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WORDS, WORDS, WORDS.

Thoughtful men and women throughout Canada, whose principal business at present is paying taxes and who are anxiously peering into the future, will read with mingled pity and contempt the speech of Mr. J. C. Elliot, M. P. for Middlesex West, moved the address in reply to the speech from the Throne a brief synopsis of which was given in yesterday's Guardian.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is some kick left in the old Winter yet. Sir Vincent Massey is also looking for a seat in the west but there is a hitch somewhere. The man who was going to resign in order to give him a seat says he never heard anything about it—and there you are.

"All these weeks of mild weather," remarked a citizen, "the moon has kept a position low down in the south. That, I have noticed always brings mild weather. Perhaps and again perhaps not. We have had a long spell of delightful weather, but how has it been elsewhere? Many have perished from cold in France and other European countries under the same moon while there as here with the bright luminary of the night 'low down in the south.' And who does not remember other days of other winters when the moon was running high and the weather down here was mild? We may yet see much lower temperatures than we have had so far this winter and have to look much higher up in the sky to see the moon at the same time.

A leading editorial in the Toronto Globe under the caption "Enough!" discusses the first six days of the parliamentary session at Ottawa in terms of disgust. "The political jockeying, wire-pulling, button-holding, gum-shoeing, pussy-footing, side-stepping, manipulating and intriguing are more than sufficient," it says along with other reprehensible doings, have disgusted the people and shocked the "electorate." Nothing short of another election can bring order out of chaos, restore stable government and satisfy the people in the opinion of the chief organ of Liberalism.

A VALUABLE INSTRUMENT

About thirty years ago an instrument was introduced into the medical profession for measuring the pressure of the blood in the blood vessels. For a number of years this was considered simply a scientific toy, as it were, although its accuracy was unquestioned. However, as folks with high blood pressure always present, were found to have hardened arteries, heart, and kidney ailments, it began to be used regularly by insurance examiners so as to detect the probable onset of any of these conditions. Today practically every physician uses the instrument as a help in his diagnosis and treatment. However, a few years ago it was only high blood pressure that was considered important, because as mentioned above, persistent high blood pressure usually foretold heart, kidney, or blood vessel ailments. However, as physicians began making these daily routine examinations they found that the patients with high blood pressure were of ten healthy looking specimens, whereas those with low blood pressure were sickly in appearance. These patients with low blood pressure were usually thin, anaemic folk, with vitality low. This was sometimes due to a real wasteful condition like an early tuberculosis, or to some infective process in the body like bad teeth or gonorrhoea, poor indigestion, and so forth. So now, of course, your physician looks upon his blood pressure instrument as a sort of barometer of the human body. Good average pressure is all right, but high or low must be treated, and the treatment, as so often is the case, is a matter of food. In high pressure the amount of food is usually cut down somewhat, and foods such as veal, pork, fried foods, pastry, and liquors are used but slightly or completely avoided. Vegetable soups, beefsteak, soft boiled eggs, vegetables, milk puddings and fruits are taken safely. In low pressure the patient is given plenty of food, sometimes four meals a day at some distance apart. Good foods make not only good blood, but more of it. So when you get overhauled by your physician, don't let him forget to take your blood pressure. If you are not greatly excited or unusually fatigued, it registers your condition accurately.

CAPABLE OF EMPLOYING A MILLION PEOPLE

(By An Observer)

The other day as I was coming up town I met a friend of mine quite evidently lost in the city. He was searching industriously in his many pockets for something. One hand dived into his breast pocket, another furiously patted his back pant pocket and from his manner it was evident that what he had lost he considered of great importance.

"Why the Observation Card?" I received from Ottawa last night. I have just seen something I want to make a note of." "Observation card," said I, "what in the world do you mean?" "Why," said he, "have you not received an Observation Card yet?" "Observation Card, I said again, this is a new one on me. Elucidate please."

"Well, Well," said he "I would have thought you would have had one ere this, and if you really don't know anything about it, why let me tell you a long story you better come to my office and I will tell you about it." "Fine, said I, come along."

