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PARTY FUNDS

One of the points Mr. Crerar attempts to make against the existing Party System is that they have funds and that these funds are contributed to by interested individuals. It is not a new charge by any means. From time immemorial new aspirants to office have accused the powers that be of having possession of ill-gotten gains in the shape of party funds. Now there is no use of Mr. Crerar or any other party man posing as a Slim on Pure in the matter of organization funds. "Where do the campaign funds come from?" he asks. Mr. McKeighan answered him pretty smartly the other day when he reminded him that the Grain Growers, of which he is the head, spent ten times on propaganda during the past five years, more than the Liberal Conservatives had. Where did that money come from? Was it not from the parties who had an interest in seeing that the Grain Growers Trust was not assailed?

The facts are easy to understand. For the last three or four years the Grain Growers have been carrying on a desperate campaign to destroy the Government. To that end their great trade organization in the West has financed the Grain Growers Guide, The United Farmers Guide and assisted in the financing of other newspapers. The Farmers' Sun of Toronto, devoted specially to the movement, has been financed and supported by the organization and by individual members thereof. The organized farmers of the west as individuals and through their organizations have also contributed sums, which in the aggregate is stated to be over \$1,000,000 for the purpose of backing their Free Trade policy, the effect of which, if placed in operation could only be to destroy the manufacturing institutions and mixed farming interests of the east—manufacturing and farming in the east being interwoven.

In the face of these conditions surely the business men of the country would be the worst kind of fools if they did not retaliate in kind by subscribing of their means to prevent the destruction of their business and farming prospects. Does Mr. Crerar expect that these men, whose businesses and farms are today imperilled by the Free Trade menace, which he holds over their heads, are going to sit down calmly and see their business and farms uprooted, their investments and their work of a lifetime destroyed, without putting up a fight? Does he think they will meekly accept his designation of them as jobbers and robbers of the public, battering and fattening under an immoral policy? If he imagines any of these things, he is more unopinionated even than we had imagined him to be. The people of Eastern Canada are not fools and they are well able to play Mr. Crerar at his own game and beat him. On the principle that self-preservation is the first law of nature, subscriptions to campaign funds were never more justified than today. Even the farmers lawyer and foxman who formed the National Progressive Party yesterday saw the expediency of immediately setting about to raise a campaign fund. Money is essential for such a purpose, and one of the complaints of the executive yesterday was that organization could not be carried out earlier because funds had not been subscribed by those interested to defray the organizer's expenses. Mr. Crerar has as much right to depreciate the collection of funds from the United Farmers as he has from the independent farmers and business men who contribute to the other parties in the Dominion.

OUR FINANCIAL STANDING

The Patriot has broken another of its long silences. It will be remembered that several weeks ago the Guardian reproduced from a Montreal newspaper a news item to the effect that P. E. Island debentures were being offered for sale in Toronto. This was the first Prince Edward Island had heard of the transaction and there was a good deal of indignation not only because the Bell government had concealed this bond issue but that they went outside of the province for a loan which they could have secured at home. The debentures bearing 6 per cent interest for 10 years have been sold at a good figure, namely 99.199 and now the Patriot childishly credits the Bell government with the Island's excellent credit. The splendid financial position of the province gives the lie direct to the Patriot's oft repeated charge of bankruptcy and ruin. Patriot readers will recall the Patriot's and the Liberal candidates' blue ruin cry before the election and every child in the province knows that debentures are not sold on the strength of a year or two or three years' financial manipulation by the Bell government. The splendid position occupied by the province in the financial world is due to the safe and sane policy followed by two successive Conservative governments in the past ten years under the administration of Premier (now Chief Justice) Matheson and Premier (now Justice) Arsenault. If the Bell government remains in power till the end of its present parliamentary term we shall be exceedingly lucky if we can borrow money at any rate of interest.

WILFUL WASTE.

