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Election Promises

Their (the Conservatives) substantial majority over all parties in Parliament leaves no reason or excuse why every single pre-election promise should not be fulfilled.

Just on the eve of the Federal election an Ottawa despatch appeared in the Guardian stating that it was Mr. Bennett's policy, if his party were returned to power, to have every province represented in the Cabinet.

Ten days after the election the personnel of the new Conservative Government is announced by Mr. Bennett. Ontario gets six members, Quebec five, and other Provinces one man each.

Here, on our contemporary's own showing, is the evidence that Premier Bennett has already fulfilled one of his election promises to the letter.

He has seen to it that Prince Edward Island received the same numerical representation in the Cabinet as any other Province with the exception of Ontario and Quebec.

How does this compare with the implementation of the following election promise broadcast five years ago on the front page of the local Liberal organ:

PORTFOLIO FOR P. E. ISLAND

Premier King has been announcing in various speeches delivered during the present campaign that the general election will be followed by the reorganization of the Cabinet. We have now in the Cabinet a Minister without portfolio. Hon. John E. Sinclair, who should not Prince Edward Island receive a portfolio?

This is a matter that the voters of Queen's County should consider when casting their ballots.

What resulted from this pre-election assurance? Mr. Sinclair instead of getting a portfolio was dropped from the King Government altogether, and Prince Edward Island was left without any Cabinet representation whatever.

As a contrast in promise-keeping what could be more significant or to the point? On the one hand we have vague assurances which might mean anything or nothing—and which in the case of Mr. Sinclair's 'portfolio' turned out to mean considerably less than nothing.

We believe the electors of this Province, after bitter experience of broken pledges under Liberal administrations—pledges which were none the less binding because they were hinted at rather than given in a straightforward business-like way—will be well satisfied with a Prime Minister like Hon. R. B. Bennett, whose word is his bond, and who makes no promises that he does not sincerely intend to carry into effect.

American Branch Factories

A United Press dispatch from Washington states that the practice of some American industries in establishing branch plants abroad is unacceptable to Congress. Senator S. D. Fess, chairman of the Republican National Committee, warns such offenders that the objectionable tendency will be investigated and possibly penalized.

this country has exhibited a determination to go its own way instead of subjecting itself to the fiscal domination of its great neighbour. That was the case after the defeat of reciprocity in 1911 and we think it will again be the case as a result of the recent verdict at the polls in support of adequate protection.

Re-Election of Ministers

The fact that the recently elected members whom Mr. Bennett chose for his Cabinet will be obliged, under the law, to be re-elected, should impress the people of Canada with the uselessness and the unnecessary trouble caused by this law.

In Great Britain in 1910 it was made unnecessary for a member appointed to the Cabinet within nine months of his election, to seek re-election; and in 1926 the law was amended to make it unnecessary at any time. Several of the provinces of Canada have also abolished the necessity for re-election of ministers, with or without restrictions as to time.

The matter was considered by a special committee of Parliament last session but no agreement was reached. It would be well to reconsider it and abolish what is now an entirely useless practice.

Less Majesty

The latest election campaign story concerns a party of United States tourists who put up at a Thousand Islands resort recently. They had just got in from Ottawa and had expressed amazement at the beauty of the Capital, especially the Chateau and the Parliament Buildings.

Editorial Notes

A return issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed that there were 1,294 deaths from automobile accidents in 1929. In 1928 the total was 1,082 in 1927, 865 and in 1926, 606. From these it can be seen that in three years the number has more than doubled.

In these times of distress and unemployment in the great industrial centres, no more useful lesson can be taught by fiction writers than love of the land and appreciation of the security and advantages of rural life. In 'The Lure of the City,' by 'Sabbatis' (Rev. T. M. Gill), a copy of which has been presented to the Guardian by the author, this moral is emphasized in a most effective manner.

Notes By The Way

A few weeks hence the Imperial Conference will be in session and we imagine that, with Mr. Bennett present as Canada's representative, the gathering will deal less with dominion status and other academic theories than with the practical question of Empire unity for economic purposes.

Three items of current news suggest an early responsibility for the Department of External Affairs. The first of these is that Britain has approached Denmark to secure an understanding as to the purchase of part or all of Greenland.

Those who are familiar with the woods say the indications are that there will be an early fall. The leaves are already beginning to wither on the trees and crops of all kinds are ripening fast.

If it is generally agreed that the prestige of the Right Hon. Mackenzie King now stands as high as during the years of his first political supremacy, is it not because he has accepted defeat not only as a real statesman—but as a true sportsman as well?

The Twentieth Century Research Foundation, a United States institution, has just completed an investigation into the relative efficiency of workmen of different nations.

The Ford Motor Company carries out identical operations in various countries, employing Englishmen, Irishmen, Dutchmen, Frenchmen, Belgians, Danes, Germans, Italians, Spaniards, Swedes, Finns and Turks, besides Americans and Canadians.

Sir Percival Perry, Chairman of the Ford Motor Company in England, declares: "Comparative statistics have enabled us to establish the fact that the American workman is no miracle-monger. Neither is the British, Irish or Continental artisan an inferior creature."

What the investigation does show is that greater comparative American progress has hitherto been due to better systematization of industries and to superior equipment.

Thirty-seven countries, including Canada, made protest or representation to the United States against the provisions of the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill, according to the department of state at Washington.

