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NOTED SPEAKER COMING.

Everyone, whether Liberal or Conservative, wants to hear all there is to be said about the political issues, before casting their ballots. On hearing both sides fully and freely discussed the intelligent elector can form his own conclusions and vote accordingly. It does not require much astuteness on the part of an ordinarily intelligent man or woman to ascertain whether a speaker or a writer is placing his case fairly before the people. In the political history of Canada there are official and authentic reports. The speaker or the writer who disregards these, who twists them or denies them, may well be doubted. This has been done by speakers and writers, but the records stand, the official reports of proceedings in parliament and of the findings of parliamentary committees and Royal Commissions are the final resort, and by these the truth or the falsity of statements must be established.

Within the past few weeks audiences in this province have heard official reports and findings flatly denied, have heard scandalous crimes condoned and even ridiculed. Intelligent and conscientious electors will not be convinced by this kind of argument.

Tomorrow, Friday evening, our people will have an opportunity of hearing Mr. C. W. Bell, K.C., of Hamilton, Ontario, on the political situation. Mr. Bell is a gentleman of outstanding ability, a forceful and eloquent speaker. The measure of his reputation in his own consistency of Hamilton may be judged by the fact that he was elected last October by a majority of over 10,000 and is again the Conservative candidate in that constituency. That he will discuss the political situation fairly and honestly we are assured. It will be interesting and instructive to hear him and a cordial invitation is extended to all Liberals and Conservatives. The Conservative to "put over." The plain truth according to the authentic records, is good enough for them and should be good enough for the electors. Let all who possibly can, from country and city, hear Mr. Bell tomorrow night in the Strand Theatre.

THE CANDIDATES

The campaign in this Province is now coming to an end; the evidence is all in. It now remains to sum up the evidence and for the jury to give its verdict.

The people of Kings County are asked to vote for either one of two candidates, Hon. J. A. Macdonald or Mr. J. J. Johnston. Both these gentlemen have records. By these their claims for election shall be judged. Mr. Macdonald has, in his brief career in the federal parliament, been honored by his leader with a seat in the Cabinet, the first honor of the kind that has come to Kings County. He has had a brilliant and useful career in the provincial legislature, a Minister of Public Works, honored and trusted by his leader, his colleagues and the people.

Mr. J. J. Johnston, also, has a parliamentary history. He is credited with having been a traitor to his leader and his party and with having wrecked the Bell Government. While some may feel inclined to give him credit as the instrument which relieved the country from the incubus of the late Liberal government, his most earnest admirers will not call him the "honored instrument." Once faithless and false to his leader and his colleagues, is he again to be trusted? Kings County will return the Hon. J. A. Macdonald. In Queens County Mr. J. E. Sinclair

and Mr. R. H. Jenkins are contesting the two seats against Hon. J. H. Myers and Mr. J. A. Messervey. The latter two have each a history. Mr. Myers as a capable Minister of Agriculture, a speaker of outstanding ability and a gentleman to be trusted. Mr. Messervey is a good citizen, has been honored by the county by electing him to parliament.

Mr. John E. Sinclair has a parliamentary record. As a Cabinet Minister in the King Government he has been openly charged, and he has not denied it, with having been the means of cutting out of the estimates an appropriation for a protected warehouse in Georgetown. He is also said to be the owner of a bungalow at Emerald which, when all our bills are paid, will cost the province or the federal government \$17,000.

Mr. R. H. Jenkins, also, had a brief parliamentary career, the outstanding features of which are his assistance on several occasions in whitewashing the King Government after it had been adjudged deserving of censure by a parliamentary committee and later censured by a majority of the members of parliament.

It is necessary to ask how the electors of Queens County will deal with their respective candidates?

In Prince County, Mr. J. E. Wyatt, K.C., who was for a time Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, and declared to be one of the best informed and the most fair-minded men who ever held that position, is contesting the seat with Mr. A. E. McLean, M.P. in the late parliament, and who voted with Mr. R. H. Jenkins on every whitewashing division in the House. Mr. McLean also has a past during which he and his leader differed so widely that the latter gave him a wide berth during his recent visit to the province.

Electors! These are the candidates from whom you are to elect your representatives in the next parliament, the men who are to faithfully, honorably and honestly administer the affairs of your province and your country during the next four or five years. And as you choose so shall you be governed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Beware of the man who has a past which he does not want to discuss.

A lot of prophets are going to lose their reputation as prophets about the evening of September 11.

Harvesters are complaining somewhat about the weather and, in truth, there has been some ground for complaint.

The beautiful month of September has shown some flaws in its weather conduct but it will probably recover after the election.

