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TOMORROW'S DECISION

Tomorrow four constituencies will express by their votes approval or disapproval of the Bell government. The result of the vote will not materially affect the voting strength of the government; it will still have a working majority. Should the five Conservative candidates be elected, as we confidently expect they shall be, it will mean a considerable addition to the debating strength of the Opposition which during the past sessions has been handicapped by its numerical weakness; it will mean a considerable check to the "brute strength" which enabled the Bell government to carry measures which never would have been carried had there been a more equitable division of members on the floor of the House.

It will mean much more however than the mere changing of the numerical balance; it will mean approval or disapproval of the Bell government's conduct, both before and since its election. There may be those among the electors who consider it a "smart" thing to secure election by false promises; there may be those to whom cooked accounts and misrepresentations are but an excusable method of playing the political game; and there are those who have had their hands lavishly greased out of the public treasury and who live in the hope of still long or enjoying this luxury. These will probably vote for the government candidates.

To the earnest and honest electors however, to those who have a stake in the country and who conscientiously desire to pass on to their children, an unmortgaged heritage, who believe that those who handle the country's money, make its laws, and administer its affairs should have clean hands, the trickery and chicanery and duplicity of the Bell government is a condition that must not be tolerated. These will not vote for the government candidates; they will vote for the opposition in every constituency.

The Bell government obtained power by making promises which it never intended to make good. When they came into power they deliberately falsified the accounts of the previous administrators; witness the statement issued over the signature of the Provincial Auditor showing that they claimed a deficit of \$253,000 for the last eight months of the Conservative administration. The auditor was instructed to show the expenditure only for those eight months; he was not to show what was done with the expenditure, the supplies purchased for the year and used by the Bell government when it came into power. This whole expenditure they proclaimed a deficit. It was a deliberately planned fraud upon the people.

Witness also the cry about the one hundred vacant schools; another attempt to deceive the people; the road contracts let and withdrawn and let again to friends of the government, the boast that the era of deficits had been ended by the wisdom of the Bell government when as a matter of fact they had incurred an additional debt of \$200,000 and provided the interest to meet it.

These things are all known to the electors if they take the trouble to look into the public accounts and the record of the government. If the electors want to see this kind of thing continued they will support the government candidates; if they want to issue a stern warning to future politicians, if they want to express their disapproval of political crookedness they will vote for the opposition candidates.

MURRAY HARBOR DISTRICT

The only three cornered contest in tomorrow's elections is in the Murray Harbor district, where a so called Progressive candidate has come into the field. This candidate, Mr. Gillis, has labelled himself a Progressive, on what grounds we do not know, but it is evidently not by the consent or approval of the Progressive party as they have taken no stock in his candidature. He denounces both the Bell government and the Conservative candidates in the hope of securing support from both political parties. Whether he shall succeed in deluding any considerable number of electors we have no means of knowing but let it be distinctly understood that every vote given to him is a vote for the Bell government. There should be no misunderstanding about this. If any chance he should be elected he will stand alone, opposed to the government and the opposition and therefore absolutely powerless for good or evil. He can be but a nonentity drawing \$500 which he candidly admitted he was going after. A vote for Mr. Gillis can only have the effect of preventing the constituency from expressing its approval or disapproval of the Bell government.

EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

The virtual disappearance of the premium on New York funds, or, as more generally understood, on American money, has been aided by increased shipments of Canadian products to the United States, says the Montreal Gazette. In the two months ended July 31st, 1920, before the Fordney "Tariff" was in operation, sales of Canadian commodities affected by that measure across the border amounted to \$14,398,000, while in the like period in the following year sales dropped to \$3,478,000, or about 75 per cent. In June and July of this year shipments rose in value to \$6,626,000, a notable rebound. Two years ago Canada sold large quantities of sugar to the United States. It was a period of short supplies, active speculation and rising prices, the Americans buying in June and July, 1920, to the value of \$5,936,000. It was an exceptional trade, not likely to be renewed, and not particularly affected by the higher American tariff now in force. Eliminating the item of sugar, shipments from Canada to which the Fordney duties apply thus compare for the two months: 1920, \$8,461,000; 1921, \$3,476,000; 1922, \$6,626,000.

The cattle trade has been hard hit by the Emergency Tariff which went into force in May of last year, and a considerable decline in exports of meats and butter has also occurred, while sales of wheat have increased more than thirty-fold in quantity and about fifteen-fold in value, prices of the cereal having been cut in half. Comparisons of the principal items of export in June and July follow:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1920, 1922. Rows include Butter, Cheese, Meats, Cream, Cattle, Wheat, Flour, and Wool.

These figures indicate that the American market is by no means closed to Canadian farm products, and, as a matter of fact, this business during the past two months has been as large in volume as two years ago, the decrease in values, apart from the single item of sugar, having been due entirely to the decline in prices.

