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WHO DID IT?

The Liberal press and candidates are blaming Conservatives for raising a discussion about the Customs scandal. Why not place the blame where it belongs, on the Parliamentary Committee and on the witnesses examined by them? The Conservatives, both press and platform, it is quite true, have declared that a Prime Minister and his chief Ministers who stood idly by while the country was being robbed of millions of the people's money and who knew of the disgusting immoralities taking place among their principal officials and even Ministers, are not fit to be again entrusted with the government of this country. Now, if the Liberal press and Liberal candidates want to do something really effective for their cause, let them bring out some plausible proof to show that the Parliamentary Committee was deceived by the witnesses whom they examined; that there was no scandal or wrong-doing in connection with the Customs Department and that the whole investigation was a huge political joke put up just to injure innocent Liberals. Something of this kind would appeal to the people who now conscientiously believe that the censure passed upon the King Government by the majority of the members of the House of Commons was deserved. Here is the resolution unanimously agreed upon in the House of Commons: "That the report be not now adopted, but that it be referred back to the special committee with instructions to add thereto the following clauses as sub-clauses to paragraph six: "The evidence further discloses that ministerial action has been influenced by the improper pressure of political associates and friends of the minister, or acting minister, administering the department, resulting in the suspension and in some instances the abandonment of prosecutions against those charged with violation of the statutes, and in the loss of revenue to the country. Moreover, successful appeals have been made to the minister and acting minister administering the department to improperly interfere with the course of justice between the conviction of the offenders and the execution of judgment thereon. The Prime Minister and the government had knowledge for some considerable time of the rapid degeneration of the Department of Customs and Excise, and their failure to take prompt and effective remedial action is wholly indefensible. The conduct of the present minister of the department, the Hon. George H. Boivin, in the case of Moses Aziz, is utterly unjustifiable. "Your committee deprecates the practice, as revealed by the evidence, of certain men influential in public life to direct appeals, to the minister to relax and depart from the proper administration of his department for reasons of political expediency. "Your committee is of the opinion that this practice is detrimental to the best interests of the country and prejudicial to the administration of the department. "And that the committee for such purpose be revived."

"Liberalism appeals to the young and to all others who are unafraid." It appealed, during the past five years to some 500,000 young Canadians whom it drove to the United States for the living which appealing Liberalism in Canada deprived them of. Here are the contents of another can:—"Liberalism is a house of many mansions where there is room for all." It sure is, and concerning at least one of the "Mansions" the Parliament of Canada has, added "and have made it a den of thieves." Here is still another:—"Liberalism combines woman's instincts, devotion and compassion with the eager, restless, impatient courage of youth." This reads like a paragraph from "Josephine's Diary," and the conclusions as to the various combinations are very similar. Much more to the same effect has been dishied out to an unoffending public during the present campaign. It is the despairing effort of the guilty, of men caught "with the goods." The defence put up by the Liberals is their strongest condemnation. Had they said nothing from the first, had they stood with bowed heads and shamed faces after they were proved guilty of maladministration and criminal neglect of their duty, had they shown any remorse or repentance, they might have elicited some compassion from the public whom they had deceived and wronged. Instead of this they have brazenly denied everything, they declare they have given the country the best service it ever had, and that the King Government was the best ever! What, but contempt, is due to such a party?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Meighen says that during the session the Progressives walked like little pipers behind the Liberal bandwagon. And it was always a case of "one foot and you're out." Professor casts doubt on the biblical story that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. And yet there are a few professors who believe that Mackenzie King can get a majority in the coming election. The joint political meetings now being held throughout the country give us no indication that the electors of Prince Edward Island are going to whitewash what the Canadian parliament considered deserving of censure. It makes one smile out loud to hear that Mr. R. H. Jenkins, M.P., "put it all over" Hon. J. H. Myers at the joint meetings now being held throughout the country. Those who have listened to the respective speakers have formed quite a different opinion. Canada made money last year as a farmer makes it who sells a piece of his farm every year. We sold our raw products and sent them to find work where our raw products had gone. Why not keep our raw products at home and let our young men manufacture them at home? This is what the Meighen Government proposes to do. Mackenzie King would be quite satisfied to hold office again by the aid of a middle group, and this is his only hope, but a diminishing one. The Liberals were decimated in 1925 after four years of government. Their last six months in office was even more disastrous and more disgraceful than the previous four years. Where will they stand after September 14th?

