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Mr. King Rebuked

The stinging rebuke administered by Premier Bennett to Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King for his irresponsible attitude towards Beauharnois contributions to the Liberal campaign funds was not only well-deserved but approved by the right-thinking members of the Liberal party.

Mr. King's attempt to draw a red herring across the trail by demanding a Royal Commission on party funds generally missed fire as Premier Bennett told the Liberal leader that he could have a Royal Commission when a charge was made.

It is now up to Mr. King to make the next move. Will he do it? Premier Bennett summarily dismissed Mr. King's attack on himself personally in the following masterly rebuke:

"The right hon. gentleman spent hours complaining of insinuations and innuendoes, for which there is not a scintilla of evidence or the grounding of a single memorandum of a single conversation. Do you call that right and fair and just? Is that the sense of decency that prevails in the mind of my right honorable friend, who stands in this House and makes the sort of attack he made last night? What was that attack for?"

"There was not a single person within sound of the voice of the right honorable gentleman who did not know what it was made for. It was made to induce the Canadian people to try to forget Beauharnois; it was made to induce the Canadian people to forget that there had been an investigation! It was an effort through that cunning which has characterized the discharge of my right honorable friend's public duties, as evidenced by that very report of the Customs Inquiry in 1926. It was an endeavor by that cunning device to insinuate hypothetical conditions and draw hypothetical conclusions, and then afford an opportunity to go out into this country and quote them as indicating the true position of the Prime Minister of Canada."

The Great Betrayal

Lea Government members profess to deny that the decisive factor in electing them to power was the Prohibition issue, and that but for that issue the Stewart Government would have been returned with a sweeping majority on its record of achievement.

This is a fine example of Liberal "gratitude" towards the Temperance Alliance, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Sons of Temperance, Ministerial Association and prohibition supporters generally who rendered such vital service to the Saunders-Lea-McIntyre aggregation on that occasion, and who were openly solicited to do so on the ground that there was no other issue in the campaign but the question, on the one hand, of "a gongshop at your door," and, on the other—the Liberal side—of "the great boon of a banished liquor traffic."

One of the Liberal promises made in this connection was that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would be requisitioned to enforce the Prohibition Act. When it was discovered by the Temperance Alliance, during the campaign, that this promise was merely a gesture and that no effort was being made to implement it, the Alliance made it very clear to Mr. Saunders, the Liberal leader, that a successful outcome of the election depended

upon immediate compliance with its demand. Mr. Saunders' reaction to this ultimatum was to dispatch thereupon the following frantic S.O.S. call to Senator McArthur, who happened at the time to be in Montreal:

June 19, 1927 Hon. Senator MacArthur, c/o Windsor Hotel, Montreal. Insistent demand by Temperance Alliance for Mounted Police. Fear adverse results, politically, unless request immediately granted. Feeling running strong. Indignation meetings held. Make sure Police here before next week. Urgent.

(Signed) A. C. SAUNDERS. So critical was the situation, that two Mounted Police officers were actually despatched to the Province. They were visible for a few hours on the eve of the election, and after the election they disappeared and were never seen or heard of since.

Moreover, there was the letter sent out by Mr. Saunders on March 21, 1927, to leading Liberal supporters, impressing upon them the need of calling meetings of party workers to decide, "in the very best interests of the party," whether the Liberal policy should be one of Government Control or Prohibition.—Mr. Saunders stating emphatically therein that it was of "the utmost importance" that the decision should be made "strictly in our Party's interests."

If anyone should know what the Liberal chances, apart from Prohibition, were against the Stewart Government's record in 1927, it surely was the leader of the Liberal party. His words, and the whole course of the Liberal campaign, show that it was solely on their Prohibition promises that they entertained any prospect of gaining power, and that in repudiating their pledges by saddling on the Prohibition Commission the responsibility for prohibition enforcement they have betrayed the people who elected them in the most shameful and inexcusable manner.

Slick, But Insincere

What confidence can the electors have in the leader of a Government who makes deliberately misleading statements on a public platform? At the Kensington meeting, in reply to Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan's statement that the Bennett Government had restored the technical grant, Premier Lea implied that the Doctor did not know what he was talking about because "we have been receiving the technical grant all through our term of office and it amounted last year to \$22,000."

