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THE NEW COALITION

The new coalition Government in London is one of the strongest combinations conceivable and worthy to rank with "the Government of all the talents" of bygone days.

Without Portfolio, Con. Lord Lansdowne.
Lord High Chancellor, Lib. Sir Stanley Buckmaster.
Lord President of the Council, Lib. Lord Crewe.
Lord Privy Seal, Con. Lord Curzon.

Secretary for Home Affairs, Lib. Sir John A. Simon.
Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lib. Sir Edward Grey.
Secretary for Colonies, Con. Mr. A. Bonar Law.

Secretary for India, Con. Mr. Austen Chamberlain.
Secretary for War, Con. Lord Kitchener.
Minister of Munitions, Lib. Mr. D. Lloyd George.

First Lord of Admiralty, Con. Mr. A. J. Balfour.
President of the Local Government Board, Con. Mr. W. H. Long.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Lib. Mr. W. S. Churchill.
Chief Secretary for Ireland, Lib. Mr. Augustine Birrell.

Secretary for Scotland, Lib. Mr. T. McKinnon Wood.
President of the Board of Agriculture, Con. Lord Selborne.

First Commissioner of Works, Lib. Mr. Lewis Harcourt.
President Board of Education, Lab. Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Attorney General, Con. Sir Edward Carson.
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No doubt his services will be requisitioned as colleague of Sir Edward who has been working exceedingly hard, and whose health almost broke down two months ago, necessitating a complete rest, during which time Lord Haldane supervised the Foreign office.

Lord Haldane, however, has become very unpopular through his earlier German sympathies being recalled, especially his declaration on an occasion when the German Emperor was in London that "Germany is my spiritual home."

Lord Haldane has been displaced as Lord High Chancellor by Sir Stanley Buckmaster, Attorney General. This is a double blow—one at Lord Haldane and another at Lord Reading, Chief Justice.

the Government, as his action might be misconstrued in face of the "self-denying ordinance" imposed on all members of the Irish party not to accept office under a British Government.

OUR DASH-AWAY CONTEMPORARY

Our dash-away contemporary, whose knowledge of statistics is only equalled by its gross disregard of facts, figures and fair play, yesterday gives what it pretends to be an analysis of the cost of running the Education Department.

In order that our readers may be thoroughly posted in the facts, we have taken the trouble—which the Patriot evidently never does—of consulting the public accounts.

Under the heading, "Department of Education and Inspectors," are included the salaries of the office staff, consisting of Superintendent, secretary and stenographer, and the Inspectorial staff, consisting of ten inspectors, five of whose salaries are paid from the Dominion Agricultural Grant, the other five being paid by the local Government.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1911, 1912, 1913, 1914) and various roles (Superintendent of Education, Secretary of Education, Stenographer, Assistance).

Average expenditure for the past three years, \$2,580.00
Expenditure for the year 1911, \$2,557.50
Increase, \$22.50

Compare the efficiency and the service of the present time with what we had under the Liberals, and let our contemporary say these have been too dearly purchased at \$22.50!

Besides, offsetting this meagre increase, the Department has abolished the quarterly system of paying teachers and now pays monthly; so that where formerly the Secretary of Education paid the teachers four times a year he pays them ten times, with appreciable benefit to both teachers and the administration of the Department.

Those who take the trouble to look through the past reports know that the quarterly returns received under the old system were never compiled nor was any attempt made at keeping records of them.

Under the present system of monthly payments the monthly returns are compiled and occupy an important place in the last Annual Report of the Chief Superintendent. It is to the credit of the Department that this Province is the first and only one so far to make these statistics an important feature in school reports.

With reference to the Inspectorial staff, we may say that when the present Government assumed office there were only three inspectors, receiving a salary of \$850 each, and one Acadian Inspector receiving a beggarly \$300.

The Government, in view of the fact that under the old system the inspectors did not inspect, but remained practically at home, allowed \$150 travelling expenses to each inspector and raised the salary of the Acadian inspector to full pay.

The staff was increased to five, and school inspection became a reality instead of a farce. At present the local Government pays the staff as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Role (5 Inspectors @ \$850 salary, 5 Inspectors @ \$150 expenses) and Amount (\$4,250, 750).

