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THE TIDE HAS TURNED

Only a few years ago the East was pouring into the West. From the Maritime Provinces thousands flocked to Western Canada. lured by the free lands and the "inexhaustible" soil of the prairies.

"To prevent wholesale exodus of farmers out of Western Canada to United States and to New Zealand, the three Western Provinces of Canada will take concerted action through their Governments against outside interference unless the Federal Government does take steps to re-establish the Canadian Wheat Board in time for the handling of next year's crop.

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product has been placed in our hands on trains, at newstands, in hotels, in the bookstores; possibly we did not ask for Canadian magazines and the agents finding no demand for them did not carry them. Hitherto Canadian publications of this class have been starved out; they did not receive sufficient encouragement to keep them afloat or to enable them to compete with the established periodicals of the United States. We need a change in this direction. We need to extend the propaganda "Buy Canadian Goods" to our literature, to our periodicals, as well as to our wearing apparel and machinery.

We wish the National Pictorial every success and unhesitatingly commend it to our readers. It is Canadian in sentiment, in originality, in historic association, an excellent periodical for the home and in every way worthy of Canadian patronage.

The official statistics do not show how the total vote was divided among the several parties in the field but the Canadian Press, Limited, has had an analysis made, which shows that of the 3,121,844 votes that were cast in the whole country, 1,296,733 went to Liberal candidates, 769,387 to Progressive candidates, and 971,502 to Conservative candidates, the other 84,232 going to Independent candidates.

Though the Conservatives had 292,115 votes more than the Progressives, the Progressives elected 65 members and the Conservatives only 50. Though the votes received by the Conservatives were equal to about 80 per cent of those the Liberals received, the number of members returned by the Conservatives was equal to only about 43 per cent of that returned by the Liberals.

Throughout the country the majority was heavily against the Conservative party, but, even if the odds in that particular had been far less, that party was handicapped by the inequitable basis of representation. In the towns and cities where the Conservative party is strongest, the basis of representation is far higher than in the rural districts. Consequently, whereas each Liberal member has an average of 11,100 votes and each Progressive member has one of 11,800 votes, the average for each Conservative member is 18,900 polled votes. Strange to say, though no Conservative candidate was elected in Quebec, 163,743 votes were cast in that province for Conservative candidates, which is about equal to 30 per cent of the vote polled for the entire 65 members of the province returned in support of the Liberal party.

The votes polled for Conservative candidates in Quebec are very nearly equal to the votes polled for the Conservative candidates in the three Maritime Provinces, where five Conservatives were elected, while none was elected in Quebec. In the new House the Government has almost exactly as many seats as have the Conservatives and the Progressives combined; yet the total vote is 1,296,723, whereas the total polled for the other two parties was 1,739,839. This Government, with almost half the membership of the House on its side received less than 42 per cent of all the votes polled in the general election. Mr. King spent most of his time in the last Parliament and in the last campaign denying that the Meighen Government was a representative one, it was based upon the people's will, whereas his Government is not 50 per

cent representative. Quebec supplies 56 per cent of his party's strength in the House and 43 per cent of the total vote polled in his favor in the general election.—Mail and Empire.

PREMIER DRURY'S FIGHT Addressing a meeting of the Canadian Club the other day, Premier Drury said:—"This thing must come to an end. I do not know how long the government will last. This storm of pro-radicalism may sweep us out of power but as long as the government exists it has a duty to perform and as head of that government I will perform that duty. We do not intend to be stampeded into action which is contrary to the welfare of the public or that of public enterprise."

This declaration was made by Premier Drury in connection with the hydro radial dispute in Ontario and is quoted here only to show the growing menace of the radicalism which seeks to control at any cost the enterprises of the country. Premier Drury is up against it in his own party and; as he himself admits, he may be swept out of power by it. He is a strong man and, is not likely to yield without a struggle and his fight will be watched with interest.

THE FEDERAL VOTE

Begum of Bhopal

The young Prince of Wales, after his tiger hunt in Nepal, his experience in Calcutta, where a Ghandist disturbance took place at the time of his visit, his round of reviews of colorful Indian troops and inspections of the ancient and modern military splendors of the Orient, must still have found in the princely reception accorded him by Jehan Begum, the veiled ruler of Bhopal, an incident of his Eastern trip of which he will retain a vivid memory.

Founded by Adventurers

Bhopal is a little mountain State of Central India founded about 200 years ago by an Afghan adventurer Dost Mohammed Khan. While he built it up by force and grew immensely wealthy doing it, the history of the State has all the engaging elements that go to make up Oriental romance. When there were no longer men fit to rule the female descendants of Dost Mohammed took over the crown. In the middle of the last century Seender Begum, the most distinguished of these women rulers, ascended the throne. At the time of the great mutiny she saved the lives of many Europeans and rendered valuable services to the Indian Government. For this her state was increased by the addition of valuable territory and she was highly eulogized by the Viceroy in the presence of ruling native Princes at the famous Durbar at Jabalpoore.

The Little Autocrat

She was succeeded by her daughter, Shah Jehan Begum, a little autocrat—she was less than five feet in height—who ruled her family with more severity than she did her people and who once imprisoned her daughter for months for being too forward in her love affairs and confined the unfortunate royal admirer for the same length of time in an iron cage at the gate of the fortress. It is this daughter, Jehan Begum, now married and the mother of four children, who has the honors of the Prince of Wales at his visit to her capital. The women rulers of Bhopal have shown unusual skill in the control of the mixed Moslem and Hindu population of the State. The people take no small degree of pride in their reigning house and have shown no desire to replace it by another which would give them a man as their Prince. It is very generally accepted that the women rulers of Bhopal have done more in their reigns to develop and improve their State than did their predecessors for 100 years.