Notes By The Way

Tomorrow the electors will vote for five members to sit in the Legislature. The members to be elected will be entitled to sit during one session only. These bye elections are a reminder that these seats should have been filled last year. The law required that they should have been filled last year. The Bell government violated the law and refused the electors their sacred right of representation!

Gentlemen Electors! A vote for a Bell Government candidate tomorrow would endorse and condone that outrage! Are you prepared to say to these deceivers and to future administrations as well, that they may take away your right to vote whenever they please to do so? That these our law-makers may break the law of the land with impunity? We can not believe it!

They committed this outrage on your liberties doubtless because they believed that you would vote against them. They know, the feelings of the voters as expressed at a dozen indignation meetings, since then they have flouted and defied you by closing the polls in your districts until now. Vote for your condemnation tomorrow! Confront their politics and frustrate their knavish tricks tomorrow! They have deceived you from the beginning. Punish them now! We confidently believe you will do so!

As has been proved a hundred times the Bell Government's record from 1919 to the present was begun, continued and ended in deception and fraud. It is a record of broken promises and violated faith. It is a record of selfish greed without a parallel in provincial history. They have destroyed the former high standards of our public life, tarnished the fair fame of the Province and brought disgrace upon the great party whose name they claim. Down with them!

Let the older electors who may remember a dozen previous Administrations, recall if they can any previous Government so false to its promises, or that has so burdened the people or so enriched itself by selfish greed, or has shown such blundering incapacity, or such scandalous and perpetual family quarrels, or that has so outraged public right and public decency or called forth so many forceful protests at public indignation meetings! In all such baseness the Bell Government stands without a parallel! They stand alone in their perfidy! Down with them!

Men of truth, of honesty, of honor and of patriotism! Vote tomorrow to condemn falsehood and deceit in the high places of the land! Vote to clear the fair fame of our Province now smirched and dishonored by unworthy rulers! Vote to ring out the false, the true! Vote to restore public honor, once sacred, now trampled upon! Down with the deceivers! Vote for the Opposition candidates, who pledge a faith un sullied by deceit or fraud!

The Bell Government and its candidates have entered these contests without hope, of success. The Premier himself has fore shadowed their defeat when he said that if all the five seats were lost they would still have a majority in the House! They know their own base record, "A guilty conscience needs no accuser." They have read their own condemnation in the eyes of the electors at the campaign meetings!

Gentlemen Electors! The Matheson Government did not deceive you. The Arsenault Government did not deceive you. The Conservatives when in power brought to the Province \$100,000 in yearly subsidy for all time without taxing you. They saved our representation at Ottawa from further reduction. They gave us the Car Ferry that broke our winter shackles. What is that worth to our farmers, fishermen, merchants and traders? Mr. J. D. Stewart, the Opposition Leader, a man of unsullied honor and probity, will not deceive you now! The candidates supporting him are men of ability and worth. Vote for them and elect them all! Down with the Bell Government deceivers!

Gentlemen Electors! You owe it to yourselves and to your children upon whom the burden of debt laid on by the Bell Government will fall to go to the polls tomorrow and vote your condemnation of Bell Government extravagance and waste and to cleanse the Augean stable they have made of our public offices! And to replace these deceivers with honest

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

King's County Roads

Sir:—I have for some time past noticed several communications in your columns about a certain bridge on the upper Brantford waters. I lately made it my business to see the structure and I must say there is nothing like it anywhere. Big Jack certainly did the public a service when he exposed the contemptible deal. There is a good crop of hay and pasture on the road that leads to the bridge and lest the public forget, I think it should be commemorated in song as well as in a story—so here goes. Oh! the grafters, Oh! the grafters, Raise a shout to raise the rafters. They're on every brook that flits between the ridges; And while other folks are moving, Big Jack goes after Koughan, For trailing his friends to new Grit bridges. But of all the crazy causes Whether bias laid or crosswise, From Bridge Hill to far famed Vimy Ridge, You may hike it Friend or bike it Friend, You'll find there's nothing like it friend. No nothing! That's like Jimmy Sanpheys Bridge. I am Sir, Etc. "SANDY RUAH"