The wish is father to the prophetic thought of many wise and otherwise men these days, but there will be revelations on the 14th.

At the top of the front page of a contemporary are the words "The Evening Patriot," at the bottom the legend "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel"—and in between the proof.

Mr. Mackenzie King's following fell from 116 in 1921 to 101 in 1925. Has he done anything since then to make him more popular than at his last election? He did the Customs demoralization, he lost his Cabinet and only a few of his Ministers dare to face the coming election. Does anyone believe he will win out?

Notes by the Way

One week before polling day finds Conservative prospects increasingly bright. They were bright when the campaign began and have steadily improved. Compared with last October at the beginning of the present campaign the Conservative chances of securing a majority of the new House were greatly better now than last year.

For four years Mr. Meighen had had a party of fifty, with more than twice as many Liberals, and 65 Progressives against him. It was fearful odds. His was much the smallest of the three principal parties. "Meighen can't win!" was the Liberal slogan then which not only Liberals but a host of Conservatives also believed.

But Meighen did win and within a few months after the meeting of the new Parliament was again Prime Minister of Canada, backed by a large majority of the electors of Canada. It was a stupendous achievement like the Conservative Leader and the great party he leads.

Who can measure the gain in numbers and prestige achieved by the Conservative party within the past few months? To estimate it rightly one must take account of what Mackenzie King and his followers have lost—he and eight Cabinet colleagues defeated and his followers decimated, he and his Government driven from power, its prestige gone and its record blotched with an unprecedented scandal.

It is now apparent to every intelligent elector not only that King can't win on September 14th, but that his leadership of the party is greatly in danger. His Government inflicted upon the Liberal party the deadliest wound which that once great and respected party has suffered since the Dominion was formed. That is one of the main reasons why thousands of voters who supported the King Government in October will give their votes to support the Meighen Administration next Tuesday.

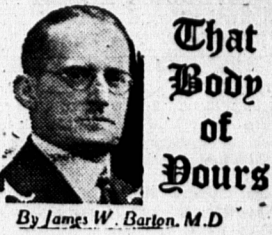
In every one of the nine provinces the Conservative Leader stands far higher in the confidence of his party than he did on the eve of the last election. The reverse of this is equally true of the Liberal leader. There is not a province in Canada in which he has not lost ground in the respect of the electors both personally and as a party leader. His loss of prestige is conspicuous in the Province of Quebec, which had hitherto given him one-half of the support which he received in Parliament.

And what King has lost Meighen has gained in Quebec. Over 20,000 people turn out to listen to a party leader to whom they had been politically opposed and give him an attentive and apparently sympathetic hearing it means something! Mr. King had visited the French-speaking Province during the present campaign, but met no such vast assembly at one time.

This change of attitude toward the Prime Minister is one of deep significance and a salient feature of the campaign. It is accentuated by the accession of Armand Lavergne to Mr. Meighen's following, and his confession that he had been wrong in opposing him as he had done in years past. Mr. Meighen has gained also the support of a number of French Canadian newspapers that were opposed to him hitherto. He has spoken to French Canadians at length in their own language, eliciting their applause and admiration.

Hon. Mr. Patenaude, Minister of Justice, now in full accord with his leader, has spoken in the campaign as a high-minded statesman in both Ontario and Quebec, and his ability and influence recall the days when Sir George Cartier was the right bower of Sir John Macdonald's Government in former years. Other Quebec Ministers of whom Mr. Meighen had none in the October election as Cabinet colleagues are now at his side and wielding a strong influence in support of the new Conservative Government.

From every province, including our own there come reports of meetings much more favorable to the Conservative cause and policy than in October, and new accessions of support. What could be more favorable than this? And the conviction grows from day to day that the new Government will have a good majority over all, which is quite impossible to any other party. That conviction tends also very strongly to bring about a notable victory.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Ours

AVOIDING AN OPERATION

Some of our surgeons are recommending the removal of the gall bladder in middle aged and elderly people who have "spells with the heart." In other words it is a slow acting liver, and a congested gall bladder, which gives the attacks of "gassy indigestion" with which they are troubled so often.

A couple of years ago I spoke of a Canadian surgeon who said that he had been able to cure these gas attacks by removal of gall stones, because gall stones were practically always the cause of same.

Incidentally the removal of the appendix is considered advisable owing to the relationship between the gall bladder and appendix so frequently found.

Now the risk of operation in these cases is not great because the patient is not acutely ill when he undergoes it. And the result is usually satisfactory also.

However where an operation is absolutely essential for life's sake, no one would question the wisdom of same, but where a little thought and care can avoid an operation, it is certainly worth while to exercise this thought and care.