Premier Lea was well aware that the money we have been receiving for technical and agricultural training is our unexpired balance of the grant voted by a previous federal Conservative Government. He knew that this grant had been discontinued by the King Government and had been re-established by the Bennett Government. He knew that his federal leader objected when the resolution was introduced appropriating the sum of \$750,000 per annum over a period of fifteen years to re-establish the grant, Mr. King contending that the Provinces should look out for themselves and pay all their own expenses in this matter.

Premier Lea must also have recalled that at the last session of the Legislature he spoke eloquently in favor of the technical grant being renewed, and commended Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture, upon his practical interest in technical and agricultural training.

Why then did Premier Lea endeavor to mislead his audience at Kensington into supposing that the technical grant had not expired under the King Government and been re-established by the Bennett Government, as Dr. MacMillan had stated? Why did he not tell the truth? Surely, in Mr. Lea's position, an explanation is in order—over and above the obvious explanation

that he was in a tight corner, that he wanted to "get back" at the Doctor who had no opportunity to reply, and, having neither logic nor facts at his command, stooped to subterfuge and misrepresentation.

That Golden Opportunity

Premier Lea professes to be "amazed" that the Conservative leader should have said, in the Budget debate at the last session: "You have lost your opportunity of getting an increase in subsidy." After the election Mr. Lea will have plenty of time to ponder on the truth of that statement. The fact that he does not yet realize the golden opportunity that was missed of securing a subsidy settlement when his own party was in power at Ottawa, is the strongest possible evidence of his incapacity to deal with the matter. That opportunity was let slip, and as Mr. Stewart well said, it was an opportunity gone forever so far as the Saunders-Lea Government is concerned.

The first Stewart Government obtained \$185,000 additional annual subsidy from an adverse government at Ottawa and the second Stewart Government, with a sympathetic administration at Ottawa will press for final settlement of the subsidy question once and for all.

That is Mr. Stewart's attitude on the subsidy question. That is why he says the subsidy question is the most vital issue of the election campaign. He emphasizes it because he believes in it. Premier Lea and his candidates, on the other hand, minimize the subsidy issue because they do not believe in it. They have never believed in it—never treated it as anything more than a political football. That is the Lea Government's "record of performance" on which it is now appealing for support, and it is one of the chief reasons why its appeal will be turned down on August 6th.

Great Conservative Meeting

The manner in which the electors cheered and applauded the Hon. J. D. Stewart at the Mount Herbert meeting on Friday night was one of the most extraordinary manifestations of enthusiasm ever witnessed at a joint political meeting in this Province. The reception accorded Mr. Stewart and the popular Conservative candidates Messrs. MacDonald and Wood was in striking contrast to the marked coolness shown to the Liberal speakers. It is significant that the Patriot has not seen fit to publish a report of the Mount Herbert meeting, although a garbled report of the Bradalbane meeting on the same night—at which there was no Patriot reporter present—appears in its Saturday's issue.

Editorial Notes

The Stewart Government is going in!

The Hon. Russell Clark admitted at a political meeting last week that two of his own horses were put to work on the public roads. Another deserving democrat!

Watch out for Patriot roobacks! The Lea organ is bitter when fighting a losing battle, and will produce its whole bag of tricks in the next three days in the hope of stemming the Conservative tide.

From every constituency in the Province comes increasingly favorable reports of a Conservative victory at the polls. The aim of Conservative workers now should be to see that every vote is polled.

Evidently the Patriot is ashamed to publish the scandalous insinuation made against a Conservative candidate by the Hon. B. W. LePage at the Milton meeting—a statement which was inexcusable even in the heat of political debate, and which no gentleman would have made under any circumstances.

War veterans are not likely to forget the crocodile tears shed on returned comrades in every way.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Denial by the representatives of the various parties on the Beauharnois Committee that they got together to hush up further disclosures can readily be believed. After what they did bring out there would be no sense in hushing up anything short of murder.

It was on the 21st of July, 1885, that the Great Eastern began the laying of the second Atlantic cable. The first cable had been inaugurated on August 12, 1858, by an exchange of messages between Queen Victoria and President Buchanan, of the United States, but on September 4th following that cable broke. The second cable also broke on August 12, 1865, and it was not until August 10, 1866, that cable communication was assured across the Atlantic's bed.

The immediate task of the German Government is of course to meet the attacks of the Fascists and Communists at home, but it is extremely unlikely that the people at large will give encouragement to revolutionary doctrines or provoke a clash that would destroy all hopes of reconstruction on a firm and lasting basis.

