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Mr. King's U. S. Policy

At Brantford Premier Mackenzie King launched his election campaign. The key-note of his election by is the stressing of British preference and at the same time the denunciation of protection—twins, hard, if not impossible to reconcile, except by an ingenious word and phrase-twister like Mr. Mackenzie King.

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We lost over a million of our population in ten years because Mr. Mackenzie King refused to resort to countervailing duties—"brick for brick" policy—until he found his very political existence depends upon it. The interests of Canada are a secondary consideration with him in his volte-face.

Canadians are returning to Canada because it is the policy of Washington to drive them out of the United States unless they become American citizens. We have before us now the "Analysis of Statistics of Immigration for April 1930" issued by the U. S. Department of Labour, Bureau of Immigration, in which it is stated that 2,234 Canadians were "formally deported" in that month, while in addition to these 1,431 were notified but permitted to depart voluntarily without having the official stigma of "deported" attached to them.

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50 Years v. 100 Years

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King decided the Conservatives for still adhering to the National Policy inaugurated over 50 years ago, maintaining that it had outworn its usefulness. Yet a little later in the same speech he lauded the Free Trade policy of Great Britain inaugurated a hundred years ago, but did not state that that had outworn its usefulness.

As a matter of fact the great bulk of the people in Canada are just beginning to realize the benefit of the National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald, and Mr. King is using this awakening for the purpose of retaining office. On the other hand, the people of Great Britain are realizing the folly of adhering to free trade

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Notes By The Way

The abandonment of the Australian treaty by the King Government, recalls the case of the young man who announced to his friends that he had given up the idea of marrying the lady whom he had intended to make his wife. He discovered, he said that the lady herself, and her parents were violently opposed to the match, and he considered that it would not be prudent to insist. It will be remembered that while the Liberal press and Liberal politicians were acclaiming merits of the Australian treaty, all the Agricultural societies and the farmers throughout Canada, were denouncing it as ruinous to the dairy interests of Canada.

It is recalled, says the Mail and Empire, that when Tecumseh met Brock he said: "Here is a man. Tens of thousands who listened to Mr. Bennett on Monday night or who have since read his speech, must have been moved to make a similar comment regarding the Conservative leader. He must have impressed every one with the sincerity of his views and the courage of his convictions. In this opening campaign speech he was not afraid to tackle any question. He took hold of each national issue with firmness and dealt with it definitely. This fact is undeniable, whether or not one agrees with his views on any or every question which he discussed."

Probably the gist of the Simon report on India is the statement that the Indian resents the idea that he is an inferior. History teaches that it is much easier for people to solve difficulties when they meet as equals. In fact, the recognition of equality automatically ends many grievances.

Western Progressives are refusing to be merged with Liberals and are nominating their own candidates. The so-called Progressives who sat in the last Parliament may now learn that betrayal of principle doesn't always pay.

The present summer is some ten days earlier than last year, and the crops throughout the province are very promising. The hay crop is reported as better than average, and the hay harvest will be on early in July.

That is another of his "terminological inexactitudes." In 1920, the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, then Prime Minister declared: "While the C. P. R. System is owned and operated as efficiently as it is, it will stand as a model for the National Railways in many ways and will constitute a rival-railway for them that will do the management of the Government roads good, and, therefore, it is better the way it is than included in any Government system at this time."

In the development of the C. N. R. Sir Henry Thornton has simply followed the policy inaugurated and laid down by the Conservative Party who, though vigorously opposed by the Liberals, nationalized these railways and laid the foundations of one of the greatest assets Canada now possesses.

An Empty Challenge

Premier King no doubt thought he had scored a great point in demanding that Mr. Bennett should name the members of "his Government" he would send to attend the Imperial Conferences in London, implying of course, that the Conservative Party contained no front benchers of the calibre of Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. Dunning, and himself. After July 28 it is very questionable whether any of the gentlemen named will be returned to parliament, far less called to the Government, Canada's representation at the conferences which will be first suggested by Mr. Bennett, will be in sane and safe hands, never fear.

