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ECONOMIC GOVERNMENT

We are being constantly reminded by the Liberal press that the King government is this year paring expenditure to the bone. Yet evidence of the paring are not forthcoming. The main estimates show some slight reductions in the smaller items of expenditure and, altogether, something like a saving of six millions has been estimated as compared with the main estimates for last year. The supplementary estimates are yet to come and in these provision must be made for the Government's latest political self-saving adventure. Provision has yet to be made for the recouping of the depositors of the bankrupt Home Bank the price which Canada has to pay for winning the West Hastings election by a Liberal candidate. The estimated cost of this hitherto unparalleled infamy is placed at ten million dollars and the already overburdened taxpayers of Canada will be called upon to pay it. By this new method of buying a constituency for the King government the people of the Maritime provinces will be called upon to add a million dollars to their taxes, a quite considerable addition to their "Maritime Rights." About \$2,500,000 is added to the railway expenditure over the deficit of last year, but it is included in a separate account. Then there is a million a year to be provided to subsidize the ten Petersen steamers for the alleged purpose of lowering ocean freight rates but in reality at the instance of the notorious political heeler, W. T. R. Preston who for the past twenty years or so has been doing the dirty work for the Liberal party and who, in all probability has made a good wage out of this transaction which will never be worth a dollar to any other Canadian. This and similar other high flying political escapades are yet to be added to the estimates during the process of "paring the estimates to the bone." By the way, we note that a number of unexpended amounts have been placed in the estimates for Prince Edward Island. Evidently ours is a shin bone with little to spare off it and our Solid Four are quite satisfied to help buy up other constituencies for the King government. Oh, Economy, what has not been done in thy name!

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Medieval Legends of the Holy Grail" is a fitting subject for discourse in the first-days of Lent. The Maritime delegation three hundred strong will be no stronger than its strongest link, which we think everyone will agree is Mr. Nelson Rattenbury. What he does not know about Maritime rights and wrongs none of the other delegates can tell him. The third annual report of the Toronto Publicity Bureau, presented by President Allan Ross at the annual meeting held on February 16th, shows that each dollar spent in publicity during the past year brought back \$70 to the city in the shape of expenditures by visitors. It was shown that 117 conventions had brought to the city some 46,385 visitors. Mr. E. L. Cousins, consulting engineer to the Toronto Harbor Commission, succeeds Mr. Ross as president for 1925. As the result of the Government decision to pay Home Bank depositors, the Hon. Mr. Murdoch, Minister of Labour, gets his money back besides having been whitewashed for having withdrawn it on the eve of the smash and repositing it on the demand of the Bank's Receiver—in bankruptcy. It is good to be in a government which lets its railways and Ministers to attempt to stabilize a rotten structure. Wonder if the Government will allow interest to the fortunate depositors. Wouldn't he a bit surprised. Tourist traffic in Canada last

Notes By The Way

"Amazing," is the word applied by the Montreal Star to the proposal of the King Government to repay the Home Bank depositors. It seems a fitting word. What better right have these sufferers to be repaid their losses out of the national treasury than any other losers who suffer by the criminal neglect or default of the directors and officials of any other public corporation? But, of course there are a large number of them and they all have votes and there is a general election coming.

The newspapers supporting the Government, so far as our reading goes, have in no case opposed the proposed payment. Those of them which have discussed it have done so in a rather shamefaced way, but without a word of dissent and hardly a word of criticism. They are apparently consenting parties to the transaction for party's sake. The Ottawa correspondent of the Monetary Times says, "The indications are that it will take the best part of \$10,000,000. Indeed, by the time the legislation is through the House it is questionable if there will be any of the \$10,000,000 left. The bill will go through the House all right when an election is near in sight to induce many members of the lower House to oppose it. The Government would welcome opposition in the Senate, for it would give them a good issue in a general election but it is unlikely that the Senate would oppose a measure of this kind that is so strongly supported in the Commons."

