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THE LIBERAL APPEAL

The electors during the past few days have been given some indication, in unguarded statements of Liberal candidates, as to what the so-called "balanced budget" pledge of the Opposition amounts to.

According to Mr. B. W. LePage at the New Glasgow meeting, it means, for one thing, abolition of the portfolio of Minister of Public Health. This portfolio was provided for by the late Liberal Government as an election gesture, it having been one of the major recommendations of the commission which they appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Cyrus Macmillan, that the important departments of Health and Education should be under the supervision of a competent Minister. The Conservatives, who have always been the friends of health and education in this Province, endorsed the Macmillan report and implemented this recommendation on assuming office. They have received, from the Liberal Opposition, nothing but abuse. But the Red Cross Society, the Women's Institutes and kindred organizations have been assisted materially in their work, and the idea of abolishing this portfolio, so ably administered during the past four years by Premier Macmillan, will certainly not meet with their endorsement.

However, "needs must when the devil drives." Among the thirty Liberal candidates now seeking support, there is not a single one qualified to fill the Health portfolio. Moreover, many of the Liberal candidates seem to think that health and educational matters are of little or no importance, and that we can get along just as well by disregarding them altogether.

Nor is this parsimony to be compensated for by improvement of public services in other directions. The Liberal platform ignores the need of Government support in reviving mixed farming, which is emphasized in the Conservative platform.

In the Department of Justice, it has nothing to offer. Notwithstanding the intensive Liberal propaganda against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, there is no promise that this force will be abolished. Since the cost to the Province is several thousands of dollars per year less than the cost of the Provincial Police under the Lea Government, this is not surprising!

In the Public Works Department the Liberal policy will be drastic curtailment to an extent which cannot fall to cripple our public services. Neglect of roads and bridges will mean greatly increased expense in the future, because it is inconceivable that the people of this Province would long tolerate such a Rip Van Winkle policy, and repairs long overdue always mean excessive cost in the end. It is useless for the Liberal candidates to deny that this is their policy, because at the last session of the Legislature they moved an amendment calling for a reduction in the Public Works Department estimates sufficient to make revenue and expenditure meet.

Then, of course, there is the question of unemployment relief. Every Province receiving aid from Ottawa for this purpose must provide additional sums out of their treasury. It is a co-operative effort for the purpose of tiding the people of this country over the depression. The Liberals, if their present promises mean anything, would repudiate the Province's obligation in this respect, and allow our unemployed to starve, or seek support elsewhere.

No Province in Canada, under present conditions, is able to balance its budget. How then do our "economists," who exceeded their own estimates last time by \$750,000 and piled up a debt increase of \$17,000 in prosperous years, when they should have been saving—how are they going to do it now, and provide for Old Age Pensions, unemployment relief and other expenditures?

A SORRY RECORD

Mr. McIntyre, according to our contemporary, "ridiculed the Conservative pretensions to have discovered Island gravel pits" and boasted, at the Kinkora meeting, that he was responsible for developing the Island's gravel resources. Premier Macmillan flattened this argument pretty quickly when he asked:

How does this statement correspond with the statement made in the brief which Mr. Lea presented to the Audit Board in May, 1930, stating that "owing to the fact that

we have no gravel in the Province, and the high cost of transporting of same, we have not a mile of permanent highways.

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that in this precious "ideal budget" before the Audit Board, (from which the Province received nothing), the Liberal Premier complained: "We are unable to provide for Public Health and Child Welfare. Our school teachers and public servants have been grossly underpaid . . . and it has been utterly impossible for us to EVEN CONSIDER the introduction of Old Age Pensions."

This was three years after gaining power on a promise to introduce Old Age Pensions!

Three years after this document was filed with the Audit Board, the Liberal leader was moving in the House for a reduction in the salaries of our "grossly underpaid" school teachers and civil servants!

And now, according to Mr. B. W. LePage, it is the Liberal policy, if elected, to abolish the Ministry of Health, which the Conservatives established and which Mr. Lea, in 1930, complained his Government was "unable to provide for."

So many Conservative achievements.—So many Liberal failures all along the line! If they abolish everything the Conservatives did, which they meant to do or should have done when in power themselves, what will be left. Mr. Thane Campbell at the helm, his back turned on Ottawa, his eyes fixed on "a balanced budget which does not necessarily mean no increased debt"; Jones and Stewart scrapping for the portfolio in a sadly depleted agricultural department; McIntyre on a bicycle, patrolling the roads; the Health Department shot to pieces and LePage presiding triumphantly over the destinies of the Prince of Wales College.

An inviting prospect to the "budget balancers", perhaps, but surely not to the taxpayers!

SOME "SEED"!

The Liberals, according to Mr. E. T. Higgs, at the York meeting, "sowed the seed" of our subsidy increase, and "the Tories reaped the harvest."

