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THE CRITICS' DILEMMA

Our Liberal evening contemporary found itself in an awful predicament yesterday. For many moons, and not later than ten days ago, it was publishing scathing and groundless attacks upon Sir Sam Hughes. It held him up to ridicule and contempt and addressed criticisms to him with which no newspaper of reputation or standing would care to have its name associated. Now, when it finds that the Prime Minister has dispensed with the services of Sir Sam Hughes it would like to change its ground and attack Sir Robert Borden for doing what it had all along maintained should have been done. Sir Sam Hughes has afforded the Patriot and others of that ilk material for attacking the government of which he was a member. His removal deprives them of their excuse for attack. The Toronto Globe even without waiting to peruse the correspondence, justified Sir Robert Borden's action in the matter and there is no excuse in the world for the Patriot becoming hysterical, except that there is nothing else left for it to do. Sir Sam Hughes weathered all the storms of abuse and libel during the last two years and especially during the last twelve months and left the Commission of Inquiry with an unspilled reputation and without a stain on his character. The Carvels and the Kyles levelled their unfounded charges and were themselves discredited and disgraced both before the country at large and their own constituencies. It was partly his unquestioned victory over such contemptible critics that led to his downfall. He found it so easy to put his political opponents ignominiously to flight that he came to assume the infallibility of his judgment and his right to pursue a policy in his department independent of the opinions and wishes of his colleagues in the government. It is recognized that every member of the government is responsible for the administrative acts of the individual members of the government and must stand or fall thereby. Should any individual member seek to pursue a course that does not meet with their approval he must resign or receive his conge. Evidently Sir Sam Hughes forgot the necessity for carrying his colleagues with him in the administration of his department. When he was reminded by his chief he did not take the reminder kindly. He had been so successful in plowing the one furrow in the early part of the war and in fighting his bitter political opponents in the second portion that he imagined he would be permitted to develop his policy and work out his plans without reference to or consultation with his colleagues.

Sir Robert was long suffering in overlooking his lack of consideration for the amenities of government and it was not until Sir Sam's want of discipline bordered on insubordination that he took decisive action. But this had nothing to do with the charges the Patriot delights to resurrect. Sir Robert's action shows his strength, not his weakness. Here is one of his cabinet ministers who has been an idol more or less throughout Canada, been honoured and lauded in the Mother Country and who is unquestionably able and efficient in administration and organization, turned in a moment from a pillar of his government into an open and inveterate critic. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would never have attempted to place such a weapon of offence at the disposal of his opponents in the House of Commons. That Sir Robert has done so shows his singleness of purpose, his personal disinterestedness in pursuit of the public weal and his determination that there shall be no weakling, however conspicuously brilliant, in his chain of government.

HOW DO THEY READ NOW

In the face of this and the other information in their hands, and of all the serious declarations of the British Statesmen, to say nothing of German leaders, Sir Wilfrid and his friends ridiculed the idea and claimed that there was not an emergency or need of help. They had no end of fun over any suggestion of a crisis. In view of the sudden and early development of an emergency, which they are now compelled to recognize, this ridicule is now sinister reading. Here are the examples:—

"In introducing his amendment for two fleet units (Hansard 1025, 1912-13) Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:—

"This document (the Admiralty Memorandum) shows that THERE IS NO EMERGENCY, THAT ENGLAND IS IN NO DANGER WHETHER IMMINENT OR PROSPECTIVE."

"I insist once more upon what is stated in the Memorandum; there is no emergency, there is no immediate danger, there is no prospective danger." (Hansard, 1028.)

"He (Sir Robert Borden) went to England to ask what England would accept in case of an emergency, although there was no emergency." (Hansard, 1032.)

Other statements by Sir Wilfrid during the session of 1912-13 might be quoted, for example:—

The contribution which we are asked to vote is uncalled for and unnecessary, as professing to give Great Britain HELP FOR WHICH SHE HAS NO NEED." (Hansard, 4241.)

"But there is no question of an emergency; THE ALLEGED EMERGENCY IS SIMPLY A PRETENCE AND A MAKE-BELIEVE." (Hansard, 7321.)

Outside of the House during the recess Sir Wilfrid spoke in the same tone. At Teeswater, October 28th, speaking in the bye-election campaign, Sir Wilfrid said: "The emergency was heard of only in the speeches of Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster and some of the orators who have been here."

Other Liberal members followed their leader in this line. Dr. Clark, of Red Deer, one of the chief Liberal speakers, said (Hansard, page 1200):—

"I think I shall be able to offer proof from the best possible sources that a generation from now we shall be looking upon this scare as another of the human follies, and upon the historical fact that there was not the firing of a shot by one or other of these two great Christian nations." (Hansard, 1202.) "But the extraordinary political situation we are in in Canada is this: that although there is no emergency we have a Government which comes coolly forward for its only Naval policy with an emergency contribution. AN EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION IN THE PRESENCE OF NO EMERGENCY is an absurdity in terms as it is an absurdity in fact." (Hansard, page 1204.)