"So we went to his office right away and seated comfortably with a good cigar he told his tale. "You see," he began, "I am solely responsible for the issuance of the Observation System and it originated as follows:— During one of my trips to Ottawa I had occasion to meet my old friend Mr. X who is head of the statistical department, and I found him in such a state of mental depression that I of course enquired the reason. "Why it like this," Mr. X said. "There was such a scare among the Liberals before this last election that a great effort was made to find positions for all the Liberal supporters in case of the defeat of the Liberal government. Now my department has to find employment for 50 more people and I am in absolute despair about it as I have such a terrible number of employees now that I find it hard to keep busy three or four hours a day. I am going to be set at puzzles me. Say, now he exclaimed, you are a pretty good man on such things cannot you think up some scheme that will get me out of this mess?"

"Well," I said, "I will try to think up something if you give me time." "He jumped up and enthusiastically shook my hand. "I know you will help me, why I am delighted you came in. Having concluded my business, I went away again promising at his very earnest solicitation to think up some scheme to keep his fifty new men busy. After spending some time on the matter I called on him a day or so later and informed him that I had solved his problem, which announcement was hailed with vociferous delight by Mr. X.

"Come on now he cried, drawing his chair up close to mine, and rubbing his hands expectantly together. "Come on tell me all about it." "Well," said I, "after all it was really not a great problem, because it is for the Government you know, it is not so tough as it was a real business proposition. Now my proposal is that you start an Observation department. An observation department decorated 'X' Why what ever do you mean?"

"Well simply this you must start a department of Observation! This department, must have a chief, three assistants and at least one hundred files at first, as well as representatives in each city as Chief Observation officer, as well as in each country school district." "But," cried Mr. X "that would mean an arm."

"Of course it would," I said, "but isn't that exactly what you wanted?" "Why of course it is," he exclaimed, "but this is miles beyond my fondest dreams. Why I'll get a gold medal for starting this, Lord me! Go on tell me all about it—your observation plans."

"Well," said I, "as soon as you have your offices prepared and desks files and equipment completed you make a complete list of the voters of Canada, especially the women voters. You must not forget the women, as they make the best Observation officers possible. In fact a blind woman Observationist is as good as the average man observationist. You prepare say one hundred million cards about six inches by eight inches and print on it, leaving a space for the day to be filled in. Now your staff will prepare a card for each day of the month, and write the name of the Observationist that is intended for on a line intended for the purpose, and each card must be mailed to each party in plenty time to reach him or her before the date specified thereon. Now the card is to be perfectly blank with the exception of date, etc., as above and on the bottom is a notification that a fine of \$500 or more will be the penalty for giving false information. This of course will be in red ink, and when the card is finished the holder signs his full name and date of his birth month and year and forwards it to the Observation Department Office. Each card bears the frank of the Observation Department so the holder will not be called upon to use a stamp for the purpose."

"Yes, yes man, but go on," said Mr. X, "what does it mean? I feel like a man on the verge of a great discovery. Go ahead, now what do these people do with these cards?" "Why they carry them with them

PROPOSED WATER ST. RINK

Sir,—With reference to the discussion on this matter in the City Council, allow me to state that so long as such a rink is quietly run and no damage done to adjoining property I have no objection to it. I am, Sir, etc. GEO. V. MOORE.

