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A Too-Active Commission

The Turgeon Textile Commission is causing a good deal of embarrassment to its creators, the MACKENZIE KING GOVERNMENT, says an Ottawa correspondent. As the Government originally conceived the present textile commission, it had one main function, viz, to show that the closing of certain Canadian mills last January after the ministry had made its Japanese settlement was unwarranted and not a necessary sequel to that settlement.

J. C. McRuer, K.C., was appointed chief commission counsel. The outstanding thing about Mr. McRuer is his view on the subject of tariff protection. He shares, generally, the view which successive generations of Liberal orators have succeeded in making current throughout the western provinces, namely, that the tariff is a device by which the industrial East manages to keep its hands constantly in the pockets of the agricultural West. It is a notion no less demagogic than its basis is inadequate and ignorant, but ever since it was first trotted out for the political delusion of the Prairies it has never been given such an appearance of having evidence to support it as the McRuer examination of the textile commission witnesses has supplied.

If the Liberal Government were really desirous of making a Roman holiday of the textile industry of the country, or if free trade JIMMIE GARDNER were the only member of the ministry, all these McRuer fireworks might have the wild applause of the cabinet statesmen. Unfortunately for the exhibition, however, there is upward of a score of textile-dominated ridings in Eastern Canada which the Government is not yet prepared to hand over without a struggle to the Conservative party. The reason is obvious; the Government, as a body, is not yet weary of power; the Quebec ministers, particularly, are not tired of public life or their \$1,000 a year jobs; even Hon. W. D. EXLER of Ontario is not anxious to become a martyr to Liberal consistency in the matter of the party's tariff declarations in western Canada.

If the textile commission had stopped at the point of questioning in its entirety the tariff protection enjoyed by the Canadian industry, things would have been—from the standpoint of the Government—bad enough. But a worse development followed. That man McRuer proceeded in Ottawa, right on the ministry's doorstep, to bring out testimony suggesting that some of the textile firms had not made full or accurate disclosures in their income tax returns. Such a revelation, of course, should have only one sequel; in the case of an individual, it would have only one. But against the textile companies the Government has seemed reluctant to a degree to act.

The truth appears to be that the Liberal Government is no more willing than a Conservative Government would be to injure a textile industry which contributes so vitally to the economy of the country. There is the political side. As stated above, the vote of textile workers is a decisive factor in upward of a score of eastern Canada ridings, the majority of which the Liberals now hold. Furthermore, there is the aspect of revenue. The Government has figured out that the textile industry, in the form of income, sales, and other miscellaneous taxes, contributes one hundred million dollars annually to the national treasury. Naturally, when it is making strenuous efforts to balance its budget, the Government is not anxious to butcher a cow which yields such rich cream.

Newfoundland's Status

With HIS MAJESTY'S Coronation only a few months away, the St. John's Evening Telegram raises the pertinent question of Newfoundland's status at this historic ceremony. Attending the Coronation in an official capacity will be representatives of the various Dominions, and under the circumstances existing prior to February, 1934, Newfoundland would have taken her place with her sister Dominions at Westminster as a matter of course. There has been no action taken to change the constitution of the country prior to the establishment of Government by Commission. The Letters Patent of February, 1934, merely declare that the Letters Patent of March, 1876, and July 1905, "shall be suspended pending the further declaration of our pleasure." The fact that the former status of Newfoundland is in abeyance, argues the Telegram, does not remove Newfoundland from the Dominion classification. "As the oldest Colony in the Empire, it has a right to expect that it will be properly represented at the crowning of its King, and the loyalty of its people to the Crown with all that it represents demands that its place shall not be vacant when the nations of the Empire participate in this important function."

Editorial Notes

Christmas shopping days have now begun. We have been well seasoned with cold before our real winter begins. Toronto is not backward in coming forward with her demands on the Federal Government. She is asking no less than \$4,000,000 for pavement widening, park grading, grade separations and a municipal airport armory. Here seems to be Charlottetown's chance "to get in on the ground floor."

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Marine casualties have been more numerous recently than for many years.

Is there any temperance sentiment left in the Province outside that of Rev. Mr. Watterworth and "Prohibitionist"?

The Fox Show concludes today after having been for five days the outstanding centre of attraction.

It is written that the meek shall inherit the earth, but our youthful dictator seems to have made other arrangements.

