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WHICH BEING INTERPRETED

When the truth is told, as it sometimes is, about Liberal doings in parliament, in the Customs Department, or on the stump, the Liberal politician and the Liberal press, with a fine show of outraged innocence, rise up and call it mudslinging and muck-raking.

When Mr. Meighen declared during the present campaign that he purposed raising the duty on American farm products to the level of the American duty on Canadian products, the Liberal tariff tinkers fairly went wild and went about the country screaming "high protection!"

A sane Tariff Board, such as the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen proposed in June, 1925, and which the Liberals opposed to a man, may mean a lowering of the tariff on certain commodities. The tariff cannot be adjusted by an indiscriminate lowering as was proposed by the Liberals in 1919, nor by an indiscriminate raising of it as the Liberals pretend the Conservatives propose doing.

A small group of Progressives dictated the policy of Canada for the past five years. Are we to have a repetition of the same kind of Government after Sept. 14th? The only way to avoid it is to give Premier Meighen such a majority as will make group government impossible.

THE CUSTOMS ENQUIRY

The Liberal candidates and the Liberal press are very anxious that the Customs enquiry be dropped. Of course, they have good cause for the anxiety. Three of the Liberal candidates in this province were mixed up in this scandal to the extent at least of knowing what was going on and afterwards helping in the whitewashing.

Now they all want to drop the Customs enquiry. They declare they don't believe in scandal—when the scandal is on themselves. Here is what the Toronto Globe, the Liberal bible, says about dropping it: "To put the lid on the Customs scandal would be a direct affront to the voters of the country. Their money has been spent, and it is still being spent, to get at the bottom depths of the whole miserable situation. They are going to see the thing through."

There can be good government without a high standard of public morality, for which The Herald calls, but morality cannot be maintained until public immorality is wiped out. For this reason, if for no other, the Customs question must be retained as a political issue—through this campaign and succeeding ones, if necessary—until it is no longer possible to point a challenge, inefficiency or immorality in any part of the public service.

That there was more than robbery and fraud in connection with the Customs Department is known; there was disgraceful and disreputable conduct which was a scandal to Canada. A futile effort has been made by Liberal candidates and the Liberal press to show that unbecoming conduct had been proved by the Duncan report. Here is what Detective Duncan himself has said about it:

"Nothing was suppressed by me, but certain evidence taken under oath and submitted by me to a parliamentary committee with my report was not dealt with by the committee."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are the men who, with full knowledge of the facts, allowed the country to be robbed of millions of dollars and a government department to become a nest of unprintable immorality, likely to do any better if given another chance? Honest and self-respecting men and women should ask themselves this question before casting their ballots.

A vote for McLean, Sinclair, Jenkins and Johnston is a vote for Mackenzie King and the kind of Government and fraud and smuggling rascality we have had for the past five years. Men and women who value honesty and public morality will vote for Mr. Meighen by casting their ballot for Wyatt, Myers, Messervey and Macdonald.

The men who were implicated in the smuggling frauds of the past year or two and who were found out and exposed and punished are now working tooth and nail for the King Government candidates. The smugglers, bootleggers and crooks have enjoyed several prosperous years and, naturally are incensed at being put out of business. They have money and, if they are reinforced by decent Liberals they will not doubt be a formidable enemy to the Conservatives and to stable government. To save the country decent Liberals must shake them up.

Notes by the Way

Harvest Excursions have been the bane of Prince Edward Island and of the Maritimes. In a single day a few years ago they carried away 1,100 people from Prince Edward Island and that year and other years there were successive excursions. Always there have been two or more by each of our two great railway systems. And in twenty years past we would say for a guess that they have carried away at least 50,000 of our young and middle-aged people from the Maritime Provinces to the West.

There are no statistics to show how many came back—or how few, compared with those who have gone. Some years half of them return to us. There have been years not a few in the past when far more have gone than could find work in the harvest at even fair wages. The West has played the horse leech with us in the East, always crying "Give! Give!" enticing as many as possible in order that an over-supply of labor may cheapen wages. But why complain? It is the way of the world!

Freedom to travel anywhere is a natural right and cannot be interfered with. This is equally true of the right to stay and settle wherever one will. And we will not deny that not a few have gone from us and settled on the Prairies and by so doing have bettered their condition. But the chances of making good years ago were far better than they are now. There were free homesteads then close by the railways, and where the land is good. Even then there were many who went from the Maritimes to the West and failed to make good. Frosts, droughts and a succession of bad harvests defeated their honest toil.

Pumping people out of one province into another is a poor way to increase the population of the Dominion. The cost of removal and getting settled in another land are...

