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THE EVIDENCE.

For the remainder of the campaign electors throughout the country will be summing up the evidence preparatory to giving their verdict on the 14th of September. Practically all the evidence is already in. There will be addresses to the jury although they have already been addressed. The leaders of both parties have had their say and what they have said has been published broadcast. Nothing that can be added by either can throw any new light on the subject, although there is yet time to attempt to mix and muddle the jury.

Mr. Mackenzie King has raised the "constitutional question." He has attacked the Governor-General because His Excellency had refused to grant him dissolution of parliament. Was His Excellency justified in refusing this request? Let the honest elector look the matter fairly and squarely in the face. A vote censuring the Government was under discussion in parliament. Mr. Mackenzie King had good reason to believe that the vote would carry against the Government. Rather than face it he appealed to the Governor-General for dissolution of parliament. Would the Governor-General be justified in granting dissolution while this vote was pending? Granted that there was a possibility of the vote of censure not being carried, would not common decency and common fairness demand that this question be settled before any action was taken on it? Mr. Mackenzie King, mindful only of his own interests thinks, or says he thinks—although he knows better—that the Governor-General should have yielded to his demand. No intelligent or fair-minded elector will think so. As the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen succinctly put it in his speech at The Strand the other night, "Did any one ever hear of a prisoner asking the Judge to dismiss a jury because some of the jurors had shown symptoms of pronouncing him guilty?" It was conceivable, he said, that some prisoners might ignorantly make such a request but it is not conceivable that any intelligent judge would consider it a sufficient reason to discharge the jury. This was exactly what Mr. King wanted the Governor-General to do, discharge the jury before they had an opportunity to pronounce him guilty. Lord Byng knew his duty and had the courage to do it.

Mr. King says the report of the parliamentary committee did not censure his Government. It is difficult to imagine what Mr. King regards as censure. Certainly he is thick-skinned if he does not think it censure to say, as the Stevens amendment to the Parliamentary Committee report said: "The Prime Minister and the Government had knowledge for some considerable time of the rapid degeneration of the Department of Customs and Excise and their failure to take prompt and effective remedial action is wholly indefensible."

This amendment was passed by a majority of ten in the House of Commons. If Mr. Mackenzie King considers it a complement on his administration he must be an ignoramus as well as an egotist. As to the fiscal policy of the respective parties, Mr. Meighen in his addresses here and elsewhere stressed the fact that the Conservative fiscal policy is the same as in 1921 and 1925, to maintain the principle of protection in all tariffs, on agricultural products as well as on manufactured products, not a tariff on certain classes of products to suit certain sections or certain classes of industry, but a tariff that would afford necessary protection to the Canadian farmer,

the Canadian manufacturer, the Canadian workman and Canadian material. Against this the Liberal press is screaming "high protection," "high taxation," "high cost of living." Reasonable protection for Canadian products, a fair chance for Canadians in the Canadian market, a fair chance for the Canadian workman or Canadian farmer and a Canadian industry is the Conservative policy, and is the only policy by which Canada can grow to its full stature as a country and as a nation.

As to the paramount need of honest government nothing more need be said. We have had five years of government whose conduct of public affairs, according to the majority of the members of parliament, "is wholly indefensible." If Canada is true to itself, there shall not be such a government again in many years. No member of the late government and no supporter or apologist for it, is entitled to a second chance. Let us have a government with a clean record, with a straight and definite policy, and let us return men to parliament who will stand by it.

MR. KING PIQUED.

Ex-Premier King is fast degenerating into a petty-pleaded politician, grasping at straws with which to whip his opponent. At St. Mary's, Ontario, he is said to have "attacked" the Prime Minister for having stated at St. John, N.B., that he, Mr. King, had reduced the tariff on automobiles which are the rich man's hobby or business man's means of transportation, but had done nothing to reduce the cost of workmen's clothes. "Why," asked Mr. King, "did not Mr. Meighen introduce an amendment to the tariff to that effect, and he, Mr. King, would have supported it." This is the smart alecism which Mr. King is passing off on the unsuspecting electorate for sound logic and reasonable criticism. Nobody knows better than Mr. King that neither Mr. Meighen nor any other one unauthorized by the Government can introduce a financial resolution. These must emanate from the government solely. Apart from this insurmountable obstacle there remains the fact that it would be a very poor compliment to Mr. Mackenzie King's statesmanship to have the leader of the Opposition inflame and introduce his financial policy. Mr. King's persistent fault-finding will have no effect upon the thinking electorate, but there are others, unfortunately who do not take the trouble to think for themselves and it is these Mr. King hopes to capture by his fallacious reasoning.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To a dyed-in-the-wool, doubled and twisted Grit, what Mackenzie King says is right whether it is right or not.