It is significant that Russians who are sent abroad to represent the soviet government in foreign countries seldom want to return.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

X RAY TREATMENT OF GOITRE

Everybody dislikes the idea of a surgical operation, and so when other methods are sometimes successful it is only natural that the individual needing an operation wonders why he could not be treated by some non-surgical method.

And some of these non-surgical methods have been most successful, namely the use of injections for varicose veins and for hemorrhoids or piles, which are really just varicose veins, the use of the rest and alkaline treatment for stomach and intestinal ulcer, radium treatment for cancer and so forth.

Also many cases of serious goitre have been cured by the use of iodine and rest, and so the patient who has been advised to undergo a surgical operation for this condition often wonders why.

By testing the metabolism, (that is the building up and breaking down of his tissues,) it has been found that the thyroid gland is still too active despite the rest and medical treatment, and so a portion of the gland must be removed.

I have spoken before of how the X ray has been of help in these cases where surgery was advised, and now Dr. W. Brednow, Munich, reports his experience of thirty-six cases treated by the X ray during the past year.

Eight persons recovered completely, seven of whom were under thirty years of age.

In the remaining nine cases the treatment was not effective; however the majority of cases were more than 50 years and some more than 60 years.

Now although this series consisted of only thirty six cases, with about 25 per cent cured, 50 per cent improved, and about 25 per cent failures, it would seem that this method is certainly worth the trying in those cases where the patient dreads surgery, or where his general condition makes him a poor surgical risk.

Of course in simple goitre cases the usual rest treatment, sometimes with iodine medication, is sufficient to correct the condition.

However, it must not be forgotten that there are some cases that cannot be cured except by surgery and your doctor by examination and metabolism tests is able to decide when this must be done.

There is no other way, and now that the patient is put into the best possible condition before operation, and our surgeons are so skillful that the operation has been made less dangerous than formerly, there should be no hesitancy about undergoing it.

THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

THE RIEL REBELLION OF 1869-70

Q. What was the Riel Rebellion of 1869-70?

A. The Riel Rebellion of 1869-70 was the first of two western uprisings of Indians and half breeds under Louis Riel. It is said to have been caused by alarm among the French half breeds over a new system of surveys when the territorial rights of the Hudson's Bay Co. were transferred to Canada.

"Politics is no place for those who can't take it with a smile."—James J. Walker.

"The sciences must see all the fine and wise connections of the universe and appreciate that they are not of man's invention."—Albert Einstein.

"We want a little less of Potemkin and a little more of Geneva."—Winston Churchill.

"Autocracy is good when the autocrat is a genius."—Dr. Will Durant.

attack any proposition which he himself hasn't the courage to support or assail over his own signature. The editor is willing—even eager—to push any project in the public interest. But he is not willing to pull chestnuts out of the fire for individuals or for minorities.

The Public Forum

BOSTON VS. THE FARM

Sir.—On Friday, August 10th, I had occasion to go to the Cunard docks in East Boston. I want to give you a mental picture of where they are located and in order to do so I will ask you to place yourself at some convenient point along the water front in Charlottetown where you can look across the harbor and get a good view of Southport.

By going via the narrow gauge ferry which connects on the East Boston side with electric trains bound for Lynn and way stations. You can also go via Charlestown and Chelsea by auto or street car, and if you know the ropes well enough you can land there by airplane provided you have the money to spare.

The introduction to this letter is now finished so I will ask your readers on P. E. Island to give particular attention to what I will write about from now to finish.

You hear a great deal about unemployment in the United States, you hear a lot about men and women being denied the opportunity to work as a result of hard times, and I suppose you are sometimes made aware of the sad fact that many who have steady positions have very dangerous footing as a result of a wage that will not sustain and keep families in such a position as will meet the actual needs and requirements of decent family living.

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managed to keep afloat and no more. I come across all kinds of people from paupers to millionaires, people from all countries and in most cases I find from conversation that the majority of those who come here seeking a living among the many native born Americans, they would all have been far better off had they remained and stuck to their birthlands providing they gave the same attention to all the details of farm work that they have been compelled to give to their many duties in the big cities under the constant eye and supervision of sometimes a cruel boss who, in too many cases, underpays the honest, faithful worker. You will observe and see clearly in looking through the years that in many cases it is only too true that many young men and women coming to this country from the Maritime Provinces, and also Ireland and Scotland do not know what they are coming for, all they can say is: "I am going to look for work." I am forced to say from what I see and hear that it is about the hardest job they ever had and when they do find work you are safe in believing it is not a key position that commands a high salary.

You read and hear about crime in this country and perhaps at times you see in some American papers about a policeman getting shot down by a young man who became a criminal from association with other criminals. A policeman here has an average salary of about forty dollars per week; that sounds big on P. E. I., and it also sounds very big here to the many young men who have to struggle along on a much smaller wage. I think there were three policemen killed here in the last two years from shots fired by desperate thugs and in each three cases those three families were left in almost destitute circumstances, and had it not been for the noble actions of public spirited men, the wives and children of those slain officers would have been at the mercy of organized charity. I am telling you this so that you may know it is not so easy to get along in any city in this country on the meagre salary of a policeman or city fireman.

I will now return to my trip to East Boston on last Friday. I hate to tell you that I saw over there along the different wharves and docks groups of men in numbers from twenty-five to one hundred, I would say I saw a total of about three hundred men poorly clothed in dirty, frayed, torn, and patched overalls waiting for something to do along the wharves and docks. Some of the men were very old and if the truth were known I would say they were unable to do any such work as they were looking for. I would say

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