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Inspiring Gathering

Not within memory has there been a more inspiring gathering here than that addressed by the Hon. R. B. Bennett on Saturday night. It was thrilling and inspired by the burning eloquence of the speaker. One farmer remarked—"That finishes it; surely there is no use of a contested election now; the Conservative candidates should be allowed to be elected without opposition."

That is the effect the brilliant speech had on an intelligent listener; it was informative, logical, convincing and eloquent. Any one with an open mind must have felt the force of the reasoning and come away satisfied there was only one thing for Canadians to do at this critical juncture of our history: To return the Conservatives to power for the purpose of putting their policy into action. Liberals as well as Conservatives were constrained to cheer when Mr. Bennett declared with emphasis that the business of the Prime Minister of Canada was first to look after the interests of Canada, and not those of any other country, not even New Zealand or the Mother Land. Seek first the interests of Canada, and all these other things will be added unto us. In other words charity, love of the Empire, begins at home.

The Flowing Tide

The flowing tide continues with the Conservative party.

Liberals are gently and unostentatiously flocking to the support of the Hon. R. B. Bennett who espouses a safe, sound and sane policy for the development of Canada along prosperous lines.

His sincerity no one can deny. He hits straight from the shoulder, and lays down in plain unambiguous language the policy he intends to pursue on any given subject. His supporters know exactly what he stands for, and what they may expect if he be returned to power.

Who knows what Mr. Mackenzie King stands for? In one breath he preaches protection and free trade, preference for the mother country and countervailing duties for the United States.

Mr. Mackenzie King's lack of policy ruined the export trade in butter and cheese; he now threatens our home market in potatoes. We have been forced to sell part of our dairy stock to the United States; if the home market for potatoes goes we may have to give them our farms as well.

Mr. Bennett stands boldly for the protection of our home markets, and the means of providing markets abroad. At the first session of the new parliament, if he be returned to power, he will pass a tariff law that will give Canadians fair competition and equal opportunity to develop Canada. That is patriotism, that is Canadianism, that is sound common-sense. People are realizing this—hence the flowing tide.

Now, Mr. McIntyre!

Hon. J. P. McIntyre is a prominent member of the Good Roads Association.

When the Association met here our Provincial Minister of Public Works dominated the proceedings by his towering stature.

The policy of the Good Roads Association is to get the Dominion Government to subsidize Provincial road-making. Mr. McIntyre endorses this policy.

At its last conference the Good Roads Association strongly endorsed the establishment of a national coast to coast highway as a three-fold boon to the Dominion.

Such a national highway, it was urged, would primarily tend to increase communication between the different sections of the Dominion, and thus make for the abolition of

Notes By The Way

One of the outstanding features of the recent census taken throughout the United States is the revelation of the growth of big cities like New York and Chicago. At the last census taken in 1920, New York showed a total population of 5,620,048. Now it stands at 6,601,292—an increase of 981,244 in a decade—and this despite the fact that the population of Manhattan itself has decreased by 18 per cent in the same period, due to the increasing absorption of space by business establishments and the corresponding rise in rents, driving a large section of the population to seek cheaper and quieter quarters in the surrounding boroughs that constitute Greater New York.

In Chicago the population conditions are even more remarkable. There the increase is over 25 per cent during the decennial period, carrying the total for the Windy City up to 3,373,753.

New York Herald-Tribune: Again a rural medical survey, this time in north-eastern New York, reports a serious shortage of country doctors. In eighteen counties members of the staff of the Albany Medical College have found that more than one-third of the practicing physicians are sixty years old or older. Young men are not taking the places of the veterans as they drop out. It is practically a disappearance of the country general practitioner that is threatened if no way can be found to attract young medical graduates to the rural field.

Despatches from Reykjavik report that hundreds of tourists from Canada, the United States and Europe are swarming into Iceland for the celebration of the 1,000th parliamentary anniversary there. The weather may also have something to do with the movement. Who would not be in Iceland in these dog days?

Fifteen thousand men are now engaged in road construction and improvement work in the province of Quebec, and as the summer season advances the number will be increased to about 20,000 workmen. It is a signal and commendable effort on the part of the provincial Government to help solve the unemployment problem.

