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WHO ARE TO BLAME?

Honorable Mr. Sinclair and Mr. R. H. Jenkins, finding the people have little use for their constitu-

OUR ROADS.

The excellent condition of the main highways throughout the province this summer has been very favorably commented upon by visitors who made extensive tours to various points, and who declared they were the best clay roads they had seen anywhere.

Allowing for a moment, which is the case, that the Customs scandals did hasten Mr. Boivin's demise, who then was responsible for the Government? Did not the King induce Mr. Boivin, one of the most honorable and highly esteemed members of their party, to accept the office of Minister of Customs after they knew the prevailing conditions and without degrading in the least to clean up the mess, rather seeking to protect the guilty ones?

At least a year before last election, Mr. King knew what was going on, as he admitted in his speech in the House of Commons on June 24th last.

This is what he said: "Mr. Sparks was chairman of the group who came to interview the government. My recollection is, this was in the fall of 1924, it may have been and possibly it was earlier in 1924 that this delegation, representative largely of the manufacturing interests of the country came to Ottawa and drew the attention of the Government to the circumstances that, owing to the smuggling of liquor, coming to be the problem, it was that numerous persons had become engaged in that traffic in an illicit way. Having become engaged in it to fill intents and purposes they had become professional smugglers, and, while seeking to export liquor in one direction they were seeking to bring back in the other direction, namely to Canada, other commodities—silks, automobiles, tobacco, narcotics,—were, I think, the items specially mentioned."

Accordingly, Mr. King is guilty because eighteen months before he had the facts before him. Mr. Sinclair is guilty because he was then a member of the government and a party to the scandalous promotion of the Hon. Jacques Bureau to the Senate. And Mr. Jenkins is equally guilty because with all the facts before him he voted for the whitewashing of the guilty parties.

IN KINGS COUNTY.

Ex-Hon. J. J. Johnston is preaching "constitutional" law to the electors of Kings County and proving in his own way and to his own satisfaction that Lord Byng of Vimy acted unconstitutionally in refusing dissolution to Mr. Mackenzie King who made the demand in order to escape defeat on the floor of the House.

Mr. Johnston, by virtue of his having been Attorney-General in the late Bell Government, knows all there is to know about constitutional law, and what he doesn't know he can supply otherwise. Leading Liberals in Kings have a distinct recollection of Mr. Johnston's "constitutional" afflictions when he ruled the Bell Government machine and finally threw in the monkey wrench that wrecked it. They have their own opinion of his loyalty to his former party and leader, and their suspicion as to his future.

There are by-roads, however, ex-Cabinet Minister or merely an ex-member should associate himself with such puerile tactics, for they will get him nowhere with thinking people.

Another season brings more visitors. Before the now popular summer colony was established at Keppoch there was some excuse for letting the road fall into disuse, but now as a thoroughfare to one of the island's most popular beauty spots it should be made more nearly commensurate with its importance as a popular drive with a beautiful destination.

The following statement made by Mr. Murray E. Williams, prominent financial leader in Montreal, should wake up any Canadians who are not already awake. Mr. Williams is not a politician, and not a partisan. He is engaged in financial affairs and reaps his benefits from the prosperity of every line of business from growing potatoes to making steam-engines.

This is what he has to say: "I have voted Liberal more often than I have voted Conservative, and therefore I feel that I can speak with an open mind. I honestly believe that if the Conservative party is elected with a working majority, Canada will have a boom, the like of which the country has never seen before. If not elected, we shall witness another protracted period of tariff uncertainty and stagnation in many lines of industry and business. Surely the people of Canada are not so blind to their own interests, and the interests of their country, that they will reject prosperity and progress and again vote for slow suicide. Lord Atholstan put it in a few words when he said that a Conservative victory would mean a thousand million dollars to the people of Canada."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

August is slipping away but we still have before us the beautiful month of September.

Canada's great need today is men of honor at the head of its administration, of clean men against whom the finger of suspicion cannot be pointed. Are those men again to be trusted who knew the country was being robbed of millions, and its public services prostrated and, for fear of losing political support, never raised a hand to prevent it? John E. Sinclair was a member of the Cabinet while this was going on; he knew all about it. R. H. Jenkins and A. E. McLean were supporters of the men who "hobnobbed with smugglers and crooks" and, knowing it, voted to whitewash the guilty and cover up the dirt. Are they again to be trusted?

As it was so it remains. Spite of all its cares and pains Joy may call and pleasure lure. But a mother's love is pure, And the baby sinks to rest, Piled on her lovely breast, Closing little rosy eyes To the softest lullabies. Mothers worry night and day When their children are away, Mothers grieve when they are ill Always have and always will. They would shield you with their care Every day and everywhere, And they're happy through and through At the slightest smile from you— To the ending of their days Mothers never change their ways.

Notes by the Way.

Opposition candidates and their supporting press persistently ignore many of the facts that vitally affect the economic interests of Canada. One of these facts is that since the Great War every civilized country except Canada has raised its tariff against foreign manufacturers and products. Great Britain has done so, although so long devoted to free trade. Ireland has done so, and as a result has become more prosperous and her people more contented than ever before. Every self-governing British Dominion has raised its tariff wall.