As was anticipated the Labour Party in England is coming out openly against Free Trade. Hon. John Wheatley, Minister of Health in the MacDonald Cabinet and who led the party in the House in the absence of Mr. MacDonald in Jamaica, has an article in the weekly review Forward in which he declares that as a socialist he cannot support what is called Free Trade any more. Nor can he support the Tory policy of Protection without regard to existing conditions. It is an open secret that the Labour Party is considering what steps should be taken to protect British industry from unfair foreign competition, and no doubt an attempt will be made to construct a scientific tariff schedule. Nova Scotia, as has been remarked, is the queerest of queer places administratively. The other day it was reported that the Government Liquor Commissions' warehouse had been broken into and some 50 cases of whisky stolen. The Chronicle, the official organ of the Government, declared the burglary a mystery which the police had failed to solve. The chief of police denied this and retorted: "FIRST—That the Vendor Commission bonded warehouse referred to, was never broken into. "SECOND—That IF ANY LIQUOR was removed from that warehouse, it was removed through the main doorway. "THIRD—That providing the liquor was removed, those who removed it HAD THE KEYS of the doors in their possession and used them for that purpose."

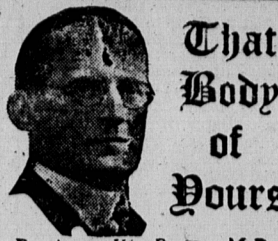
Whatever is provided for the job, be it less or more—and the Premier says, "Wait and find out"—it will be provided in the supplementary estimates yet to be brought down. If it be but eight millions instead of ten it will still be a million dollars for the taxpayers of the Maritimes to pay. Will our Maritime representatives vote to lay this additional load upon Maritime shoulders? The said Liberal blocks from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be expected to do so. So far they have never failed to vote for anything the King Government asked.

This morning at 11.30 the big Maritime Deputation will be received at Ottawa by Premier King and his colleagues. An Ottawa despatch states that the Maritime politicians now at the capital await the coming of the deputation "with stoical indifference." One of the delegates who has gone frequently on missions to Ottawa within a few years past told the Halifax Herald, "We have always been met with a smile, a cordial hand-shake, a pat on the back and a pleasant farewell. Time showed however, that the delegation had failed in its mission." We sincerely hope that something better and more substantial than smiles and handshakes may reward the present important mission.

The estimates for the coming year hold out no prospect of any early reduction in taxation or expenditure. This is surprising, as we are now in the seventh year after the war and in view of what the United States, Great Britain, Australia and other Dominions have accomplished in cutting down expenses, paying debts and reducing taxes. There must be bad management somewhere or Canadian finances would make a better showing.

A provincial election in Saskatchewan is foreshadowed in the near future. The Province has remained Liberal provincially since its organization as a province, although at the federal election of 1921 it returned practically a solid Progressive quota of members to the House of Commons. Premier Dunning has shown himself to be an able and successful leader in provincial affairs. He has a good majority in the present Legislature. Common report to that he might become a member of the King Government at Ottawa, probably as Minister of Immigration, but for the danger of the provincial Government falling into the Progressive column as Manitoba and Alberta have done.

The illness of King George was evidently more serious than the world was at first permitted to know. His Majesty holds a warm place in the affections of his people throughout the Empire and the recent reports of an improvement in his condition have been a source of relief and thankfulness in the minds of all. King George has usually enjoyed good health, the result of a sound constitution and exemplary habits and conduct. These also are a foundation for the hope that his complete restoration to his accustomed health and vigor may not be long delayed.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

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THE STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN! WARNING. Sir.—An unsigned circular has been scattered among the people of Zion Church as a warning to those "who are thinking of voting against Union." To discover who wrote it would be like trying to put your finger on a flea—and as there are about sixteen of these agile people operating in Zion Church to locate the actual writer would be a task. It is "collective work done separately," so we give up the chase and will deal with the bites of the insect. To start with the statements are somewhat alarming and designed to deceive the unwary. Take the statement: "You are proposing to cut yourself off from the Presbyterian Church in Canada to gain what?" What is the Presbyterian Church in Canada? Is it not an Association of individuals adhering to certain well defined standards of belief? And Presbyterians leaving that church do so as individuals, and not as a body. That is why we have this warning, to tell each one of us may decide. Then, the person deciding to continue adhering to the Presbyterian belief and standards is not surely cutting himself off from the Presbyterian Church. The person that leaves that church and goes into another church, who then claims to be a Presbyterian, is cutting himself off from his or her church. The statement as contained in this circular about cutting off from your church is a brazen piece of cunning misrepresentation and well calculated to deceive. The voter remaining in his church cannot at the same time be leaving it.