In 1878 Sir John A. MacDonal, in the course of a speech, said: "No country is great with only one industry. Agriculture is our most important, but it cannot be our only staple. All men are not fit to be farmers; there are men with mechanical and manufacturing genius who desire to become operatives or manufacturers of some kind, and we must have means to employ them and when there is a large body of successful and prosperous manufacturers, the farmer will have a home market for his goods, and we shall have nothing to fear. The question of the day is that of the protection of our farmers from the unfair competition of foreign produce, and the protection of our manufacturers. I am in favor of reciprocal free trade if it can be obtained; but so long as the policy of the United States closes their markets to our products we should have a policy of our own and consult only our own interests. That subject wisely and vigorously dealt with, you will see confidence restored, the present depression dispelled, and the country prosperous and contented."

It will be noted from this quotation that Sir John had no disposition to cringe before the United States, but that his declaration was for a policy to "consult our own interests," a spirit considerably different from what we have had in Canada this last few years when "hush, hush" has been the watchword.

A Tokio newspaper charges that Soviet Russia is back of the northern militarists in China against the Nationalist Government at Nanking. Originally Sun Yat Sen called in the aid of Soviet advisers when he began his campaign from Canton, but the Nationalist Government, when it was established at Nanking, could no longer put up with the Russians and expelled them from the country. Recently a meeting of Communists was held in Toronto for the purpose of raising funds to send children to Moscow for instruction in Communist ideas. A Russian citizen, if he derided his own Government when he was abroad, would be shot promptly on his return, but a good spanking would be a suitable welcome for our young Communists when they come back from Moscow.

Illogical

We have been told by the Hon. Cyrus Macmillan that protection is the product of the Dark Ages and with them should be cast out into utter darkness. We are to assume from this that the hon. minister has absolutely no use for protection in any shape or form as being retrograde, pernicious and inimicable to the common good.

Yet in the Duncan Report the honorable gentleman (though not then entitled to the designation) recommended protection for steel and a bonus on coal! Dark Ages, indeed! Perhaps steel and coal are the products of these—let the hon. gentleman reconcile his practical recommendation of four years ago with his academic opinion for political purposes today.

Editorial Notes

Canadian tourists in the United States last year spent at the rate of \$10 for every Canadian person. United States tourists in Canada spent at the rate of \$250 per capita of population.

"Victory," says the local Liberal organ, "is a feeble word to describe the impression the Government nominees made" at the Vernon River meeting on Monday. We quite agree. "Washout" would be more accurate.

The Hon. Cyrus Macmillan has claimed that on account of the initiative and enterprise of the Mackenzie King Government, the proposed new car ferry will be an oil burner. This, of course, has its disadvantages as well. It seems that about 15 stokers and suchlike employees will be dispensed with, and be forced to join the unemployed—or to obtain work elsewhere.

Two hundred second-grade clerkships were to be filled in New York last week. There were 48,000 applications filed in one day. The salary is \$1,200 to \$1,800 per year, which in New York is certainly not to be regarded as more than a living wage. The prevalent unemployment explains the rush for jobs.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE MOST FREQUENT CAUSE OF HEART DISEASE.

During the warm weather your 'rheumatics' may not be bothering you very much, but you know that with the cool or damp weather the pains will be aggravated.

Now we have all become so accustomed to rheumatism that it doesn't seem very serious and yet as a matter of fact it is now recognized that rheumatic fever (actual swelling of joints with increased temperature and pulse) is responsible for at least fifty per cent of the deaths from heart disease.

A British research worker C. F. Coombs states his conviction that children acquire rheumatism because of inherited defects and because of damp or wet surroundings, which combine to permit organisms to enter the system by way of the tonsils in at least one-third of the cases. It is possible, he says, that the infection takes place through the tonsils in the remainder of the cases, but without any swelling, or any soreness in the tonsils themselves.

The infecting material gets into the blood stream and is carried to the heart where it inflames the lining of the heart, the valves, and even the heart muscle.

Now if the tonsils are not sore or swollen rheumatism may come along quietly and take hold of a youngster without warning.

The advice therefore is that when a youngster complains of 'growing pains', slight rise in temperature at night, is pale, tired, with poor appetite, is breathless on slight exertion, rheumatism may be the cause.

These early signs of a rheumatic condition with heart involvement must not be overlooked, and yet it is estimated that for every early case discovered, at least two cases are discovered until the heart involvement is serious.

Further, after an attack of rheumatism with or without heart involvement it is well to remember that once rheumatism starts it is liable to return, with intervals of weeks, months, or even years between attacks.

So remember that half the cases that die of heart disease first had rheumatism. Remember also, that infected tonsils cause one third, and may cause many more cases because there is an absence of sore throat, or the soreness is slight, it is overlooked.