Canada alone when under Liberal control has steadily pursued the opposite course. First, by giving a preference in tariff rates on British goods, under the Laurier-Fielding Administration, and later by increasing it to sister Dominions. This has been consented to on patriotic grounds, but experience has demonstrated that it was a mistake not to have insisted that the preference should be mutual. As it is Canada gave something for nothing, a preference to Britain for which we received no corresponding preference in return. This caused serious loss to Canadian industries and closed many Canadian factories, cotton and woollen mills and boot and shoe factories.

Sixty years ago, before the War of the Rebellion, the United States had a comparatively low tariff, and also reciprocity with Canada in natural products. That war of four years' duration loaded the Republic with a national debt of such huge proportions that the American dollar was worth less than sixty cents. It fell off in value about three times as much as the Canadian dollar fell at the worst during the recent

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Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "I have nothing further to relate." Use "further" to express distance. "farther" to express distance. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: daunt. The "a" in "calm" is preferred to an "aw." OFTEN MISPELLED: delirium. SYNONYMS: desire, wish, longing, craving, appetite. 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: FORTIFY. "to strengthen against attack. "The army was well fortified."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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THE HOLY ONE—"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God." Sam. 2:2.

PRAYER—"Sing we here with glad accord, Holy, Holy Lord!"

MOTHER AND HER STYLES Dresses high and dresses low, Fashions bids them come and go; Tressees bobbed and tresses long, Fashion sways the moving throng; What was new became the old, Thus this changing life is told, First we view it with a smile Then adopt the latest style— But with all the passing days Mothers never change their ways.

Gay of heart and bright of face, Fashion seems to rule the place. With the swinging of the clock Youth gives age another shock Flaunting into public view Something age would never do Laughing at us when we preach Scornful of us when we teach— But with all of fashion's wiles Mothers never change their styles.

Motherhood's no fickle thing To be changed each fall and spring; As it was so it remains, Spite of all its cares and pains Joy may call and pleasure lure But a mother's love is pure, And the baby sinks to rest, Piled on her lovely breast, Closing little rosy eyes To the softest lullabies.

Mothers worry night and day When their children are away, Mothers grieve when they are ill Always have and always will. They would shield you with their care Every day and everywhere, And they're happy through and through At the slightest smile from you— To the ending of their days Mothers never change their ways.

The Public Forum

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REGISTRATION

Sir,—Having reference to the item in Monday's Patriot re "Bungling Registration", in explanation let me say that it is practically impossible that any voters on the 1925 lists could have been omitted from this year's lists, in accordance with an agreement between the candidates my instructions to registrars, which I believe have been strictly carried out, were to cut from the printed Reviser's lists of 1925 all the names contained therein and to paste the same as originally printed in the proper index books. I fail to find any case in which this has not been done and all voters of 1925 I am satisfied are duly registered.

It is of course possible that some clerical omissions may have been made in the copying of these lists for the purpose of posting but such errors would have no effect whatever upon the status of the voter. In some instances persons were in the 1925 registers but whose names and the names of such persons were in the printed lists will continue to appear where they were, first registered. If however any one interested will report to me such omission I shall inquire into the matter and advise such voters in time to enable them to have the necessary correction made before the Revising Officer.

I am Sir, etc.

J. P. GORDON RETURNING OFFICER FOR QUEEN'S.

The Man Nobody Knows

INSTALLMENT XXXIII

"Whoever shall compel thee to go a mile," said Jesus, "go with him twain."

Which means, I take it, "do more than is required of you, do twice as much." Another startling bit of business advice. Where will a man ever get, you ask, if he delivers twice as much as he is paid to deliver? The answer is that unless he's a fool he will probably get to and stay at the top. I remember once traveling from Chicago to New York on the Twentieth Century Limited. We were due in New York at 11:30. The station at 41st Street, a nice leisurely hour, and three of us who were traveling together decided to make a morning of it. We left our berths at a quarter after eight, shaved and dressed and half an hour later were making our way back to the dining-car.

A door to one of the drawing-rooms was open, and as we walked in, we could hardly keep from looking in. The bed in the room had been made up long since; a table stood by the window, and at the table, buried in work, was a man whose face the newspapers had made familiar to every New Yorker. He had been Governor of the State; a candidate for the Presidency of the United States; and reputed to be earning much more than a hundred thousand dollars a year.

My companions and I were young men; he was well along in middle life. We were poor and unknown; he was rich and famous. We were doing all that was required of us. But this man of whom nothing was actually required, was doing far more. I thought to myself as we passed on to our leisurely breakfast, "That explains him; now I understand Hughes."

I have several times been in the offices of J. P. Morgan and Company after six o'clock in the evening. I remember vividly the mental picture which I once had of what such a private banking house Jimousies at eleven o'clock in the evening, after having given their nonchalant approval to a million dollar deal. But on the occasion of one of the visits to which I refer the offices were closed. The elevator men had gone, leaving only light-watchmen. Night-watchmen, and some of the partners. There seem to be always lights in what the hour of the office force is required that they travel the one mile which lies between nine o'clock in the morning and five o'clock at night. But the partners travel the second mile, have always traveled it all their lives; and are partners because they have.