The Saunders-Robb correspondence showed what kind of "seed" they sowed. Tares and thistles!

As for Mr. Higgs, it is interesting to recall that when Senator Hughes addressed the Charlottetown Board of Trade meeting in January 1930, at which a resolution was adopted urging the Mackenzie King Government to appoint a Royal Commission on subsidy claims, Mr. Higgs, along with Senator John E. Sinclair, strongly opposed.

Mr. Saunders, in his correspondence, reveals why. It was at the request of the Finance Minister of the Mackenzie King Government that the Liberal policy of "rigid non-co-operation" with the other Maritime Provinces and with the Board of Trade was being pursued.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Nominations completed, now we are all set for the election.

Premier Bennett may arrive at Sackville for a rest on Saturday or Monday.

Another half-holiday. It will be worth while visiting the Boy Scouts camp at Dunstaffnage.

The example of political expediency followed by Liberal speakers must have a terribly detrimental effect on the minds of the rising generation.

Mr. Woodsworth naturally does not think much of Mr. Stevens' platform, which, he says, like Mr. Lea's, is merely with a view "to get in on."

The Liberals would abolish the portfolio of Public Health because they have not a candidate to fill the bill. For a similar reason they might be expected to abolish the Premiership.

Notwithstanding the political campaign, picnics and festivals are going on as usual. The fine weather so far this season, has tended greatly to popularize picnics, both private and public.

When the Liberal organ describes its supporters in public meetings as "jeering, howling and stamping mobs," it is not very complimentary.

Notes By The Way

The problem of stuffing up the professions presents a very different aspect today. It is the quality that is more disturbing than the quantity. We should prevent from entering the professions those who are not sufficiently prepared and those who are destined to certain failure; it is they who clutter up the professions. The University of Laval knows this very well. The examinations become more difficult and more serious year by year. It is not a question, as we were once tempted to believe, of reducing the number of diplomas, but of accepting only candidates of real worth. Doctors, advocates, engineers, notaries—all our professional men, must be competent. If the universities will take the necessary measures to give to society only studious and superior types of professional men, so much the better.—Ex.

A correspondent, greatly pained to read a London despatch reporting the appearance recently of the Prince of Wales at the Royal Court "in kilts," writes caustically but quite pertinently that he had like to see how many kilts the Prince wore in. Kilts is the plural form of the word kilt, and it would be physically impossible, of course, for any man, Prince or other, however worthy of the privilege, to be "in" more than one kilt at a time. Evidently the copy reader in the instance was not a full-blooded Scotswoman or he would have changed the text of the cable and made it read that "the Prince wore the kilt," not "was in kilts."

"The most constructive contribution that can be made to the world today would be to foster Anglo-American friendship in the face of world despotism," said Joseph Stump at a Fourth of July gathering in London. It is a truth which every thoughtful Briton and American acknowledges, but die-hard Toryism in Britain and narrow nationalism in the United States stand in the way.

The collision near Washington between a school bus and a train has dramatised for the moment the need of eliminating railroad crossings in these high-speed United States. The Federal Government's offer of \$200,000,000 of the \$4,880,000,000 relief funds to pay for construction work to minimize the grade crossing danger has been prompted in part by increasing public concern over an annual grade-crossing toll of 4,500 human lives.—Boston Christian Science.

To the North of the international boundary, as well as to the south of it, devotion to local self-government is deep and strong. There, as here, healthy conservatism insists upon looking radical proposals over carefully before leaping up to embrace them; there, as here, it is suspicious of bureaucracy, especially of national bureaucracy which would rule a continent as if it were a mere parish. In Canada as in the United States any workable Federal system must take into consideration the fact that local interests and aspirations are not always the same in all parts of a far-flung Empire.—New York Sun.

The chain letter racket has been made an offence under the criminal code. This is as it should be. The thing has a superficial attraction that makes it an easy matter for its promoters to scoop up their profits and be out of it while their dupes are left wondering why their purses are becoming rich. To put the law on their backs is necessary to misrepresent facts or to hold back material facts. Therefore it should be stopped.

The Society for the Preservation of Old Sheffield Tools has undertaken the work of compiling a glossary with meanings and phonetic spellings, of 500 terms used by Sheffield cutlery craftsmen. These words and phrases are quite distinct from the ordinary local dialect, many of them being foreign in origin, and are only to be found by conversation with old cutlery workers.—Industrial Britain.

Take the old-fashioned steam locomotive and you've got something as near to the human as man has yet been able to contrive. It radiates a glow and a warmth of its own. Its toot or whistle and clang of bell, its snort and puff, its throb and its quiver, give it a personality no other man-made mechanism ever has attained.—Buffalo Times.