Total, \$5,000
The total expenditure under Education Office and Inspectorial staff is given in the Public Accounts as \$8,529.74, and included in this is \$377 expenses incurred by inspectors appointed under, and whose expenses are now paid out of, the Federal Aid Grant.

It will thus be seen that never in the history of the Province has education been more efficiently, effectively, and economically administered than under the present regime. Everybody knows this, including the Pessimistic Patriot, and its attempt to delude its readers only suffices to write it down a goop.

"TEMPORARY EXCISEMAN" GRAB

In previous issues we have shown to some extent how the Liberals disposed of the hard-earned money of the farmers by collecting it for road taxes, sending it to Charlottetown and spending it in graft.

The Government was rotten to the core. The Commissioner of Public Works drew \$25 a month for personal expenses and never accounted for a cent. This was over and above his "allway travelling expenses, and quite apart from any expenses incurred in travelling outside the province, which he promptly collected in addition.

Without any authority from anybody, but entirely at his own instigation, the Commissioner of Public Works added \$300 to his salary, making it \$1,500—and the Patriot had not a word to say against this graft.

performed. Can't our readers see the effect in the Patriot's vindictiveness and spleen? Can't they realise its bitter antagonism to a Government which put a period to such a scandal? Can't our readers appreciate the Patriot's anxiety for a return to the good old days of Liberal maladministration, when every favourite could put his hand in the public treasury and take out just as much as he could, with no one to say him nay, and no account asked or offered for its disappearance?

It is all as plain as a pikestaff. The clique which ran the Government for so many years to their own profit, and at a yearly deficit of \$40,000 to the farmers, are longing to get back to their old malpractices. They have no policy and no party behind them. All they know is that they are now out in the cold, the source of supply for their private pocket has been cut off by the will of the people, and they are moving heaven and earth in an attempt to delude the people to give them another opportunity to "dash ahead," run the Government into debt and then blame the Tories.

But, thanks-be, the days of the "Temporary Exciseman cum managing editor" graft are past and gone for ever, and with it the Patriot's reputation.

EXTRAORDINARY

Sir,—I have been through three Recruiting campaigns and what strikes me forcibly is that when we appeal for volunteers for the Infantry we are told that if we wanted Artillery or Cavalry we would have no difficulty in securing them.

At last night's meeting we were told by one of the speakers that after consultation with officers he was told that if we could only get a complete Artillery unit we would have no trouble to get two hundred men. I want to say to those two hundred men, that they can serve their country just as well in the Infantry as in the Artillery and if their family ties permit them their duty is plain, let them enlist at once and it will give the city "We Island Infantry Company of two hundred and fifty strong—the balance will be made up elsewhere in the Province.

So far as officers are concerned we have more than enough who have volunteered to take charge of a company, unless we supply the men these officers will have to remain at home. The Infantry is quite good enough for any man to serve in, even the cavalry (the senior branch of the service in this Province) I am informed on good authority are now going forward as Infantry.

I am, Sir, etc.
T. EDGAR MACNUTT,
Captain 82nd Regiment,
Charlottetown,
25th May, 1915.

FROM THE FIRING LINE

H. Ronald Stewart, a Charlottetown Signaller with the First Infantry Brigade at the front writes under date of May 8th to his father, Mr. D. Stewart, that the city "We Island Infantry Company of two hundred and fifty strong—the balance will be made up elsewhere in the Province.

My experience with the asphyxiating gas, was that I wanted to lie down and go to sleep, but I managed to keep my wits together. Please excuse this jumble of facts as I am writing at speed. Got eleven letters yesterday and am trying to get them out. The "We Island Infantry" (David MacLennan's nephew) very often, he is with our Brigade now. Truly war is a mixture of glory and sadness, and if one dwelt on the horrors and sadness one would be of no use as a soldier.

Another thing I notice that the DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN. Furnished by W. S. Louson.

TO KNOW IS TO FORGIVE.

If I knew you and you knew me— If both of us could clearly see, And with an inner sight divine The meaning of your heart and mine, I am sure that we would differ less And clasp our hands in friendliness; Our thoughts would pleasantly agree If I knew you and you knew me.

If I knew you and you knew me, As each one knows his own self, we could look each other in the face And see therein a truer grace Life has so many hidden woes, So many thorns for every rose; The "why" of things our hearts could see, If I knew you and you knew me, Nixon Waterman, in "Merry Mood."

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