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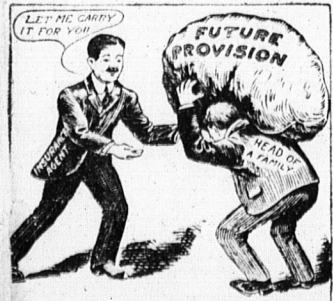
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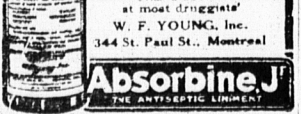
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MR. LEA AND HIS BULL

Hon. W. M. Lea is considerably exercised over the criticisms of his transactions with Falconwood herd of cattle, and especially regarding the now notorious bull which he supplied the Institution. Mr. Lea alleges that "When this bull was purchased the government needed a sire, and the speaker or knew there was in this province a good animal bred by himself. This animal was in the hands of Mr. McFarlane. He paid Mr. McFarlane \$200. The government could have paid for it, but it would be said that Mr. Lea was the breeder, so he loaned the animal to the government without charge. This was the only animal of his that was ever on the government farm. Perhaps the editor of the Guardian knows more about a bull than the Commissioner of Agriculture, but Mr. Lea did not think so."

We have before us the Trustees' Report of Falconwood for the year 1921 signed by "J. H. Bell, chairman, C. W. Crosby, G. E. Hughes, W. M. LEA, David McDonald and J. D. McGuigan" as trustees.

In that report, signed by Mr. Lea, we find the following statement by the Farm Manager:

"With regard to the dairy herd, a start was made, in improving its quality, by having a number of the poorer grade culled out and replaced by a few good milk cows. The scrub bull was done away with, we are now using a thoroughbred Holstein. THE PROPERTY OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, stationed on the farm, together with nine Holstein cattle still under the control of the Department."

This is the genesis of the "Nocturnal Hoistain Bull" (the expression is that of Mr. Lea). When the report appeared Mr. Wheatly raised the question about the previous ownership of the bull. The matter was ventilated in the House when Mr. Lea with the facility of a quick-change artist, repudiated the report over his own signature and said he merely loaned the bull to Falconwood.

Now although Falconwood is an eleemosynary institution, Prince Edward Island is not an eleemosynary Province, and judging by Mr. Lea's boast of his own salary and indemnity the Commissioner does not think so; indeed, he does not hesitate to tell the farmers how well off they are. Why then should he of all men loan a \$200 bull to an institution which costs \$120,000 annually to run? Mr. Lea says it was to avoid the suspicion of benefitting from the transaction. But if the bull was purchased from Mr. McFarlane as a bona fide transaction, Mr. Lea had nothing to fear. Anyway, the report over his own signature did not indicate any such scruples, and it was not until the transaction was challenged that he repudiated it and posed in the guise of a philanthropist who was prepared to benefit the province by placing a Fourth Prize Bull at the disposal of Falconwood.

ANOTHER BRIGHT LIGHT

They are all giving out their lights during the present session. It has been said that revelations come to the dying and if this be true the end of the provincial Liberal party is not far off. Mr. B. W. LePage, referring to the speech of Mr. J. D. Stewart Monday, remarked that "he (Mr. Stewart) monkeyed with the Education Department until 100 schools were vacant and one-fifth of the pupils went without an education." Will Mr. LePage, for the benefit of the unenlightened tell how Mr. Stewart "monkeyed"

with the Education Department. Will he then take a glance at the Education report for 1918 in which he will find the enrolment for Mr. Stewart's year to be 17,861 pupils in the whole province; and then at last year's report, under Mr. LePage's government when the enrolment was only 17,510, that is, 351 less than two years ago. Where does Mr. LePage find the one-fifth of the population which went without education under Mr. Stewart's regime? Also, from what public report did Mr. LePage find authority for the statement that there were 100 schools vacant?