Notes by the Way

"I BELIEVE THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISCONTINUE TO WATCH THE FRONTIER."—J. E. A. Bisailion, Chief Preventive Officer at Montreal.

The duty of a Preventive Officer is to prevent smuggling and to punish smugglers. Bisailion thought that this duty, which he was sworn to perform, was not in the interest of the Liberal party, and he so informed those "higher up" in the Department. Mr. Bureau was then Minister of Customs in the King Government, and so remained until October, 1925.

In like manner Hon. John E. Sinclair was a member of the King Government during the same period. The King Government was fully informed of the rotten condition and nefarious practices going on in the Customs department as early as 1924 and took no effective measures to prevent smuggling or to punish the criminals who were robbing the country. Ministers had practically adopted the policy laid down by Bisailion "that in the interests of the party it was preferable not to watch the frontier," and it was not watched! Somebody should ask Mr. Sinclair about this.

Mr. Sinclair was still a member of the King Government and with knowledge of the rascality that was going on in the Customs Department, when Bureau, instead of being punished for his neglect and malfeasance, was pitched-forked into the Senate and given \$4,000 a year for life. A more scandalous appointment has not been made in Canada in sixty years. Mr. Sinclair, as a member of the Government, cannot escape responsibility for it. Will he venture to stand before his electors and defend the appointment of Senator Bureau?

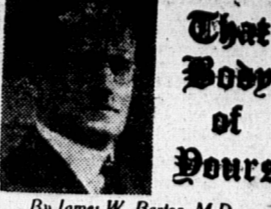
During the past inglorious session, Mr. Jenkins, M.P., and Mr. McLean, M.P., voted to condone and defend all the rascality and public robbery that was committed, connived at and glossed over in the Customs Department, as well as the appointment of Bureau to the Senate. No one impeaches their honesty, or that of Mr. Sinclair in their every day transactions from day to day. They are, we presume, quite as honest as their neighbors. But were they honest as representatives when they defend the public robbery by which the country was plundered of untold millions?

What the country asks of its representatives is that they shall be as honest in the country's affairs as they are in their own affairs; that they shall protect the public treasury as they protect their own coffers and private interests. Did our Liberal representatives in the House of Commons do this? Did they not rather on the other hand set the interests of party before the country's interest and condone smuggling, as Bisailion advised, because it was not in the Liberal interest to prevent it?

It is known to everybody and abundantly proved before the Customs Committee that smuggling developed enormously under the King Government; that it became a wholesale trade compared with the petty smuggling which went on before and which can never be wholly eliminated. The official watch-dogs were called off, or they entered into league and partnership with the criminals who were engaged in unlawful traffic. Even the Toronto Globe called out to "clean up the mess," which the Liberal candidates in this Province would now represent to be trivial and quite excusable. Respectable men who condone, apologize for and minimize the gross offences of the Bureau and Baldy Robbs come very near being accessories to the frauds these criminals perpetrated.

This has been done by the supporters and candidates of the Liberal party on every platform on which they have spoken. It is done in the interest of the Liberal party. By so much they smirch the fair fame of a once great and honorable party and practically invite a continuance in like wrong-doing by the party. If it is restored to power. Honest, patriotic and fair-minded Liberal electors cannot believe that this course is good for the party or for the country and we believe they will resent it.

The Customs Scandal is gross and rank. It will not down. As George Brown was wont to say in his time, "The offence is rank; it smells to Heaven!" And the great Liberal organ which Mr. Brown



By James W. Barton, M.D.

EXAMINING YOUR DIGESTIVE JUICES.

