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SOUND LEADER: SOUND PARTY PATRIOT PUTS ITS FOOT IN IT

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has been re-endorsed as the Leader of the National Liberal and Conservative Party—by whatever name it may hitherto be known—conservative being expressive enough for most of the rank and file. This was the unanimous decision of the convention of members and defeated candidates held in Ottawa Monday. There was no alternative. Mr. Meighen is the natural Leader of the Party, just as he will be the natural Leader of the Opposition, whatever may be the decision of Mr. Crear and his Progressives.

Where MacGregor sits, there is the head of the table. Leaders are born as well as bred. Mr. Meighen has natural gifts for leadership and he has cultivated and developed them, schooled himself in the details of public affairs, mastered the intricacies of finance, and studied closely and intimately questions of external affairs so absolutely essential to one at the head of a great National Party. "What should they know of CANADA who only CANADA know?" Mr. Meighen showed by the great part he took in the Imperial Conference that he is more than usually acquainted with world politics, and able to give leadership in Imperial policy as readily and efficiently as he has done in domestic affairs.

Now that the Leader of the Party has been fitly chosen and unanimously endorsed the organization and re-organization of the Party in the country must follow without delay. We are passing through a strenuous time, a period of actual reconstruction, when great and grave decisions on public policy must be taken, and it is necessary, and all-important that the constituencies be prepared to face an election at any moment, for it is not inconceivable, with Sir Lomer Gouin and the Big Interests in the saddle, a snap verdict may be attempted to gain the necessary majority in the House. So long as the Liberals are dependent upon the Progressives for support, just so long will their term of office be uncertain and in jeopardy. It is the part of wisdom, therefore, for the sound, stable and sanely progressive Conservative Party to be organized and on guard for any emergency that may arise.

A BUNGLED RELIEF SCHEME

The scheme of freight rate reduction on hay and oats for the assistance of our farmers at the present time, as outlined by Mr. Tompkins, freight superintendent, before the members of the Charlottetown Board of Trade on Monday night, while it meets with general approval, seems nevertheless inadequate under existing circumstances, as help, if it comes at all, must come immediately. The new reduction in rates, which amounts to approximately 25 per cent, and can be taken advantage of by any merchant importing hay and oats for the use of our farmers, does not come into effect for nearly two weeks, and another two or three weeks must elapse before the arrival of shipments at the reduced rate can effect the benefit desired. In the mean time the necessity is urgent and no provision appears to have been made to assist the shippers during the coming month. A reduction in rates, immediately applied to shipments now coming in, would solve the problem which at present is a serious one in this province and which cannot be materially benefitted by any government scheme, however well meant.

After months of stoney silence on public questions, the Patriot surprised its readers yesterday by coming out with a two-column editorial in defence of the Bell Government. Boiled down to its essence the article claims (a) that there are now no vacant schools in Prince Edward Island; (b) that it has made income and expenditure meet without any unpaid accounts at the end of the financial year; (c) that it has adopted the Highways Act, which it alleges the Arsenault Government lacked the initiative and courage to do, and improved the public roads; and (d) that it has refused to do other work or contribute to deserving schemes because it wanted to cut its suit according to its cloth.

As the Government reports are not yet before us we are not in a position to quote chapter and verse in support of any criticism we have to make. On the other hand the Patriot contrary to all recognized procedure and journalistic and parliamentary ethics presumes to use the knowledge its editor has gained behind the closed doors of the Governor-in-Council and from that vantage ground claims to speak as one having authority. We prefer to wait till the Reports and especially the Public Accounts are tabled before accepting the Patriot's ipse dixit on the conditions of the public finances. We would just remark that a reliable correspondent in Monday's Guardian asserted that the teachers did not get paid their salaries before the close of the financial year, and consequently there must be some unpaid bills not included in the year's balance sheet.

Regarding the alleged filling of all the schools in the province, we must accept that also with a grain of salt. A correspondent writing us under date of February 12th in reference to the Patriot's previous statement that there was no vacant schools in Queen's County said: "I know at least two schools, and there may be more, vacant, viz. New Glasgow and Atton Road—are they in Queen's County or King's". They may have been filled since that date, less than a month ago, but if they have we should like to know what are the qualifications of the teachers who have been engaged throughout the length and breadth of the Province. If Principal Robertson's word is to be taken for it, the schools would in many instances, be better closed than under the administration of boys and girls totally unfit for the duties. To pursue such a policy is not competent administration, but crass and unmitigated criminality at the expense of the rising generation.