The next warning "Look" is certainly a mean device. It deals mostly with the dollars and cents question and has many calculations to prove that if Zion votes Presbyterian it will be financially stranded. The moneyed people are shown to be for Union and the people of small means who are against Union cannot maintain the church. Zion was never the rich people's church, if never claimed to be. The new class standard now offered of "I give more than twelve dollars (don't give more than \$100) and will be 'I give all I can afford,' and the miles of the many were never despised, and the many always were there. The recent falling off in open collections does not necessarily mean smaller attendance. It means that cash is scarcer. But the drop of 1924 from 1923 in open collections (the giving of the poorer people) was not as bad as that in the envelope collections where the givings of the rich appear. The drop in open collections was \$202.94 and the envelope contributions \$54.13. The small giver is doing better than the large one. Of course he is not trying to give a case and still keep on giving as usual.

But if possible the meanest and most uncharitable statement is the reference to St. James Church. The bid is in effect, "come Zion people and help us to carry Union and we will drive from St. James Church," which of course may cripple St. James but the implication is plain: "What do we care?" Let the persons who believe in union do a little thinking before voting for union. Do they really think it is a trifling matter to deprive their place of worship those who wish to remain in their mother church? All may not value the Presbyterian Church and regard it in the same light as others do, but those others have feelings to be considered and if our Christianity is real it must be considerate and charitable to others. Then don't vote to turn the others out as they must go if the unionists win or they must continue as unhappy worshippers in a new denomination, if they are being forced to enter it. One of the surest marks of christian character is consideration for our fellow beings, and can anyone say that driving people out of their churches and even without any compensation, has any good spirit in it? "Might is right" is the doctrine of the savage, but it should not be that of the Presbyterians.

The unsigned circular may deceive some as it is clearly drawn for that purpose. The thread of misrepresentation and hypocrisy that runs all through it should be too noticeable to deceive any one. Yet when such statements are used by those whom we should trust to induce innocent people to sign pledges to vote union, what kind of a new church are we asked to enter? When misrepresentation is now openly employed to win over people to the union side in a manner that would discredit even ward politicians what are our churches coming to? Readers of the circular will observe that the terms employed in the circular are taken from railway parlance which clearly indicates part of its source. Such objectionable railway business methods are not what we want in Zion Church even if it may be an S. O. S. call for the sixteen.

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Duke Will Marry An American Girl - NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Duke of Leinster, hereditary King of Ireland, will marry an American girl, it was said yesterday by Captain A. V. Cole, who arrived on the Aquitania "in the interest of the Duke." Captain Cole refused to name the young woman, but said her identity would startle society. The duke, well known for his sporting ventures, is ill in the British capital, but will come here to be married as soon as he recovers, Captain Cole said. THESE SHEETS ARE GUARANTEED TO MAKE 'EM ALL SLEEPING BEAUTIES - MONTREAL, Feb. 23.—A well known firm of silk manufacturers has announced "sheets to suit the complexion" — guaranteed to make every woman a sleeping beauty. The sheets will be manufactured in practically all colors, so that the blonde or brunette may sleep between her most becoming hues. This "latest thing" is being taken quite seriously by manufacturers, whose factories are busy with the preparation of colored linen and silk in anticipation of the demand for "complexion sheets" when the fad becomes general.

Your Birthday - FEBRUARY 26.—You are quick to grasp a situation, interested in most things that happen round you. Can keep your own counsel, and other people's secrets, too, inclined to be nervous. Very affectionate, but not of the kind that gives everything, expecting nothing in return. At your best in quiet surroundings, though you can probably hold your own in "company." You should marry well. Your birth-stone is an amethyst, which means sincerity. Your flower is a primrose. Your lucky colors are light blue and yellow. WHEATLEY TAKES STAND AGAINST FREE TRADE - LONDON, Feb. 24.—It is an open secret that many members of the Labour party are beginning to think that some steps will have to be taken to protect British industry from unfair foreign competition, says the Times today. John Wheatley, Labour member for Shetleston, minister of health in Ramsay MacDonald's cabinet, who may be regarded as the leader in this movement, has an article

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