Soon, too soon, under the Reciprocal Pact, the U.S.A. will be closed to our potatoes. Then must we depend upon the Montreal and Toronto outlets.

The Nova Scotian farmer who advertised for a wife with \$3,500 to finance his farm, has had plenty of offers, but only one with the required finances. She said she had \$3,500 and was willing to invest it in "a good man and a good home", but she was cautious enough to add that she would first require further particulars before making the venture.

For the month of October usually regarded as the last month of Canada's tourist season, the total amount of dutiable goods brought in from U.S.A. under the \$100 exemption was \$388,714. Clothing led with more than half the total, the amount being \$354,641; miscellaneous items were \$151,369; boots and shoes, \$62,247; furniture and household appliances, \$92,790. This is a privilege that benefits the wealthy traveller at the expense of the local tradesman and average taxpayer.

Admiral Sir Edward Evans "of the Broke", who was elected by the students Lord Rector of Aberdeen University in a contest including four aspirants wired his acceptance in the following terms: "The invitation to stand for election by students of Aberdeen University came as a pleasant surprise. First, because I have never done anything for Aberdeen; secondly, because I am a Welshman, born of an Irish mother; thirdly, because I know no rector of any university who has been expelled from school as I was from the Merchant Taylors for fighting for pennies in the London Meat Market when scarcely 10 years old."

Rev. J. S. Bonnell told his Fifth Avenue Presbyterian congregation on Sunday "many ministers are not yet awake to a realization of the many ways in which psychological knowledge can be of service to them as they meet with their people in personal interviews." Quoting the statement of Dr. Henry C. Link that "the findings of psychology in respect to personality were largely a rediscovery of old religious truths," Dr. Bonnell declared that the autobiographical Thirty-second Psalm "contains all the truest teaching of modern psychology and psychiatry on the subject of a repressed sense of guilt and its release, the joy and the peace that come through confession and the realization of forgiveness."

New Waterford, N.S. District Command of the Canadian Legion have suggested to the Dominion Command the following amendments to the War Veterans Allowance Act: To provide allowances equal to 100 per cent. pension as provided in the act; to widen the grounds of eligibility to include all veterans over 50 years of age who were unable to continue their usual occupations; to further provide allowances to ex-service men, regardless of age who are unable, through disability, to accept employment at their regular work; provision of continuance of allowances to widows and dependents of recipients. A fifth amendment suggested no deduction be made from any allowance because of any property owned by the applicant.

Circulation of provincial scrip is at the lowest level in Alberta since the Aberhart government introduced the stamp money in August. Only \$36,000 is outstanding, it is estimated. The third monthly redemption period ended November 13, reducing circulation from \$66,000 to \$36,000. Outstanding scrip aggregated \$51,000 a month ago, but since then about \$15,000 was issued through the Alberta Civil Service. If the estimate of \$15,000 accepted by the civil service is correct, the average employe took 7 1/2 per cent. of his salary in scrip. Cabinet Ministers were also invited to take scrip in lieu of cash, but exact totals have not been published. Every employe took as much or as little scrip as he chose. Treasury officials have estimated that \$10,000 in scrip has been taken out of circulation for souvenirs and by collectors. This would reduce to \$26,000 the total that must eventually be redeemed by the province.

Because of their political "dynamite" all defence and munition developments are being cloaked by the Government so far as is possible in a heavy veil of mystery. During the past few days, however, the following facts have become known on authority which is unimpeachable. 1. That discussions on various angles of the defence problem have been held between Britain and Canada through departmental channels. (The fact that the conversations have been so conducted explains Mr. King's statement that he has had no part in such discussions). 2. That the extent of Canada's ability to supply munitions has been explored. 3. That the Canadian Government has taken the attitude that, while it would be inadvisable for it to attempt to organize the supply itself, it would place no obstacle in the way of private industries which are adequately equipped delivering to the order of British interests. Britain is believed to be acting in accordance with this position and important orders are said to be on their way to Canada.

Notes by the Way

It has been noted before that Roosevelt was the issue in the election and that he was denounced ten times to every once that London was praised. Al Smith, former Governor Ely and former Senator Reed were seething with hate for Roosevelt. They overshot the mark. The poison percentage in their venom was too high for the public to absorb it. Father Coughlin may still have the hopes of his bishop and justly have a useful public function to perform. He is a young man and may be capable of learning from his past experience which shows that hatred itself is no firm basis for any kind of campaign, even a dog-fight at election time.—Mail and Empire.

