, when men retire from public life to restore to them the respect and status of private citizenship. But the Patriot will have none of this, not at least if a little slime will comfort its ghoul-like spirit.

And its logic is also most profound. Just read the plain English of what the Patriot proclaims. In Mr. Nicholson's retirement, and in his "two columns"—telling of the great things these Governments have done—it sees what "WE MAY CALL THE SURE DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT." What a tower of strength Mr. Nicholson must have been, in the estimate of the unsophisticated evening romancer, when his bare retirement from the field heralds the "sure defeat of the Government." Is it possible to conceive of greater stupidity or a greater extreme of political imbecility? We notice quite a big retirement from the Liberal ranks, some to make up the Grain Growers' party in the West, and a number who have neither the excuse of ill-health nor the acceptance of another call, but

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A little less self-seeking, a little more for men. Less bitter in our speaking, more kindly with the pen; A little less of swerving from paths of truth and right, A little more of serving and less of dollar might. More peaceful with our neighbors, and stauncher to our friends. For this all Rotary labors, on this its hope depends.

To smooth the way for others, to make of life the most. To make the phrase "our brothers" mean more than idle boast; To praise sincere endeavor, when praise will spur it on. Withholding kind words until the friend is gone; This is the Rotary spirit, this is the Rotary dream. God grant that we may near it, before we cross the stream. —Edgar A. Guest, Detroit.

purely and simply because they see defeat staring them in the face. Why does the Patriot not proclaim this as the omen that it is, of the "sure" wipe-out of Mackenzie Kingism? It would be a much more honest course, and more in accord with the deencies of fact, than in its personal invendoes, and its ridiculous conclusion that Mr. Nicholson's retirement means the "SURE DEFEAT" of the Government led by the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen.

The Patriot is equally unfortunate in its metaphor of "Safety First," as applied to Mr. Nicholson. In this as in the above instance, it did not inspect the defenses of its own glass house before commencing to throw stones. It would be in vastly better taste to have indicated the sweet motive that is prompting Mr. Mackenzie

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Week

Isn't the September coloring beautiful unto witchery? April may be England's month, but September and October wear Canada's own rich colors, and we recall again that "Songs of Late September," written by a poetess of English birth and Canadian girlhood: "Buy a chain of emerald stones Or scarlet seeds or cedar cones. All sweet, delicate things there be Honest folk may bring of me. Ere the earliest thrush has flown In my eyes the dawns are shown. On my lips the summer lingers. Rain has jewelled all my fingers; In my hand the crickets sing. And the moon's my golden ring."

His Excellency, the Governor-General and Lady Byng were in Montreal last week, visiting Blue Bonnets for the opening of the races, and giving the metropolis a touch of vice-regal dignity at the first of the season. Lord Byng inspected the Laurier Pier, and, with Lady Byng visited the Royal Victoria Hospital and Red Cross Lodge and showed a keen interest in philanthropic and social activities during their all-too-brief visit.

Princess Mary had a happy time Monday among the children of East and West London. When the Princess Mary, wearing an emerald white frock of the simplest character, with a pale blue shadily brimmed hat, arrived at Victoria Park, Mrs. Jack Harrison presented her with a bouquet of pink carnations. But for a star-wart guard of friends the Princess would have been hemmed in by the thousands of happy youngsters. They sang and cheered and rushed the enclosure in which the Princess had taken refuge. Some of the little ones were unable to see her, so she stood on a seat and waved her hands to them. Later she walked up to a seat where two little ones were in tears and tried to comfort them. But the only words she got from them were: "I lost my muvver." There were eight who had lost "muvver" sitting on that seat before the Princess left. It was through a merry mob of 60,000 that the Princess made her way to take tea in the L. C. C. refreshment shelter. From this first of East-end parks the party drove to the Island Gardens, Mill wall. The Princess reached the gardens just in time to hear the ditty "All About a Rabbit Pie," and as she walked on she got to the Punch and Judy show just as the formidable beadle arrived on the scene. "So you're the blackbeetle," responded Mr. Punch, and Princess Mary's face broke into sunny smiles. From Dockland the Princess motored to Kensington, where she rushed in among the crowds like a happy schoolgirl, sharing the joys of the show with the children of poorer Paddington or North Kensington.

Mrs. A. B. Warburton, who is leaving early next week on a visit

to B. entertained delightfully on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. G. A. Gane.

Mr. H. W. Blinning left yesterday on return to Montreal, having spent a restful holiday renewing old friendships in this city.

Sir Andrew McPhail and family have gone to Montreal after a most delightful summer at Orwell.

Armistice Day is now a legal holiday, to be observed always on a Monday. If the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice (Nov. 11, 1918) fall on Monday, then the legal holiday is that day; but if the 11th falls on any other day of the week the holiday is not observed then but on the Monday of the same week. This year, the holiday called Armistice Day, will be Monday, Nov. 7. Thanksgiving is to be observed hereafter on the same day as Armistice Day. This was provided for by an Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament.

The Earl of Cromer, who it is announced will be the chief of the staff of the Prince of Wales, on his visit to India, is a son-in-law of the Dowager Countess of Minto, married to her second daughter, known in Canada in her girlhood as Lady Ruby Elliot. Lord Cromer has been in the diplomatic service for years, and his experience in having accompanied the Duke of Connaught on a visit to His Royal Highness a few months ago to India will make him all the more a valuable member of the Prince's staff.

Miss Ruth Watson, whose engagement to Mr. Reginald H. Morris is being pleasantly discussed this week, is being entertained to various "showers" by her friends, prior to her marriage on Oct. 5th.

On Tuesday evening Miss Hopkirk invited a number of her girl friends in for the evening, and a "Duster" shower proved not only a novel entertainment, but materially assisted the young and popular bride-to-be. Yesterday afternoon Miss Alice Cox and Mrs. Miles gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Watson at Miss Cox's home, and it was one of the nicest affairs of the season, many lovely gifts accompanying the happiest of congratulations.

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