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MONTAGUE STRONGLY ENDORSES GOVERNMENT

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in the road tax, and the Government assessed for income tax on a schedule which the Government prepared, and a man had to pay in the assessed sum or go into court and disclose his private business. He charged the Government with "practising economy" and said if the Liberals were returned they would eliminate a lot of officials who were appointed merely as a reward for party service.

Early in his speech Mr. Inman had mentioned the fact that the Conservative party because faithful party supporters had not been rewarded. He resuscitated the old story, but it fell very flat. Mr. Prowse, who had an excellent reputation, recalled that on the last occasion he had offered his services he obtained the biggest majority ever given a candidate for the Legislature, and asked that they should continue to express their confidence in him by similar majority on September 16th.

Mr. Prowse returned to the subject of the resuscitation of the old story by Mr. Inman and said it had become him to again refer to the matter after the explanation given. The committee had still charge of the old story, but he had given in due time a complete report on the transactions. Mr. Prowse then dealt in his usual masterly manner with the public accounts, and pointed out that the Mathieson Government had had been better than the Liberal Government had for the first time in twenty years not only made revenue and expenditure meet, but carried over an average surplus of \$30,000. The public debt had been reduced by \$45,000 in three years. If the leak of \$45,000 had been stopped and a surplus of \$30,000 had been maintained, the Liberal Government would have had a surplus of \$75,000.

The Opposition criticized the "new" figures to be candidates and was unfair of them to do before them and try to represent as true what they knew not to be according to the actual facts. Mr. Prowse dealt effectively with Mr. Inman's criticism of the incurred expenditure, and pointed out that it was better to pay to have things done than to pay, as the Liberals did. He showed that the Liberals had accomplished nothing, whereas the Mathieson Government obtained no less than \$120,000 per annum. Referring to the temperance question he said it was a disgraceful thing for anyone who would try to take the temperance question into politics. They had no right to bring churches into politics. They had no right to unite in prohibition in order to bring about a result. It must have appeared very strange to many of them to find alliance officials come into the Murray Harbour district to oppose the strongest temperance man there, Mr. Edward Island, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon. He reviewed the action of Mr. Inman in the Summerside case, and added that if some of the favours asked by the people working in the name of the party had been granted, they would have been a dissonant note to the party.

Mr. J. A. Dewar said they were not so much concerned about the past, but about the present and the future, and gave a clear and concise review of the financial position as shown by the independent auditor, Prince Edward Island, was the only province in the Dominion that came out with a surplus last year. (Applause.) Dealing with the Road Act, he maintained it was the best Act ever introduced, and the deficit amount to deny it. He pointed to the four bridge built in the Carleton district as evidence that their constituents had not been neglected.

He commended the educational system of the Government and said it would get credit from all reasonable people for the good it had done. With regard to mussel mud, he said that the Government had placed it at the disposal of the farmers four dollars cheaper than ever before, sufficient saving in that almost to pay their taxes.

Mr. Johnston said that the province had no resources except what it got from Ottawa or obtained from taxation and that the policy of the Liberals was to economize in the expenditure of that revenue and give more satisfaction than had the present Government. He quoted the total expenditure in the various departments, and without going into details said these expenditures were extravagant. He figured with the taxes taken credit for in the revenue of the year 1911-12 and tried to puzzle his hearers without explaining that period covered fifteen months instead of twelve. He scored a point by explaining that the reason why there were more children attending school now was because everything was prolific under the Liberals, and the children were now attaining school age.

Hon. John A. Macdonald closed the discussion in a clear, effective speech, in which he replied to the various points raised by Mr. Johnston and others throughout the province, criticizing the reports of the independent auditors who showed a boldness in the Liberal Government to submit only the Liberal side of the account, and their bald statements that they were extravagant and wasteful, but when brought to book, as was their wont, they were not in a position to point to a single item which could be cut out or reduced.