Prime Minister Meighen paid a graceful compliment to Messrs. Myers and Messervey, the Conservative candidates for Queens County. How will ex-Premier King compliment Messrs. Jenkins, Sinclair and McLean when he comes before their constituents? They each have a record; will King go into particulars?

The man who shields the wrongdoer is in the same position as the receiver of stolen goods and is equally culpable. Canada does not want a government whose ministers looked quietly on while the country was being robbed of millions and its revenues wasted in orgies of immorality and drunkenness. Nor does it want as representatives men, professedly reputable, who assisted in a futile attempt to whitewash the guilty ones.

Notes by the Way.

An interesting controversy is being carried on in the Toronto Mail and Empire between Miss Agnes MacPhail and Mr. Watson Griffiths, F.R.G.L., F.R.S.A., on the alleged constitutional question. Miss MacPhail voted against Mr. Mackenzie King on the vote of censure for maladministration of the Customs, but when the logical result followed, she tried to curry favor with her Liberal supporters by claiming that the Governor General should have granted the dissolution before the members voted on the censure motion. Mr. Griffiths disputed this, and Miss MacPhail came back with these questions: "Does Mr. Griffiths think that the people of Canada were not capable of rendering judgment on Mr. King's action? Does he contend that the Mother Country must maintain a Governor-General to judge for us?"

The answer to the first question says Mr. Griffiths, is that the people of Canada will render their judgment on Mr. King's action on the 14th of September, and in spite of the efforts of Liberal "constitutional lawyers" to befog the issue the verdict of the Canadian people is likely to be so decisive that no Canadian Premier will ever again try to throttle Parliament to prevent a vote of censure of his Government for maladministration of an important department of the public service.

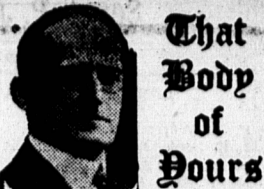
A Premier who tries to throttle Parliament is as dangerous as a King who tries to make himself absolute. I commend to the consideration of Miss Agnes MacPhail the words of Milton, which may be applied most appropriately to the attempt of William Lyon Mackenzie King to force the dissolution of Parliament to prevent a vote of censure. "Grant him this," said Milton, "and the Parliament has no more freedom than if it sat in his noose, which when he pleases to draw together with one twitch of his negative shall throttle a whole nation."

"Monarchs who desired to be absolute rulers were at one time the greatest menace to democracy; but in the present age the greatest danger is from dictators who try to encroach upon the rights and privileges of Parliaments elected by the people. The rise of dictatorships in Europe since the war is one of the amazing facts of the age. On the 14th of September the Canadian people will declare emphatically that they do not want a Mackenzie King dictatorship."

"The answer to Miss MacPhail's second question is that the Mother Country does not maintain a Governor-General in Canada. The people of Canada maintain the Governor-General. He is selected jointly by the Canadian Government and the British Government, the object of this method of selection being to secure as representative of the King in Canada, one who will be no more tinged with Canadian politics than the hereditary King is tinged with British politics. The system has worked well in the past, but in view of the present attempts of Liberals to arouse popular prejudice against the Governor-General, I personally believe that it would be advisable to prevent such agitators in the future, by having the Governor-General appointed directly by the King, whose representative he is. I have advocated this method of appointment in the past as more in consonance with our status as one of the equal nations of the British Empire. However, the present Governor-General, like his predecessors, has acted as impartially as if he had been chosen directly by the King to represent him in Canada.

"Having answered the questions of Miss Agnes MacPhail, I take the liberty of asking her a question. Does Miss MacPhail think that the Governor-General should have prevented the Parliament elected by the people from expressing condemnation of the Government's failure to remedy the evil administration of the Customs department, although the Premier and his colleagues knew about the wrongdoing for many months? This is what Mackenzie King asked the Governor-General to do when he demanded dissolution. In other words should the Governor-General have throttled Parliament to save the Premier?"

In October last the Canadian people gave clear evidence that they wanted no more of Mackenzie King. In five provinces Mr. Meighen and the Conservative party were endorsed by decisive majorities, and in two others the result, as between the two principal parties, was a tie. Mr. King himself was personally defeated, as were six of his Ministers.



Dr. James V. Berton, M.D. RADIUM AND CANCER.

While the world waits for definite news of the cause of cancer in every land, every known method of treatment is being used in an effort to combat this dread ailment. One of the distressing forms of cancer is that of the oesophagus, the tube leading from the mouth to the stomach. (When cancer begins here you can readily grasp how serious the condition is, because every bit of food must pass over it, and as it increases in size, it may actually completely fill the space across the tube and food cannot reach the stomach.)

A Paris physician has been using radium with great success on these special cases of cancer of the oesophagus. His reports six cases where the swallowing grew gradually more and more difficult until finally it became impossible. Under treatment by radium swallowing gradually became normal again and the tumor completely healed. Even the first application of the radium, an improvement in the ability to swallow was noticed.