Here is another business principle, seemingly equally impracticable. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus how said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We came perilously near to losing those words. They are not recorded in any one of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, all forgot them. "All very nice to talk about giving instead of getting," thought Matthew perhaps. "It may work in religion; but it's no good in the tax collecting business." "A splendid thought," John may have said to himself, "a very noble sentiment, but not quite practical in the fishing industry." Maybe they imagined

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THE PROGRESS OF THE CONTEST INDICATES LIBERAL DESPAIR

The Only Life for the Country is in the Return of the Conservatives With a Substantial Majority, and Laurier Liberals Recognize This and Will Vote Accordingly.

It is always a symptom of despair when party managers begin broadcasting extravagant claims about their election prospects, and Liberal headquarters are providing abundant evidence of their state of mind. Day after day its propagandists are publishing statements to the effect that the Liberal party is certain of at least 130 seats and the only question at issue is the size of its majority. Now the best antidote for this sort of twaddle is the recollection of the fact that just prior to the election of 1925 Liberal organs like the Ottawa Citizen were blithely claiming 140 seats as assured certainties, and the actual outcome only gave them 101. The truth is that the Liberals have as much chance of gaining 230 seats as they have of securing 130, and the proof is to be found in their anxiety to enlist all sorts of allies on their side.

They are leaving a free field to Mr. Forke and nearly a score of other so-called Progressives, they are offering no opposition to Laborites like Messrs. Heaps and Woodsworth, and they are booming Mr. Bourassa as a prospective member of a King Cabinet.

On the platform Liberal candidates are brazenly appealing for support to every nondescript group in the country, and they are singing different tunes to suit the temper of the locality in which they are running.

In North Waterloo Mr. W. D. Euler is running as an avowed protectionist who will not countenance any further lowering of the tariff, and in Saskatchewan every Liberal candidate is waxing eloquent about the terrible evils of protectionism and pledging himself to their abolition.

In British Columbia Mr. Mackenzie King makes slushy speeches proclaiming his devotion to the British Crown, but meanwhile lieutenants in Quebec like Messrs. Cardin and Cannon are expounding extreme nationalist doctrines and fulminating against the British connection.

In the utterances of the Liberal leaders there is no sign of any regard for consistency, no evidence of coherent purposes governing their outlook and conduct, no recognition of the fact that parties are only useful as long as they are based on definite principles of politics and prepared to stand by and fight for them.

Under the leadership of Mr. Mackenzie King the Liberal party which Mackenzie, Blake and Laurier led with such distinction and profit to the country has been reduced to the level of a motley faction whose lodestar is the possession of office and its perquisites, and which cares nothing for political principles or decent administration.

Its famous platform of 1919 has long since been banished into the limbo of forgotten things and in Liberal circles it is almost a crime to mention its existence. It has always been the basic fault of Liberal parties in every land and clime that they are more interested in the furtherance of certain so-called principles than in the advancement of the prosperity and welfare of their nation, but while other Liberal parties who own Mr. King as its leader today offers no such compensation.

Under the circumstances it is any wonder that many well-known Liberals like Mr. A. R. Macmaster and Mr. A. B. Hudson both of whom have a definite conception of Liberal principles and are not ready to abandon them, are not standing for Parliament and are taking no part in the present contest.

In every constituency in the country there are scores of voters whose affiliations are with the Liberal party but who are today completely alienated from it as the result of its performances since 1921. The result is that in dozens of constituencies the Liberal party is reduced to a mere skeleton of its former strength and can scarcely muster a corporal's guard of supporters. Hence the frantic willingness to get Progressive and Labor candidates in the field in ridings where Liberals can hope for nothing but disastrous defeat, into such repute has the name been brought.

If the Liberals had improved their position so greatly since last October that they could gain 29 seats, it is quite sure that they would not be content with the small majority which would then be available but Mr. King would be going up and down the country, as in 1925, denouncing the Progressives as "political outlaws" and urging their complete elimination. As things are the Liberals have indicated numerous ally impossible that they can secure a clear majority.

If the voters do not show sense and give Mr. Meighen a clear majority on Sept. 14th, then there will begin at once desperate efforts to furnish up from Progressives, Labourites and Independents another majority which would restore Mr. King to office.

Lately the ex-Prime Minister has been boasting that as soon as the honorable co-operation which he had arranged with the Progressive that a dissolution was necessary.

But Mr. King's ideas of honorable co-operation are extremely vague and if ever Ottawa was the scene of shameless political bartering and trafficking, it was under his regime.

The legislative programme which Mr. King embodied in the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of the last Parliament: was one long succession of brazen bribes and never a day elapses that subtler intrigues and manoeuvres were not afoot to keep the Progressives and other allies in line.

The King Government was ready to go any lengths in submitting to blackmail whose terms were often directly antagonistic to the national interests, and in the Parliament just ended it simply ceased to have any mind of its own.

If the Progressives wanted special favors to please a section or class of the community they were granted, and if Mr. Bourassa wanted some special provision he had his way.

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