The work carried out by the Bell Government under the Highways Act will speak for itself when the snow clears away. That will be the time to judge of the nature of the work carried out at such enormous expense to posterity and loss in the shape of current work to the present generation. The Patriot said the Arsenault government had not the initiative nor courage to adopt the Highways Act. The Patriot knows, or ought to know, that the money under the Act was not available until after the Arsenault government went to the country, but when Mr. Arsenault did outline his policy in connection with it, the Patriot attacked it venomously and charged that its adoption would bankrupt the farmers. No sooner did they get to power than they swallowed their condemnation and took advantage of the Act, only instead of doing as Premier Arsenault promised, making permanent roads, they proceeded merely to repair

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

What About That Vernon Loop?

Mr.—Undoubtedly it is as true today as when the song was written that "There's a piece Where they don't shovel snow," but it is as produced a crop of disappointments to the residents of Vernon and vicinity, that the railway management should decree that the Vernon Loop is a track off which they won't shovel snow.

During the pre-election campaign last fall when McKinnon King was nourishing a dream of power, he and his followers stamped the Dominion with various platforms in order to catch votes in all constituencies with different needs.

Mr. D. A. McKinnon stated at a meeting in C. M. B. A. hall at Vernon River prior to the election that Canada was in a hole and further said that the problem was how to get the country out of the hole. Now that the King Government is the largest group in Parliament, surely McKinnon, his leader, and their associate community howlers have, by this time, learned that five words and high-sounding phrases "butter no parsnips."

"Actions speak louder than words," Mr. McKinnon it appears to the ordinary observer that one of the worst ways to take the country out of the "hole," is to shut off railway communication from a live community which has been accustomed to it for years. Nevertheless, it is now some days since the Murray Harbor track was cleared and the train commenced making its regular daily trip from the harbor to Charlottetown, but the Vernon Loop has, as yet, been ignored by the snowshovelers.

A VOICE FROM VERNON. DISTANCE LENDS ENCHANTMENT TO THE SONG

(New York Morning Post) "Whoever plays the piano has noticed that while the company is always keen about forcing him to perform, it loses interest once he starts for the instrument. It is the same with singers, elocutionists, orators, raconteurs. If we know them to be masters of an art we are determined that they shall exhibit it, and guests will coax furiously for an anecdote or a song. But as soon as it is apparent that their request is to be gratified nobody any longer pays much attention. Such is the effect of proximity.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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THE GOOD TEACHER

The Lord is my teacher, I shall not lose the way. He leadeth me in the lowly paths of learning. He prepareth a lesson for me every day. He bringeth me to the clear fountains of instruction. Little by little He showeth me the beauty of truth.

The world is a great book that He hath written. He turneth the leaves for me slowly. They are all inscribed with images and letters. He poureth light on the pictures and the words.

He taketh me by the hand to the hill top of vision. And my soul is glad when I perceive his meaning. In the valley also he walketh beside me. In the dark places he whispereth to my heart.

Even though my lesson be hard, it is not hopeless. For the Lord is patient with his slow scholar. He will wait awhile for my weakness. And help me to read the truth through tears.

Henry Van Dyke.

A PADRE IN THE GREAT WAR

Being the Reminiscences and Recollections of the Veteran Chaplain, Canon F. G. Scott

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THE GREAT WAR

(Continued)

At Steenje, as no billet had been provided for me, the Engineers took me in and treated me right royally. Not only did they give me a pile of straw for a bed in the dormitory upstairs, but they also made me honorary member of their mess. Of the work of the "Sappers" in the Great War one cannot speak too highly. Brave and efficient, they were always working and co-operating enthusiastically with the infantry. Every week now that passed was deepening that sense of comradeship which bound our force together. The mean people, the men who thought only of themselves, were either being weeded out or taught that there was no place for selfishness in the army. One great lesson was impressed upon me in the war and that is, how wonderfully the official repression of wrong thoughts and jealousies tends to their abolition. A man who lets his wild fancies free, and gives rein to his anger and selfishness is going to become the victim of his own mind. It is people at home could only be prevented, as men were in the war, from saying all the bitter and angry things they feel, and from criticizing the actions of their neighbors, a different temper of thought would prevail. A comradeship men experienced in the Great War was due to the fact that everyone knew comradeship was essential to our happiness and success. It would be well if all over Canada men realized that the same is true of our happiness and success in times of peace. What might we not accomplish if our national and industrial life were full of mutual sympathy and love!