Small tubes of radium are placed end to end of sufficient length to extend the complete length of the growth. These were applied every second day and left in position for ten to twelve hours. About five or six applications were sufficient to complete the cure. Of course we must remember that the oesophagus is not hard to reach with radium, but where the growth can be reached, excellent results are obtained.

However, statistics show that where cancers are discovered early, that surgery is successful in 80 percent of the cases. If there is delay then perhaps 20 percent are saved by surgery. It is gratifying to know that radium does such gratifying work as indicated above but until the causes of cancer are known, then any and every growth in or on the body should be investigated.

Persistent indigestion in the middle aged, is also suspicious. And so with cancer as with other things, "eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't call a dog "a canine." "Canine" is properly an adjective. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: chic. "Pronounce shek. The 'i' is pronounced as in "police," not as in "it." OFTEN MISPELLED: champagne (wine). SYNONYMS: story, narrative, narration, anecdote tale legend, novel myth.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: SATELLITE: an obsequious attendant. "Finally there arose between the leader and his satellites a deadly feud."

Conservative provinces: N.B. 10 1 90,405 61,161; N.S. 11 3 124,545 92,525; Ont. 68 12 686,195 392,039; Man. 7 1 70,264 34,533; B.C. 10 3 90,032 63,506

Liberal provinces: Quebec 4 60 267,759 461,914; Sask. 0 15 51,512 82,810

Tied provinces: Alberta 3 4 51,114 44,291; P. E. I. 2 2 23,799 25,681

In Alberta Conservatives won four seats, but one admittedly was stolen from them by a crooked Liberal returning officer, a man now serving a five-year sentence for the crime; and this seat figured in the Progressive column during the session.

A RUINED HOLIDAY: Mistress—Did you enjoy your day at the seaside, Mary? Mary—No, I didn't, mum, all the picture houses was full so we 'ad ter wander round the beach and watch the ships all day.—The Passing Show.

Study has given way to athletics in some colleges. The three "R's" are now "Rah, Rah! Rah!"

The Man Nobody Knows

Installation XIV.

WATER INTO WINE. It was just in the little town of Cana, not far from Nazareth; and Jesus and his mother had been invited to a wedding feast. Often such a celebration continued for several days. Everybody was expected to enjoy himself to the utmost as long as the food and drink lasted—and it was a point of pride with the bride's mother that both food and drink should last a long time.

Enthusiasm was at a high pitch on this occasion when a servant entered nervously and whispered a distressing message to the hostess. The wine had given out. Picture if you will the poor woman's chagrin! This was her daughter's wedding—the one social event in the life of a family. For it they had made every sort of sacrifice, cutting a large hole in the family budget, going without a new garment, neglecting a needed repair in the house. After it was over they could count the cost and even up; but until the last guest had gone, no effort should be spared to uphold the family's dignity in the neighborhood. To this end the poor woman had planned it in her proud sensitive fashion; and now, at the very height of success, the whole structure of her dreams came tumbling down. The wine had given out.

Most of the guests were too busy to note the entrance of the servant or the quick flush that mounted to the hostess's cheek. But one woman's sight and sympathy was keener. The mother of Jesus saw every move in the little tragedy, and with the instinct which was quick to note the entrance of the servant she understood its meaning. She leaned over to her son and confided the message which her friendly eyes had read: "Son, the wine is gone." "Well, what of it? He was only one of a score of guests, perhaps hundred. There had been wine for every one; the party was noisy and none too restrained. Let them quiet themselves, say good-by to their hostess and get off to bed. They would feel much better for it in the morning. . . . Or, if they persisted in carrying on, let the hostess make up for the deficiency. He is only another guest from another 'w.n. Doubtless the woman's brother's were present. They could easily slip out and bring back wine from their own stores before the shortage was commented on. . . . Why should he be worried for what was none of his affair?"

Besides, there was a precedent in the matter. Only a few weeks before when he was tortured by hunger in the wilderness, he had refused to use his miraculous power to reach a state of mind. "The recruiting of his own strength beneath the dignity of a miracle, surely he could hardly be expected to intervene to prolong a party like this. . . . 'My friends, we have had a very pleasant evening and I am sure we are much indebted to our hostess for what I think we have trespassed as far as we should upon her generosity. I suggest that we wish the happy couple a long and prosperous life, and take our way home.' . . . Surely this is the solemn fashion in which a teacher ought to talk. Did any such thoughts cross his mind? If they did we have no record of it. He glanced across at

THE ETERNAL REFUGEE—"The eternal God is my refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27. PRAYER—"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust."