Those were salient words expressed by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the British House of Commons last week: "When I hear people speak of Communism and Fascism as if they were the greatest constitutional experiments of our time, I feel how little do these fanatics and theorists understand the magnitude of the experiment of the British Empire. This great system we are now called upon to make secure. The world abroad no less than we ourselves demands it to be made secure. If the dark ages followed for five centuries the downfall of the Roman Empire, a more profound darkness, a much longer black-out of civilization would follow the break-up of our great system." —Moncton Times.

Additional proof that the more human beings change the more they are the same seems offered in an archaeological discovery just announced. A sculpture found in an ancient Mayan Indian city of Guatemala portrays a public meeting. And the sculptor who carved this work more than a thousand years ago might very well have had a modern political rally or lecture as his subject. For among the figures shown in this lintel is the pompous speaker, demanding attention; one of the audience poking another, as if asking what it is all about; two gentlemen arguing vigorously between themselves; and two other men slumped listlessly, apparently engrossed in their own thoughts.—Victoria Times.

Tell a man that he should walk more and use the car less and he will probably say, "Oh, yeah" but get him interested in some form of recreation and he will take quite a lot of exercise without realizing it. To find out how far a dancer would step, a newspaper attached speedometers to the feet of an experimental couple who kept partnership all evening. It was found that during a fast number they stepped 170 yards and 70 yards for a slow dance. The net result for the evening was about nine miles. Ask these people to go for a nine miles walk after supper and they would probably throw up their hands in horror.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

The book of nature has three leaves, heaven, earth and sea, of which heaven is the first, and most glorious, and by its aid we are able to see the beauty of the other two. Any book without its first page would be sadly imperfect, and especially the great natural Bible, since its first pages, the sun, moon and stars, supply light to the rest of the volume, and are thus the keys without which the writing which follows would be dark and undiscerned. Man walking erect was evidently made to scan the skies, and he who begins to read creation by studying the stars begins the book at the right place.—Spurgeon.

Great Britain's unemployment lines dwindle at a great clip. Employment in industry reaches the all-time high of 11,165,655. There remain only 1,611,810 unemployed. Anglo-American comparisons are of little value, since the depression evoked more calamitous statistics in the United States from the very start. British employment owes something to the big arms program but not all, since normal industries are re-absorbing their quotas of workers.—Christian Science Monitor.

Tread softly as you walk up Tabernacle Street from Finsbury Pavement, for this is sacred ground. As you pass Castle Street, there should be a stile in front, with a footpath leading into the fields, and immediately to your right, opposite the back entrance of the Wesleyan chapel, a tall hill crowned with three windmills. This is no natural mound, but built up with more than a thousand cart-loads of the bones of the dead, brought from the great Charnel-house of St. Paul's in 1540. London dust was added to make it firm, and heretics who escaped the flames of Smithfield by a premature death in prison were buried on the summit. Later three windmills were built on the high ground, and it became known as Windmill Hill, and what is now

PUBLIC FORUM

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MORE SPEAKEASY ALLEGATIONS

Sir,—From Rev. Mr. Watterworth's letter in your paper on Wednesday last out-of-town people might be inclined to infer that there was only one up-to-date "Speak-Easy" in Summerside. This is not the case as there are many "Speak-Easies" in the Premier's home town besides the one referred to by Mr. Watterworth and they make no pretense at hiding their business. (Here the writer gives particulars of ten alleged "Speak-Easies" operating in a wide-open manner.)

Whether one leaves town for the East or for the West lubricants may be obtained.

These are only a few of the public places and don't think they are any "hole in the wall" joints for they are well furnished and catering for business as competition is keen and if anyone wants to sell liquor in Summerside the customers demand service. These places reflect the last word in Speakeasy appointments.

I am Sir, etc.,

SUMMERSIDE CITIZEN

THE CHELTON SLIP

Sir,—Kindly permit me space in your Forum to correct a few misleading statements, concerning this much discussed Chelton seaweed-slip written by one who signs himself Enquirer when he should have signed himself Deceiver.

Enquirer states that this slip has served the public for three-quarters of a century, when as a matter of fact there has not been any sign of a slip there for more than half that length of time.

When those very energetic Conservative heads began excavating for this slip they faced an almost perpendicular bank of at least fifteen feet in height.