He pointed out that the Liberal manifesto contained nothing from the Conservative platform. They never discovered there was mussel mud in St. Peter's Bay. Mr. Johnston but he had referred to the fact that the pay for commutation labour similar with the horse tax and was better than they were under the Liberal Government. Referring to the 1911-12, Mr. Macdonald said that it was true there was a deficit, but Mr. Johnston had mentioned when the Government took over the reins of office, the deficit was \$108,000. Mr. MacDonald defended the Government on public works and showed the advantages the province obtained by having a fully competent engineer at the head of affairs. Mr. MacDonald was by far the ablest and ablest speech of the evening and brought home to the people a true and correct statement of the affairs of the province. He showed the Premier's Premier served as law officers for Ottawa, for which he drew many times more income than he drew from the province, and the consequence was that he usually served the interests of the province, and the conclusion Mr. MacDonald reported that over the country reports indicated that the Government would be returned with almost as great a majority as on last occasion, and he asked that they would rally to Mr. Dewar's support and his own in even greater numbers than on the last occasion. Mr. A. L. Fraser having addressed the meeting, votes of thanks and cheers for the candidates concluded the proceedings.

"ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME" This famous four act comedy, which was organized here last Spring, was produced the first week in October under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis League and under the direction of Mr. H. H. Fraser. The play will go into rehearsal next week.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—A Reuters despatch from Petrograd says Grand Duke Nicholas' headquarters staff, started for the Caucasus this evening. Emperor Nicholas went to the railway station to say farewell to the new Viceroy.

DR. PRINGLE OF YUKON FAME WRITES FROM THE FIRING LINE

(Following are extracts from an interesting letter, written by Rev. Dr. Pringle, to Mr. McLennan, of the Sydney Post. Dr. Pringle, of Yukon fame, is a native of Charlottetown and before going to the front was pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney.)

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, B. E. F. France. Dear Mr. McLennan—I got your last letter just the day after I found my place at the rear of the trenches with the transport of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade. I had for three months worked hard enough at Shorncliffe, where I had eight hospital visits, most of them filled with wounded men. I was on the tramp every afternoon from 2 to 6, and on Sunday had it from three to five services, church parades or hospital services, sometimes also one to help out some town Minister. The only Presbyterian Church in the county of Kent, outside the bit of Kent which is in London, is in Canterbury, and there is no British Presbyterian chaplain I looked after the Presbyterians of the home force also. They were always glad to see me, especially when I went in kilts.

I was in the trenches a day or two after getting here. I saw my own boy who is well and is doing well. He has been recommended for a commission. It seemed strange to meet him there where the spit! spit! of our own and German rifles was incessant, the shriek of bursting shells and the shrill scream of our own shells overhead on their way to German lines getting on one's nerves at first more than the burst of the enemy's. A day or two afterwards I buried a Highlander, MacLaughlin from Glenarry, a member of John's platoon, whose head was crushed by a bit of shrapnel. He was buried in sight of the enemy's line, the shrapnel having struck him in the service for the German snipers or German guns. It almost took the heart out of me. It was my first experience. A day or two afterwards I buried another and the next day another while the shrapnel was bursting all round.

One gets accustomed to it and indeed unless the shell bursts very near there is not much danger. I can hear them break now a rifle or so away and they are hardly noted by anyone. But the stories I have heard of Ypres, Festubert and Givency, in which the Canadians bore themselves so bravely, of the hell of bursting shells, the slaughtered horses, the men, women and children, have made me sick. I have been proud, too, of the way in which our boys bore themselves. I was present yesterday at a review of the remnant of the First Canadian Infantry Brigade by General French. He praised the men greatly for their bravery, and high as they had been. He told them nothing braver

in the history of the war surpassed their bravery when the Germans used the deadly gas. The dastardly attack he called it, and said that moreover they had done more to strengthen and make permanent the bonds of empire than had ever hitherto been accomplished. The boys looked well in their soiled khaki, their bayonets glittering in the sun as they presented arms when the general, or rather I should say the field marshal, appeared. But war is terrible. I thought I knew something about it until I got here where I see it in its reality. I love soldiers; I hate their trade. I do not want this war to stop until two things have been accomplished—(1) righteousness vindicated before a waiting world and till the nations are so sick of the horrors of war that the nation which begins or attempts to begin another will be an outcast of the human race.

