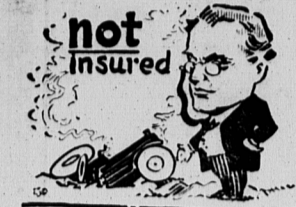


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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

This evening, as already announced, the Prime Minister and members of his cabinet will address meetings in the Prince Edward Theatre and in the Market Hall. Arrangements have been completed to give them a fitting reception and we feel assured that all our citizens will unite in making the visit agreeable both to visitors and visitors.

All are cordially invited to hear what these leaders of the National Liberal and Conservative party have to say on the great and vital questions now before the people of Canada, questions on the decision of which the future prosperity of Canada will largely depend. No more important questions have come before our people since Confederation than those in the limelight at present and it is necessary that they be thoroughly understood. They are not mere questions of party politics; they are questions of policy, questions of trade relations, questions dealing with the maintenance of Canadian institutions, questions involving the control of these institutions by Canadians or by foreign powers.

These questions have been discussed in the press and on the platform. The leaders on one side have already spoken before the people of Charlottetown; now the other side is to be heard and it will be for the people to judge as to the consistency and the reasonableness of the respective presentations.

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OUR POPULATION.

The census figures of this province published, while not final, are startling and worthy of serious consideration. The following figures showing the drift of population during the last half century tell their own story:

Year	Population
1871	94,021
1881	108,891
1891	109,078
1901	103,259
1911	93,728
1921	88,536

This is the story. There are two main causes, emigration and decline in birth rate. Is there a remedy? If not, where will it end?

It will be remembered that some weeks ago we published the unofficial returns showing the population of Canadian cities. According to these figures the population of Charlottetown had increased by, in round numbers, 1100. The decline of 5,921 in the total population shows that the rural population is today about 7000 less than it was ten years ago. The farmers' families are leaving farms and moving into cities. This is true in even greater degree in our sister provinces. The urban population is increasing at the expense of the rural; industry, the professions, the clerical callings are drawing our young men and young women away from the farms. The reason it is unnecessary to state, is because the industries, the professions and the clerical callings pay higher wages and are, presumably, at least, more attractive otherwise.

Is there any antidote to this? Will the farmer persuade his son to remain on the farm while the city, here or elsewhere, offers him a much more remunerative post? Will he persuade his daughters to stick to the farm until some neighbor farmer wants her to be-

come his wife? Just ask the farmer.

How many farmers in this province are educating their sons to become farmers? Are not the great majority of our sons being sent to school and college to become doctors, lawyers, preachers, engineers, mechanics, tradesmen, civil-servants and similar professions for the simple reason that these professions are supposed to offer better prospects than farming. No account is taken of the failures in all of these latter callings; every school boy is a genius in the making and is entitled to the best that is going. He is not, so it is argued in many homes going to wear his life out on a farm as his father is doing, so he is sent to college to swell the ranks of the successes and failures in the cities!

There is a remedy but we fear its application is yet not fully appreciated. When farming is made more remunerative by the adoption of real protection, when the farmers are made sure of a market within our own country and not placed at the mercy of foreigners, when the cities are built up with thriving consumers as the result of sane protection, then more people will stick to the farms because the returns will be something worth while. Whatever happens farming must be placed on a level, in the matter of remuneration and attractiveness, with other callings if the rural population is going to keep pace with the urban. How to bring this about, how to enable the farmer's son and daughter on the farm to obtain as much for their labor and their skill as the tailor, the carpenter, the brick-layer, the mechanic, the lawyer or any other of the clerical professions, is the problem of the day; the farmer should make more money than any of these others, for without him all these others would starve to death. The remedy lies in protection and the upbuilding of the home markets.

IMPRESSIVE PARADE

What was probably the largest and certainly one of the most impressive parades in the history of Charlottetown was that of Friday last when about 800 school boys marched from the city schools to the grounds of the Athletic Association. The parade, made up of boys ranging in age from sixteen to eight, extended the length of several blocks and was witnessed by hundreds along the route of march.

We had seen not very long since several bodies of men in khaki aggregating in all about 3,000 men marching behind band and drum to entrain for overseas; we knew that many of them would never return. This also was impressive, heart stirring, but only in degree and in immediate acuteness was it more solemnly impressive than this parade of the men, the citizens, the legislators, the lawyers, doctors, clergymen, mechanics, artisans, merchants of ten to fifteen years hence marching before the men and women of today whether and to what?

Will these 800 little men of tomorrow be the citizens we want them to be? Will they fulfill the hopes of the parents who today love and fondle them and in whose estimation they are clean, honorable and manly? Will some of them go down the slopes towards criminality? Will the great majority of them be the kind of citizens to whom we of the older generation may unhesitatingly entrust the country so recently redeemed by the sacrifice and the lives of their brothers and fathers? This depends more upon us than upon them; it is up to us. We are their keepers, their examples, their advisers. Again we say it is up to us.