He also makes the remark that Observer's addition and multiplication are very much at fault, when according to his own statements he cannot add, multiply or even see. Of course we remember the old saying, "There are none so blind as those that will not see." He writes that the clay removed in the making of this slip was used for road grading when again the facts are, there were possibly twenty small cart loads of clay used for grading purposes and the remainder, one hundred and fifty loads or more were thrown over the bank to be washed away by the tides and wasted as was the people's money in the construction of this useless slip. He also states that many loads of fertilizer were hauled up this slip, another statement from an adolescent mind.

Now in regard to the amount of seaweed that has been hauled up this so-called slip. All the people living in the vicinity know that one farmer hauled a part load up this slip once and remarked that he would never attempt to haul up another one. Another farmer made the attempt to haul one load up this slip but found it impossible to do so, and those two attempts cover all the many loads that Enquirer speaks of.

In conclusion I can truthfully



SNOW IN THE SUBURBS

Every branch big with it, Bent every twig with it; Every fork like a white web-foot; Every street and pavement mute; Some flakes have lost their way; and grope back upward, when Meeting those meandering down they turn and descend again. The pallings are glued together like a wall, And there is no waft of wind with the fleecy fall.

A sparrow enters the tree Whereon immediately A snow-lump thrice his own slight size Descends on him and showers his head and eyes, And overturns him, And near inurns him, And lights on a nether twig, when its brush Starts off a volley of other lodging lumps with a rush. The steps are a blanched slope, Up which, with feeble hope, A black cat comes, wide-eyed and thin; And we take him in.

—Thomas Hardy. Tabernacle Street as Windmill Street.—The National Review.

say that this so-called seaweed slip lying as it is at the turn of the road is very dangerous to motorists who do not know of its location, and Enquirer should use every caution when rattling around this turn in his car because if he happens to skid down this seaweed slip the party will very likely lose one of its cherished supporters. I am, Sir, etc.,

INFORMER.

PROHIBITION SO-CALLED

Sir,—How familiar we are with that pathetic Bible story of Cain and Abel. "And Cain was very wroth" "And the Lord said unto Cain, why art thou wroth? if thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door."

Public men offer themselves as servants to the people. They make piteous appeals and enticing promises to attain position. Men of outstanding honor implement their election pledges. There are those who admit their promises to be only a means to attain power.

One of the Liberal pledges was "better law enforcement" some on the platform, referring to prohibition, promising 100 per cent perfect enforcement. There is grounds for believing that had Premier Leavelle lived, he would have made some effort to redeem his pledge.

What is the gruesome tale of every day facts? When in the history of the Province had we the appalling spectacle of so many bodies of drowned persons gathered in from the shores and city or town docks that we now read of with such frequency in daily papers?

Why do men lose balance and fall in, or die of exposure within a few yards of a dwelling? Don't hurt the feelings of grief-stricken relatives with published knowledge that liquor was the real cause. But more heinous than this don't let it be known that their beloved one, the father or brother or support of the home has been doped to his cruel death by grog supplied under sanction of those who gave such solemn pledges to prevent such outrages. It is the infirmity of some to be unable to resist an appetite for strong drink, and nine out of ten of those so sadly bereaved are more willing to curse those who distribute the distilled damnation than they are sensible of the loved one who has been tempted and taken too much.

The eyes of the people are now being opened to the perfidy of election pledges. It is hard to pick up a daily paper without a report of a drowning, an auto accident, a fatality, a burglary or other crime, the product of a fostering liquor traffic. Day by day we read of conviction for offense, many of them instituted by the efficiency of our local or R. C. M. Police. But here we find an unbalanced budget when we compute the total of fines credited as collected, with the total of fines imposed, or the number in jails with those who should be there by edict of the Court. Police and magistrates have done their duty. Under the Prohibition Commission, as required by the Act, those offenders had no easy snap. It was pay, or jail, or, in exceptional cases a right about face to good behaviour.

Are there any in the Province who will claim that the Prohibition Act is either observed or enforced by those responsible for this duty? Has any one, as in days that are past, had the temerity to come out in defense of the government with any plausible arguments in its favor? Not one. Even the official organ is silent as the grave.

The reprimand of Cain applies. Of a certainty if sponsors of enforcement had done well their services would be accepted. Our Temperance societies and people would take delight in doing honor to and publicly commending both Premier and Government upon their achievement. The writer, I assure you, would be foremost amongst those having pleasure in placing floral wreaths of approval upon the Premier's brow, and would do it without stint. But I never could play the hypocrite to condone that shameful state of affairs which today cannot produce a champion in the Province and in which the defaulters make no effort either to excuse or justify.

