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King Government Doomed

According to Mr. Shelton Sharp, who has just returned from a Dominion-wide tour in the interests of the Canadian Fox Breeders Association, the consensus of opinion in every province is that the King Government is doomed. Premier Mackenzie King realizes this himself. It is quite evident to those who converse with him privately, or even hear him publicly that he is depressed and discouraged. It is coming home to him as it must come home, sooner or later to all men similarly disposed, that you cannot fool all the people all the time. According to his own admission, five or six years ago the Dairy Industry of Canada was so prosperous that we were exporting millions of pounds of butter in competition with the produce of other countries. He deliberately set about to undermine this great and profitable basic industry by lowering the tariff to our principal Imperial competitor, New Zealand, enabling them to come into Canada and kill us in our own markets. He vigorously defended this policy against all criticisms, and when the Dairy Council of Canada four years ago tried to persuade him that his policy would re-act on Canada in a way that he would not appreciate, he sent them about their business, telling them in effect that a market in New Zealand for the American produced automobiles assembled in Canada meant more to him than the stability and prosperity of the Dairy Industry. Now that his policy has played havoc with Dairying, and the people are in a position to express their views upon it at the polls, Mr. Mackenzie King loses his Dutch courage, and offers to try and undo the harm he has wrought. But it is too late. The handwriting on the wall too plainly pronounces his doom. Hence his depression, hence his shuffling gait.

Soldier's Pensions

Liberal speakers and newspapers have had much to say recently about soldiers pensions and the credit due to the King Government for introducing improved legislation regarding with the returned soldier applying for disability pension the benefit of the doubt. At the joint political meeting at Wood Islands Thursday night Mr. McLure effectively dealt with this matter. He showed convincingly that as far back as April 13, 1927, Hon. R. B. Bennett moved an amendment to the Pensions Act calling for remedial legislation that would place the onus of establishing a doubt as to a returned man's war disability upon the Pensions Board. The Hansard reports of the Parliamentary debates of that year show that when this amendment was voted upon the Prime Minister and every Liberal member in the House opposed it, while every Conservative in the House voted for the amendment. A year later General Sir Arthur Currie espoused the same idea and at the close of the past session, almost three years after Mr. Bennett had moved his amendment, the King Government introduced the required changes in the Act. This death-bed repentance with regard to war veterans' pensions is in line with other belated actions of the Government. There was no Conservative opposition to the measure at any time; but had the Conservatives been in power in 1927 the Act would have gone through three years ago.

Better Stick to Fisheries!

Those who expected exalted discourse from the new Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Dr. Cyrus Macmillan of McGill, were disappointed at Wood Islands the other night when the Hon. Dr. Cyrus endeavored to make political capital out of the fact that Hon. R. B. Bennett was a millionaire, and that some of the other leading men in the Conservative party were wealthy, in a manner im-

plying that wealth and political integrity could not be expected to go together. He intimated that he, Hon. Dr. Cyrus, his leader Premier King and the other members of the Government and the Liberal party generally were just plain folks, common men who had the interests of the masses and not the classes at heart. He neglected to tell his audience about the Beauharnois transaction, into which Hon. R. B. Bennett asked for a judicial investigation and about which the Prime Minister remained as dumb as an oyster. Neither did he tell the good people of Wood Islands that one of the latest appointments made by the King Government to the Senate of Canada was that of Hon. Lawrence Wilson, wholesale liquor magnate, nor did he say anything about the millionaire Senator Dr. McDougald, the Prime Minister's Montreal friend, nor the millionaire Senator Haydon, the Prime Minister's boon companion who accompanied him to Bermuda to concoct the notorious election budget.

Mr. King's Incompetent Advisers

Premier Mackenzie King blows hot and cold in one breath. He told us that the reason why the Government, over whose destinies he presides, did not assume all the cost of old age pensions was because his law officers advised him it was illegal; and next minute he said it was worth considering. Who are his law officers? The men he himself chose to advise him, Messrs. Lapointe and Cannon, both representing Quebec constituencies. As Premier Rhodes pointed out the other day, it was these same law officers who advised Mr. King that the Legislature of Nova Scotia could not abolish its upper chamber, whereas the Privy Council ruled otherwise. It was the same legal advisers who told Mr. King that the Nova Scotia Government and not the King Government, was responsible for the expense of utilizing the militia in connection with the strike of 1925, and the Supreme Court ruled otherwise. It was the same advisers who told him women could not be in the Senate, and the Privy Council ruled otherwise.