THE CHAP WHO'S JUST BELOW (Catanax in Toronto Star) A-climbing up life's ladder there's a host of husky men. And some keep climbing up and up and ne'er fall back again, And some climb up and then fall back a rung or two, maybe, And land upon the fingers of some other climbing chap. But worse of all is he who climbs and every rung or so, On purpose brings his foot down on the fingers just below.

There's chance enough to fall and fall; the ladder's long and steep; There comes a place where rungs are loose and everyone must creep; There's chance enough to fall and fall where footing's insecure; There's always peril quite enough for mortals to endure. Yet some there be who think it best, as on and up they go, To bring their heel down on the hand of someone just below.

I wonder when they reach the top (if top they ever reach) And there perchance, a fit reward for climbing do beseech. Will someone at the ladder's head (assigned to just this task) Of husky climbers each and all one searching question ask: "Before you gain the sunny land where streams immortal flow, Please tell me, did you help or hurt the fellow just below?"

The Public Forum

A FRENCH TOURIST'S VIEWS

Sir,—A French traveller—Mr. Ernest Robert, in a book, "CANADA FRANCAISE ET ACADIE", written shortly before the Great War, devoted to Prince Edward Island a Chapter from which the following paragraphs, dealing with Charlottetown, are extracted, with the hope that they might be of interest to your readers. I put between brackets a few commentaries that, I thought, will make some necessary corrections to the author's narrative.

"The capital city, Charlottetown, thus named in honor of a princess of the House of Hanover, is located at about 50 kilometers East of Summerside. One breathes there more freely than in the 'Scottish parish' (Mr. Robert does not seem to like Summerside, of which he gives a rather satirical description published in English in THE ISLAND FARMER of July 21). Several public buildings, such as the Palace of the Provincial Government, that of the Lt. Governor, as well as a sort of castle or barracks (This is probably the Market Building), are giving to the town a somewhat lordly appearance. As for religious buildings, the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Cathedral possess a certain architectural value. Charlottetown is an educational centre of some importance. For the tourist, the main attraction of the place is the waterfront. The capital is situated on a bay or tricorned fjord; two arms of which are formed by the mouths of two rivers flowing there into the sea (The author overlooks the third river; and, besides, he never mentions the really chief attraction of the capital, Victoria Park). Charlottetown's harbour would meet all the requisites of an important stopping place on a transatlantic route, but for the fact that the mainland possess harbours that offer similar and even better advantages. A daily service of excursion boats which sail into the different arms of the bay, affords an opportunity for some fine views of the shores, on account of the lack of hills, are somewhat wanting in relief." (Fourteen pages altogether of the book are devoted to the Island; but deal mostly with the Acadic villages and characteristics.)

I am Sir, etc. George Nestler Tricoche. the whitful face of the hostess—already tears sparkled under her lids—he remembered that the event was the one social triumph of her self-sacrificing life; an instant his decision was formed. He took for six pats and ordered them filled with water. When the contents of the first one was drawn, the ruler of the feast lifted the glass to the bride-groom, and the bewildered but happy hostess, "Every man seteth on first the good wife and the shore, and when men have drunk freely, then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

"The mother of Jesus looked on in wonder. She had never fully understood her son; she did not ask to understand. He had somehow solved the situation; she did not question how. And what was sufficient for her is sufficient for us. The whole problem of his 'miracles' is beyond our argument at this distance. We either accept them or reject them according to the make-up of our minds. But if they are to be accepted at all, then surely this first one ought not to be omitted. It often is omitted from the comments on his life, or at least passed over hastily. But to us who think first of his friendliness, it seems gloriously characteristic, setting the pattern for all the three years that were to follow. "I came that ye might have life," he exclaimed, "and have it more abundantly."

So, at the very outset, he makes use of this mighty power, not to keep a happy party from breaking up too soon, to save a hostess from embarrassment. . . . He, the ruler of the feast rises to propose a toast. . . . hark to the moment strains of the neighborhood orchestra. . . . look, a tall broad-shouldered man towers above the crowd. . . . listen, hear his laugh!

The Jewish prophets were stern-faced men; there are few if any gleams of humor in the Old Testament from beginning to end. It was the business of the prophet to denounce folks for their sins. Go to the Boston Public Library and look at their portraits. You are moved by their moral grandeur, but rather glad to get away. They are not the kind of men whom you would choose as companions on a fishing trip.

HALIFAX, July 26.—Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone, honorary secretary of the Maritime Golf Association, announced last night that 91 entries had been received for the Maritime championship which will be commenced on Tuesday on the links of the Halifax Golf and Country Club at Ashburn.

These entries represent Woodstock, Yarmouth, Bedford, Moncton, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Riverside, Saint John, Amherst Campbellton and three Halifax clubs.

Frank Meikle, of Halifax, present title holder, is listed as a favorite again this year with his brother, a former champion, running him closely. Frank turned in seventy over the Ashburn links last week.

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