I talk about the digestive tract frequently because as a matter of fact if you are eating the proper food in the proper quantities, at the proper times, and also get regular exercise, there really isn't much more to do to keep that body of yours in perfect condition. And so when we read of how our research men are studying the passage of the food throughout the intestinal canal, how the juices are poured upon it, in what quantities, and the quality or strength of each juice, we must all be vitally interested in the perfect condition of the digestion of food and the stomach. It was studied by an army surgeon who had a patient with a hole in his stomach which communicated with the outside of the body. And now our research men are able to study the action of those important juices, the pancreatic juice and the bile, in a very simple manner. As you know after the food has been in the stomach two to four hours, and the meat, eggs, and similar foods are made fit to be absorbed into the blood, they, together with the starches and the fats, that is vegetables and breads, but ter and milk, are pushed by the muscles of the stomach walls man through a small opening into the small intestine. On arriving there the pancreatic juice from the pancreas and the bile from the liver are immediately poured over them through a common duct, which enters the intestine on an angle from above. Now just how much pancreatic juice and how much bile is being poured out, and the quality or richness of these two juices, what the research man wants to learn. Accordingly on an empty stomach, preferably in the morning, the tip of a long slender rubber tube is passed down throat to stomach, right into the small intestine for a distance of four inches past the stomach. The tube is placed in this position by watching it under the microscope—that is the X-ray. Through the tube about three ounces of a liquid food is given, and after five minutes this food with its mixture of pancreatic juice and bile, is drawn up through the tube by suction, and then examined.

Thus any deficiency in these juices or where there is an overabundance of one and an insufficient quantity of the other will be noted and appropriate treatment will be given. This is very interesting and instructive, but for most folks it is of course unnecessary, if they use good judgement in eating.

THE LORD'S WAYS.—"The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich; he bringeth low and lifteth up." I Sam. 2:7. PRAYER.—"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; therefore, He may do what He will with His own."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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LAUGHTER. I thank the Lord for laughter and I thank the Lord for mirth. For who can start a chuckle sweeps the sorrows from the earth. Though it may be but a minute, swiftly born and swiftly spent, the weight of care is lifted on the flood of merriment; and for all those sixty seconds' pain and anguish disappear, for there's never any heartache in the laughter which you hear.

There are times when man is solemn and is burdened down with care, and you know his heart is heavy, for life isn't always fair. There are countless disappointments for us all along the way. Many doubts for each to master, many plans that go astray; but when mirth and hearty laughter rushes in and takes control, you would never guess to see him, life had ever tried his soul.

By the blessed gift of laughter pain is swiftly put to rout. From the mind of him that moment care and grief are driven out. Fate has laid the power to harm him, all his hatreds are forgot; He's a free man for the moment, though at times he may be not. Here's one distinctive privilege that's given man at birth, So I thank the Lord for laughter and I thank the Lord for mirth.

The Man Nobody Knows

Instalment XXXIV CROWNS AND THE CROSS

In our country, in Monticello, in Virginia, an American statesman has been buried. He was Secretary of State, Minister to France, President of the United States; yet his epitaph makes reference to none of these honors. It reads: Here was buried Thomas Jefferson

Author of the Declaration of American Independence and of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and the Father of the University of Virginia. The offices that he held are forgotten on the stone, as they will be eventually forgotten by all but the historian; he desired to be remembered only by what he gave. And he has his wish.

Somehow in his Essays Emergent, he has a sentence which says: "See how the mass of men worry themselves into nameless graves, while here and there a great unselfish soul forgets himself into immortality." A fine thought, finely phrased; but Jesus thought it first. And now our research men are able to study the action of those important juices, the pancreatic juice and the bile, in a very simple manner.

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Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "they have proven their theory." Say "have proved."

OPTEN MISPELLED: chasm; s; tise. Pronounce chastiz, the a as in "at," i as in "ice," and accent last syllable, not the first. OPTEN MISPELLED: chasm; s; not z. SYNONYMS: restore, regain, recover, recuperate, resume, retrieve, heal, cure. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: CONDESCEND; to stoop; to agree; yield. "He finally condescended to come with us."

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