

ANOTHER CHANGE OF TACTICS.

The original intention of the Government, as intimated in the House, was to appoint the Road Inspectors as assessors under the TAXATION ACT. It is now understood that this is changed, and a decision reached to appoint three assessors from each electoral district, and as a piece of political strategy to include one Conservative in each case.

To appoint forty-five new officials for the province for this purpose is seriously objectionable upon its face. Of course it may answer the primary object of the Government in providing jobs for that many more of their dissatisfied heeleders, and to all appearance this is the only incentive for the move.

Assessors should be men specially qualified for the work and should be unbiased and free from local influences. To ask men to value the property of their neighbors for taxation purposes, is to result either in ill feeling and bickering amongst themselves, or in elastic and imperfect assessments. Less than half the number of assessors, sufficiently remunerated, independent and properly qualified for the work, would much better fit into common sense business methods, although wanting in the party advantages which they hope to secure by this most extraordinary change of programme.

THE GREAT OBJECTOR.

That the Hon. W. L. McKenzie King is the leader of Opposition in fact as well as in name will hardly be questioned. His face is set against almost everything of Government origin. It is doubtful if he would not challenge the opening of the millenium if he thought the Unionist party would participate in its advantages, and Hansard would be enriched, (or impoverished) by his objections.

The naval estimates of \$2,500,000, has caused neither excitement nor serious criticism in the country. In these days of vast expenditures for war and defense so small a sum for so important a service seemed scarcely worth a passing notice. But not so with the great leader of anti-conscription fame. There was a mirage of political advantage in the air and he must chase the shadow.

The complete Laurier Naval policy would, if existing today, involve the country in an annual cost of from twenty to twenty-five millions of dollars. The nucleus established in 1911, consisting of the now obsolete Niobe and Rainbow, would cost about \$2,300,000. These have been practically scrapped as useless, and are to be replaced by one cruiser and two destroyers, a present from the Imperial Government, and two submarines all up-to-date and efficient. This is merely the retaining of the Liberal naval nucleus until a permanent policy is decided upon after the Imperial Conference to be held in London next year.

The Liberal press have heralded this as an endorsement of their naval policy. But their leader, the Hon. McKenzie King, influenced no doubt by the belief that this course would be popular in Quebec to which province he owes his position, assailed this programme with all the force he could command repeatedly returning to the attack until the vote was finally passed. In this he has misconceived the disposition of the people of that great province. The memory of their great leader Sir Wilfrid Laurier, now dearer to them than ever, is sacred, and to lay unholy hands upon this project of his closing days of administration, will receive more resentment from them, than from any other province in Canada.

It was in striking contrast with Hon. Mr. Lemieux, himself from the heart of Quebec, and with Mr. King, a member of the Laurier Cabinet. He said, "I stand by the Laurier naval policy and I congratulate my Hon. friend the Minister of Marine for having in spite of the bad company surrounding him remained faithful to that policy." It was a cold crack to the Liberal leaders' right-about-face upon his own act of 1911, and an emphatic hint that it would not bring him the sympathy which he anticipated from that province.

POLITICAL GOVERNMENT.

In his address at the annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, says Kingston Whig, President T. P. Howard contrasted group government with the party system, strongly favoring the latter. The reasons he gives for this decision will appeal to many readers as fundamentally sound. The separation of elected representatives of the people into groups, which has been in existence in Europe for some years, shows signs, he points out, of being introduced on this continent, where up to the present time the two party system of government has been operated. If a Parliament is made up of a group of farmers, another group representing labor, another group representing retail and wholesale trade, another group representing transportation, etc., it may be difficult to carry on government without considerable intrigue and friction. Under the old system of government, with all its faults, the members of a party were held together by a common belief in one principle or policy.

over the discovery of natural gas at Ramsayville, about seven miles from Ottawa. While sinking a well for water, at a depth of 120 feet a vein of gas was struck the roar could be heard for almost a quarter of a mile. A light was set to it and it shot up six feet. A wooden cap was placed on the four inch pipe and the force of the gas blew it up about forty feet; later another was successfully placed. The only question now is as to whether it will be permanent.

Something over a year ago there was an out-rush of natural gas in this province the noise of which was heard from East Point to West Cape. It likewise caused considerable rejoicing and the whole country were in an ecstasy of delight, anticipating big results from this illuminating and power producing discovery. They quickly harnessed the supply to the Machinery of government. They have since learned with profound regret that the quality of the gas, so excellent prior to the ninth of last September at once deteriorated into an oppressive foul smelling substance, as attractive and as welcome as a plague. There is no question as to the sufficiency of the supply, the only uncertainty being as to how quickly they can close up the pest hole and escape the odor.

