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The Island's Leading Store

Ladies' Wash Skirts

\$1.65 to \$6.50 each
for 98c

TWO DOZEN LADIES' WASH SKIRTS: We are clearing out today a lot of two dozen. Some of these we carried over from last season, made from a good quality of linen and repp, and regular values run from \$1.65 to \$6.50 each. Going on sale today for 98c each. Full line of sizes.

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at 1-2 price

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Boy's Wash Suits 1-3 off

Regular Price

The balance in stock going on sale this morning for 1-3 less, the regular value \$1.00 suits for 66c; 1.50 for 1.00; 2.00 suits for 1.33 and 2.50 for 1.67.

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for 19c

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CRITICISM

The Liberal press of Canada is at present engaged in extracting justification for its attacks upon the Government from an article which recently appeared in The London Times under the caption "The Duty of Criticism." The Times article says:

"The Government since the war began, have enjoyed an immunity accorded to no other Government in the past; and such criticism as has been levelled against them has been directed simply and solely to the more vigorous prosecution of the war. They have suffered no obstruction at all. Nowhere has a voice been raised which could be fairly held to suggest the slightest weakening in our determination to win the war."

The "immunity" enjoyed by the British Government is commendable; there no doubt was criticism and we believe that much of it was "directed solely to the more vigorous prosecution of the war." With such criticism no fault can be found. With healthy criticism intended to bring about better conditions no fault can be found, but unfortunately in this country of ours the aim is not always to better conditions but to better the conditions of a political party. Much has been made of the evidences of graft and corruption in connection with the purchase of horses and equipment for the army. Criticism in this case was levelled at the Government, while all the machinery of the Government was engaged in ferreting out the graft and corruption and bringing the guilty to justice. Not in the whole history of Canada has any Government done as much to expose fraud and graft as has been done by the present Government, and the enquiries were not, as has been too often the case, aimed at the opponents of the Government. Friend and foe alike came in for investigation and justice was impartially meted out to the guilty whatever his political leanings might be. Had the critics here been actuated by the pure and disinterested motives professed by them they would have helped the Government in its enquiries and commended it for its impartial dealings with suspicious cases.

In our own province, matters have been aired and questioned in connection with patriotic efforts by the Government and the people, in a way that was calculated to arouse suspicion and to undermine the confidence of the people, and this at a time when the press was cautioned to refrain from such. Even at present, not only here but elsewhere throughout Canada, movements are on foot which the press is strictly forbidden to discuss and yet questions are being asked and insinuations made which could not be answered or refuted without divulging matters which in the interests of the country and of the Empire should not and must not be divulged.

This is no time for that carping criticism which is calculated to make people suspicious. There are no questions connected with the help given by the Island to the Empire that cannot be satisfactorily and definitely answered when the proper time comes and those who are trying to make political capital out of these things should possess their little souls in patience till that time comes.

PATRIOT'S LATEST INSPIRATION

In its issue of yesterday The Patriot gives a rehash of the series of articles it published recently criticizing the financial administration of the Mathieson Government. We have already disproved all the allegations of our contemporary but evidently Mr. J. H. Bell still believes them for The Patriot tells us that it is his arguments it reproduces in yesterday's issue. Now we need only repeat what we have already stated about the financing of the Government of this Island. The Grits bungled the financing of the province almost beyond comprehension. During the time Mr. Mathieson led the Opposition he again and again offered to assist them in bringing about improved conditions but they steadfastly refused to act on his advice or on his suggestions. This was especially so with regard to our claims against the Dominion of Canada. But his pleadings and offers were spurned and our appeal made by the Grit Government for additional subsidy was turned down with the curt advice to go home and tax the farmers more as they were not taxed half enough. Since the present Government came into power it has consistently carried out the programme it drafted and advocated while in opposition, and with this result, that now-a-days everything is flourishing in the province, none of its services are starved and everybody with the exception of the Patriot machine, is satisfied. The grinch of The Patriot machine is, as we have said before, against the popularity and success of the Mathieson regime. There has been nothing to parallel it in the history of the province. In a brief three years the province has risen from bankruptcy to comparative affluence; all the public services are well, efficiently and economically administered, the farmers are more lightly taxed than under the Liberals and every honest farmer and citizen who has no particular axe to grind stands as one man behind the Mathieson Government. Mr. Bell, as shown by The Patriot's article, claims that the farmer is more heavily taxed now than under the Grit regime. It is interesting to recall the comparison we have already made on this question, as it shows conclusively the benefit conferred on the farmers by the efficient Conservative administration:

LIBERAL TAXES IN 1911.

Out of a total revenue of \$375,000 the farmers paid \$58,650 in Land and Road Taxes.

CONSERVATIVE TAXES IN 1914.

Out of a total revenue of \$531,000 the farmers paid \$47,430 in Land and Road Taxes.

In other words, under LIBERAL RULE the farmers paid \$15.60 out of every \$100 of Revenue.

Under CONSERVATIVE RULE the farmers paid \$8.80 out of every \$100 of Revenue.

