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THE NEW YEAR

The volume of 1921 is written, sealed and laid away. Its record is done its successes and failures, its joys and sorrows are unalterable and nought remains but the experience and the memory and the lesson.

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That the coming days may bring to all our readers whatever is best for them of success or failure, of joy or sorrow, as our sincere prayer as we enter together through the portals of the new year 1922.

INDIGNANT SURPRISE

The Liberal press reproaches the indignation of Mr. MacKenzie King over the issuing of a writ by the late government for a by-election which promises ex-Premier Meighen a seat in the House before parliament meets.

It is well known that, according to present parliamentary usage a member of the House can vacate his seat only by handing his resignation to the Speaker. As there is no Speaker until parliament meets, those who had expressed their willingness to resign in order that Mr. Meighen should have a seat in the new House would ordinarily be obliged to wait until parliament meets, probably in February.

The Liberal government might then or might not accept such a resignation and might also and might not delay the issuing of a writ for a by-election indefinitely, as there is a general belief that Mr. MacKenzie King is not anxious to have Mr. Meighen's eye upon him in his new role as Premier. Mr. Meighen and his cabinet therefore very properly and quite legally took the only course open to them. A position of eminent was offered to and accepted by Mr. Casselman, elected on December 6th and who had offered his seat to Mr. Meighen. Acceptance of this office automatically vacated Mr. Casselman's seat and the government still in the hands of Mr. Meighen and his cabinet promptly issued the writ for this by-election. Mr. Meighen will no doubt accept the nomination and in all probability will be elected, whether by acclamation or after a contest. The action of the Conservative cabinet was not only legal but meets with the approval of many Liberals as well as all Conservatives for it is felt very generally that Mr. Meighen is the one man whom Canada cannot dispense with at the present critical juncture. Had the usual course been adopted Mr. Meighen would in all probability have been unable to enter the House until the session was well advanced, if at all during the session and it is to the interest of Canada that he shall be on duty from the outset. Mr. Meighen is not entering the House as an enemy of Mr. King, although evidently the latter regards it in that light. We have no doubt that Mr. King will live long enough in his new position to bless the day that Mr. Meighen entered the House to help him in the difficult task which has been entrusted to him.

THE PATRIOT ON TAXES

How often in the days of crude dentistry when the small boy approached the operating chair, was he comforted with the words, "It won't hurt much sonny, you'll scarcely feel it," and then, "When the man most pulled my head off, he hadn't a word to say." So is it with the utterances of the Patriot on the taxation question, now that in five constituencies they are inviting the electorate to another trial in their operating chair. The words of soothing which they used prior to the last election, that there will be ease from the oppressive (1) Conservative taxation, and that we "won't hurt you a bit," can not be made to do service again, for their first deception is too fresh in the people's memory, and so other expedients must be adopted to quell the spirit of revolt, and to clothe the angels of political darkness with the outward habiliments of light. And so to meet this emergency the Patriot, that great champion of REDUCED TAXATION in other days, and that denouncer of the late Government's extravagance in not running the country on its then enormous revenue account, in that they preached to the extent of \$200,000—is now laboring hard to instruct this same electorate on the unrivalled benefits of spendthrift taxation.

Only a few days ago it dilated most eloquently upon the gorges of the salary and indemnity grab but to the people who have to pay the bills this glory was invisible and in hiding, in the pockets alone of those by whom these drafts from the treasury were taken in defiance of the people's mandate. Now the Patriot has switched its story to that great Bell Government munificence—the Poll Tax. In this they try to soothe those upon whom they are operating, by parading it as one of the triumphs of equitable taxation. "No person," it says, "should object to paying three dollars for THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN THIS PROVINCE." This is certainly a novel excuse. Pay to the Bell Government for the privilege of living, and in this Province, of course. Why everybody had the right to live here ever since it became habitable, and even under the Conservative government, without having to pay three dollars annually for the privilege. Is this sent out as an advance hint that a new tax is in prospect for the privilege of breathing in this Province, or are they going to allow the breathing to be thrown in as a necessary accompaniment to our "living."

