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DRIFTING ALONG

From every side we hear the complaint that the attractions and resources of Prince Edward Island are not sufficiently known outside our own borders.

His Honor Lieut Governor McKinnon, at the Caledonian Club the other night, spoke very strongly and effectively regarding inviting prospective immigrants about the excellent opportunities offered here for mixed farming, opportunities which might readily be taken advantage of by farmers and farmer's sons of substance in the old country who are now seeking new fields to cultivate and new countries in which to develop their energies and resources.

We feel very strongly that unless advantage is taken of the present out-flow of emigrants from the United Kingdom, we, as a Province shall miss the tide, which taken at the flood gates leads on to fortune.

What is being done to attract farmers to this province? Is there anything being done? We observe that every other province has an immigration policy and is pursuing it even in active competition with its sister Provinces and the Dominion government itself.

Only the other day the Prime Minister of Canada had to direct the attention of Premier Drury of Ontario to the fact that his publicity campaign in England was not conforming altogether with the facts and that the probable result of the campaign would be the addition of a considerable number of disappointed immigrants to the population of Toronto.

On the other hand the Canadian Pacific Railway has flooded the United Kingdom with literature on the advantages offered by Western Provinces for agricultural settlers.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have commissioners in London busily engaged in looking after the interests of their respective Provinces in the matter of suitable settlers, and what is Prince Edward Island doing? Nothing, and—less than nothing.

We have just been informed that the Dominion Government has closed our Publicity Office here and that it has been allowed to do so without any formal protest or kick from the Bell Government.

The only thing essential and necessary for the maintenance and prosperity of this, or any other Province in Canada, where the natural increase of population is less than the annual gross decrease, is the supply of new comers of fresh blood to take the place of those, who for various reasons have left cultivation of farms. There is no better farming Province in Canada than Prince Edward Island, but the fact is not known to any great extent outside of our own borders. The Bell Government is so negligent in its duty in this respect that the Dominion government reports are allowed to be published without any reference to this province.

How long are the farmers of this province going to tolerate such a condition of affairs, such neglect of their interests and such abuse of the authority conferred on a party at the last general election?

We feel satisfied that unless the people rise in their might and drive the Bell Government out of existence without very much delay, the Province as a Province will soon be in the discard and ready for annexation by one or other of the mainland Maritime Provinces. What we want at the present time more than anything else are men of vision, men of initiative, men of business aptitude and economy to bring Prince Edward Island into its rightful position, as one of the leading agricultural Provinces in the Dominion.

AN IMPORTANT SESSION

The present session of the Dominion Parliament will have to do with legislation of more than ordinary importance.

The question of revenue is no doubt one of the most difficult that Parliament will have to face. With a small tariff on all the commodities we purchase from abroad, we could raise all the revenue we require. On the other hand while raising an abundant revenue in this way, we could crush out our own industrial and commercial life.

We are at present importing very much more than we are exporting, and from some of our imported goods we derive a considerable revenue. No doubt the revenue thus raised could be very greatly increased, but the effect of such increase upon Canada would be disastrous.

The two great political parties in Canada are divided on this question. The Liberal policy is to reduce tariffs on imports; the Conservative policy to maintain the protective principle in our tariffs.

The difference between the two is very wide and important. In a former issue we quoted some statistics showing that for the eight months from April to November, Canada paid in exchange on food stuffs imported from the United States approximately \$8,000,000. This figure is taken on the basis of an average rate of exchange of 14 per cent. The total imports of food stuffs from the United States during these eight months was nearly \$59,000,000, and included practically all the food stuffs we raise in Canada.

As previously stated also American pork is now coming into Canada in carload lots and is being sold in competition with our Canadian pork. Within the past few days also a shipment of American eggs was received in Charlottetown and these eggs are being sold in competition with our farmers' eggs. This is not wholesome for Canada. We are making a little revenue out of it.

The total revenue from the importation of eggs from the United States last year was \$46,764.57. What that revenue cost Canadian egg producers is another matter. The United States product is imported in the face of a duty of 2 1/2 dozen and an unfavorable exchange rate of about 14 per cent. Notwithstanding this, the American egg producers are able to undersell our Canadian egg producers in our own market. The same is true of hogs and other live animals.

The McKenzie King Liberals, if true to the platform adopted by the Liberals in August, 1919 at Ottawa, will maintain either that this tariff should be abolished entirely or greatly reduced. The Meighen party maintain the tariff on imports from the United States should not only be maintained, but where necessary so strengthened as to protect the Canadian producer. What do Canadian farmers think of the respective policies?