That is, under the Mathieson Government, the farmer

pays only one-half of what he had to pay under the Liberal clique. The statistics show an absolute decrease in direct taxation of \$11,220 in favor of the farmer, and a relative decrease of 64.5 per cent. While the farmers' taxes were decreased \$11,220 the revenue of the Province was increased \$156,000 by increased Federal subsidies, secured by Premier Mathieson, a more systematic collection of income tax and fees on incorporated companies.

In 1911, the late Liberal Government closed the fiscal year at Sept. 30, with a deficit of \$41,800, and in the two succeeding months outstanding accounts to the amount of \$105,862 were paid, leaving further liabilities still outstanding of \$15,000, making in all a total deficit of \$162,000.

This deplorable bankruptcy notwithstanding, the Patriot would have us believe that is the kind of Government the people ought to have!

In 1914 the Mathieson Government after spending \$30,000 more on capital account than the late Government did in 1911, \$21,000 on war grants, \$7,343 on the Lowe award, \$31,000 more on education, \$8,000 more on public works, closed its third financial year with an absolute surplus of \$10,000, besides \$11,250 invested in creosoted lumber, sufficient for the public works for the next three years.

This is the sort of business Government the people appreciate. This is the sort of business Government the people intend to keep in power.

As regards the carrying over of the teachers' bonuses and supplements, this has been fully explained in our columns and we have proved there is absolutely no foundation for the charge made by the Patriot and Mr. Bell that this was done for the purpose of accounting. So far as the change affected the surplus of the Government the reverse is the case. The supplements, etc., total \$18,000 but the Government paid out of the 1914 revenue the following amounts into the 1915 accounts:

War Expenditure	\$21,000
Lowe Award	7,000
Agricultural Hall, Summerside	14,500
Creosoted piles	12,250
Total	\$44,750

Thus even allowing for the \$18,000 which The Patriot and Mr. Bell wrongly claim should have been included in 1914 accounts, the Government has a surplus of \$26,750. Thus we once again have pleasure in setting The Patriot and its latest inspirer, Mr. J. H. Bell, right on current political questions. But perhaps it may be a case of "none being so blind as he who will not see."

WHY AND TO WHOM?

At every Liberal-Conservative meeting held throughout the province during the present campaign, the question has been asked, "What do the Liberals propose doing if by any chance they should be entrusted with the Government?" And so far there has been no answer. Nobody knows what they would do, what they could do or what they would do with. The platform of the Liberal party, so far as it has been evolved up to the present might be boiled down into the one sentence, "Let us in." Attempts have been made at elaborating it and it has been the subject of a considerable amount of oratory, but when reduced to the last analysis the residuum is always the same—"Let us in." The earnestness of the suppliants may vary it somewhat, as the salt tears of the sanguine analyst may change the appearance of his product, and it may take the form "Oh let us in," or "Do let us in," but otherwise there is no essential difference.

It is not necessary to ask what the people are going to do about such an appeal as this. They persist in asking WHY there should be a change of Government and TO WHOM is the changed Government to be handed over. It would save much valuable time if this were known during the present stage of the campaign. The Liberals, we understand, have held some meetings; they will possibly hold some more, and some people may be tempted to spend an evening with them in the hope that the "why" and the "to whom" may be divulged. To withhold this knowledge any longer is not fair to the people. They have a right to know.

Hon. John McLean, at the meeting in Cardigan the other night, related an incident in the House of Commons when the statement was made that a certain leader was no more to be compared with his predecessor than a house cat was to be compared with a Bengal tiger. The incident is scarcely apropos to the status of the opposing parties here for even the "house cat" is not yet in sight.

NOTES

The American farmer has no difficulty whatsoever in following the little pea in Germany's shell game or in understanding to what end the game is being played, says an American exchange. Irrespective of such considerations as that its aim is to take the United States out of the list of neutral nations and deprive Belgians and French of the means with which to defend their lands against the invading Hun, the American farmer sees that if there is to be an embargo against the sale of arms and other munitions as contraband, there must also, and inevitably, be similar embargo against the sale of American foodstuffs and farm products, because these have been declared contraband by Germany. Cattle, horses, wheat, corn—the same rule must apply to them all.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READER'S

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

TO-DAY.

A poem of cheer, so good that it has been credited to various English and American authors, has at last been traced to its rightful author, Douglas Malloch, Assistant Editor of "The American Lumberman," of Chicago.

"Sure this world is full of trouble—
I ain't said it ain't,
Lord! I've had enough an' double
Reason for complaint.
Rain an' storm have come to fret me,
Skies were often gray;
Thorns an' brambles have beset me
On the road—but say,
Ain't it fine today!
What's the use of always weepin',
Makin' trouble last?
What's the use of always peepin'
Thinkin' of the past?"

Each must have his tribulation,
Water with his wine,
Life it ain't no celebration,
'Trouble? I've had mine—
But today is fine.
It's today that I am livin',
Not a month ago,
Havin' losin', takin', givin',
As time wills it so.
Yesterday a flood of sorrow
Fell across the way;
It may rain again tomorrow,
It may rain—but, say,
Ain't it fine today.


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