When a liver and gall bladder get sluggish it usually is because they do not get sufficiently exercised, and properly treated from the diet standpoint.

The liver is the largest organ in the body. It is soft and yielding and wants plenty of room in which to do its work. And when you remember all its jobs—making bile, helping to make blood, storing sugar, removing poisons from the blood, and remember further that it makes one third the heat manufactured in the body, and has one quarter of all the blood of the body in it all the time, then any cramping of the liver so that it can't do its work is a serious matter.

Formerly men with gall stones outnumbered men to 1 because of tight corsets it will be interesting to see this proportion reduced now that only low corsets are worn. If you walk fast, or breathe deeply, you squeeze the liver and then it expands again, all of which "exercises" it.

In addition to that you do not overeat, especially pastries and fats, then you do not congest it and make its work too difficult.

Further the exercise of walking, or any exercise in fact, will increase your heart muscle and the circulation, that the blood will make its trip through the liver more vigorously and thus not remain there too long. The gall bladder will be induced to be more active also, and no stones can form. An operation is all right after the damage is done, but the prevention of an operation, and the possession of a healthy liver and gall bladder, are worth the above effort.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

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HEAR AND DO—"Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." I Sam. 15:22.

PRAYER—Thy sacrifices, O God, are a broken spirit.

BEWARE OF THE PAST—Seek not for your joys that have fled in the dusk of a dim long ago, Lest you find where your flowers once flourished.

Are now withered and pregnant with woe.

The past is a rose that has faded, Or a thorn that lives on through the years.

In a garden by rain regrets shaded That thrives on the waste of your tears.

Build anew, it is useless for vain regretting The wreck and ruin of days long gone.

As a new day dawns let us start rebuilding Our shattered hopes and keep moving on.

Let the past decay in a tomb of sorrow, Put your trust in the promise of future years, And when to-day is the past of tomorrow, Gone will be all vain sorrows and fears.

—C. A. Remely.

In Prince Edward Island the miracle and neglect of the late government, and the scandal and discredit into which it has fallen has served to recall in contrast what Conservative Governments did for our Province in its time of direst need. They saved our Representation. They saved our Province from bankruptcy. They created for us a new All-the-Year Highway to the

The Public Forum

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PHARISAICAL CONSTITUTIONALITY

Sir,—Does not the advocacy of Mr. King's absurdity, Liberal Constitutionality, bear a striking resemblance to the hypocritical zeal of the Pharisees? The Law of Moses was intended for a good purpose—to make, or, at least, to help, mankind to do right. The same means that were employed by God-fearing, God-obeying, God-loving, and, all that such conduct implies. That was the spirit of the intent of the Divine Law. But it was twisted into an instrument of torment and persecution for those who thought more of worldly gain than religious piety.

The Man who knew all things knew that the Law, IN SPIRIT, did not condemn to death by stoning one of the weaker sex—mayhap one unfortunately born, and more sinning if he labored against that sinning. If the Law, IN SPIRIT, did not condemn to death by stoning, it was a literal error, a false conception, or interpretation of the real meaning. There is a rule of grammar which says, in substance, "When the form and sense or meaning differ, agree with the sense." That rule applies with equal force in regard to the principles of the Constitution. The British Constitution built up as it is of principles and precedents, is not intended to help men to do wrong or to shield them from just punishment. The great achievements of legislation—Magna Charta, Habeas Corpus Bill of Rights and many others, were intended as auxiliaries to the Divine Law. They took into consideration the frailty of man and the circumstances in which he is placed. The spirit, the intent of these charters was not to allow either the peasant or the prince to do wrong without suffering adequate punishments.

No, in a hundred years was a prime minister, a free man, a dissolute, whose his evidently distressed followers are repeating parrot-like, even here, will bring him no fame, but he may go down in history as the founder of the monstrous Pharaical Constitutionality. Imagine Palmerston Gladstone, Disraeli Asquith Lloyd George, going swivelling to the King when they were fairly beaten! Sir John and Sir Wilfrid resigned with clean hands. What about King?

I am Sir, etc.

FAIR PLAY

preceding government, and now Mr. King would ask all government workers to do without any salary for five months. What do civil servants and other employees think of his proposal? Will they support his candidates on the 14th of September?

In conclusion it may be pointed out that the means employed by Mr. Meighen to pay the salaries of government employees are exactly the same means that were employed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911, when Parliament was dissolved without voting supply. Consequently, Mr. King denunciation of Mr. Meighen's action in the present instance is just so much more hot air.

I am Sir, etc.

