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THE POLITICAL TIDE.

There is no mistaking the significance of the political turn-over in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick nor is there any dodging of the fact that provincial and federal interests in both provinces were in close alliance. The King Government admitted this when it threw out the "anchor to windward" a week or two ago, announcing that whatever the result of the New Brunswick election might be, it would not affect the federal election. Also, the delay in setting a date for the general election until after the New Brunswick election indicated how anxiously the latter was being looked forward to.

The turn-over in these two provinces, closely following a similar turn-over in Ontario and Prince Edward Island, and a very distinct though less sweeping change in Quebec, all during the Mackenzie King regime, indicates that the tide which turned in 1923 in Ontario and Quebec is gaining momentum and spells the doom of the King Government.

The "handwriting on the wall" is unmistakable. The King Government will be the next. This, however, does not mean that Conservatives may rest on their oars and let the tide carry them in. The tide does not do things that way. In Prince Edward Island we are ready, with the exception of Kings County which has not yet nominated its candidate, but this can be done at short notice. Queens and Prince have their men in the field. Our Liberal friends have not moved yet in either county and will not until they ascertain what eligibles are left for them to choose from after the senators are appointed.

The thing, however, is not to let matters drift but to be ready. The election may now be called at any time. There is nothing more to wait for. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have spoken and in a voice that was distinctly heard in Ottawa. Nothing worse than what has happened in these two provinces can now happen the Liberal party and they may as well face it now. But it is up to the Conservatives to be ready.

THE HARVESTERS

If the several hundred harvesters who left the Province Monday for the Prairie Provinces were going only to see the country, earn a little extra money and return with the money and the experience there would be no occasion for regret. A trip across or even half-way across Canada is a valuable experience for a young man and the privilege of earning big money gathering one of the biggest wheat harvests in the history of the West is not to be despised. Many of these young men will return, some of them no richer than when they left; others will save some of their earnings and bring it back to help build up the old farm and will be by so much the better off. But many of them will not return, and this is the pity of it. But there is no help for it, and in this way our population is falling off year after year. It is quite easy to say they would have done better at home. This is quite true of those who have farms of their own or who are living on farms which eventually will become their own. But for the wage-earner, or the farm-hand, unfortunately there is little prospect in this Province. We have not got into the way of paying such wages as are being paid where business is being done on a larger scale. Yet, if a comfortable living is the aim, the smaller wages here with living expenses so much lower than where the big business is, any one of those pre-election Liberal will leave a larger margin than where the larger wages and the keying with the truth.

larger expenses go hand in hand. We regret the exodus of so many from our Province where the great need is more men, but we wish them well and hope to see most of them back with a well-filled wallet and a headful of valuable experience.

PROTECTION IN ENGLAND

In Great Britain important industries are finding that they cannot compete successfully with rival industries in foreign countries. Also, the delay in setting a date for the most confirmed supporters of free trade are recognizing the situation. Thus, the Manchester Guardian, looked forward to the adoption of protection in the Old Country, as the message is now so plain that the attitude of the great free trade newspaper of England the Ottawa Journal observes:

"The arguments which it advances are the usual solid ones in favor of tariffs, the argument underlying the National Policy in this country. Briefly, it is that the British lace industry is suffering from depression, due largely to foreign competition where wages are lower than in England and production therefore at a lower level. The remedy which the Manchester Guardian suggests is a 33 1/2 per cent tariff against foreign competitors."

"The case which the Guardian makes out for the lace industry of Britain is the case that can be made out for nearly every industry in Canada. The Canadian case, indeed, is a much stronger one. For if an industry in England cannot compete with the lower wages of continental countries, what chance has an industry in Canada, where wages, on the whole, are much higher than in England? And if Canadian industries cannot compete, and tariffs that would enable them to compete are withheld, what becomes of industrial Canada, with all that that implies?"

Since the war some sixty-seven countries have raised their tariffs. The United States, Canada's chief competitor, found it to be in her best interests to further protect her own industries against the lower-waged industries of other countries. Canada has not increased her tariff schedules but instead has lowered them in a number of cases, and the policy of the present Government in this respect is a primary reason why hundreds of thousands of Canadians have been forced to cross the border to secure employment and prosperity during the last three years.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Veni, vidi, vici, Veniotti, video, bustio. Rhodes, Stewart, Baxter, Ferguson—Meighen next.

A Conservative estimate of the result in New Brunswick on Monday would make it a decisive Liberal defeat.