Those Pensions

Mr. King takes credit for establishing old age pensions. Do any of our readers know anything of them in our province? Except that we have to pay our share of one half of the pensions for the people of Brantford and elsewhere we would not know there was such a scheme in existence. We are robbed to pay the pensions of the wealthy Canadian Provinces. After July 28 Mr. Bennett will see that the rich provinces are made to foot the bill for our old age pension scheme.



By James W. Barton, M.D. LATEST ABOUT CANCER

A research worker, Dr. C. F. Geschicker of Baltimore has spent four months in Great Britain and Europe endeavoring to find if anything new has been discovered as to the cause, the symptoms, and the cure of cancer.

In one place they are using substances to irritate the tissues to produce cancer, in an effort to find its cause.

In another they are transplanting cancer tissues into fowls.

In another place they are working on cancer from a chemical standpoint.

And what does he report on cancer?

A general survey of all these lines of work on the nature of cancer indicates that no one cause either inside or outside the body is alone responsible.

While cancer can be cured by its removal by the knife or radium, nevertheless it is evident that in some way whole system seems to prepare that one spot for the growth of cancer.

That the age of the patient, the presence of some defect present at birth are factors in causing cancer is now admitted.

Notwithstanding all these investigations cancer is still on the increase. Of course some of this increase is due to the fact that the lives of more and more persons are being prolonged into periods beyond middle life where cancer occurs most frequently.

Twenty-five years ago cancer ranked sixth as a cause of death, whereas now it has risen to third place.

As you know meat was thought to be a cause of cancer but as cancer is not found in the Arctic regions where meat is the main article of diet, nor is it found in parts of India where no meat is eaten, there is apparently no reason to blame meat for the cancer.

However it is a fact that more than half of all the cancer deaths are from cancer of the digestive organs.

In the majority of these cases the cause is said to be overeating, or the eating of highly spiced or highly salted foods.

It would thus appear that our modern methods of living has much to do with causing cancer.

Until the cause and cure of cancer is discovered all we can do is to consult our family doctor when we have skin ailments that do not heal, lumps that appear in breasts or other parts of body, prolonged attacks of indigestion, loss of weight, loss of strength and so forth.

Early treatment by the knife, radium, or X ray is the only known cure at present.

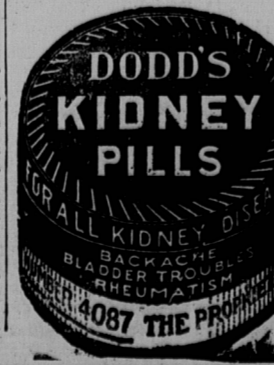


Little by little we subtract Faith and Fallacy from Fact, The Illusory from the True, And starve upon the Residue.

What is the sense in tears or laughter? The Root of things is what we're after; But fallen trees will spill their fruit And worms and darkness keep the root.

Fallen days will spill their sun, But peep heavens must be won, And so, whiles we geometrize, A bird out-twits us, twice as wise.

Mere matter is not all of marrow, The harvest leaps not from the harrow, And a push-button will not light Joy by day or stars by night. —Samuel Hoffenstein, in Harper's Magazine.



THE REVOLT AGAINST UNSAVORY WAR BOOKS

(From Public Opinion, London)

The glut of unsavory books on the war appear at long last to be reaping the harvest it merits. Already there are signs that the public is tiring of them partly on account of their futility but also because a decent public opinion is being aroused against the war book that revels in manufactured obscenity. About this type the "Times" says:—

"It is unlikely to be heard of, except in the pulping machine, when once the current vogue is past. This kind, like the 'gristly guide,' is merely selling the gristliness of the battlefield for what it will fetch while the market lasts. The recipe is simple: Emotion is recollect'd, rearranged and heated up in tranquility.

"All the ingredients of the convention go in—mud, oaths, explosions, blasphemy, injustice, cowardice, drink, physical horrors, sex, intemperance, insanity. Given some narrative faculty, anyone could do it by this time. This is war of the 'War books'.

"These meaningless atoms of driven humanity, surrendering to every fear and passion that comes, jockeyed by imbecile or malignant commanders, and doomed to die for nothing, these, strange to remember, are our countrymen, and such is the Army in which they served. Stranger still, the Army was not defeated. Stranger again, a very large part of England today consists of men—and, since the 'War books' are no respecters of sex—of the same women."

