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RE-MAKING THE WORLD

"I do not think the great adventure of opportunity will be mine. I and the people of my generation will go away more or less ashamed of ourselves. We older people, ashamed, are going away and are leaving you to finish the work which was given us to do—the work of fulfilling, according to what lights we had the eternal purpose of the universe."

So spoke Herbert C. Hoover recently to the students of Tufts College. They are as applicable to the students, to the children, of this province as to those of the American college.

The hope of the world lies with the rising generation. The present generation brought about the conditions which we find today; brought the conditions which have deluged the world with blood and sorrow since 1914.

Germany, over forty years ago began the training that ended in the world catastrophe of August, 1914, and, five years later, she reaped her harvest.

We are today training our young generation and the harvest will assuredly be after the manner of our sowing; we shall reap what we sow.

What, principally, are we training our children for? Is it not to make money and make it quickly and easily? We, some of us at least, are making more money than ever before, more money than the men of any previous generation have made. We are not all making it but those of us who are not are envying those who are; we look upon them as our successful ones; we measure their value by the size of their bank account. It is a false standard; the ability to make money is not necessarily an evidence of good citizenship, not even an evidence of honesty; it may be the reverse of both. Yet material success is with but few exceptions the only goal set before our children, and the attainment of it the only recognized proof that they have succeeded.

Materialism is the growing curse of the Twentieth Century.

Intellectual, moral, spiritual development was, less than a century ago, the standard of human value, and before the world is reconstructed, rebuilt from its present debris, we shall have to return to it. Materialism, selfishness, commercialism—the dominant characteristic of the present age, must be relegated to its own place, must be placed in the category of deadly sins, the sins that set man against man, community against community, nation against nation. It is a violation of God's law of love and service, the only law that can lead to individual and national contentment. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive," said Mr. Hoover, "the consequences humanity has prepared for itself by the breaking of the law."

Let us begin then with the training of the generation in whose hands we shall shortly place the carrying out of the purpose wherein we have failed.

THE POINTS AT ISSUE

To avoid too much useless exertion during the hot weather we would suggest to our evening contemporary that it confine itself as nearly as possible to the real points at issue. It is tiresome running around in a circle and getting nowhere. And, also, we would suggest that, at least during the hot weather, it cut out all abuse, ugly names and other irrelevant matter. There are really only a few things the government is accused of and for the sake of brevity we shall enumerate at least some of them as a guide to the Patriot. If it discusses these sanely and coolly it will quite satisfy its readers whatever conclusions they may arrive at.

We mention the following as perhaps the most acutely discussed throughout the country at present:

(1) That the Bell Government came into power under false pretences; because Premier Bell and his candidates stated directly and indirectly during the election campaign that the then revenue was sufficient without any extra taxation.

(2) That the taxes imposed are not only a violation of pre-election promises but are far in excess of the requirements of the province and a large proportion of the tax revenue is absorbed by new tax officials.

(3) That before the taxation measure was introduced the Patriot as spokesman for the government deliberately misrepresented the financial position of the province as an excuse for the imposition of extra taxation. That proof of this is furnished in the suppression of the Provincial Auditor's report and the Minority Report of the Public Accounts' Committee.

These are the opinions held throughout the province, the cause of the indignation meetings. If the Patriot can show that there is no foundation for them it will help its party very materially. We await its discussion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the Allies had stipulated that the two million tons of coal per month which Germany agreed to hand over, had to be mined by the bare hands of Hindenburg, Von Trepitz, the Kaiser and the Crown Prince, the world would have grunted with satisfaction.

CURRENT COMMENT

The situation in Europe is most discouraging. The great nations, the arbiters of peace who have fought for peace, have been exhausted by the great war financially and economically. That war is still being fought out the world over in a struggle to regain pre-war economic conditions. The conflict is in almost every home in the effort to overcome the high cost of living and influences of social unrest. Civilized peoples are sick and tired of war and their faces are set against it, but they are not cowed down or defeated. And, a nation formerly of considerable strength, in the last century overcame its territories divided between Germany, Austria and Russia. This nation was restored to its former status by decree of the Peace Conference. It has become embroiled in war with the Soviet government, or lawless Bolsheviks, of Russia, whose inroads and demands again threaten it with political extinction.

The big nations want no more of war, but having marched through the costliest and bloodiest of seas, to the basis of a universal peace, and for a national principle, they cannot throw all they have fought for and gained at the feet of an organized brigandage which threatens the world. The present conflict is not merely a question of the status of Poland. It is as to whether the "Reds" of Russia shall become ascendant over the great powers, to countermand or nullify peace settlements, or whether these powers will predominate in the establishment of a sound destiny for the smaller nations to which they have given birth. There is no question as to what they will do if necessity makes the demand. The sword will be again unsheathed, and the guns of the Allies will again deliver their message in relentless terms. But with revolting horror at the thought, born of past experiences, war will be the last but imperative resort. Every expedient of the world's ablest diplomacy will be exhausted, every concession which can be made without sacrifice of honor or prestige will be granted, but without if these fail there will be no other course open but the smoke and blood of battle.

There is nothing like being merry under adversity. It is worry, not work, that kills. The liberal leader Hon. McKenzie King is taking the lesson to himself. He is willing to work hard on his up hill job, and, not openly at least, worry over the blue prospect before him. He has also that splendid Liberal characteristic of being able to draw the brightest rays of sunshine from the greenest of cucumbers. Inwardly his heart dropped down to his boots at the result of the Nova Scotia elections, but outwardly to revive the drooping spirits of his followers he magnified it into a bright and shining light which would lead them out of the wilderness. He didn't paint in glowing colors the fact that two government ministers were defeated, that their total following had been reduced, and that the opposition had polled 24,000 more votes in the province.