Another matter touched upon in the Speech from the Throne is the excess profits tax, and from remarks made during the moving and seconding of the reply to the Speech, it would appear that this tax may be abolished. The excess profits tax was distinctly a war measure and was adopted in Great Britain as well as in Canada. In recent despatches it was announced that the British Government had in view the abolition of this tax, and it is not improbable that Canada will follow her example.

It has been found that a tax on profits whether justly or unjustly is a deterrent to industry. Whether the desire to make enormous profits is a wholesome one or not, it is quite clear that the hope of reward in the shape of large, even extortionate profits is a factor in the development of industry here as well as elsewhere.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is becoming a veritable Sherlock Holmes in his observation of events and conclusions by deduction. He is not however so successful in entrapping his victims, because of the transparency of his methods and the clumsiness of his operations. His greatest failure is in under-estimating the intelligence of the people, and hastily jumping at the conclusion that they will accept as real, and without investigation, any and every outrage that he can conjure up before them. He is, so his press informs us, going to move an amendment to the address calling for a general election. Of course he doesn't want an election, which he knows would mean his retirement from parliament, and the substitution of his party by the Grain Growers, but he has a craving of ambition to prove to the country that he is not the coward that they thought he was DURING THE WAR. He is ready now to go into fight, a political one only, and provided also that there is a MORAL CERTAINTY THAT SUCH A FIGHT CAN NOT POSSIBLY BE STAGED. It would be a magnificent tribute to his prowess and readiness for a fight, PROVIDED HE COULD FEEL SURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER OF HIS BEING UP AGAINST THE REAL THING.

And herein is where his Sherlock Holmes ability is displayed. First to learn the disposition of the Western Grain Growers Party, on the question of an appeal to the people, he kept his ear carefully to the ground on the occasion of his tour to the Pacific coast. They satisfied him that they would insist upon getting their increased representation on the basis of the new census before they would consent to an election. Chuckling to himself the redoubtable Mr. King soliloquized: "NO DANGER FROM THAT QUARTER." Coming to his Eastern friends, and amongst his own supporters, he discovered quite a few unwilling to commit political suicide and needlessly sacrifice eight thousand dollars, the next two year's session.

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THE SHADOWS OF THE ALMIGHTY

"There are ferns in the garden of the soul as well as flowers. The flowers grow best in the sunshine, the ferns grow best in the shade."

"There is the fern of Patience, and the fern of Long Suffering, and the fern of Meekness. And the great Gardener of the soul delights in the ferns, and purposes to save them from destruction by the gale's day."

"And so he takes us into the shade—the shade of disappointment, or the shade of sorrow, or the shade of sickness and pain. But it is a very blessed shadow, for it is the 'Shadow of the Almighty.' And here the ferns flourish and the cloudy day makes the garden beautiful."

BE A CANDLE

If you cannot be a lighthouse, God must have loved the common people—he made so many of them.

—Abraham Lincoln.

Take away the incentive and industry languishes. It is quite true that extortionate profits have been made in connection with war industries; some of them legitimate, some not, nevertheless these profits have been used in very many cases as foundations for other industries, and one result at least has been progress, while another may have been unjustifiable profits. The great inducement for the investment of many in industries and great undertakings is the assurance of large dividends. With the ethics of this, we have at present nothing to do, but the fact remains that progress is largely founded on the hope of profit making, and that without this, progress is liable to be slowed up. This question will also engage the attention of the House.

Other questions also forecasted in the Speech from the Throne will afford abundant room for debate. As to the relative strength of the parties the Government has nothing to fear and the debates of the various questions as they develop will be watched with keen interest.

al indemnity. Then his great powers of deduction did him the service of an assurance that the Government supporters would be loyal to their leader, in this WANT OF CONFIDENCE VOTE. With these positive assurances so well established, he donned the smile of satisfaction, and exclaimed, Eureka! I have found it, THIS PATH TO GLORY AND TO FAME IS A SAFE ONE, THERE IS NO DANGER OF MY RESOLUTION BEING CARRIED. I WILL MAKE THE PLUNGE TO LAUNCH ME INTO FAME, AND MOVE FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

The Crear Grain Growers Party too have awakened to a realization of the fact there is no call of distress coming to them from a discontented Canada, with a piteous appeal for them to rescue the country from the rule of the Meighen Government. Their ardor of a year ago, when under a strictly war government, their party made unparalleled inroads into the old time party domains, has considerably cooled down under the changed condition of Premier Meighen's vigor of campaign, and of their loss of grip and prestige in the country as indicated by later elections and in Premier Drury's significant "broadening out" announcements. The first dampening effect was when the Crear candidate tackled Hon. F. B. McCurdy in Colchester, and was literally snowed under in what they thought was one of their strongholds. Next was in East Elgin, where in a three cornered contest their previous majority of about two thousand was cut down to two hundred; then in West Perth, their candidate only scored fourth place, and finally in Manitowish, right in their own beloved West, the down and Liberal Norris Government candidate defeated their nominee at the polls. Is it marvelous then that Mr. Crear and the Western leaders do not at this stage desire a general election?