Our rest at Steenje was not of long duration. Further South another attack was to be made, and so one evening, going in the direction whether our troops were ordered, I was motored to the little village of Robecq. There I managed to get a comfortable billet for myself in the house of a carpenter. My bedroom was a tiny apartment which looked out on the backyard. It was quite delightful to lie in a real bed again, and as I was enjoying the luxury late in the morning I watched the carpenter making a baby's coffin. Robecq then was a very charming place. The canal, which was a hospital barge, gave the men an opportunity for a swim, and the spring air and the sun shine put them in high spirits.

Notes By The Way

(From The Examiner.)

"The shortest and simplest way of quick results," says Premier King to the Premiers of the prairie provinces "would be to ignore the transactions of the past and make a fresh start." He had in mind when he made this statement the demands of those provinces for possession of the lands and resources within their boundaries, which has been already discussed here and elsewhere. But his words are capable of a much wider application. There are so many things among the transactions of the past which the Liberal party in Canada and the provinces now find it convenient to ignore.

It is to be wholly ignorant of such things and to assume that nothing of the kind was ever done, or said. Anyone of us may forget some things that have actually happened, but upon being reminded of them, or of some circumstances attend them they may be again distinctly remembered. The principles laid down by Mr. King is not to forget, but to ignore. The Bell Government for months past has adopted and acted upon the principle of ignoring the transactions of the past in which they were concerned. The people, however, neither ignore nor forget them.

No doubt there would like to "make a fresh start" as Premier King proposes; a fresh start, in baby innocence, with the guffy past alike ignored and forgotten. There are, however, insuperable barriers which block this course. Every principle of justice and equity forbids it. The honor and the security of the province which they have smirched and imperilled preclude it. The only fresh start they can be permitted voluntarily to make is to resign their seats as the people have demanded. The alternative is to cling to their gotten offices and salary grabs, until they are kicked out by an indignant people.

Let them call their little coterie of followers together, who have shared in their defiance of the popular will, their imposition of needless burdens upon the people who with them, pocketed the gaily grab and during the seasons past tickled their ears with a chorus of laudation and mutual admiration. If we mistake not, here and there some note may be missed from the chorus, some once jubilant sing song now less joyous, some loud and frantic shouters who have degenerated their stomy voices and put a dimmer on the glare of their red eye-balls. At their best they

By their policy of "ignoring the transactions of the past" they profess ignorance of all or any of these occurrences and of the sayings which accompanied or followed the doings. Everything tangible and intangible is ignored; the Premier's statement that the people of Prince Edward Island are "peculiar" is ignored; the suggestion to taking the farmers by the nose while the taxation medicine should be forced down their throats is ignored. Surely, this would be a short and simple way to quick and convenient results for the government, if only the people could be ignored in like fashion!

THE GREAT WAR (Continued)

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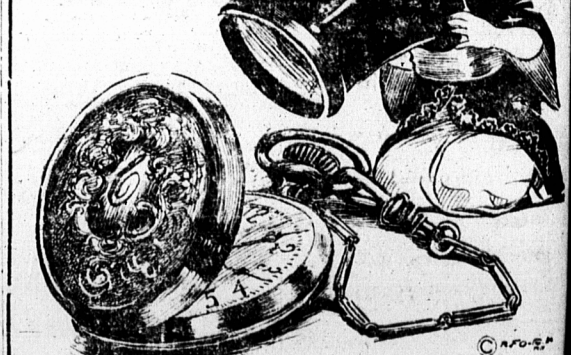
Pope Interested In Canada

LONDON March 7.—A Reuter dispatch from Rome today says that the Pope received Cardinal Begin, Archbishop of Quebec in a far-well audience today and expressed satisfaction at having made his personal acquaintance after having for years known his zeal and piety. His Holiness said he took great interest in Canada and admired the development and spirit of enterprise of the new country and the wonderful progress it had achieved in all fields of activity. He authorized Cardinal Begin to impart the apostolic benediction to all the Canadian faithful.

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