Seventeen years ago Austria declared war on Serbia on July 28. Events followed rapidly and by August 4 Great Britain was at war with Germany. We are still paying and many generations to come will pay for the torch thrown into the grass seventeen years ago.

We are always surprised, says the New York Herald Tribune, after the arrest of a racketeer, to read his police court record and find that though he has been caught in the toils many times, he has spent a relatively short time in prison. Going through their biographies one wonders whether it is a greater crime to violate a traffic regulation than it is to commit an assault. Why have our courts been so lenient in handling the cases of these gangsters? Is there such a thing in this city as "political pull"?

So far as Mr. King's connection with the Beauharnois affair is concerned the Ottawa Journal sums it up as follows:

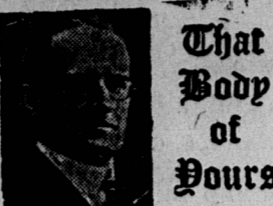
- 1. Mr. King granted certain Order-in-Council rights to the Beauharnois promoters.
2. Mr. King subsequently refused an investigation of the financial operations of the Beauharnois promoters.
3. Mr. King, or Mr. King's party, later accepted \$700,000 of election campaign money from the Beauharnois promoters.
4. Closely connected with Beauharnois, in a legal and financial way were (1) Mr. King's personal friend and chief of staff, Senator Andrew Haydon, and (2) Mr. King's personal friends and political captives, Senators McDougald and Raymond.

The Chinese are tending more and more to substitute wheat for rice in their every-day diet, and this is all to the advantage of the Canadian farmer. Our exports of wheat and flour are constantly increasing to the orient market, but this may not always be the case. For China is herself cultivating wheat on a vast scale and already produces more of this cereal than we do. In actual fact, its normal harvest now amounts to nearly 600,000,000 bushels a year, without counting the Manchurian output, which means an addition of 40,000,000 more bushels.

European press reports say that German monarchists are convinced that Herr Wilhelm Hohenzollern's reinstatement as emperor is the only hope of saving Germany from disaster. With them the wish is father to the thought, but there are no signs that the people in general are the least bit inclined for his restoration; and they have the say.

It would be worse than stupid to discourage fact-finding and research. We cannot have too much data on the various problems before us. But it would be encouraging to find a little more attention directed toward learning how to handle and apply this fund of information, instead of efforts being confined almost entirely to the gathering of it.

their behalf by the Saunders-Lea-LePage aggregation during the last election campaign, and the manner in which they were ignored when that aggregation got into power. The same contemptible propaganda is warmed over and served up in Saturday's issue of the Lea Government organ. The electors of the Third District of Kings have a good opportunity of answering it by electing two soldier candidates, Messrs. Frank McPhee and Leslie Hunter, who can be depended upon to safeguard the interests of their returned comrades in every way.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

INVESTIGATING METHODS OF INDUCING SLEEP

So important is sleep to every human that all over the world research men are investigating the cause of sleep, what causes sleeplessness, and what natural means there are aside from drugs to induce sleep.

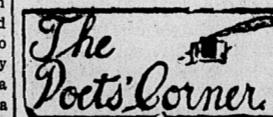
Some years ago one university investigated sleep by means of its students all of whom were in normal health; the number of things each student moved during the night, how much and what kind of noise caused them to stir or wake up, how much sleep each student seemed to need, were all studied and records kept.

Yet no one has really discovered the cause of sleep. Now another university, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., through the director of its psychological laboratory, Dr. Donald A. Laird, is going to try and find out if there is any truth in the general belief that any and all of three of the following methods really bring on sleep; physical exercise before retiring; a warm drink before retiring; and a bath at body temperature before retiring.

His plan is to have patients, who are not really sick, but who are poor sleepers write him direct, and he will send them four little blank booklets which are labeled simply "Confidential Sleep Record," and no mention is made of them at his laboratory. A white booklet is used for the normal or "control" first three days, in which the individual will note how and the number of hours he slept for these three nights. A buff booklet is used for the three days when a brisk ten minute walk is taken before retiring; another color for the three days when the warm drink is taken before retiring, and still another color for the three days when the bath is taken.

Now this is going to be an interesting experiment because these three methods of inducing sleep have many followers. Perhaps you have learned for yourself however that one or more of these methods do not work in your particular case; you go up so that you can't sleep, and similarly with the hot bath; in the case of a warm drink before retiring it has no effect or may give rise to gas formation which keeps you awake.