The Regina concentration of relief camp marching strikers is to be dispersed by carrying them back to their homes or to the camp out of which they came. This is not where it should be said that all's well that ends well. The affair unfortunately is not ended. Murder has been done and, if possible, he who did it must be brought to justice. There are the cases also of

to the Liberal party or the individuals immediately concerned.

The date of the Federal election is now reported to be Tuesday, September 3, the day following Labour Day holiday, or Monday, Oct. 7. While the Election Act provides that polling shall be on a Monday, the ministry is reported to have discovered another clause which states that if the Monday desired should be a public holiday, the Tuesday following may be proclaimed. As Monday, September 2, is Labour Day, it could not be used for nomination day and the election, consequently. Unlucky advantage is taken of the right to hold the election on Tuesday and have nomination day on the last Monday in August it would have to go over to September 16. On the other hand opinion is growing in favour of an October election, probably the 15th.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THE GREAT NEED OF LIME IN THE BODY

The great number of uses research physicians are now finding for this simple substance lime or calcium is a matter of surprise to themselves and to physicians generally.

That lime helped to form bones thus giving the body its strong rigid foundation has, of course, been known for a long time. That it helped to form the teeth has likewise been known for a long time but that the taking of lime in foods or otherwise would actually prevent the decay of the teeth is only a recent discovery.

Another discovery was that "rickets" that gave children the bow legs and other bony deformities was due to lack of lime and sunshine, and lime is now used in the prevention of rickets. However, lately it has been found that lime does a great deal more than form solid bone and teeth; that it has many uses in the soft tissues and in the blood and other fluids of the body.

Thus digestion is promoted and ulcer of the stomach and of the small intestine prevented by the use of sufficient lime in the body.

Lime has been used for a number of years now in the treatment of "bleeding" as it helps the blood to thicken or coagulate. And in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, some years ago, Dr. M. H. Cameron discovered that a number of cases of "free bleeders" who were given lime to coagulate the blood found that their old varicose ulcers of the leg had been completely healed by the lime. Lime is now used regularly in varicose ulcers.

Lime prevents nervous spasms and skin irritations. Lime is now used as a heart tonic, has been found to ease the pain in those cases of angina pectoris, has a healing influence on tuberculosis, and reduces enlarged glands.

For those who have any of the above disabilities lime is often of great help. It may be obtained in food or taken direct if necessary. For those of us who are free of such ailments it would be wise to make sure of a good daily supply of lime as a means of maintaining health. Fortunately milk or cheese or both will give us all the lime we need.



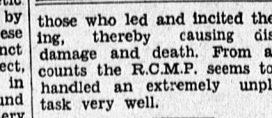
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Life has loveliness to sell, All beautiful and splendid things, Blue waves whitened on a cliff, Soaring fire-arms that ring and sing, And children's faces looking up, Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell, Music like a curve of gold, Scent of pine trees in the rain, Eyes that love you arms that hold, And for your spirit's still delight, Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness, Buy it and never count the cost; For one white singing hour of peace Count many a year of strife well lost, And for a breath of ecstasy Give all you have seen, or could be.

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Liberal Apology Runs Counter To Previous Liberal Claims Alibi

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SOME LIBERAL HISTORY

five years with regard to presentation of our further claims on the basis of the minority report of the White Commission

Let us go back to the election of 1927. The first plank in the Liberal platform read as follows: "At the Inter-provincial Conference to be assembled this fall we will, if returned to power, in the ensuing election, exert our utmost endeavours in pressing our claims for increased subsidy for our Province. On obtaining increased subsidy a downward revision of taxation."

The Liberal Government was returned and in November, 1927, Premier Saunders, at the Dominion Provincial Conference at Ottawa, presented subsidy claims for an unspecified amount. The Premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta said they would have no objection to the Island receiving an additional \$100,000 per year.

Nothing to our advantage resulted from this Conference. Months passed. On Dec. 17, 1928, Mr. Saunders wrote to Premier Mackenzie King, giving a lengthy statement of the Province's "sad and distressing" financial circumstances. He asked humbly "if you felt you could find time to meet me and discuss these matters and if you will be good enough to mention an approximate date."

Premier Mackenzie King replied on Jan. 26, 1929, by ridiculing the length of the letter ("I am sure this communication was never written in a single day!") "Your time and mine", he concluded, "might as well be spared" so far as discussing the matter personally was concerned.

On Sept. 26, 1929, Mr. Saunders wrote to Finance Minister Robb, urging that "NOW IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME TO HAVE THE MATTER ADJUSTED" and asking for an appointment with Mr. Robb and the Prime Minister. Robb replied that the Prime Minister would be out of Ottawa "all during the month of November", and that he himself would be too busy to discuss the matter. "This, however, should not prevent your officers submitting statements to the departmental officers."