I am glad Canada is doing her part so nobly. Here is war, the excitement of war, some of its pomp, but you poor people at home filled with anxiety and sorrow and called to all kinds of sacrifices, you have the greater burden than us. I can hear in the otherwise quiet night, the rapid fire of rifles and machine guns and I wonder how it fares with my own boy who is where death stalks abroad, looking for his prey and I know the care of fathers and mothers in Sydney and all over Canada who have their boys live amid war's alarm and dangers. But I say to myself righteousness is worth any effort or any sacrifice and I fall asleep knowing that all is well when my boy's living or dying is in God's keeping. I am to be attached to the 3rd

Canadian Ambulance Corps, British Expeditionary Forces, in France, and this address will find me. I will be with the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade, whose commander, General Turner, was one of my own boys in Quebec High School long ago. Now I must close this long screed. I hear about you from many sources. It has been a great pleasure and blessing to be remembered by so many. Love to all my people and regards to all my friends. JOHN J. PRINGLE.

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YESTERDAY'S RACES AT HALIFAX

(Special to the Guardian.)

HALIFAX, Sept. 9.—Another perfect day favored the horsemen, but the attendance was only fair. The 2:27 trot and 2:15 trot and pace were most interesting and at times exciting. In the latter race the wagers were heavy between Hilda S. of Charlottetown and Bob Mac of Cape Breton. The first heat was won easily in 2:14, Hilda S. forcing the gelding all the way, but her brother proved too strong and was an easy winner. In the second heat Hilda tried several times to capture the pole, but the gelding had the speed and won easily in 2:15. From a spectators point of view Hilda looked good for the third heat, but unfortunately the unexpected happened, and when the third heat Hilda refused to score in her usual style and bucked and jumped. The climax came in the fourth score when Hilda dropped to the ground in her hobble. After some delay the horses were called again, and again Hilda fell directly in front of the grand stand and a few yards from the wire. She was then drawn. The 2:27 trot was won easily by the British Soldier. In the first heat he made two mistakes by breaking, but in the remaining heats he never lifted his nose from the trot. His best time was 2:19 1/2. The following is the summary:—

2:27 TROT. British Soldier, 4, 1, 1, 1. John T., 1, 2, 3, 3. Budd Moore, 2, 4, 2, 2. Budd, 5, 3, 4, 4. Upton Prince and Bonnie King were distanced. Time, 2:21 1/2, 2:19 1/2, 2:21 1/2, 2:21 1/2.

2:15 TROT AND PACE. Bob Mac, 1, 1, 1. Couquette, 4, 2, 2. Bingen Green, 2, 4, 3. Hilda S., 2, 3, drawn. Time, 2:14 1/2, 2:15 1/2, 2:16 1/2.

EXHIBITION PRIZE WINNERS. A. R. Mackay, Lanawdale Farm, has so far won four firsts and two seconds with his splendid string of show horses. W. S. McKie won first prize in the general purpose class. This horse was formerly owned by C. R. Smallwood.

Ernest Baldess, Levis, P. Q.; E. Bilodeau, Levis, P. Q.; A. Taylor, Wood Islands; J. Sinclair, Emerald; J. Cousin, Park Corner; C. W. Crosby, Boston; R. D. Rice, New Glasgow; W. W. Cox, Morell; A. McConnell, Sydney; C. B. Miss Westaway, Montague; Annie Chaisson, Boston.

BRINGING UP FATHER

A multi-panel cartoon strip titled 'BRINGING UP FATHER'. It depicts a man in a suit and a woman in a dress in various humorous situations. The dialogue includes: 'YOU'RE A LUCKY WOMAN - MRS. JIGGS - TO HAVE A GOOD HUSBAND LIKE THAT - MINE ACTUALLY BEATS ME!', 'I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME ONE BEAT ME - MRS. SMITH!', 'SO WOULD I!', 'I THINK I'LL CALL ON THIS GUY SMITH - I DON'T BELIEVE HER!', 'SAY - MR. SMITH - IS IT TRUE THAT YOU BEAT YOUR WIFE?', 'YES - WHAT OF IT?', 'TELL ME - HOW DO YOU GET AWAY WITH IT?', 'WELL - THE LAST TIME I GET AWAY - I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SIX MONTHS!'.