Thus Mr. Mackenzie King's advisers have proved broken reeds on which to rely, and it is time there was a change. When Hon. R. B. Bennett assumes power, the people of this province may be assured he shall select members of his Government from the chosen of the people. An Attorney-General and solicitor General who shall decide quite emphatically and undoubtedly that it is quite legal for the Federal government to pay the whole instead of half of the Old Age Pensions.

Editorial Notes

Premier King, says the Edmonton Journal, has been recorded in the talks. This assures a record for the achieves, made while he was yet premier of Canada.

Mr. Bennett's pledge to foster and support a plan for greater Empire trade, based on mutual advantage, says the Toronto Saturday night, is one that will become a vital and immediate issue in the near future. The subject is on everybody's lips in Great Britain. It is the issue of today in the Motherland and will be the issue of tomorrow in the Dominions.

The electors at Wood Islands were expecting something good from the Hon. John H. Myers, and they were not disappointed at Thursday's joint political meeting. Mr. Myers showed all his old-time form. His ready wit, his trenchant arguments, his comprehensive knowledge of agricultural requirements and the election issues generally, pleased his audience and convinced those who were not immune to conviction.

Notes By The Way

An Ontario paper complains, it is rumored that parties in that province have acquired the habit of charging tourists excessive rates. Other provinces might well take the advice proffered by that newspaper when it says the garage which sees a chance to overcharge the tourist when he comes along,—the merchant who tucks on an extra profit, the rooming house which charges first class hotel rates, the guide who asks an unfair rate, they are all killing the goose that lays the golden egg. All tourists, it must be remembered are not all millionaires. The United States has plenty of these, but it also has a great many more ordinary salaried people who on vacation, get out their motor cars and take a run up to Canada. These people, well to do in a way, cannot stand too high prices. In other words if they are overcharged they will not come back again, and what is more serious, they will advise their friends not to come.

Canada's continuous lowering of her tariff of which Senator Dandurand boasted at Geneva has resulted, says the Canadian Labor Press, in seven billion dollars worth of foreign goods being imported into this country, has closed many factories and strangled many infant industries, has caused the abandonment of many farms and has driven a million wage earners to seek employment under an alien flag.

At the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, the other day, a special call was issued to scientific men in all branches of learning for a concentrated and co-operative attack on cancer.

With an increase of more than sixty per cent. in the number of deaths in Canada in the last six years it might have been expected that the Government would do something to combat the disease by the encouragement of research and by the distribution of such knowledge as would tend to decrease the incidence of this dread disease. So far Canada has done nothing in the battle against cancer. Save what individuals in scattered hospitals and universities have done on their own account. The call now comes for mobilization of all the men of science and their resources to make a stand against the inroads of this enemy. Canada must do her share and take her part in the combined offensive.

Mary Borden in Harper's Monthly says: America has not yet produced a race or a racial type or a racial mind and this fact—to be very frank—is a guarantee of Great Britain's moral supremacy for the next few hundred years.

A writer in London Truth has this to say about unemployment in England: I deny that our industrial suffering is anything like as bad as during the last war. It is not only work that is wanted, but workers, as anybody who orders a pair of boots or a suit of clothes or small household repairs will agree. My boot maker told me the other day that he had to send to France for boot buttons, which are no longer made in this country nor are bath slippers. These things are too small for his Majesty the British workman. So there is no unemployment in France.

Bolshevism has built many of its hopes upon its propaganda in the East. But the East, at any rate the Islamic and Buddhist east, is essentially religious and is unlikely to welcome the advocacy of atheism in any form. Neither in India, where political movements are invariably colored by religious beliefs, nor in the world of Islam nor in Jewry is blatant and aggressive irreligion a passport to lasting esteem or influence. Great Britain is now confronted in Palestine and India with problems that will test both her fair-mindedness and her state craft, should have little reason to fear Bolshevik propaganda when its true character is made plain.

It is not generally known that Red Fife wheat was originally a product of a handful of wheat procured from Scotland by a Scottish emigrant Mr. David Fife. Early in the eighties, the seed grown from this original stock in Peterboro, Ontario went west. Under the name of Red Fife the wheat it yielded gained a high reputation in the markets and became known as No. 1 Canadian Hard. For more than a generation Red Fife continued to be the wheat of Western Canada and it was by crossing Red Fife with other strains that Dr. Saunders evolved the yet more famous Marquis variety.