"RIGID NON-COOPERATION"

On October 7, 1929, Mr. Saunders wrote again to Mr. Robb, complaining of a statement made in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, to the effect that the Maritimes had not been pressing their claims. He reminded Mr. Robb of his suggestion, "last spring, that this Province should COME ALONE, rather than in conjunction with the other Maritime. Accordingly I have ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS DECLINED TO CO-OPERATE WITH PREMIER RHODES AND BAXTER IN A JOINT PRESENTATION. I ALSO DECLINED TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH A PROPOSED MEETING OF THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE IN THIS CONNECTION."

MAKING A JOKE OF IT

On Jan. 21, 1930, while Premier Saunders was in Ottawa presenting a "memorial of claim" for some four hundred thousand dollars annual subsidy, Mr. W. M. Lea, as Acting Premier, PUBLISHED OVER HIS NAME IN THE PATRIOT NEWSPAPER A STATEMENT OF CLAIM FOR \$3,372,165 additional annual subsidy, plus \$200,000 "cash subsidy."

On the same evening, the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the suggestion of Senator Hughes, adopted a resolution urging the appointment of a Royal Commission to adjudicate on the subsidy claims questions. Senator J. E. Sinclair, who was present, objected on the ground that a Commission was not necessary and might do harm. He stated that our case was then before the Dominion Government and "was well advanced", and that we might expect a settlement "shortly". Furthermore, he contended that any Commission would mean a year's delay "and Prince Edward Island could not afford such delay."

THE "AUDIT BOARD" STATEMENT

On Jan. 25, 1930, Premier Saunders returned from Ottawa and in an interview with the Patriot newspaper expressed agreement with everything Senator Sinclair had said, adding that he was surprised that anyone would advocate a Royal Commission in view of the progress the Federal Government was making in the matter. He announced that he had filed "a special memorial" at Ottawa setting forth the Province's claims in lieu of public lands in the light of the settlement of the Manitoba case; that "an audit board of expert accountants" had been "appointed to make FINAL ADJUSTMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SUBSIDY CLAIMS."

This statement, transmitted by the Patriot editor to the Canadian Press, received wide publicity in the Maritimes and its reaction may be judged from the following statement in a Halifax Newspaper of January 29, 1930:

"These announcements from Charlottetown have left the impression that Prince Edward Island claims are to be dealt with first and specially and that the Premier of the Island was able to make arrangements of this kind. This impression is incorrect. It appears however, to be the fact that the Premier of Prince Edward Island was a party to a conference regarding this vitally important matter to which the Premiers of the other two Maritime Provinces were not invited, and of which they were not advised. THIS IS REGARDED AS DISTINCTLY UNFORTUNATE AND LIABLE TO LEAVE THE FURTHER IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS SOME BREAK IN THE MARITIME FRONT."

BOARD WITHOUT AUTHORITY

It was then revealed that the "board of experts" WAS MERELY THE DOMINION BOARD OF AUDIT, WITH NO JURISDICTION TO MAKE FINAL ASSESSMENT OF ANY SUBSIDY CLAIMS. But the effect of the mischievous Liberal propaganda may be judged from the Board's own report, dated October 8, 1930, from which we quote:

"The Board have been somewhat handicapped in these investigations by the early impression of the Province of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick that the Board of Audit were to be final arbitrators. FINAL AND COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE

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CONDUCTED DIRECTLY between the Provincial Governments and the Dominion Government . . . The Board DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE FINALLY AS TO AN EQUITABLE REASSESSMENT OF THE SUBSIDIES OF THE THREE MARITIME PROVINCES before a complete investigation is made into the various forms of taxation which prevail throughout Canada."

It was before this Board—incompetent, on its own admission, to make any authoritative recommendation—that Mr. Lea presented his "ideal budget", asking for a subsidy increase of \$438,000. He obtained nothing, of course, NOR WAS IT UNTIL THE MACMILLAN GOVERNMENT TOOK THE MATTER IN HAND, AND BY CO-OPERATION WITH THE OTHER MARITIME PROVINCES, obtained, first the appointment of the White Commission with Chief Justice Mathieson as Maritime representative, and subsequently a claims recognition for this Province to the amount of THREE MILLION DOLLARS or an annual subsidy increase over the Duncan award of \$150,000.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

These are the facts with regard to our subsidy claims presentation.

"Ancient history!" say Liberal apologists. But there is nothing of ancient history in the following plank of the Conservative platform:

"Having further established our provincial claims against the Dominion Government to the extent of three million dollars, TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR A FULL REALIZATION OF OUR CLAIMS ON THE BASIS OF THE MAJORITY REPORT OF THE WHITE COMMISSION."

The Liberal platform, in keeping with the Liberal record, ignores our claims at Ottawa. Their first and chief plank is a balanced budget ON ORDINARY ACCOUNT, with nothing ahead but mounting capital debt increase, starved public services, more taxes, and callous repudiation of the obligations facing every Government today of tiding its people over the worst depression in world history.

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