Will these 800 be the builders

of their native city and province or will they devote the training they are today receiving from us and at our expense to the building up of other cities and other countries? This also is up to us. If we today sell our birthright, if we hand over our industries and our trade to foreigners; if instead of protecting our own industries, our own agriculture, our own people, we open our doors to the products of other lands and destroy our own, these boys of today, when they attain to manhood, must seek elsewhere for a living. We are now at the parting of the way; we are asked to decide whether we shall do our own work or have others do it for us; whether we shall employ our own men or have others employ them; whether we shall make our own trade arrangements or have the United States make them for us; whether we shall control our own markets or throw them open to foreigners. On our decision will depend whether these 800 citizens and the thousands of other young men scattered over our province shall earn their living here or elsewhere, shall help to build up our own country or go to build up other countries. Again we say it is up to us.

Current Comment

As an after dinner speaker, or entertainer where the light and the frivolous is always in demand, the Hon. MacKenzie King is without question a decided success. There are few indeed of more fluent wit in painting pictures in the abstract, and his mid-air performances excelled in graceful accomplishment the daring stunts of the best loop-the-loop artist that ever steered his ship towards the ether real blue. But when he descended from his air vaulting to come in touch with more sober problems of fact, he developed into a sore disingenuous even to the most sanguine of his friends, constrained as they were to admit that he was sailing upon what he himself had described as "An uncharted sea." With all the force of expression of a rich toned gramophone he reproduced, only more eloquently, all the increasing debt, high taxation and wasteful expenditure arguments so familiar to our people from Mr. J. H. Bell and his combination prior to the last local election.

Premier Meighen has the happy outspoken method of calling things by their proper names, and because he described Mr. King as "dishonest" and his programme one of "chicanery", the Liberal leader was beside himself in his bitterness of abuse, and in the rashness of his arguments, he more than fully justified the Premier's charge against him. In his effort to deprive the Government of the credit for extending the voting rights to women, he labored hard to establish as a fact that of the Cabinet of three years ago, when this franchise was given, THERE IS ONLY ONE PORTFOLIO HEAD HOLDING A SEAT IN THE MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT. And yet while laboring to withhold from them the credit for the good actions of their party on these grounds, he devoted more than half of his time in attempting to load upon THIS "ENTIRELY NEW GOVERNMENT", the full responsibility for all the acts and imaginary wrongs that his in-

ventive brain could conjure up against their predecessors. Could there be any graver act of "dishonesty," or a more pronounced effort at "chicanery" than this. Look it squarely and honestly in the face. Refuse them credit for what their predecessors did when they did right, but load them with the blame for all the wrong of any. It is MacKenzie King's self proven dishonesty and "chicanery."

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But Premier Meighen was not the sole object of his search for dynamite. The Right Hon. Lloyd George, not only the leading Liberal in the British Empire, but by the consensus of opinion among all the leading civilized nations, he is the biggest and greatest statesman in the world today. But yet in the opinion of the small souled Mr. King, he was classed with our Canadian Premier amongst the plutocrats, because his government saw fit to present three warships to Canada, without the formality of consulting the people's representatives. The Liberal leader

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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.

A Gross Injustice

Sir,—For some time past, I have been quietly listening to remarks concerning a well-known character who has been running amuck in our city streets for a much longer time than should have been permitted until these remarks have become so intolerant that it is impossible for me to remain silent about this matter.

This hoodlum has been creating disturbances from time to time, even carrying his rascality into our very institutions, not long ago he had to be forcibly ejected from one of our hospitals and arrested for disturbing the peace therein. The latest news is that he has been given twenty four hours in which to leave the town. I would that the law would extend the time limit long enough to give him the chance to read this, my eulogy on his most admirable qualities. Those remarks which have become so intolerant to me as the daughter of that nation which is supposed to mother this hoodlum, would lead one to believe that the man's nationality was in some measure responsible for his wrong doings. Why not lay the blame where it belongs? When a man does wrong, it is the person in him who acts. It is not because he belongs to this or that nation or to this or that creed. Whatever nation or creed this hoodlum belongs to, he certainly is a disgrace to it and is not one to pick out as a seeming example of what his supposed fellow countrymen may be like as those overheard remarks would infer. What is in a name? We can not judge from a man's name what his nationality may be, and we have no proof that such is really his name. We only have his own word for it and if his veracity is as unsavory as his reputation we can take his statements with a pinch of salt.

It is a very peculiar thing that this hoodlum is always well supplied with the "dough" with which to pay his fines and that he does not in the least mind parting with this dough. What is the natural inference? Is it that he is the well paid employee of those who are doing their utmost to crush that nation and are trying in this manner to bring opprobrium just where they wanted to be? I am making no assertions, I am merely asking a question. If this is so, then they have failed and failed utterly for no fair minded person would ever take such a hoodlum as an example of what his supposed fellowmen close

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 Is one with him who rows or sails;
 And he who wanders widest lifts
 No more of beauty's jealous veils
 Than he who from his doorway sees

The miracle of flowers and trees,
 Feels the warm Orient in the noon day air,
 And from cloud, minarets hears
 The sunset's call to prayer.
 JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

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