The rule of giving a warm drink to patients in hospital about nine or ten o'clock each night has been of great benefit in most cases. So we will await the outcome of this experiment and when it is completed I shall be glad to give Dr. Laird's findings to my readers.



LONGING

Today, my heart's an aching pain For England and its gentle peace. I even want the smoke and rain, The dull lit fires that never cease.

I crave the warmth and smile of folk, Friends, trusted, understanding all.

Dear cherished memories have awoke, And torturing, poignant—call and call.

Oh, yes! I know there's beauty here, Sunshine, blue sea, and coloured foam, And, maybe, love and friends to cheer, But, heart and soul I long for home.

—Anthony James in the Melbourne Argus.

The Duty of the Senate

(Montreal Star) The Senate of Canada is a body of great dignity. It ought to be very sensitive as to its honor. It is still sitting. It can read the report of the Gordon Committee as well as any of us.

Will it be satisfied to do nothing? If it swallows this report without evidence of acute discomfort—and without swift action to clear its own skirts—the country will think far less of it than it has in the past. The Committee of the Commons has commended itself to the nation by its fearlessness, its boldness in fixing blame and its downright demands that action be taken. What will the Senate do?

That Body of Ours

"Now that the battle is over, we should all settle down to business. Mr. Saunders, the incoming Premier, and his executive when selected, as well as his supporters, will no doubt fully realize that the country will look for the most rigid enforcement of the Prohibition law that has ever taken place here. There must be no more winking at violations of the law. Justice must not be too much tempered with mercy; too often it has been so. Bootleggers, home brewers, and sellers and smugglers of liquor, if the Liberals remain true to their pledges and true to their affiliations with the Temperance Alliance, must be put out of business."

"We are going to leave nothing undone to enforce the Prohibition Act, and this can be done. There is nothing impossible in this Province. We have a clear mandate to go forward and enforce this Act and I for one will stand for nothing but enforcement to clear the Province of this cursed drink traffic. You will not find this Government lacking in anything it can do."—Hon. B. W. LePage, at Temperance Alliance Meeting, July 7, 1927.

"To promote the growing of cranberries, blueberries and small vegetables, and to thoroughly test the feasibility of establishing a canning industry in this Province."—Lea Government election platform, 1927.

"The door (against the liquor traffic) is now shut legally. It is only a matter of law enforcement to keep it closed tight."—Patriot, May 25, 1927.

"Prince Edward Island is now known as a Disease Free Area, and if the common sense and sound judgment of our people prevail on election day, the Province will ere long become a Booze Free Area as well."—Patriot election editorial, 1927.

"Appreciating the action of the Liberal Government at Ottawa in passing the Old Age Pensions Act, we anticipate establishing it in this Province in a manner consistent with our revenue."—Lea Government election platform, 1927.

"Federal Politics is NOT THE ISSUE. It is the Provincial Government and the Prohibition Commission that are now before the jury of the electorate."—Patriot editorial, June 21, 1927.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

THE VOICE OF LABOUR

Sir:—I have been reading some letters in the Patriot, signed "Workman." Being a workman myself I was much surprised that those letters contained no real facts or reasons why the workmen should vote for the Liberals. On the contrary, there are many reasons why they should not vote for them.

For example during the Bell Administration the Liberals imposed a poll tax on the farmers and the workmen of this Province. This tax fell heavily on the workmen of Charlottetown who were already paying a city poll tax of \$5.00 and if I do not mistake Mr. Higgs was a member of the Legislature at that time. The Conservatives on assuming power abolished this most unjust tax.

Under the Saunders-Lea Administration another rotten piece of Legislation was put through while amending the Prohibition Act. They ignored the big offenders and stiffened the offense against a working man taking drinks of liquor or beer excepting it was ordered by a doctor and procured from the vendor. Many working men who were by no means drunk or incapable have been summoned to the Court and fined or jailed for consuming liquor while bootleggers of notorious reputation have been able to evade the law and, when convicted, have been released before their time was served.

Now comes the meanest throw-down ever handed out to the poor workman. On two different occasions while the Provincial Legislature was in session under the leadership of Premier Saunders the Government was asked to present "The Workmen's Compensation Act." On both occasions it was ignored. This Act was also presented to Premier Lea at the last session and no action was taken to place it on the statute books. The Compensation Act is in force in every Province in Canada and in fact every country in the world has a Workmen's Compensation Act; but alas the Liberals will not legislate in favour of the workmen in this Province.