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Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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ACTIONS WEIGHED—"The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed." I Sam. 2:3. PRAYER—"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

THE PLAYERS

We are the players of a play As old as earth. Between the wings of night and day With tear and mirth. There is no record of the land From whence it came; No legend of the playwright's hand No bruited fame. Of those who for the piece were cast In the first night, When God drew up His curtain And there was light. Before our eyes as we come on, From age to age, Flare up the footlights of the dawn On this round stage. In front, unknown, beyond the glare Vague shadows loom; And sounds like muttering winds are there Foreboding doom. Yet, wistfully we keep the boards; And as we mend The hindering, forgotten words, Hope to the end. To hear the stormbeat of applause, Fills our desire, Then the dark Prompter gives us pause And we retire. BLISS CARMAN.

Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the army and navy of the United States." They are separate organizations. Say "the army and the navy."

OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: biennial. Pronounce bi-en-ee-ah, not bi-en-ee-ah. accent on second syllable.

OFTEN MISPELLED: routine. SYNONYMS: bandit, burglar, thief, pirate, robber, brigand, desperado, marauder.

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: SUBMISSION; the act of obedience. "Our submission to their request would mean slavery."

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

AN ALL ROUND EXAMINATION.

From Texas comes the news that Baylor University College of Medicine at Dallas, is instituting something new in their outdoor dispensary. As you know the average dispensary looks after the needs of sick people, who are able to attend in person, without charge.

The idea that anyone who cannot afford to pay for it can attend all the different departments, and get an examination in each one free of charge. This means a complete overhauling of the body by the physicians or surgeons in each department.

It is easily possible for an individual to have deficient eyesight, defective hearing, a weak heart, organic heart or kidney ailment and so forth, and not be aware of it. In the case of eye, ear, nose, throat, teeth, or tonsils, the condition is easily detected and can make up his mind as to whether or not he wishes treatment, medical or surgical.

More serious conditions are likewise pointed out, and by care on his part he may have them corrected, or at least he learns how to live so as to be secure from any serious consequences.

As an evidence of the importance attached to this complete examination, every medical student attending the college is compelled to undergo same. Not only that but he must be vaccinated against smallpox, and is urged to submit to vaccination against typhoid fever.

Just think of all this for a moment. Men, women and children in poor circumstances, can be thoroughly overhauled and pain and illness thus prevented.

What this means to the community and to the state in the saving of man power and loss of time through sickness can hardly be estimated. What it means to the individual himself and to his family is beyond any words of mine.

MR. MEIGHEN FOR PREMIER Sir—Mr. Dunning says: "Meighen (not Mr. Meighen) excels as a destructive critic." Mr. Dunning tells the whole truth. Criticism to be very destructive must be strictly accurate and truthful and in this quality is found Mr. Meighen's greatest strength; hence all who effectually destroy humbug. His destructiveness was seen in the result of the election campaign last year. He certainly destroyed many check. The time to correct an evil is when it is first found. He went out with 50 against 185, plus 10 in the next Parliament, almost 4 to 1 against him. He came back to the House with 116 of the 245 almost half. In 1925 he was opposed to him before the election 66 fell by the way. Some destruction surely? And it is being continued in the present campaign. He now only requires to have 23 members of the majority over all, which is a small order. The electors have the memory—that helps Mr. Meighen's cause immensely, as nothing succeeds like success. He has created a tide which is flowing strongly in his favour. A man that kills 66 birds on the first shot will most likely knock down sufficient to give him the necessary majority.

But come say Mr. Meighen is an autocrat. Well, I hope he is. Canada at present wants clear strong-willed leadership, even if the leader may be autocratic. It wants just such a man to clear up the mess. Such a man has his enemies even within his own party, but what of that? Better have a Mussolini in Canada than a spineless leader who allows his party to be full liberty to do as they like. They will not do so under Mr. Meighen. His may be rigid rule, but if he is clean and honest which his worst opponents freely admit, why should the ordinary taxpayer care whether he is personally popular or not? His ability is unquestioned as well. Moreover, we do not want another statement to be followed by another general election with in another year. Let us be done with it by this time by giving the best man and having the best chances to give success. It creates a more stable government. But what are Mr. King's chances? "If he lost 16 supporters before the Customs Scandal was unearthed he would lose more now? Or should we show our support of this time simply because he is popular with a certain class. When that popularity means Customs frauds and Josephine Darries? I think we should not again let me remind the female voters that the greatest argument for extending the franchise to them was that we will have a cleaner and higher sense of Act out the 250,000 annual Italian

"I Believe That, in the Interests of the Party, it Would be Preferable to Discontinue to Watch the Frontier."

J. E. A. Bisailion was elevated to the King Government to the most responsible position in Canada in the prevention of smuggling. He was made Chief of the Preventive Staff at Montreal, which is the largest port in Canada, and his jurisdiction covered the whole of the Province of Quebec. The Quebec border being the most adjacent to New York was well known to be the chief point at which wholesale smuggling was being carried on. Bisailion's duties made him the most important man in Canada in the prevention of smuggling.