It has been suggested that a monument should be erected to the memory of the man who did so much for Canada and it is quite probable that the hundredth anniversary of his achievement will be thus celebrated.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

ANOTHER METHOD OF GETTING TO SLEEP.

You will remember the old system of trying to get off to sleep, in which you counted sheep going through a hole in the fence or jumping over a wall.

Of course the whole idea in this was to get you interested and absorbed in this counting, that you wouldn't have a chance to think of other things. And it was these other things that really kept you awake.

In mental institutions where the patients are deficient in brain substance, morons imbeciles, and idiots, there is not any difficulty getting them off to sleep, because they have really nothing to think about, nothing with which to think.

And sleeplessness is really caused by the brain remaining active when it should be at rest.

For this reason any little annoyance in the home or bedroom should be removed if possible—a leaky tap, a flapping blind, a loose window, an uncomfortable mattress, a sagging spring, poor ventilation.

Even with these removed, you may still remain awake because you have certain definite things—worries, cares, plans—on your mind.

It is for this reason that counting sheep, making large capitals on an imaginary blackboard or other mental acts have been suggested and often with success.

Another recent method comes from Dr. E. E. Cornwall of Brooklyn. The idea is to concentrate on certain muscular acts so that the brain cells occupied in thinking, being deprived of your regular serious attention, more easily subside into relaxation and sleep.

These muscular acts do not disturb the body as a whole, as you can lie quietly relaxed as you do them.

There are four muscular acts, all done at once.

- (a) Raise corners of your mouth as in smiling. (b) Breathe more slowly and deeply than usual—as if you are very tired-exhausted. (c) Close the eyelids. (d) Raise or turn eyeballs up slightly.

These acts are kept up continuously—no rest or intermission—and as they do not disturb the body as a whole, mental and physical relaxation causes them to stop without shock.

Naturally if you keep up these four simple acts at the one time for any length of time, you just can't think of other things, and so you get off to sleep.

It is certainly logical, and may be kept up those to whom the hot bath, heat to feet, food in stomach and other means of drawing blood from brain, have been tried without success.



RAPIER

All the old Aprils pierce my heart tonight. I hear them sobbing, singing down the hill. I feel the gold blade of a daffodil Run through me like a flame. I hear the slight, Impalpable slow roots invoke the sod Of bygone fields. Young leaves, tall flowering grass, Are sudden in the valley. And I pass Caressed and smitten of a willow rod. The sharp blue shadows of a year of Spring Are stabbing me tonight. The tawny moon, The whiff of meadow-sweet, the splendid hush Of hemlock boughs and birds that dare not sing Shatter me with their silence. Ah! and soon I shall be utterly broken by a thrush.

—Barbara Young.

SURVEYING THE FIELD

British Columbia, the most westerly province of Confederation, is pretty solidly Conservative, the Opposition holding twelve out of fourteen seats in the last House. The local Liberal party is so badly disorganized that the Government scarcely expects any gains. Alberta, the most westerly of the Prairie Provinces, is almost entirely in the hands of the United Farmers and it is expected to continue in the third party column, but the Conservatives should win several seats, and the U. F. A. members will generally support MR. BENNETT, Saskatchewan the great wheat growing province, sent sixteen Liberal members out of a total representation of twenty-one to the last House of Commons, but during the past year the Conservatives have captured the local Legislation for the first time in history, and the prediction is that on July 28 the Saskatchewan representation will be divided about evenly among the Conservatives, Liberals, and Progressives. Manitoba, which like Saskatchewan in 1926 did not elect a single Conservative member, is expected to swing back to the Conservative column where it traditionally belongs. The results in these three Prairie Provinces will be largely affected by the non-marketing of last year's wheat crop and by unprecedented unemployment.

In the major province of Ontario the Conservatives are expected to redeem the seats which they lost to the Liberals in the last general election, largely as the result of the then Conservative leader's unfortunate Hamilton speech. The change in leaders has wiped out the reproach and seventy out of Ontario's eighty-two constituencies should elect Conservative representatives. In Quebec, which is largely French-Canadian, and has been almost solidly Liberal, Government candidates are warning the electors that if the Conservatives are returned to office MR. BENNETT will conscript the young men for service in India. In 1926 the war in Turkey was the menace held out by the Liberal candidates of that day. Unemployment is injuring the Liberal cause, even in Quebec, and the solid block may at last be broken. Never was the Opposition so well organized and full of fight and hope in that province. Envisaging the Dominion as a whole, the Government must be said to be riding in hard luck. As the campaign progresses the stock and commodity markets continue to go lower and the scale of unemployment to increase, though this is the season of the year in Canada when unemployment is generally at its height.