The West is also learning the lessons of expediency in modern and up-to-date political intrigue. They have discovered that sugar is more attractive to flies than vinegar, and their best thinkers are demanding a modification of their grab and grasp policy, and have commenced baiting their hooks with daintier morsels for the fishing grounds of the east. Of course they will insist upon getting the western resources for themselves, but they are blaming their leader Mr. Crear for his declaration that the East "have no equity in these western lands." To gain their own ends they now want this policy modified, to the extent of at least throwing a few of the crumbs to the East. They also advocate putting their "wheat pool" project in some hiding place for the present, to trot it out later, when they have more power to enforce it. They have also discovered their absolute Free Trade doctrines to be a losing card, outside of their own immediate precincts, and like the shifty Mackenzie King, they are commencing to hedge and dodge the issue, excepting when within the immediate centres of the faithful. These manoeuvres are strongly indicative of the under-current of public opinion, and a convincing testimony to the strong grasp which Premier Meighen and his government have upon the confidence of the country.

And so the Patriot isn't dead after all, it is showing occasional symptoms of life, and it case is diagnosed as a severe intermittent tendency to sleeping sickness to which modern Liberalism is particularly susceptible. Its troublesome feature is in the unearthly visions and horrible nightmares of its semi-wakeful hours. During these intervals it will assume a startled expression, mumble out a few incoherent sentences about the

Happenings Of The Week

His Excellency the Governor General, formally opened Parliament Monday afternoon at three o'clock and for the first time in five years the event took place in the senate chamber of the house of parliament. The chamber just released from the hands of painters and decorators, is a beautiful room in look but was made still more lovely when filled with the different uniforms of the military and naval men, judges in their splendid robes and men in evening or afternoon dress and ladies in their beautiful gowns. Wives and daughters of officials on the floor and the galleries filled with a brilliant throng. Promptly at the appointed hour His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire arrived, attended by all the members of the Vice Royal staff and walked slowly the length of the senate chamber where he took his place on the throne. Her Excellency was seated on his left. Her Excellency was very beautifully gowned in blue silk velvet made with a court train of 16th century Pointe de Venise lace which was carried by two small pages. Master Max Meighen, son of the Premier and Mrs. Meighen and Master Donald McCurdy, son of the Hon. F. B. and Mrs. McCurdy.

Her Excellency carried a large silver lace fan and wore a diamond tiara and ornaments, robes of the famous Devonshire pearls and the orders of the Mistress of the Robes Lady of Justice, St. John of Jerusalem and the Cornelian Medal. Lady Rachel Cavendish who came into the chamber following her parents was prettily dressed in rose taffeta with silver lace trimmings on the bodice and she took her seat to the left of the throne. In the Vice Royal box in the gallery we noticed Miss Saunders, who was wearing a black gown of champagne; Lady Ann Cavendish prettily dressed in white organza with a pink sash, the Countess of Darnley who is still a guest at Government House but who is in deep mourning, Lady Margaret Scott

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Guarding the principal phantom chasing and worrying it in its dreams, then a few words in commendation of something which in its imagination the Bell Government has done, or more frequently intends to do, and having done this it reverts back into its former state of coma, until again aroused by an electric shock from the country or the Conservative press. It had one of those waking spells on Wednesday and its hallucination was, that the Island now has a Farmer's Government, and that "THOSE FARMERS ARE ALL ON THE LIBERAL SIDE OF THE HOUSE. If the dreams is retroactive, this might be true, but the coming session may show it to be like all nightmares, a figment of the fancy, most rudely dispelled.

One of its excitable expressions is "The Guardian IS FRIGHTENED." What a flood of amusement this must be to its readers! Just think of it in sober solemn earnest! The Guardian frightened? Of what? Of the farmers, the evening dreamer tells us. And what are the farmers doing to raise this scare? Calling indignation meetings to put us out of business? Surely not this? Or are they worrying us as to how to dump us out of office WITHOUT HAVING RECOURSE TO RIFLES? Perhaps it is the thought of that meeting where an aged farmer volunteered to lead the band of volunteers who would go to the capitol and pitch the incompetents out by bodily force. Is this what the Patriot refers to as the source of such soul inspiring fear to the Guardian? Or can it be that those farmers are calling upon the Lieutenant Governor to close down our office and send us out into the chill cold world? Surely the farmers are not acting this double game of directing all these warnings and threatenings at the Bell Government and the Patriot, with the hidden intention of making their real visitation upon the poor Guardian? But we sympathize with our Liberal friend in its difficulties and vagaries.

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