"With a few honorable exceptions," says the Daily Mail the war novels that have been recently so popular have revealed petty minds in ignominious moods. With scurrilous ill-temper they have searched out every unsavory corner of the war scene magnified, enhanced its unhealthy colors, and presented it to the post-war generation as typical of the whole.

"A young man or woman depending for knowledge of war-time England upon these books might grow up under the impression that the officers and men of ten years ago were cowards, drunkards, bullies and libertines.

"The writers would not have dared to publish these falsehoods ten years ago when they would have had to deal mainly with readers who knew the truth.

"Today they have access to the minds of a younger generation, who know the war only at second hand. In those they are laboring to incalculable in the name of peace, not a genuine hatred of war, but a contempt for those who, themselves, truly hated, yet nobly endured it, and the continuance of whose virtues is the only security against its recurrence.

"The war to end war," urges the Daily News, "had to be paid for not only in terms of money, but in the sacrifice of many precious things that belong to the spirit of man. The surprising thing in a war of such magnitude and of such a character is not that human beings lost their accustomed standards of human conduct, but that so many came through unscathed.

"It is partly because of the faithful and growingly articulate remembrance of the high-mindedness of large numbers of young men who fought honorably in what they believed to be a war of liberty that a reaction seems to have set in against the boom in war books which luxuriate in the grossest forms of malodorous realism.

"Our own objection to this type of book has been that in many cases the intention was manifestly to serve no other purpose than that of deliberate muck-raking.

"It is a dangerous illusion to imagine that war can be prevented by a prolonged descriptive orgy of the horrors of war. It is a definite risk that exactly the opposite effect may be produced. War is a blunder and crime. 'War is hell.' But the only way to make war impossible is to eliminate the causes which make it inevitable.

Sir John Reith, Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation, writing in the Daily Chronicle, says:—

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THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

CANADA'S COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Q. What expansions are being made in Canada's Commercial Intelligence Service?

A. Expansion of the Canadian Commercial Intelligence Service in the United States by establishing Trade Commissioner's offices in Chicago and San Francisco, is announced by the Department of Trade and Commerce. Hitherto there has been only one establishment, namely in New York, under the Commission of F. Huddell R. S. O'Meara, formerly located at Batavia, Java, will have charge of the Chicago office, while H. R. Pousette, former director of the Commercial Intelligence Service here, and recently Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, has been appointed to the San Francisco charge.

Mr. John Buchan, too, in the same newspaper asserts:—

"Sensational war books, even when accurate in detail, are false in spirit. Similar false impressions could be given of any aspect of civilian life. I regard it as a calamity that such books should be read by young people who have no war experience."

If Authors were Cross-Examined

Sir Ian Hamilton, in a recent speech, suggested that the writers of war books should be cross-examined by counsel as to the truth or otherwise of the statements in their books. He said:—

"Now to me it seems that it would be better for the holding together of this Empire that there should be a new Royal Commission to inquire into the conduct of the war on the Western Front than that these stories of suicides, murders, drunkards, ex-couriers, immortality should carry on unchecked.

"Then some of these clever writers would be put through the mill of cross-examination by a clever counsel and the public would then see either true pictures of a real war, or Mammon disguised in the uniform of a old soldier."

"I am all for rubbing people's noses into the dirt of war," is the point made by Sir Philip Gibbs in the Sunday Times, "especially the noses of little ladies who still think that men ought to like fighting and dying and of bloodthirsty old men who still believe that war is 'enobling,' and 'inevitable' and good for the moral of a people, and excellent for teaching discipline to the lower orders.

"But where I think so many of these war books give an utterly false impression of what happened is that in emphasizing the ugly aspects of the war, with its brutalities and filth they leave out the other side of the picture—the loyalty of men to their own crowd their fine qualities of comradeship and devotion to duty, their sense of humor, the amazing average of human courage, the decency and self-respect and good-humored stoicism of the private soldiers the fine instincts of boys who had been true to it against all odds.

"In emphasizing the dirty business of war some of these war books dragged down the spirit of the men themselves into the filth, and besmirched the honor of all those armies of youth who went marching along the roads of France. That is the impression which I hate to see recorded in history, because, honestly, it was not true."

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