The New Brunswick Liberal newspapers, issued during the last days of the campaign, make interesting reading under the fierce light of Monday last. And there is something pathetic about them, too. The high hopes, the sweeping victory looked forward to, the sublimed contempt with which they regarded the short-sighted prophets who had modestly predicted a Conservative victory, all show the vanquish of human hopes and the supreme folly of assumed wisdom. It would appear, from a glance at the world given, that the Liberal will leave a larger margin than the keying with the truth.

Notes By The Way

A good day's work was done by the people of New Brunswick on Monday! Speaking in the large assembly hall of the Province in the Conservative column, and completed the solitude of the party so far as the three Maritime Province provincial governments are concerned. It is a source of satisfaction to remember that the good work was begun in Prince Edward Island two years ago and in a very decided and emphatic fashion—25 Conservatives to 5 Liberals.

Nova Scotia, followed less than a month ago in an equally significant way by returning to its new house 40 Conservatives to 3 Liberals, this being the more remarkable from the fact that in 1921 that Province, like Prince Edward Island, had elected a solid quota of Liberal members to support the cause of Liberalism at Ottawa. Still many of our Liberal friends failed to read the clear handwriting upon the wall.

Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin, the moving finger was slowly writing word after word, telling that a mis-called Liberalism had been weighed in the balance and found wanting—four words for four Provinces—Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick. Surely the message is now so plain that he who runs may read it. Blind are they who cannot see it, written across the map from the head of the Lakes to the sea.

Leadership and faith in the right have marked the great movement in the hour of Canada's need. The leaders were found the men of the hour, Ferguson, Stewart, Rhodes and last but not least, Baxter. He had faith and vision. He did not hesitate to resign his seat in the House of Commons and his tempting indemnity of \$1,000 a year, in lead what many might have thought to be a forlorn hope in his native Province of New Brunswick. Leaders who have faith in a just cause inspire faith in others! It was over this, and so may it ever be in Canada.

The victory in New Brunswick is very complete. The margin of Opposition is not too large, barely large enough in fact to secure the best working of our legislative institutions. All along the south shore of the Province, beginning at the border of the State of Maine, stand the counties of Charlotte, Saint John and its metropolitan city, Albert and Westmorland, with the city of Moncton, solidly Conservative. Then to the northward "the river counties" as they are called—Kings, Queen's, Sunbury, York, Carleton, five counties all Conservative.

What remains to Premier Veniot are the counties of Victoria and Madawaska, at the head waters of the St. John River (including Grand Falls) and his own county of Gloucester, with Kent, both almost entirely Acadian in population. Kent was wrongly placed in the Conservative column in the returns as printed yesterday morning.

The cities of Saint John, Fredericton and Moncton and the fine towns of Saint Stephen, Sackville, St. Mary's and Chatham are all in the Conservative column. What remains in the Liberal remnant lies on the North Shore of the Province and at the head waters of the St. John river—broadly speaking, in the North-eastern section of the Province—with the Conservative counties of Northumberland and Restigouche sandwiched among the group.

There would be little satisfaction at Liberal headquarters in Ottawa when the tidings from New Brunswick reached there on Monday night. The effect may or may not be to postpone the federal election, but we shall probably be informed further as to that before long. In the meantime Hon. Arthur Meighen, the great body of Conservatives in Canada and we doubt not the majority of the Canadian people, will be gratified to learn that New Brunswick has done so well.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers.

August 12, 1925

AN END TO WORRY:—Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6, 7.

PRAYER:—Our Blessed Lord Thou didst promise us peace, not as the world giveth. Evermore purify our hearts and enable us to trust thee, and Thou wilt give us peace.



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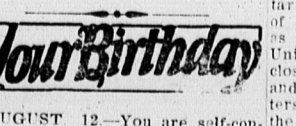
By James W. Barton, M.D. PREPARING FOR AN OPERATION

Sometimes you may wonder why your doctor thinks it necessary for you to get into the hospital a few days before an operation. You can recall other members of your family who went in at nine or ten o'clock the evening previous, and were operated on at nine o'clock the next morning. They never had any trouble, and made a good recovery. As a matter of fact this might still be done in the majority of instances, because a few days in hospital to some individuals, might take all the "fight," the pluck out of them. In fact there have been cases where the patient was "prepared" partly at home by the use of purgatives and abstaining from food, and then walked down to the hospital in the morning to undergo his operation. The reason here of course was, that the night in his own bed to a nervous patient, was the only way they could get him to consent to the operation.