Then the Bell Organ tries to soften down the fact that this Bell Tax is only one of the additions to an already onerous list of taxes. If the farmer happens to have two or three sons living at home on which he has to pay his Poll tax (and the Road, and School Poll Taxes), it says, "This is not unfair." And it prescribes the remedy. "If the sons have not sufficient employment at home, then it is their plain duty as citizens to start out for themselves." Just so. Pay up this three dollars and your tax is upon everything else "Tangible and Intangible," or else leave your home and your country, "start out for yourselves, for under Bell Government domination and damnation you must pay for the privilege of living, and that payment must be upon an exceedingly costly scale. And the Patriot adds "It is true that... the market is stagnant and money is scarce, but what does that matter to the tax swipers? It doesn't touch their big salaries or indemnities."

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(From The Examiner) After the lapse of 23 days following the election of December 6th Premier King and a number of his colleagues have been sworn in as ministers of state. The official list is yet at this writing apparently incomplete. It would seem from The Guardian's special Ottawa despatch that not by any means all of the ministers have yet their departments assigned to them. It is easy to see that the cabinet as outlined in The Guardian is not such as Mr. King or any other incoming Prime Minister would have liked to have formed. The larger part of them are without any experience in federal administration.

Mr. Fielding is a notable exception in that he has had long experience in Finance, first as Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia and later for 15 years as Financial Minister of Canada in the Laurier Government. The Premier was for two years Minister of Labor, 1909-11. Hon. George P. Graham and Hon. Charles Murphy of Ontario and Hon. Dr. Beland of Quebec have each been the head of a federal department for some time. Excepting these five the remaining twelve ministers are new to their positions as members of a federal administration. Sir Lomer Gouin alone among these had achieved a considerable distinction throughout the Dominion as the able and successful Premier of Quebec.

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More of Whistler From The Pennells

Although the Pennells issued their monumental biography of Whistler some twenty years ago, they believe that they did not nearly exhaust the subject, and they have now published the Whistler Journal. It is composed of the gleanings of the field which they have harvested, and the matter is quite interesting as that in the biography. In the past twenty years they have come into possession of more matter relating to the artist since they have been in communication with most of his surviving friends—and enemies. Time has not changed their attitude of reverence before this American genius who, by the way, was rather ashamed of having been born in the United States, and the view of the Pennells is supported by the general view of art critics. Whistler continues to grow, but as far as the general public is concerned he is interesting rather as a man than as a painter.

His quarrels. His was an extraordinary character, but the Pennells show him as much more charming than one would infer from his famous book on "The Gentle Art of Making Enemies." Despite his numerous quarrels, whistler was never without friends in his life. Sometimes one doubts that he was worthy of his friends. The Pennells give several versions of his quarrel with Leyland over "The Peacock Room," none of which reveals Whistler at his best. While he was executing this work in Leyland's home, Whistler seemed under the illusion that the house was his own. He gave teas there and invited whom he pleased without taking the trouble to consult his host. On one occasion he invited a considerable company to luncheon and contrived to make most of them thoroughly uncomfortable by the airs he gave himself and by his bullying of the servants. We are told it was Leyland who suggested to Whistler the imines "Symphony" and "Harmony" to which he was to give new meaning in the world of art.

The writers give us many frank opinions expressed by Whistler of his contemporaries and the great ancients. He had little respect for Sargent. After a visit to Rome Whistler said:—"Well, you know, I found St. Peter's fine, with its great yellow walls, the interior too big, perhaps but you had only to go inside to know where Wren got his ideas—how he, well, you know, robbed Peter's to pay Paul's! And I liked the Vatican, the Swiss Guards, great big fellows; jolling about as in Dumas; they made you think of D'Artagnan, Aramis and the others. And Michael Angelo? A tremendous fellow, yes; the frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, interesting as pictures, but with all the legs and arms of the pictures sprawling everywhere I could not see the decorations. There can be no decorations without repose; a tremendous yellow, but not so much in the David and other things I was shown in Rome and Florence as in that one unfinished picture at the National Gallery. There is often elegance in the Loggia of Raphael, but the big frescoes of the Stanza did not interest me. And Rome was awful—a hard, blue sky all the time, a glaring sun and a strong wind. And it was the same in Florence—a sky as hard and cold and blue, and a wind blowing."

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