I am Sir, etc.,

PROHIBITIONIST

THE DICTATOR'S DOOM

Sir,—Back in a darker age, before Hitlerism was crushed in England, there were subjects who dare not speak their mind, or even keep silence in a lordly presence. An aged citizen of our city, highly respected, told me of a slash of heavy driving whip, cutting his flesh as a young boy because he forgot to doff his hat when he passed the "Squire."

The famous letters of Junius were hid in obscure authorship, to avert autocratic vengeance. That notable writer, Dean Swift, was compelled to attack wrongs in high places in language of metaphor lest the weapons of court be directed against

Mr. Tea Pott Says: For a Delicious Cup of Full Flavoured Tea Use BRAHMIN Orange Pekoe Tea

That Body of Powers By James W. Barton, M.D.

EPILEPSY MAY BE DUE TO INJURY

Although many epileptic individuals can be kept free of attacks it is unfortunately true that despite a long and constant search for its cause it has not yet been found. That starch and liquid foods increase attacks and fat foods seem to lessen their number is of course known.

That injury is responsible for some cases has been known to the medical profession for some years, and in searching for the cause the use of the X-ray in examining the inner side of the skull has been of help.

It has been thought that the injury occurred at birth or at an early age. It is interesting therefore to read of a case which came before the Workmen's Compensation Board of Tennessee, where a workman following an injury, began to suffer with attacks of epilepsy.

"The worker, a young man who, according to the evidence, had always been well and strong, fell and struck his head against an iron radiator. He was unconscious for some hours. About a month later he developed symptoms of epilepsy and grew progressively worse. Attributing epilepsy to the fall, he instituted proceedings under the Workmen's Compensation Act of Tennessee and the trial court gave judgment in his favor. The employer appealed this decision contending that the epilepsy caused rather than resulted from the fall—a natural thing to happen.

However, there was evidence that he had never before had any head injury or shown any signs of epilepsy. Expert witnesses testified that the epilepsy may have resulted from the injury to the brain due to the fall." The Supreme Court decision was, "When a well man, with no history suggestive of brain disease, suffers a severe head injury and later develops brain trouble, without any intervening or apparent cause, it is only fair to lay the blame on the fall, and when medical experts testify that epilepsy may result from an injury the evidence is complete." Judgment in favor of the injured workman was again given.

The point then is that there have been no signs or history of any "nervous" symptoms and a strong healthy individual suddenly begins to have attacks of epilepsy a search for an injury recent or in the past should be made.

They faced the Marjan fury; they tamed the Fabian pride; They drove the fiercest Quintus an outcast forth from Rome; They sent the haughtiest Claudius with shivered fesses home.

Spare us the unexplicable wrong, the unutterable shame, That turns the coward's heart to steel, the sluggard's blood to flame, Lest when our latest hope is fled, ye taste of our despair, And learn by proof in some wild hour, how much the wretched dare."

That speech was the beginning of the end of tyranny. By this irresistible outbreak of popular fury the Decemvir (of ten) were pulled down, a Tribune elected by the people, and Appius Claudius escaped the executioner by suicide.

How like our Island history. Almost the same three score years, as in Rome, lapsing between Edward Whelan's establishment of responsible government, to the recreation of another menacing dictatorship. With the same objective, the despoiling of the home and dragging into degradation the sons and daughters of our land.

Are we as freemen going to dance to any dictator? Will we play the spaniel to the arrogant, or vince at the crack of the threatening whip? Are we without the stamina of British blood in our veins which seems to bend the knee to the would-be overlord?

Will we be free to speak our minds and utter our protests against the already condemned liquor traffic? May we join with the mothers such as that who so ably presented her grievance in your columns some time ago, without threat of muzzle or a driver's whip? May we in Macaulay's words resound the outraged father's appeal:—"Oh! dwellers of the nether gloom, avengers of the slain, By this dear blood I cry to you, do right between us twain; And even as Appius Claudius hath dealt by me and mine, Deal you by Appius Claudius and all the Claudian line!"

I am Sir, etc.,

UNMUZZED SPEECH

MELBOURNE — Johnnie Summers, famous in the ring 20 years ago as a champion boxer of Great Britain, is endeavoring to sign promising Aussie fighters for bouts in England.

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