Throughout this province today there are thousands of bushels of apples hanging on the trees waiting for destruction by frost or rotting on the ground. Many of these apples are of as good quality as the imported and if carefully packed would find ready sale. Thrown into bags, indiscriminately and brought to market no one will buy them. This lesson has been taught year after year for the past half century and the waste goes on. There are many people who would be glad to have the apples for the picking; our hospitals would be glad to have them if some generously minded philanthropist or group of philanthropists would take the trouble to bring them in. As it is it is a sinful waste.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Misrepresentation and evasion are evidences of weakness or of fraud. The Liberal candidates and the Liberal press have misrepresented more grossly and evaded the real issues more studiously than in any other political campaign, not excluding the late Bell election campaign. Can they get away with it the second time?

The Patriot yesterday gave prominence to a letter from a Liberal lawyer in Manitoba in which he states that the Conservatives will not get more than seven seats in the western provinces. The sting of his letter is in the tail however for he adds "We are having a convention here on the 27th Thursday, BUT WILL BRING OUT NO CANDIDATE" but will let the Progressives and the government fight it out. I see they have mentioned my name but I will not have it as it would help the Tories to run a Liberal here! Discretion is the better part of valour," thinks this Liberal lawyer who was once well known in Charlottetown.

Current Comment Happenings Of The Week

Messrs Sinclair and D. A. Mc Kinnon are reported as resorting to the "Big interests" fables as a new means of belounging the real election issues. People are wondering how long these romances are to continue, and as to when their powers of invention will reach exhaustion. Everything in Canada outside of the Liberal ranks, according to their stories, is of or under "big interests" control. Amongst their conclusive proofs of this is the fact that so many in Government circles are found upon the directorates of the going concerns of the country. Now this argument is either a very sound or a very fallacious one. To illustrate the point we are going to aim at, let us get down to the smallest amongst the rural boards in Queen's County. When a school district elects its Trustees DO THEY SELECT THE IGNORANT AND INCOMPETENT OF THEIR NUMBER, OR DO THEY ELECT THE WISEST AND BEST BUSINESS MEN TO THESE POSITIONS? The same is true of their Butter and Cheese Factory Directors and the heads of their Farmers Institutes. Mr. Sinclair, for instance, is himself President of the Canadian Farm Products, Inc., and ITS SUCCESS OR FAILURE is a testimony either to his ability or his inability to direct its affairs.

Likewise in all the corporations of our business community there is no tendency amongst stockholders to hunt up ignorant men to conduct their business. On the contrary their quest is for the ablest and most astute men of business that it is possible for them to get. Is there an elector in this province who does not know this to be true in every instance? What, then, is true of these concerns which we have at our doors, is also true in the much larger sense in the great monetary corporations of the Dominion where the shareholders are vast in number with the greatest of financial interests at stake. Such stockholders not only insist upon getting the brainiest men on their Boards of Directors, but they also insist upon getting those of the most trustworthy character, MEN WHO ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND WHOSE HONOR CAN NOT BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION. We ask any intelligent reader, is this not the essence of common sense? Is there even the shadow of a doubt about this, or the slightest reason for believing that the monied people of Canada would entrust their big business concerns to any but the most upright and intelligent of men?

Is it not, then, the soundest of reasoning that the men who are steered by the greatest business concerns in the Dominion as the most competent and trustworthy to manage their business, are EQUALLY THE MOST COMPETENT AND TRUSTWORTHY TO MANAGE THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTRY? Is it the Liberal idea that only the offshootings of the country, those whom no company or corporation would trust to handle a dollar, are fit to take charge of the all important offices and functions of government? This apparently, is the Sinclair-D. A. Mc Kinnon idea, or at least it is the essence of their argument for they never tire and never cease in their diatribes against what they are pleased to call the "big interests." The Railway Commission, (established by the Laurier Government) and the C. N. R. Board of Directors are their especial objects of attack upon these grounds. Would the people of Canada consent to have these great government services placed in the hands of people whom not a single stockholding company in the civilized world would entrust with the management of their corporate affairs? And yet this is what the Liberal argument actually amounts to.