However the idea behind your doctor's desire to have you in the hospital for a few days, is to enable him and the surgeon to make certain observations on your blood, your urine, the condition of your heart, and so forth. You have perhaps heard of cases where a man has walked into a hospital himself, has asked to have an operation performed at once, and as he has looked the picture of health and his heart was sound the surgeons have consented. Unfortunately there may have been conditions that only a couple of day's observations would reveal, and the result has been one that gave the surgeon and patient some hours of anxiety. And so it is not unusual now for patients to enter the hospital about Thursday or Friday, for operations Monday or Tuesday. Of course where your family physician has been in close attendance with you and your family for years, these preliminary days in the hospital will likely not be necessary. Thus with these examinations of urine, blood, heart action, reaction to exercise, the effect of foods, the action of certain drugs and so forth, all carefully noted, and the anaesthetist and surgeon in possession of all these facts before the operation, the effect of this knowledge and co-operation is going to mean not only "safe" operations, but early and permanent recoveries. It is just good ordinary common sense when you think about it.

KEEP PEGGING AWAY We seldom mount at a single bound To the ladder's very top; We must slowly climb it round by round. With many a start and stop. And the winner is sure to be the one Who labours day by day. For the world has learned that the safest plan Is to keep on pegging away.

And the tortoise won the race because he kept on pegging away. A little toil and a little rest. And a little more earned than spent, Is sure to bring to an honest breast A blessing of glad content. And so, though skies may frown or smile, Be diligent day by day. And endless peace will be your reward. If you keep pegging away.



AUGUST 12—You are self-confident and ambitious, and possess more than ordinary brains. You are business-like and careful in your plans. You need love more than most people, and you must be careful in your speech and actions. Try to cultivate generosity. Your birthstone is the sardonyx which means a happy married life. Your flower is the poppy. Your lucky colors are orange and red.

Character Reading

LITTLE HABITS A man whose gestures are few but decided when he speaks, is an all-round "jolly good fellow." When a man constantly knocks the ash off his cigarette, it shows that he is careful and likes a "place for everything, and everything in its place." If he positively "sweeps" his cigarette he will be "finicky" and restless. The girl who smoothes her dress to a good deal will be shy and needs to be tactfully talked to if she is to be put at her ease.

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The Public Forum

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A "PATRIOT" FOR PROTECTION

Sir,—Under a misconception of what he writes about "Elector" in Monday's Patriot makes a really powerful argument in favor of protection. He instances pre-conception days in this Province when our harbor was filled with shipping, our industries in a most flourishing condition, and trade and agriculture in its period of brilliant success. In a word, he declares that the "protective policy" has "swept" our tonnage "from the seas." That "bright and scourge" has overtaken our "industries," our "craftsmen" and "mechanics" in a manner to "make the angels weep."

The direct opposite of this is the case. In that time of which he writes we were a Government to ourselves, WITH A PROTECTIVE TARIFF OF OUR OWN AGAINST the rest of Canada and foreign countries. That tariff—a low one in comparison with the world tariffs of today, but reasonably high for that period—gave to industry and production in this Province the very protection under which they flourished, as he so fluently describes. It was our entry into confederation that gave to us Free Trade with the rest of the Dominion, under which we could not compete with the larger concerns of upper Canada, PRODUCING THOSE VERY "RESULTS" which he so fallaciously ascribes to protection. And as Free Trade, between this Province and the Dominion wiped out the flourishing industries of that day, so the low tariff and practically Free Trade of the present period in Canada against the high tariffs of the United States, is in a like manner closing our Canadian industries and sending our sons and daughters to protected America to make the living which Liberalism denies them at home.

ELECTOR.

CLAIMS OF THE MARITIMES.

Sir,—Now that the Maritime Provinces all have—or are all about to have—Conservative Governments, we may hope that a strong united effort will be made on their behalf to obtain from the Federal Government a practical recognition of the claims of the Maritimes upon Canada at large. The people of the Maritimes paid their full share year in and year out, towards all that was expended to open up the "Great Lone Land" of the Northwest. They paid their full share towards the construction and purchase of the C. P. R. and the C. N. R., including the G. T. R. and towards the survey and development of the Western country now known as "The Great West." They have paid and must continue to pay their share of the interest on the money borrowed and laid out for all time, in the construction or transfer of all the important works by which the Great West was made fit for settlement and that have resulted in its population and development.

They paid their full share for all works. In bare justice to the Maritimes—let alone the importance of providing conditions in which the Maritimes can grow and prosper—the policy of Ontario and Quebec towards them should be changed. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island should be enabled to prosper and to contribute a greatly increased volume of mutually beneficial trade to Quebec, Ontario and the West. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the leaders of the Conservative Party in the Maritimes will, at once, unitedly press upon the attention of the Federal Government, and the Governments of the Central and Western Provinces, the expediency and the necessity of a change of policy towards the Maritimes and of a recognition of the claims of the Maritimes upon the Confederacy in which the ought to be as nearly as possible equal partners. I am, Sir, etc., W. L. COTTON.

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