A DAMNING ARRAIGNMENT

Sir,—Electors who entertain any doubt regarding the seriousness of the Customs disclosures should bear in mind the fact that every independent newspaper in Canada has denounced the late King Government unreservedly for its connection with that scandal. The last newspaper to come out with its denunciation is The Grain Growers' Guide, the Progressive organ in Manitoba. As the Liberals and Progressives have joined forces in Manitoba it would naturally be supposed that the Guide would be supporting the fusion candidates in that province, but in a recent article on the shortcomings of Mackenzie King it concludes thus: "But among the Customs scandals I was one of the grossest cases of mal-administration ever disclosed. Mr. King lacked the backbone and courage to deal with the situation in an honorable and business-like manner. He sought to whitewash the record of his colleagues. The Liberal members stood by him manfully; even the Liberal members from the Prairies obeyed the demand from the party whip instead of declaring for clean, honest administration. Of course Mr. King tells us that he will clean up the whole dirty mess, but that he proposes to do about it in his own way. He is righteously indignant that any person would even suggest that he would condone wrongdoing even within his own party. But Mr. King is the type of a leader who does not know what he is going to do today, tomorrow or the next day. His idea of stable government, as demonstrated by his four years in office, means that if he is returned to power with a clear majority over all other parties, he will continue to violate party pledges and will whitewash wrongdoing in his own party. Mr. King is the biggest load the Liberal Party has to carry."

The above arraignment of the King party's conduct in office should be sufficient to convince every independent elector that the late government is not fitted to govern Canada. I am Sir, etc.

INDEPENDENT

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

Sir,—General observation would seem to indicate that the coming election will see a smaller vote polled than last year. I presume it is possible to get "fed up" on political claptrap. These are days, however, for some careful thinking. If people are not deeply concerned about this election they should be. There is no doubt that widespread public opinion is a force of incalculable power, which is largely unused. Politics and business will not become clean and honest just as soon as a sufficient number of people wake up and demand it. We have the power to make such things as we generally tolerate and respect, so odious, so infamous, that they will practically disappear.

Now there is a tonder among men, especially among men who have few ruling ideals, to be content with things as they are. The miracle of the student of history is not the number of quarrels that have arisen from man's intolerance of wrong, but rather the amount that nations have borne and suffered in patience for the sake of peace. It is astonishing and sometimes addening to discover how much humanity will put up with, of wrong and injustice, before it will rise like an avenging fury on behalf of outraged righteousness. Time and again it has been shown how much it takes to move the national conscience. There is what is called the "conservative principle" of life which saves us from the injustice that rash justice is very apt to inflict! It insures that when progress comes, it will be reasoned, deliberate and balanced. It saves from the riotous excess of impractical idealists and reformers. Every man, however, who loves his country, is brought face to face with the dead wall of base resignation to an accepted order of things. A strange thing about time is that it has the tendency to make most of us resign to things as they are, whether good or bad.

But think of what the history of the world would be if all men had tamely submitted to conditions as they found them. If they had—there would have been no Greek Marathon; there would have been no Scottish Bannockburn; there would have been no Swiss Morgarten. The fact is, we can make ourselves believe almost anything, and conscience will not protest, because conscience is controlled by what we believe. The serious thing is that so many people believe just what they want to believe! Now, if this is so, we can understand why those who are political Liberals treat so indifferently the scandalous revelations that have been made in connection with the Customs Probe! One has only to make mention of this notorious matter, to discover who is Liberal and who is Conservative—as I did the other day and my listener said "Oh that

I am Sir, etc., AN OBSERVER.

IS QUEENS RUNNING KINGS?

Sir—"The issues to be decided in the coming election are most important to Kings County. They are nothing less than whether this county is to have any political ex-

istence in the future or whether it will be simply an adjunct of Queens satisfied with anything that Queens may see fit to give it. Let us face the facts and see what they are. It is a fact that Georgetown is the only port on the island from which shipments are made in ordinary steamers during the month of December. It is a fact attested to by the Potato Growers Association that the safety and success of the potato industry in this Province depend upon being able to make late shipments by water. It is a fact, attested to by Senator Hughes, that in the session of 1925 the Government were prepared to provide facilities at Georgetown to make such shipments as that Mr. Sinclair, then a member of the Government, prevented them from doing so. It is a fact, patent to everybody, that five men in Queens including Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Johnston have been elected to the Legislature and they will look after the political affairs of Kings and that no man of Kings will ever again be allowed to represent that county in Parliament.

It is a fact that on the day Mr. Johnston received the Liberal nomination that he and Mr. Sinclair were working together and it is a fact that Mr. Russell Clark and Mr. J. P. McIntyre, two of the five from Queens, vigorously applauded this announcement. It is a fact that Mr. Johnston invited Mr. Sinclair to meet their leader Mackenzie King at Georgetown.

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