—Ottawa Journal.

CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES

(Montreal Gazette)

The old story of the churches losing their influence, which periodically is a topic of discussion in various quarters, is not borne out by data compiled for the Institute of Social and Religious Research by Dr. Luther Fry, as regards the United States. The Institute is financed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the material prepared by Dr. Fry fills a large volume. The statistics show that out of every 100 persons over 13 years of age in the United States 55 are church members, which is about the same as the figures for ten and twenty years ago. The people living in towns and cities lead in church membership with 58 per cent. as against 52 per cent. in the rural parts. There are 212 separate denominations, with 232,000 churches and 44,380,000 members. Denominational Sunday schools have an enrolment of over 21,000,000 pupils, and, besides, there are the pupils in undenominational Sunday schools and in parochial schools. This may be taken as an encouraging sign, for it means that church membership for the future is fairly well assured. The value of church buildings alone, not including the manse and the like, is given as \$3,800,000,000, a big increase in recent years. The strength of the churches may be imagined when it is considered that there are 232,000 of them, compared with the 256,000 public school buildings in the country, while the total of 21,000,000 Sunday school scholars is only 3,700,000 less than the pupils in all the public elementary and secondary schools. As compulsory attendance is pretty general in the day schools, the comparisons are significant. Furthermore, the annual church expenditures are \$817,000,000.

The vast majority of church membership is centred in 24 of the 212 denominations, the largest being the Roman Catholic Church, with 13,000,000 members over 13 years of age. The Catholics are reported as having a decline in Sunday school membership, which is causing the authorities concern. The second largest denomination is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with 3,700,000 adult members. The Jewish congregations have 2,930,000 members of adult age.

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THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S CANAL SYSTEM

Q. What is the extent of Canada's Canal System? A. Canada's Canal System comprises 475 miles of canals comprised in 19 different systems in Ontario and Quebec. The 1928 season of navigation proved to be a successful one on the whole, with the carriage of 20,705,767 tons of freight and 188,148 passengers. Agricultural products represented more than half of the freight tonnage. 311 million bushels of wheat came from the head of the lakes by way of the Sault Ste Marie canals. A much greater total tonnage passed through the Soo canals than through the Suez Canal.

the Southern Baptist Convention 3,300,000 the Methodist Episcopal Church South over 2,000,000, and the Negro Baptists about the same. The Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Disciples of Christ and the Northern Baptist Convention have from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 adult members, while the United Lutheran Church have in the neighborhood of 800,000 members each. In general, five women are church members to each four men. The survey points out that in states where the suicide rate is high, church membership is low. On the whole, the report shows that the churches remain strong in membership in the United States and there are denominations to suit every religious disposition.

GREAT FUTURE UNDER STRONG GOVERNMENT

(Ottawa Journal)

It is well that the banks should put out statements calculated to reassure the public in the presence of existing business conditions. The psychological effect upon the popular mind is beneficial. People everywhere are encouraged by the reminder that this country has immense and only partly developed resources and that in spite of the present temporary check it is steadily advancing its position in world production and world trade.

Everyone knows that we lead all countries in normal wheat exports and our output of nickel and asbestos and that we are aiming at taking first place in the production of aluminium. As the Bank of Commerce records, Canada has risen to second place in the manufacture of automobiles, that our power plants are the second largest in the world, that we stand third in the manufacture of paper and fifth in the manufacture of rubber goods and that we are fast taking a leading place in the output of base metals.

It should, however, be added that the Dominion will not come into its own, and that it will not realize, as it should, upon its tremendous natural wealth until we have in power at Ottawa a new Government which will adequately safeguard our manufacturing and agricultural industries and take hold of the development of the world-wide market available within the British Empire upon the basis of reciprocal, mutually profitable preferences.



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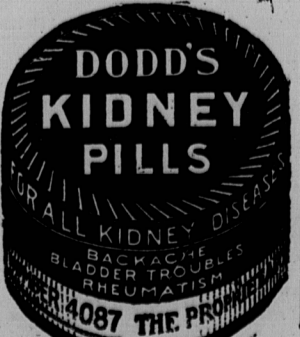
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