The Liberal press are again short of sensational matter and have resorted to their usual diversion of retiring Sir Robert Borden from the premiership. That have omitted the small but necessary formality of getting the Premier's concurrence to their proposal, but trifles of this nature never seriously interfere with grit propaganda. In the meantime Sir Robert is still holding on, pursuing the even tenor of his way, carrying on the affairs of government with an energy and growing satisfaction to the people most aggravating to Liberalism.

Commenting on this subject a friendly press points out that the party are a unit in support of the Premier, a fact which counteracts this questionable gratuitous advice and strengthens his determination to hold on. His health seems fully established, he is without a peer in those qualities which are essential to successful leadership, and as a statesman, especially in the management of empire importance, he has a status head and shoulders over anything in sight in Canada. It is expected that a caucus of the whole party will be held towards the close of the session, when the final determination of policy will

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What do you do with the passing hour? Whether one works, loafs, sleeps or plays, the hand of the clock circles its relentless course registering at its journey's end that one has lived one more hour of one's life. Each hour carries a cargo of opportunity—opportunity of success or failure—for expansion or debasement—for service or for uselessness. Life should have a plan which adheres to the principle that the hour that does not enrich the mind or strengthen the body is wasted. Since the war there has been a tendency to carelessness and slackness in some quarters. Reaction was inevitable after years of strain and fighting. But the conflict is now over, and there is abundance of work to be done in every field of enterprise. Canada is rich with rewards to those who can grip their opportunities with both hands and use the gifts with which every human being is endowed. Neglect of the passing hour is the story of failure.

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Liberal Canada it is hoped will be set at rest. The people of New Brunswick have taken steps to organize a Tourist Association to be all-provincial and genuinely alive in character. The All N. B. Association is to merge with the N. B. Tourist Association and to follow up a programme which is expected to bring inestimable benefits to the province. Amongst the proposals is to issue a descriptive booklet with maps of the province for outside distribution. Members of the government and legislature are prominent in the organization, and a provincial grant will be asked for.

There is much neglected matter in this province. We are credited with having attractions for tourists second to none in eastern Canada. Apart from the friendships it engenders the tourist traffic in proportion to its extent is the most profitable form of commercialism in which we can engage. Such an association living up to its true character could surely advertise its advantages in larger centres to result in a large increase of tourist trade. Another matter which might properly be associated with it is that of immigration. Under encouragement of both Imperial and Federal Governments assistance very large numbers of emigrants are

of which are being diverted to the Western provinces. They are of a most desirable class, this Island has need of them and a positive right to a share, but through neglect of our Government and apathy of our people no effort is made to secure them. A bigger population would mean more business, more wealth and more shoulders to bear the enormous expenses of modern government.

In that "Able and convincing speaker" of Hon. McKenzie King, fishing, mining, lumbering and agriculture are pointed to as the "basic industries of the country" which need development. Quite so. But what in the line of policy has he proposed to benefit any of these. By removing tariff walls and closing up the great manufacturing concerns in Canada, the consumers of the raw material of lumber, woods and mines, and by weakening the purchasing power of the industrial population, consumers of the fruits of the soil and fish from the sea? And even if free trade was not going to produce such disastrous results to our commercial interests, and could by possibility work out the advantages claimed by Mr. King, what chance would he have of bringing them into effect with scarcely a corporal's guard of his following in sympathy

Another of his illogical arguments is that "trading profits are made not on the price but on the volume of trade. It is the turnover that counts—and the greater number of transactions, the better it will be for the man who is fortunate enough to be carrying on a particular business." It recalls the story of a merchant selling cottons to a customer, declaring that he was "losing a cent a yard on all that he was selling." The surprised customer asked where his profits came in. "Oh, it's in the enormous quantity we sell!" This is the Opposition leader's idea of successful business. If Canada is compelled to enter into competition with the cheap labor and high class machinery of the world, there will certainly be need of the larger turnover, with all the dangers of the profitless business, illustrated in the above cotton sale incident.

The Dominion Government has voted funds to establish a pathological laboratory in connection with the department of health, the purpose being to investigate the origin and character of certain diseases. It was pointed out in the debate

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that the outbreak of what was supposed to be "sleeping sickness" in Canada, was later discovered to be entirely different disease. This will be a splendid opportunity to secure a scientific diagnosis of the malady prevailing in leading departments of our local government. After studying these cases for the last ten months under the impression that we were up against the genuine "sleepy-sickness" plague, we may awake to find that it is some new disease, perchance even more dangerous in character. Bif 7-Mile Road Race here Dominion Day... See Examiner for particulars.

Premier to Attend Demonstration MONTREAL, June 21.—Premier Borden and many members of the cabinet will be present here at the banquet to be given at Windsor Hotel at which a great Unionist demonstration is planned. Authority for this announcement is L. G. A. Grease, President of the Progressive Club here who secured the promise of his attendance from the Premier at a recent interview in Ottawa.

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