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SOME SENATE CHANGES SINCE CONFEDERATION.

The Senate of Canada as appointed in 1867 was largely made up from the Legislative Councils and Assemblies of the Provinces that were united. They were of both parties according to the old party divisions of their several sections, but were practically all supporters of the Government led by Sir John Macdonald, which was a composite body made up of both parties and hence was called a Liberal-Conservative Administration. The further appointments made to the Senate between 1867 and 1873 were made by the same leader. This left the Senate almost wholly Liberal-Conservative at the time when the first Liberal Administration came to power.

A hostile Senate was a thorn in the side of Premier Mackenzie during his term at the head of Dominion affairs. Again and again it rejected his measures and thwarted his plans. The vacancies occurring were comparatively few and the close of the first Liberal term left the Senate with a very strong Conservative majority. This was increased during Sir John Macdonald's second term of power, 1878-91, and further increased under his successors, Sir John Abbott, Sir John Thompson, Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Sir Charles Tupper. Today there remain in the Senate but two members who were appointed by the Mackenzie Government, these being Sir R. W. Scott and Hon. L. G. Power.

Since the advent of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to power in 1896 a great change has come over the political complexion of the Senate. Still his term of fifteen years at the head of the Dominion had half expired before he attained the secure position of having a Liberal majority in both Houses of Parliament. Between July, 1896, and July, 1903, Sir Wilfrid had appointed thirty-one Senators and before the end of 1907 he had placed twenty-three more, making a total of fifty-four appointments in a little over eleven years. In all over sixty men were appointed to the Senate by the Laurier Administration from among its supporters.

Thus the majority in the Senate, which had been very largely Conservative down to the beginning of the present century, during a period of

thirty-three years, has since 1903 had a growing majority of Liberals, which had attained a great preponderance when the recent change of Government took place. But changes come rapidly among the venerable men who hold life seats in the Red Chamber. Seven vacancies have been created by death in the Senate in the brief time since the dissolution of Parliament last year. The deceased Senators within that time are Sir John Carling, Hon. Messrs. McKay, Comeau, Ross and Miller of Nova Scotia, Chevrier of Manitoba and Senator Macdonald of Prince Edward Island. Another vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Wood to become Governor of New Brunswick, has recently been filled.

It is to be observed that when these vacancies shall be filled they will not all, or nearly all count as Conservative gains, inasmuch as a number of those who have vacated their places in the Senate were of that party. But what is above stated may serve to show how rapidly changes may occur. Premier Borden has already elevated three or four men to the Senate and when the existing vacancies shall be filled by appointment, perhaps within a year of the date when he assumed power, the total will be ten or more. This is a record-breaking number of vacancies for a single year.

In the Liberal party, after a quarter of a century during which it had been continuously in a minority in the Upper House, a strong feeling developed in favor of either a radical reform in the constitution of the Senate, or its abolition. This was quite natural. But with a large and rapidly growing majority in that body the talk of abolition died out, and the admittedly difficult question of reform was held in abeyance. We do not think it probable that abolition will ever take place. There is a widespread belief that under the federal form of Government and in a country of such vast area and diversified interests, the supreme Parliament should consist of two Chambers. And the present system of appointment by the Crown may work very well if due care is taken to secure the best men. In that regard the responsibility of the Government is very great.

BETTER DAYS SUGGESTIONS.

A matter worthy of the best consideration of all the leading spirits in our Province is to devise means for giving additional year-round employment to our present population and to others whom we expect to come to this Province. The Province, the city and the towns would alike feel a new impetus if this could be brought about. Factories are needed, and with the promise of better transportation this Province should offer an excellent field for manufacturing activity. We have the advantage of much cheaper coal than most of the great manufacturing centres in Canada and the cost of living and rate of taxation are also less. These are important advantages.

But so far little or nothing has been done to attract the attention of manufacturers abroad to the advantages we have to offer. They are attracted elsewhere by the aggressive advertising and publicity of the enterprising cities and towns of the mainland. We must wake up and tell the great world what golden opportunities are opening for industrial enterprise in Prince Edward Island. Then there are other openings. Our tage should be taken of these fisheries, except the lobster fishery, able conditions to induce our young

might easily and profitably employ five times the number who are now giving only desultory attention to gathering the harvest of the sea. Intensive farming, fruit-growing, strawberry culture and the growth of small fruits generally might easily be made profitable and give a large measure of employment. An effort should be made to make this Province the Denmark of Canada in all the lines of farm and dairy production.

There are also our peat bogs, which possess great possibilities, being in most cases located close beside or intersected by the railway, or convenient to shipping ports. The development of these resources would give promise of cheaper fuel, which means also cheap power, a large increase in productive value and more employment for labor.

These suggestions by no means cover all the ground, but may serve to point the way toward future progress. A good deal of public money will be expended in the next few years on the Car Ferry, the standarding of the railway gauge and for improving our roads and agricultural education. These should help to create something of a boom. Advantages should be taken of these fisheries, except the lobster fishery, able conditions to induce our young

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In another column of this paper appears an appeal from Mrs. W. E. Bentley, Secretary-Treasurer of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, on behalf of the Free Dispensary established in this city two years ago. This excellent institution is doing a most worthy and indispensable work and is deserving of the most hearty and generous support. It has especially strong claims upon the community. We trust that all will read the appeal and that the modest support asked for will be speedily supplied.

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL.

SYDNEY MINES, March 26—The matter of the erection of a suitable tablet to mark the first landing of our late King Edward VII in Cana-

da in 1860 has again began to take shape after enjoying a kind of Rip Van Winkle repose of many months. The citizens of this town have greater reason to take an active interest in this matter more than perhaps any other in Canada, because of the fact that it is within the boundaries of this town that the tablet is to be erected. The approaching visit of His Highness the Governor General, the late King's brother during the month of August would be an appropriate time to have an unveiling ceremony. Prompt action in this matter on the part of the citizens and town council would be a greater mark of loyalty than waving the flag during a political campaign.

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