Mr. German:

"The Prime Minister tells us that the situation is exceedingly grave, who believes it? I do not think he believes in himself, IS THERE A MAN LIVING TO-DAY WHO BELIEVES THAT THERE WILL BE WAR BETWEEN GERMANY AND ENGLAND? I do not believe it, no man believes it. English statesmen do not believe it." (Hansard, page 1313.)

Dr. Beland (former Minister):

"I sincerely believe that the emergency is dead."

Hon. R. Lemieux, ex Minister:

"NOBODY IN ENGLAND DREAMS OF AN EMERGENCY; nobody here thinks there is an emergency; yet the Government choose to say that an emergency there is or rather there was one, because, since Christmas, the much dreaded emergency, the old formula of the Jacobite period and old Sheffield plate, is relegated to the antiquarian shops."

Mr. Maclean (Halifax), Chief Financial Critic:

"I shall endeavour to show that the emergency hon. gentlemen have in mind is a POLITICAL ONE, and it was the Government and its followers who were in emergent circumstances."

Senator Bostock, Liberal Leader in the Senate:

"This question of emergency... has practically fallen to pieces."

Sir Robert Borden pleaded for action. He had been in consultation with the British Government; he had made known to Parliament through a Memorandum from the British Admiralty what was needed. The late Liberal Government had also been made aware of the seriousness of the situation through confidential statements which since the war with Germany has been declared, may yet be made public. Sir Wilfrid Laurier knew how serious was the situation, yet he chose to handle the whole question in the most flippant manner.

Here are some words from Sir Robert Borden's speech on introducing the Naval Proposals in Parliament on December 5th, 1912:—

"This Empire will never undertake any war of aggression, and all the influences of Canada will assuredly be arrayed against any such course; but we know that war has come many times within the past fifty years without warning, like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and thereby the power, the influence, and the destiny of more than one nation have been profoundly affected. A naval war especially may come with startling suddenness, for these tremendous engines of war are always ready and prepared for battle."

"But to-day, while the clouds are heavy and we hear the booming of the distant thunder, and see the lightning flashes above the horizon, we cannot and we will not wait and deliberate until any impending storm shall have burst upon us in fury disaster. Almost unaided, the Motherland, not for herself alone, but for us as well, is sustaining the burden of vital Imperial duty, and confronting an overwhelming necessity of national existence. Bringing the best assistance that we may in the urgency of the moment, we come thus to her aid, in token of our determination to protect and ensure the safety and integrity of this Empire, and of our resolve to defend on sea, as well as on land, our flag, our honour, and our heritage."

NOTES

There are many problems which will face us after the war, such as trade and tariffs, the high cost of living, immigration and others, but all sink into insignificance in comparison with the soldier and his job. That comes first. The man who saved the empire who stood between your home and the heartless Hun, who permitted you to carry on your work unmolested and who in many cases gave up a comfortable place to a shirker—he must be cared for. It is not charity, but justice. He does not ask for favors. It is his right and our duty.

THE TWO PARTIES AND AN ELECTION

OTTAWA, Nov. 14.—Hon. A. E. Kemp's fine Toronto speech, in which he clearly revealed the Government's position in regard to a general election, has created a splendid impression throughout the country. The more independent and saner section of the Liberal press has been quick to concede that in taking the position that an election is undesirable while the Empire is in peril the Government has correctly interpreted the convictions of the country. Two years ago when the question of an election was broached a number of Conservative and Independent newspapers supported the idea. They did so because of apparent failure to adequately realize the colossal magnitude of the struggle in Europe. Last year, however, when the stuporous task confronting the Allies was more clearly revealed, both political parties were forced to the conclusion that a war election would be a national folly. The Government, accordingly, introduced a measure extending the life of Parliament, and the Opposition acquiesced. In the seven months that have since elapsed the gravity of the situation has not decreased. Concentrated might of two years of accumulated Allied strength has failed to decisively break the German lines. Everywhere the enemy has revealed unexpected reserves of power and vitality, and, although victory for the Allies is in doubt, each day added to the length of the campaign exacts its toll in men and treasure. Confronted with such vast and solemn issues it would be courting national disaster if we permitted ourselves to be distracted for a single moment from the supreme duty of the hour. In the present emergency, the Government is merely interpreting the will of the Canadian people that no election be held while danger continues at the front.

From a Political Viewpoint.

If political considerations alone were permitted to guide the Government's course there is no doubt but that it would welcome an election. Never did a Canadian Government appeal to the people with a more splendid record of service so well and ably performed. And never did a Government anywhere find itself opposed by an Opposition so lacking in strength and national support. Broken into factions, divided in counsel, the present Opposition has neither the will nor the intelligence to carry on a vigorous program of war. No body even knows what Sir Wilfrid Laurier's policy would be in the event of a Liberal victory. In asking his return to office the Opposition would be presenting a blank cheque for signature by the Canadian electorate. As a political force the Liberal party has utterly failed to learn from its own adversity and mistakes and has simply degenerated into a negative alternative to the Conservatives. 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