MR. LEA WRITHES

The Honourable Mr. Lea yesterday again denied the accuracy of The Guardian's report of his speech delivered in March, 1921 in which he made the statement that "the right course is to compel the child to take the physic and this the government has done in the matter of taxation." Mr. Lea made the statement yesterday that the matter had not been referred to in the press until this spring. Yet he holds in his hand a copy of the Guardian which said as plainly as type can say it, that "on March 15, 1921, Mr. Lea is reported in the Guardian as saying to ask a man's name, ending with the above quotation." Mr. Lea was just as sensitive a year ago as he is today. Why did he not on some one of his many risings on a question of privilege so rise in his seat at the time and deny the accuracy of the Guardian's report? We leave it to our readers and to those who heard Mr. Lea make the statement to answer. Mr. Lea now poses as an injured innocent and appeals to the House for sympathy! The Bell aggregation has, collectively and individually, made many mistakes but they never made a bigger mistake than when they regarded themselves as a body of sanctified immunes who are privileged to call the press and others who differ with them, liars and wolves and parasites and other such epithets.

JUST LIKE OUR OWN

Many of our readers will recall the vehement eloquence with which the Honourable Mr. MacKenzie King during the recent election campaign denounced the passing of Orders in Council which he gravely charged against the previous administration; how he pleaded for the restoration of "constitutional government" in Canada. They will recall also how earnestly and passionately the Liberal candidates, Messrs. Sinclair, MacKinnon and Hughes re-echoed the sentiment, metaphorically calling upon Heaven and earth to witness their determination, if elected, to abolish the iniquitous Orders in Council, or perish in the attempt.

This was before the election. To show how faithfully (?) these pre-election promises were carried out we quote from Haussard of April 19 the following questions and answers:

MR. CHAPLIN: How many Orders in Council have been passed by the present government since it came into office on the 29th day of December, 1921, up to and including the 31st of March, 1922?

HON. MR. MACKENZIE KING: Orders in Council (enumerating the orders) to 130.

MR. ANDERSON: How many Orders in Council were passed by the late government during the months of January, February, and March, 1921?

HON. MR. MACKENZIE KING: Orders in Council (enumerating the Orders) total 1270.

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This story is told of King Frederick the Great of Prussia, who also was criticised in his day, looking from his palace window he saw a crowd of people eazing upward at a paper that had been stuck high up on the opposite wall. He sent one of his six-foot guardsmen to inquire the nature of the writing. "It is an atrocious libel upon Your Majesty," he said. The King took out his snuffbox, with more of a smile than frown. "A libel, my good fellow. Well, go and take it down." "Yes, sire." "Friend, stop a moment; you'll take it down indeed, but just to place it lower, so all with ease may read!"

And the story goes on to tell how the people stood watching and questioned the guardsman, who told them he was acting on the king's command. "He cares not what is written or said by friend or foe, content to ask his people are these things so or no." And the outcome of it all was a thunder of acclamation for Frederick the Great. Let the fair-minded reader compare this method with the cry-baby, whining and sniveling way in which Commissioner Lea and some of his colleagues have met the criticisms of the Opposition and say which is the more manly and reputable. Frederick did not complain that he had been persecuted!

He did not squat himself down in sullen silence like a toad under a stone, sweltering venom, as the manner of some is, nor did he collect with laborious toil an armful of newspaper clippings on which to base a two-hours oration pro-

claiming his imaginary wrong. Nor did he laud and praise himself as more honorable and upright than other men. He knew and felt that men, whether they are kings or subjects, pass for what they are worth in public estimation—more frequently for more rather than less. It is thus with governments as with individuals. They pass for all they are worth. If they do well their own works praise them in the gates. If they do ill no pitiful cry of persecution, no slaverling of self-praise can save them from a righteous condemnation.

It is to be noted that after all the empty talk of six weeks past in the House this fact stands forth on the record, the members of the ministerial party are agreed upon nothing. On financial matters they have put forth half a dozen different statements regarding debts, deficits and surpluses and more than that number of estimates as to what proportion of the new highway work is permanent. These estimates range from 20 per cent. to 90 per cent. As to the much-vaunted sinking fund, which is supposed to pay the highway improvements outlay without costing any body a cent, one of their own chosen defenders has pronounced the principle to be obsolete.

We have claims against the Northwest lands. Mr. McArthur quotes an estimate that there should be \$1,710,620 coming to this province from that source. The Western Provinces claim possession of these lands outright for themselves and the matter is now before the Parliament at Ottawa. What are the Bell Government doing to press our claims? Nothing has been done so far, but to confer with the governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Mr. McArthur tells that "the Premier has declared that it is the intention to take prompt action in this matter." This after almost three years in power! What could be

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