A BAD ROAD

Sir:—I wish to call the attention of the Bell Government to the deplorable condition of that piece of road from Georgetown Ferry to St. Andrew's Point. It is not only in a deplorable condition, but a dangerous one. We electors of this district would like Hon Mr. Crosby to take his courage in both hands and drive along this road. One part is so near the bank that one alighting from a carriage would invariably land on the shore below, and is so narrow that carriages and foot passengers are unable to move abreast. Further along there is a piece of road utterly impassable at high tide. It is understood that one of the Bell Government supporters tendered for the construction of this section of road, and after securing it, was told the price was too high. After reducing his offer by a hundred dollars no further notice was taken and the result is as described above. Eighteen years ago the Liberal Government then in power built a lasting monument in the form of a wharf at Lower Montague—about one mile from this piece of road. It cost between four and five thousand dollars and there has been just one vessel loaded there in all these years. Had the money been spent there on this section of the road we would have had something to remember them kindly by. The result was that when the Conservatives came into power there was nothing left in the treasury to build roads on. Where is our Mr. Hessian who was going to rebuild King's County, and wake up Georgetown? Is he too busy spending his increase of salary or are we may tell us next time that this is an island all surrounded by water? I am, Sir, etc. TRAVELLER

Who Are The Debt Increasers

During the whole period from the day of confederation up to the present, all the Conservative governments combined did not increase the net debt of the Province more than three hundred thousands of dollars, and they have permanent steel bridges, concrete culverts and other public works to account for every dollar of it.

Within the same period the Liberals have added over a million dollars to this debt and they have nothing to show for it, except sand hills and satisfied feelers, and permanent culverts and bridge to the extent of about thirty per cent of the debt they created. And the people have now to slip deeply into their pockets to scratch up sixty thousand dollars every year to pay the interest on this Liberal debt.

men who will keep their promises! To the polls, gentlemen! For the best day's work of your lifetime!

Gentlemen Electors! You owe it to your wives, your sisters, your daughters whom the Bell Government has shut out from the polls in these vital contests—you owe it to these cheated and defrauded women to voice their indignation tomorrow! Ladies, now denied your just and undoubted right! See to it that your fathers, husbands, brothers and sweet hearts go to the polls tomorrow to re-assert your wrong and defeat the deceivers! We believe that you will do so!

Others' View Points

THE TRAVELS OF THE PRINCE

(Toronto Star)

It is reported in the English press that the Prince of Wales will in the near future set out on a six months' tour of South Africa. When he has made this journey he will have toured the whole British Empire as perhaps no other man has done.

In the navy and merchant marine are men who have skirted all the seas and entered ports all around the Empire, but none among them has made the land journeys in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, India, and elsewhere that the Prince has made. It was, considered a great thing when the grandfather of the Prince crossed the sea to Canada half a century ago, but times have changed since then. It is as easy to travel as to stay at home. The Prince of Wales is gaining acquaintance with all the British nations scattered around the world with which he will have to do when he ascends the throne. It is a considerable apprenticeship which he is serving to the task that will be his one day.

It is probably a kaleidoscopic sort of view of many countries that the Prince gets and returns. In his mind's eye he must see a procession of silk hats extending around the globe—an endless row of typical dignitaries in their robes and chains of office and college faculties in academic gowns conferring degrees—with here and there a buckling broncho, dusky warriors doing a war dance, or the peake of a mountain thrust into the sky. Yet he will realize, as few British statesmen have ever been able to do, now relatively small is that centre of Empire in which London is set, and he will know how the lightest word spoken there circles the world and needs to be wisely spoken.

THE DOCTORIAL LUXURY

(Providence Journal)

The unwearied spirit of reform addresses itself to the matter of honorary degrees, which many colleges distribute with increasing liberality from year to year—as cannot have failed to excite some public attention, even if the phenomenon is not necessarily alarming.

Most of us may be unaware of the existence of the Society for the Refusal of Honorary Degrees, but it is said to have been "working quietly" for some ten years. Now it feels strong enough to make an aggressive drive for new members.

We scarcely know whether to be cheered or depressed by the information. The bestowal of honorary degrees contribute immensely to the joy of the Commencement season. And so long as the "doctored" perages are not so numerous that other features of the programme are held up by the function, those who share in the exercises as lookers-on have no reason to find fault. But there may be other considerations. According to the statement of principles announced by the refusal society, "American public men have been overindulged in this luxury and scholarship standards have been debased." This is a disturbing indictment, of course.

How thrilling it is, when the college year ends, To read how our leaders received their degrees! Skaggs gets a degree that surprises his friends,

Some of our easy-going friends may be tempted to think: "No need of me going to the polls to vote. There will be plenty to wipe out the rotten old pack without my bothering my head." Perhaps so, friend; but too many, thinking as you do, and staying at home in your way, might allow the supporter of the banging Government candidate to slip in. Don't take this risk, but go to the polls and do your duty. In any case a big sweeping majority will be the best punishment for their deceptions.

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For making six million in doughnuts and cheese. It was the Conservative Arsenault Government that commenced to take advantage of the grant, when they were denounced in every corner of the province for taking up "this infernal scheme." Surely it is the extreme of gall and impudence after all their deceitful opposition to the Highways scheme, for them to boast now that they had originated and made it possible. They had nothing to do with it except to spend, and in most cases to waste the money.

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