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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1901.

THE PARTY PRESS.

Some days ago the esteemed Pioneer delivered itself upon the subject of independent journalism, and its article escaped our attention for the time. Even at this late date it may be worth while to correct some of the misapprehensions under which our contemporary labors, and set right some of the misrepresentations in which he indulges. We have at no time taken the ground that party journalism is incompatible with independence. We hold that a journal may favor one party more than the other and still preserve a fair measure of independence, in which case it might fairly be called independent Liberal, or independent Conservative. One of these would believe in and advocate protection for Canadian industries and the other would favor a revenue tariff, while on other questions they would express opinions based on sound judgement and given without fear, favor or affection.

But with the files of all the leading political journals of the country before us we are compelled to think that there is scarcely one of the number that can claim independence even in this limited sense. And we opine that this entire lack of independence is a bad thing not only for the country at large, but also bad for the party in power. It is bad for the country because the readers of such journals do not get the honest opinions of their editorial writers upon the public questions and the public men of the day. It is bad for the party in power because the press supporting them is never a check upon the party; does not hold the party back from wrong-doing and seldom or never seeks to promote reform within the party which it supports. Such a course is also injurious to the scores of newspapers adopting and following it, because it commits them to endorsing and supporting measures of legislation and administration advanced by one party which these journals condemned when advanced by the other party. Every party journal in Canada has fallen into this inconsistency, with a proportionate loss of weight and prestige among intelligent readers.

Let us cite a few instances. What Liberal journal when in opposition did not denounce the Conservative party then in power for increasing the public expenditure? And yet today with fifteen millions more revenue than in 1896 we find that the expenditure has kept pace with the receipts and some seven millions have been added to the net debt. What was and is the duty of those Liberal journals with regard to this matter? We assume that they were honest in opposing the increase of debt and expenditure when the other party was in power. But if it was a bad thing for the country then to expend more than its regular income, is it not an equally bad thing to spend more than the much larger income now? Here the Liberal press, if it had been honest and possessed of even a modicum of independence might have rendered good service to the country and to their party also by recording a friendly remonstrance. They did not utter a note of warning. They have rather applauded the Government's course and have been ready from day to day to find pretexts and excuses for the most lavish expenditure in the history of the country, simply because it was made by the Liberal party.

There was a plentiful denunciation in the Liberal press in the eighties and nineties because the Conservative Government of those days did not deal honestly with the question of prohibition. And yet we have found these same journals defending the Government of the present day for resorting to the expedient of a plebiscite and then refusing to be bound by the verdict of the people. The truth is that in federal affairs neither party has dealt honestly with this matter, but where is the party journal that has dared to say so? Then as to the tariff—what Liberal journal in the country can defend the present high rate of duties without wholly ignoring all that it had said on this subject, honestly enough no doubt, during the eighteen years from 1878 to 1896? It would be easy to point out many inconsistencies in the Conservative party press were our position now challenged from that quarter. And it is always the party in power which is most intolerant of real independence.

We believe that these are times when the press of the country, Liberal, Conservative and independent, should combine to check the too lavish expenditure of the Government of the day, lest in the days of booming trade and an overflowing

treasury we establish a rate of spending and incur fixed charges which will be intolerable when the times of depression are upon us. We fear that our warning will not be heeded. We see at the present moment the press supporting the party in power day by day framing excuses and practically cheering on its leaders to continue on the course of lavish outlay. And yet we know that the grip of hard times must come before long. And when the change comes, although it will be then too late, the faithful warnings of an independent press may be taken to heart.



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