If it is so that in the Liberal combination their leaders are free from these entanglements with companies then it is for one of two reasons. It is either that the business concerns of Canada do not consider them as fit and competent men to fill these positions with credit to themselves and profit to their corporation and shareholders, or else that they are not considered to be sufficiently honest to entrust with the handling of the money. In either case they are equally unfit for the government of the country. If they are too incompetent to handle a corporate business then they are also too incompetent to conduct the business of the country. And on the other hand, if it is because of untrustworthiness that they are excluded from the directorates of companies, then for the same reason we cannot entrust them with the national exchequer. This test in a good and strong one, and the admitted weakness of Liberalism in not being able to live up to it is surely most damaging as a feature of their campaign. It is after all possible that none of their number can be found with this business reputation and training so essential for the positions of public trust and responsibility after which they are so diligently striving.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

Furnished by the late Mr. W. S. Louson

GRATITUDE I praise Thee while my days go, I love Thee; while my days go on; Through dark and death, through fire and frost, With emptied arms and treasures lost, I thank Thee while my days go on. And having in Thy life-depth thrown Being and suffering (which are one), As a child drops his pebbles small, Down some deep well, and hears it fall, Smiling—so I, Thy days go on.

To freshen the memory of those who may not quite grasp the real intent and purpose of "Poppy Day," it will do no harm to quote Col. John MacRae's lovely lines from "In Flanders Fields."

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place, and in the sky The larks still bravely singing, fly, Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe, To you from falling hands we throw The torch—be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders' fields.

Lady Elizabeth Byng and Mary Byng were passengers on the Empress of Britain which reached Quebec on Wednesday. They are nieces of Lord and Lady Byng and will be in Ottawa for the winter.

Miss Wanda Wyatt of "Summer-side" is visiting in Ottawa the guest of Miss Lenore Chapman.

Judge and Mrs. Warburton are home from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Bate of Ottawa.

Mrs. Donald McKinnon made a most agreeable hostess when she entertained last Saturday afternoon in order that the ladies of this city should have the opportunity and pleasure of meeting Lady Foster, who greatly enjoyed her short visit to this Province.

That the ladies of this city are wide awake as to the forthcoming election was evidenced by the large numbers who promptly registered at the several polls during the week and attended the different political meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Avar of Sackville were week end visitors to the city.

Mrs. Engovin, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Bennett in Sackville has arrived Summer-side where she will spend a short time with her son, Rev. C. White.

Residents from all sections of the Garden Provinces will sympathize with Mrs. Louson and family in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. John Fraser of Greenshields, Ltd., came down from Montreal for the funeral of the late Mr. Louson.

Mrs. Waller was "At Home" at the Russ on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Towriss and Miss Towriss new comers to this city who were cordially welcomed by a large number of callers. Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Towriss and Miss Towriss welcomed their guests together in the pretty drawing room, to which they were ushered by Mrs. W. F. Morris. Tea was poured by Mrs. Glendinning and Mrs. H. R. Large, while Mrs. W. H. Prowse cut the loaves. A number of charming young ladies assisted in serving while little Miss Helen Morris, attended the door.



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Shutting Out Canadian Products

The United States Emergency Tariff is fulfilling the expectations of those who feared it, that is to say, it is protecting the farmers of the United States by shutting out Canadian farm products. The figures of our exports of these products to the United States for the last four months, compared with the same period last year, should be carefully studied by every Canadian farmer. They show that our exports dropped from \$12,234,208 to \$12,770,040. The following are the figures as respects the most important items:

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PATONS WEEK END Thanksgiving Specials

For today Saturday the falling lines are offered: Specials in Dress Goods, Cloths, Linens, Table Napkins, Velvets, Ladies Hats and Tams, Underwear, Ladies Coats, Suits, and Dresses, Corsets, Gloves and Hosiery, Flannellets, Men's Underwear, Shirts, Sweaters, Ulsters, Suits and Overcoats. Also Boys Suits.

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