each day, and make notation of all things that come under their observation. Every thing they observe is of value—whether it be humorous or serious, whether it be private or public matter, whether it depicts home life or life in a hotel—Matters that pertain to businesses you visit during the day, trains you may travel on, things you may buy or sell, a fishing trip, a visit to the local legislature, this, of course, would be classified as humorous, data as to the prices charged for anything you buy and what you think you can buy it for, from a mail order house. The price of a horse, his weight and particulars such as his being a little over in front, all information you get from your barber during shaving time, you might perhaps issue a special card for this, in fact all the facts and data that every man and woman in Canada is able to gather and observe during the daily life. Now, Mr. X, this is a big proposition and placed at your disposal by the observation department will be of monumental importance to the statistical, agricultural financial departments. In fact every department will be obliged to defer obediently to the Observation department when the matter of information is being considered. The publishing of the information each year would be a wonderful benefit to the citizens of Canada and while no doubt it would mean a rash increase in the printing facilities of the Dominion Government the value of the information printed each year would quite justify the installation of necessary machinery. Now if you do not doubt as to the value of the information gleaned under this widespread system, I will try to give an illustrative example of its uses, taking for example an enquiry into the qualifications of some prominent citizen for government offices. We will take Mr. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada. We want to know what Mr. King's qualifications are for the position of Premier of this great Dominion. Now turn to the Observation Department. In the large building called the west wing of the Observation building you find the sub department and its sub chief of the political bureau. You ask him to give you what information he possesses in connection with Mr. King. He looks at you queerly and asks how long you intend to remain in Ottawa. After learning that you will only be remaining a week, at the Chateau he says, "Well, I will send you a few opinions by prominent men in connection with the matter you are interested in and trust you will get the information you desire."

True to his promise a large volume loaded back up to the Hotel door next morning and the porters carried all the matter to my sitting room. Each package was carefully marked and one of the large parcels which I examined was marked as follows:—"RE MACKENZIE KING—opinions of A. Meighen from Jan. 1st 1924 to Jan. 1, 1925."

I noticed several packages similarly marked opinions of so and so of Mr. Mackenzie King. Now Mr. X don't you realize even yet the utter, absolute, efficiency of my Observation Department. Here I have in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye as it were, the entire qualifications of our Premier of King, and no doubt similar opinions of every man and woman in Canada are obtainable providing the department is efficiently conducted, on business lines. Now Mr. X, here is food for thought. You want employment for fifty Observation men? Why pursue the Observation movement to its logical limit and behold at last one million paid employees taking care of the records.

"God bless my soul," Mr. X suddenly exclaimed—"You a wizard man! His colossal, magnificent, stupendous, and instead of being worried because my staff could only find three hours work per day, when they worked, I shall have lots for them to do now. Its glorious man, glorious. I'm eternally obliged. My I'm so excited I want to start right away."

I left him pounding the bell for his secretary and went to the hotel. By this time there were seven special rooms full of records of Mr. Mackenzie King and picking up a parcel at random I noticed it was from a Mr. L. "This is Mr. King's tailor." So complete was the information furnished that I could have an entire new suit of clothes and outfit from hat to boots provided for the Premier had I so desired. And all this but the Observation records of one man—And there are millions of men and women.

"Now," said my friend jumping up. "You know all about the Observation Department, Ottawa. Its really a branch of the statistical department, you know, when all's said and done, and I am sure you will commence to get your cards regularly very shortly."

"Meantime having found his card for that day in his overcoat pocket he said if I would excuse him he must get it into the Post Office as soon as he could. I left him with the card in his hand intensely watching two fighting dogs in the middle of the street, and have no

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Young Bob Went Down For First Time in Career NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The world's heavyweight ring crown held almost three decades ago by Bob Fitzsimmons, was a more dim and distant diadem to his son today. Opportunity knocked at the door of Young Bob last night, pitting him against the popular Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn. Light heavyweight, in a ten round match at the Madison Square Garden, but the tremendous punch of the Cornishman of 1897 was missing in the fighting repertoire of the son, and Young Bob went down to defeat on a judges' decision before the superlative sitting of a foe he outweighed by seventeen and a half pounds. For the first time in his career, Fitzsimmons went to the canvas, in the fourth round, pulling Delaney with him after the latter had staggered him with a vicious right. The heavyweight from Nutley, N. J., was on the verge of a knockout during the remainder of the three minute session, and thereafter he boxed so cautiously that a crowd of 15,000 voiced its disapproval with jeers and hoots. Although Delaney failed to add to his prestige here by the triumph, he succeeded in his main objective, which was to win his first important battle against a heavyweight. The Bridgeport boxer scaled 168; Fitzsimmons 185 1/4.