Dampness of the home, and undernourishment have been found to be factors in causing rheumatism, and therefore an indirect cause of heart disease. All over the world there is a determined effort on the part of the profession to try and prevent heart disease, and if the above points are carefully considered by all of us, a decided decrease may reasonably be expected.

Soldier's Pensions

(Ottawa Journal) Major ("Chubby") Power was a gallant soldier, is an able parliamentarian, a good friend of returned men. As chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions he did most admirable work. All this, however only makes it more a pity that Major Power, should be now appearing on the platforms of Ontario trying to capitalize what Parliament did for returned men for the benefit of the Liberal Party.

Major Power, of course protests that he is doing nothing of the kind, that he is dealing with what Parliament did "fairly and impartially." If he is merely doing that, then why do it on the platforms of Liberal candidates who is trying to help? Why discuss the thing at all? It has absolutely no place in this campaign.

There was no politics in what Parliament did for returned men. All parties united to do what was just and fair, and the Conservative Party, which numbers more returned men in its ranks than any other Parliamentary group, certainly never tried to make the soldiers' difficulties a matter of party gain. It was believed, and hoped, that the other parties would do likewise; there was indeed a tacit agreement to that effect. Major Power's use of the pensions' question on Ontario platforms is a violation of that agreement; does no good for returned men. Mr. King should call him off; providing he wishes to be fair.

The Soviet government is encouraging local production of rubber goods through the Resinotrest, or Rubber Trust.

Epitaph On Canadian Trade

(Toronto Telegram.) The Dunning budget writes the epitaph of the hopes of Canadian control of Canadian duties on

- Rye, Wheat, Oatmeal, Livestock, Cut flowers, Fresh meats, Eggs in the shell, Cured and pickled meats, Soups and soup preparations, Frozen egg albumen, Cast iron pipe, Frozen eggs, Wheat flour, Potatoes, Butter, and Oats.

On these 16 items, whether an increase or decrease in the Canadian duty is for or against the interests of Canada, the Canadian duties have to follow the dictates of Washington up or down the scale. And a power which even the Canadian Cabinet cannot exercise is surrendered to the Tarriff Commission at Washington which can, on recommendation from the President, play with the Canadian tariff on these items as it sees fit by adjustment of the United States tariff to fit United States needs.



THE THOROUGHRED

There's comfort in a horse's lean brown thighs, The feel of muscles where your body clings;

Lightning and thunder in his brilliant eyes,

Running wild music as he boldly swings

One with the wind when dizzy morning flings

Furries of color down the whirling skies.

And when the clang 'of hoofs on gravel rings,

There's comfort in a horse's lean brown thighs.

There's something pleasant in a stable's tang—

The drowsy dogs, the buzz of flies, the bang

Of leather harness, and the careless men.

There's something kind and beautiful, I think,

About a horse that bends its head to drink,

Then flings it into sculptured bronze again.

—Helene Magaret in Poetry.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S NATIONAL DEBT

Q. What is Canada's National Debt? A. The debt of the Dominion of Canada decreased by \$92,620,133 in the twelve months ended June 30 last. At the end of June, 1928, the net debt stood at \$2,244,142,450. On June 30 last it amounted to \$2,151,522,317. During the first three months of the present fiscal year, ordinary revenue of the Dominion showed an increase of \$13,529,153 over the corresponding period a year ago. The increase in ordinary expenditure is shown as \$591,266.

WOMEN JOCKIES BARRED

Feminists of England are aroused over the recent refusal of the Jockey Club and National Hunt committee to grant Mrs. Arthur Heath a permit to ride as a jockey in horse races, and may make an issue of the matter in their campaign for sex equality. The decision merely said "The stewards do not permit ladies to ride in races under the rules," to which Mrs. Heath replied: "They do not question my ability, but object to my sex." In her application Mrs. Heath who is a niece of the Earl of Derby, pointed out that she had written in 18 point-to-point races and had been unplaced only three times. She had ridden six winners, two in events in which men also rode. She aspired to ride in the Derby and Grand National races.

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Eels And Their Possibilities (St. John Telegraph Journal) Never before has the migration of eels from the sea to the upper waters of the St. John been as great as it is this year. Reports are that along the Fredericton shores the bathers have been forced out of the river by the presence of the small eels which, millions strong, are pushing forward from the salt water where they were spawned to the smaller creeks where they spend the summer growing fat and luxuriating in their quiet retreats. This migration will be followed later by the lamprey which is rather a vicious creature.

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