W. K. Baldwin was Liberal member for Stanstead, Quebec. He complained in a letter to the Minister of Customs, that the activities of the special officers of the Customs Department, who were interfering with smuggling operations might interfere with his chance of being elected to Parliament in 1925. Bureau forwarded the letter to Bisailion, asking him to see what could be done.

In a letter to the Minister of Customs on April 16th, 1925, Bisailion applied to the effect that Baldwin's chief backers were the smugglers at Rock Island, Quebec. The last paragraph of his letter contains these words:—

"I ALSO BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISCONTINUE TO WATCH THE FRONTIER."

Here, in one sentence, we have a summing up of the policy of the King Government.

BISAILION'S ADVICE WAS ACCEPTED. They did discontinue to watch the frontier, and the report of Clarkson, Gordon and Dillworth, auditors for the Stevens Committee, proved by documentary evidence the smuggling of more than \$1,000,000.00 worth of merchandise at this particular point. These smuggled goods included more than 130 tons of prison-made, disease-infected garments.

The Stevens' Investigating Committee sat for months; 224 witnesses were heard, the evidence covering more than 3,000 pages, and from first to last this evidence shows that Bisailion, in his letter to the Hon. Jacques Bureau, has summed up the policy of the King Government, not only in Stanstead, Quebec, but from one end of Canada to the other.

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISCONTINUE TO WATCH THE FRONTIER."

This is the statement of the Chief Preventive Officer in Canada to the Minister of Customs and Excise. It was the accepted policy of the King Government. It was the declared policy of the King Government. It was an official statement of the policy of the King Government. It is the policy which summarizes the whole attitude of the King Government towards the problems of wholesale smuggling. In slightly different words it means that:—

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISCONTINUE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC TREASURY."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO LET A GANG OF CROOKS AND THIEVES HELP THEMSELVES TO PUBLIC FUNDS."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DRIVE HONEST MANUFACTURERS INTO BANKRUPTCY RATHER THAN LOSE AN ELECTION."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DRIVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT IN ORDER THAT LIBERAL CANDIDATES MAY BE ELECTED."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ENCOURAGE DISHONESTY AND FRAUD."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISREGARD THE LAW AND ASSIST THE LAW-BREAKERS."

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO TAKE THE SIDE OF THE TAX-EVADERS AGAINST THE HONEST TAX-PAYERS."

The electors of Canada, before marking their ballots, should remember that the policy of the King Government has been summed up in a single sentence by Bisailion, smuggler, perjurer, Chief of the Preventive Service, and friend and confidant of the Ministers of the Crown, in these simple words:—

"I BELIEVE THAT, IN THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DISCONTINUE TO WATCH THE FRONTIER."

Standardization of Kings County Branch Railways

Brighter Prospects for the Eastern County Than Ever Before. Historic.

The work of standardizing the Branch Railways in Kings County in Prince Edward Island, was completed on Sunday last, and the first train of standard gauge went into operation on Monday morning (23rd August, 1926). The work had been proceeding for some time past, and when everything was in readiness the trains of the whole line from Charlottetown to Souris, Georgetown and Montserrat started on time without a hitch.

Needless to say the people of the county are greatly pleased with this event, and welcome the change which links them with the standard lines not only of the great Canadian system, but with the lines of the whole continent. This some-

inflow to 40,000. The 1924 Johnson Act further reduced this to 38,450, simultaneously slashing the quota to 100. Italians in your area today are about as scarce as they were in the United States in 1850. Our newcomers of 1850 were, however, of the very thin edge of a wedge. Behind it in the Fatherland was such a forceful population pressure that in 1910, we were admitting the above quarter million annually. Only in 1921 we could muster sufficient strength to halt that wedge. If you have, for example, the beginnings of Italian immigration, Excess of births over deaths equal a YEARLY increase of Italy's population pressure about equaling the combined population of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Such pressure formerly forced Italian immigration into the United States. These, once admitted, multiplied like Mr. Dale's rabbits. Little farther to knock at your door. If you accept what the whiningly British Nordic, family States reject, you will sink as we averaged about three kiddies, had commenced to sink, to the level of Latin-America. Three times three, repeated four times, gives, in the fifth generation, an original family represented by 81 children. The Italian two Australasian Dominions, (family, averaging 7 children, shows we are trying to save what is left in the same time, 16,807. With a quarter-million new immigrants annually, and with each yearly increment this increasing by its fifth generation, our old Nordics at a rate of 69 to 1, we had to call a halt. The Johnson Immigration Study Commission of America.

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what tardy achievement reflects credit on the activity of the railway officials under the administration of Montreal and Ottawa. It also merits special praise for the activity of our new and King's first Cabinet Minister, at Ottawa, Hon. John A. Macdonald, who is evidently alive to the wants of the County and the Province. It is clear that "Let them wait" is not his motto. Canadian exports of newsprint are nearly ten times greater than those of her nearest competitors, Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Finland and Norway. Canadian production for 1925 was over 1-1/2 million tons, equal to that of the United States.

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