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Meets Daughter After 20 Years LONDON, Jan. 19.—A mother and daughter, neither of whom had known of the other's existence for 20 years have just met in a Lyons hospital. They were in beds in the same ward and a letter for the elder was at first sorted as for the younger. Soon the mistake was rectified, and the two women of the same name were conversing.

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But Ottawa despatches intimate that the debate and division of last week are only the beginning of a series of wordy encounters and possibly even closer divisions in the weeks to come.

Every day there is a new count of noses and reports from the whips as to any changes in the voting strength available for the next division. One Conservative was ill and absent when Friday's division was taken. He may recover. Then there is Macdonald, the Liberal member for Prince Albert, who voted on Friday but can't vote any more, because he has resigned to give Mr. MacKenzie King a chance to be elected.

Adding one vote to 120 on the Conservative side would make 121 and taking one vote from the Liberal-Progressive 123 would reduce it to 122. But would not one or more of the five Progressives who voted with Mr. Meighen on Friday vote with the Government next time? There's the rub. Any day the Government can be defeated or sustained "by computation," and these defeats and victories are being figured out daily by the Captains Bobbald in the corridors and lobbies. A majority of three is pretty narrow, but it is sufficient to hold the Government in power, and a majority of one would be equally effective.

That no one believes a general election can be averted longer than June next has come over the wires from Ottawa. But no one knows what may come of new contacts or agreements for co-operation, or even fusion between two of the three parties. The plotting, wire-pulling and bartering will go on just so long as the strength of the opposing parties of Ins and Outs are so nearly of equal strength. It was thus in the Federal Parliament when Sir John Macdonald's Government had a narrow majority of six after the election of 1872. It was thus in our own Legislature in the days of the Farquharson Government of 1898.

And both the cases, federal and provincial as above cited occurred under the two-party system, before the system of three groups as we now have it was established. It is quite possible at any time that an appeal to the people may result in such an equal division whether we have two or more large parties. The fact is that democratic party government is still on its trial. Its drawbacks are many. It is terribly expensive at best, but so far nothing better appears to be in sight.

At this writing there is speculation in the Conservative camp as to opposing Premier King in Prince Albert. In October Alberta elected 3 Conservatives, 4 Liberals and 9 Progressives. There had been 15 Conservatives, 14 Liberals and 13 Progressives nominated. It would seem from this that the Province is strongly Progressive and Liberal. Since October Alberta has arranged with the Federal Government for the return of her very valuable natural resources in lands, mines and forests, on very favorable terms for the Province. Mr. King's election chances ought to be good even should he be opposed. Opposition should not be offered merely for the purpose of delaying his re-entrance to Parliament.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

January 20, 1926. CONFIDENCE IN GOD— "And Abraham said, God will provide Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." Gen. 22: 8. PRAYER— O Thou giver of every good and perfect gift, accept our heartfelt thanks for the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sin of the world.

PAST AND PRESENT

I remember, I remember The house where I was born, The little window where the sun Came peeping in at morn; He never came a wink too soon Nor bright too long a day; But now, I often wish the night Had borne my breath away.

I remember, I remember, The roses, red and white, The lilacs, and the lily-cups— Those flowers made of light! The lilacs where the robin built And where my brother sat The laburnum on his birthday— The tree is living yet!

I remember, I remember, Where I used to swing, And thought the air must rush as fresh To swallows on the wing; My spirit flew on feathers then That is so heavy now, And Summer pools could hardly cool The fever on my brow.

I remember, I remember The fir-trees dark and high; I used to think their slender tops Were close against the sky; It was a childish ignorance, But now 'tis little joy, To know I'm farther off from Heaven Than when I was a boy. —T. Hood.

Your Birthday

JANUARY 20.—Be self-reliant and your success is assured. Be diligent in your work and always truthful; work will then become a pleasure with but few burdens. Begin all important business in March and November. These are the months that indicate your greatest success, and Tuesdays and Saturdays the days most favorable to you. You will be very happy in your love affairs. Your birth-stone is a garnet, which means faithfulness. Your flower is a snowdrop. Your lucky colors are navy blue and black. UNNECESSARY WORK "A woman never seems to be able to make up her mind." "Why should she? She would only change it again."