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GET AHEAD OF YOURSELF

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own record, to outstrip yesterday's by today's, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the temper inside and out as we never whipped him before, to give as we never have given, to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever—this is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves.

—Maitlie D. Babcock.

LINCOLN

A Few Rules for Living

I have no other ambition so great as that of being truly esteemed by my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.

Allow me to assure you that suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation.

I have found out that most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Men ought to be mighty good to women, for Nature gave them the big end of the log to lift and mighty little strength to do it with.

If you make a bad bargain, hug it all the tighter.

Success does not depend so much upon external help, as on self-reliance.

The face of an old friend is like a ray of sunshine through dark and gloomy clouds.

Without guile and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear and with manly hearts.

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.

Mr. Coffin Heard From

Sir,—A short time ago I published in your columns a direct denial to a statement alleged by your correspondent, Mr. Kenny, to have been made by me at that so called, indignation meeting held in Morell hall on the ninth ult.

The statement is as follows, Mr. Coffin in his remarks stated that although he had assisted to nominate and elect Mr. McIntyre yet he had to confess that as a representative he was a total failure.

Since Mr. Kenny has, for some reason unknown to me, condescended not only to repeat the statement but also supplemented some adding remarks, I again assert that such persistent slander is, not only injuring himself but quite detrimental to the cause for which he is striving and that his publication of the above statement is incorrect, false and misleading so once more and for all I emphatically proclaim, "Such a statement I did not utter." I wish to state that upon a holding Mr. Kenny's epistle in your columns I was minded to treat it with silent contempt but upon further consideration and acting upon the advice of friends, who were present at the meeting least there should be found a few "doubting Thomases" I have for their benefit, again published this denial.

I may further add that should Mr. Kenny persist in strife making episodes I shall, much to my regret, (being in favor of the farmer movement) publish a correct report of speeches but for the method employed in treating resolutions, reported unanimously adopted.

With apologies for further intruding on good patience.

I am Sir, etc.
PERCY L. COFFIN,
Savage Harbor.
(Patriot please copy.)

than the government. Not at all, there was no sunshine in that. But just only that, in constituency boundaries of their own creation, a minority of the electors carried a majority of the seats. Great and promising comfort which appears to bring happiness to the boy leader.

It doesn't take much to please a child, any little painted pretty toy will do. What a little incident will carry our own esteemed Patriot away up into the seventh heaven of delight! Even the neglected, scorned would-be Attorney General, the big black blot on their representation, and past away from the party, affections, has brought to it a measure of unalloyed happiness. As a bulldozer of the Government Mr. Hessian did not achieve popularity, and was rather placed in the discard, but when he essayed to bulldoze the people the appearance of great Jupiter himself upon the minaret of a heathen temple could not have commanded greater admiration or more sincere worship than that given by the Patriot to his rowdy exploits at the Sturgeon meeting. Don't touch up the bad features of the Bell combination under penalty of a wind-storm of abuse and if you have been a supporter the added insult of being pilloried as a "disgruntled and disappointed office seeker." But bulldoze the people all you like, it is the essence of government policy and practice, and because Mr. Hessian succeeded in this he has been reinstated into favor and is now the white-headed boy of the party. It is more than the Premier could have done, why not now give him this chief seat in the synagogue?

But the question is, are the people going to submit to be first maltreated by a retrograde and false government, and then when they call them to account to be bullied to their very face by the emissaries of government rowdyism? This has been considered as a land of free speech in which the public have an especial right to be heard. That privilege must also be accorded to the representatives of the people, but it must be within bounds conducted in a spirit of decency and not to the exclusion of the prior rights of the people. Will they stand for this defiant attitude and blatant challenges of their right to call their rulers to account? They have been over-ridden in every essential of responsible government. Our constitutional system of administration has been torn into shreds. Every mandate of the people has been set at defiance by those who pledged themselves upon their sacred honor. And now the last remaining vestige of personal and civil liberty, the right of public expression and discussion, is threatened to be wrested from them. Will they permit it? Now is the time to speak out for

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liberties and privileges once sacrificed or lost, are not easily regained.
Saturday's Patriot says the Guardian "had the UNTRUTHFULNESS to state that since he (Mr. Lea) had been appointed a Trustee of Falconwood Asylum it had yet to learn of his first visit to that institution." Now our statement was absolutely, unconditionally and unequivocally TRUE. We did learn, from Saturday's Patriot if any reliance can be placed on the information, that he made four visits in the four months since his appointment. Truly an extravagant earning of his doubled up salary. But what our complaint was more concerned in was as to the results of these visits. Our evening friend strains at the gnat and swallows the camel. Has the Matron been appointed yet? Is the roof still leaking? Is the food supply still of the low grade complained of by the Grand Jury? Have the disease laden chopping blocks been replaced by new ones? Have "ALL" the "bath rooms," which the commission reported 'disconnected' been re-connected or are all the closet bowls impossible of being flushed, and the same stinking conditions

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The Vimy Fox Ranch was established in the fall of 1919 and has 39 pairs of foxes 27 of which are owned by Messrs Prowse & MacKinnon and the balance are boarders. The ranch has been under the management of Mr. Fred Andrews and has been one of the most successful in the province this year. The 39 pairs have today 97 living pups or an average of 2.5 to the pair. This we think will compare favorably with any ranch in the province having strictly 1919 pups.
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