"Workman" writing in Patriot tries to mix federal politics with the issues in the local campaign. He speaks of the work which the McIntyre Highway provided. Well we all know that if it were not for the Bennett unemployment money that work would never have been done, and, I think it is the first time the Liberals ver paid a fair wage to the labourer. They were compelled to pay the fair wage on this job, because the Conservative Minister of Labour at Ottawa made arrangements "that all workers under the unemployment fund were to receive the fair wage scale."

In this connection the workmen would like to know how much of this \$91,000 of federal money was paid out in labour? The total amount with the Provincial share would be \$180,000. Perhaps the Liberals will give us an itemized account of the expenditure under this

fund before election day. They seem to be very "mum" on this subject at present.

Premier Bennett brought in a bill to provide for unemployment and this bill was bitterly attacked and knocked by Mr. King, who wanted Bennett to name the amount of money to be spent on this urgent cause. Mr. Bennett refused to name the amount, because he intends to end unemployment and help the workman until such time as conditions become better. During the MacKenzie King term of Government depression and unemployment went to rock bottom and now the Bennett Government is compelled to commence the reconstruction of Canadian prosperity.

Premier Lea while in Upper Canada last year told the people that there was no unemployment in Prince Edward Island and at that time there were hundreds of men idle in this Province. The Patriot newspaper made the same statement when the unemployment grant was being voted in Parliament.

These are some of the reasons why workmen should not vote for the Liberal candidates but should support the Conservative candidates under Hon. J. D. Stewart who will work in co-operation and harmony with the Conservative Government at Ottawa. I am, Sir, etc. WORKMAN

MR. MCLEAN'S SAD MISSION

Sir:—Many personal friends extended a cordial welcome to Mr. A. E. McLean M. P. on his return to Summerside. Mr. McLean, true to colors has answered an S. O. S. (sink or swim) from the great Liberal Debt-Makers of Prince Edward Island. They have at last found out how much "bold" they have on the electors for re-election. Their political outlook has become more and more hopeless since the opening of the campaign. Even the great Fourth District of Prince gives much uneasiness—proof of which may be got from Mr. Lea's frequent reference to it in the general Liberal rally in Summerside. His mind was evidently much concerned with "home progress."

It is generally expected that the Liberal landslide of 1927 will be reversed in the Fourth as was that in the Second District, which is this year going even stronger Conservative.

Mr. McLean said in Ellerslie at Thursday's meeting that many of the Liberal candidates had given him material assistance in winning his elections in the past, and true friend as he is, he wishes now to reimburse them with a Federal smoke screen or any other saving device his political astuteness may suggest.

Mr. McLean's leaving his duties in Parliament many days before prorogation to reach the deathbed of his dear friends is just one more evidence of the extreme precariousness of the Lea Government's position, as resulting from the unwillingness of the electors

ate to be further fooled and engaged.

Mr. McLean's smoke screen will not hide Mr. Lea. He can't substitute Bennett or anybody else for those now up for trial. The people are the jury and August 6th will show that they can't be gulled that way.

I am surprised that Mr. McLean would stoop to furnish any smoke screen accompaniment to the swan song of the Lea aggregation. I am Sir, etc. ONE OF A. E.'S FRIENDS

MR. WRIGHT'S VOLTE FACE

Sir:—Hon. Horace Wright talked too much at Sealetown Hall on Friday night—that is from a Liberal viewpoint. He tried to show that it did not matter whether our Provincial Governments were in line with the Federal Government or not, as either would get equal and full consideration at the hands of Hon. R. B. Bennett when they would approach him to ask for a subsidy settlement. Later in his speech he offered an excuse for the failure of the Liberals when they attempted to get consideration from the King Government. His excuse was that the Nova Scotia and the New Brunswick Governments being Conservative and hence not in line with the Dominion Government, nor in line with our Island Government—although being prevailed upon by our government to try for an increase in subsidy—considered it would be useless for them to make the attempt as the governments with whom they must work or deal were of a different political stripe from their own.

Conservative candidates from every district in Prince Edward Island owe a debt of gratitude, at least to Mr. Wright for this very concrete proof of the desirability of having the governments of the Maritime Provinces and the Federal Government in line with each other in order that a proper subsidy allowance may be secured from Ottawa when presentation of our claims are jointly made.

In the army we had an order "Right about face." This was executed by moving the whole body to face in the opposite direction. Mr. Wright didn't have to move the whole body. He merely opened his mouth, "out off memory of the

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