Most Loyal State

The Prince has every reason to look upon Bhopal as one of the most loyal of the British Indian States. Not only did England have the allegiance of Seender Begum at the time of the mutiny, but other rulers of the country were among the first to welcome the British in India and put themselves under British protection. Princesses of India have generally figured more in romances than in real life. Moore gave the Western world "Lalla Rookh," with its strong Oriental color, the ideal picture of the Eastern Princess when he described the journey of Prince Alris and the daughter of the great Aurangzeb into the valley of Cashmere.

Two Indian Princesses

History furnished the story of two Indian Princesses who held England's attention at the time of Warren Hastings' trial. One of the charges against this Indian administrator, the charge which constituted the "affair of the Begums of Oudh" was that he obtained money from the Begums palmed at Fyzabad by severe measures against two of the Princesses and by beating and imprisoning their confidential eunuchs, who were guardians of the treasure. The Princesses were, however, generous enough to make an appeal to England in Hastings' favour. Modern history of the Orient tells of no more interesting women rulers than the Prince of Wales's hostess and her two predecessors.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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A LESSON FROM ANCIENT ROME

Two thousand years ago the athletes and fighting gladiators of the Roman Empire, to ensure speedy healthy healing of wounds, sores and injuries used magical herbal oils and balms. Taking a lesson from the Ancients, an eminent firm of manufacturing chemists undertook a search to recover these lost secrets. Certain rich herbal oils and essences were at last found and a scientific means of blending and refining them was devised. After lengthy and costly experiment a super-balm was evolved which contains these potent herbal saps in the most perfect form. To this new discovery was given the name zam-buk, to indicate the highest achievement yet attained in the healing art.

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Notes By The Way

(From The Examiner.)

In our provincial election of 1919, by which the Bell Government was foisted upon the province 38,225 votes were cast, of which 17,028 were in favor of Conservative candidates, and 21,197 were in favor of the Liberal candidates. The result was the election of 25 Liberals and 5 Conservatives.

In other words, taking the whole province together, it required 3,405 voters to elect each of the 5 Conservatives, and only an average of 847 votes to elect each of the 25 Liberals. The contrast was much greater in the recent Dominion election. The division of the popular vote was much the same as in 1919 as between the two old parties, but the Liberals elected all our representatives and the Conservatives none.

In the two elections, if the number of Conservative candidates elected had been in proportion to the number of votes polled for them, there would have been 13 Conservatives elected to the Legislative Assembly against 17 Liberals, and at least one Conservative elected to the House of Commons.

In the last Dominion election 1,296,223 votes elected 117 Liberal members, 971,502 votes elected 50 Conservative members, and 769,387 votes elected 66 Progressive members. That is, it took 11,080 voters in the average to elect each Liberal member, 11,695 to elect each Progressive, and 19,430 votes in the average to elect each Conservative member. With 290,000 less votes, the Progressives elected 16

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more members than the Conservatives. The Liberal vote was scarcely 320,000 more than the Conservative vote in the aggregate; but it elected 117 members against 50 Conservative members elected.

Liberals did not want either Conservatives or Progressives elected; Conservatives did not want either Liberals or Progressives elected; Progressives did not want either Liberals or Conservatives. The result is that we now have a Liberal Government chosen by 1,296,223 votes, against which 1,825,121 votes were cast at the polls. There were over half a million more of the Canadian electorate who voted against Liberal rule in Canada than who voted in favor of it.

If the three parties were represented in the House in proportion to the number of votes cast for them the Liberals would have about 100 members, the Conservatives 75 and the Progressives about 60. And this is what the amusing and veracious Liberal journals call "An Overwhelming Liberal Victory." It is rather "overwhelming" in a way. The majority is overwhelmed by the minority. This is the new condition that has emerged. We never had anything like it before in Canada. Will it last? Not very long!

The will of a free people is like the irresistible force of a mighty river. Its waters are an apparently yielding liquid, accommodating themselves to the shores which confine them to the channel in which they flow. But once through a dam across the stream and the waters rise behind it higher and higher, gathering energy as they rise until they surmount the barrier, overflow it at the top, undermine it from beneath, or burst through it and sweep it away.

Thus it is with minority rule in a free state. It cannot long exist in defiance of the popular will. Its very existence is a defiance, whether the challenge is outspoken or not. Boss Tweed, in New York, said, "The people be damned!" He was rich and powerful; but he died in a prison cell. Here in Canada we have Mackenzie King set up to rule over us. No man in the Dominion has prated as he has of "usurpation," "autocracy," and "the people's mandate." No man in Canada ever illustrated the worst meaning of autocracy and usurpation, or of ruling without a mandate as he has done and is doing. Out of his own mouth let him be judged.

No; the King Government cannot last long. Like the Bell Government here, it is a cheap lot, that seized power under false pretences, and is clinging to power in defiance of the will of the majority. "Let the people be damned" might fittingly be adopted as the motto of them both. Behind them both the rising flood of hostile public opinion is gathering its forces, increasing its pressure, mounting higher and higher, soon to sweep them away and engulf them in oblivion.

To those good Liberals who are still supporting them, or clinging to them in hope of office, promotion, or emolument, we respectfully offer a word of advice and of warning. Push your claims forward at once and with all possible energy. There are a hundred applicants for every position and the fate of the King and Bell Governments is most precarious. Each of them has one foot in the grave. And when they are once dead and buried it will be long before the country will tolerate another Liberal Government—either in the Province or the Dominion.

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24 hours has been receiving mental treatment recognized his own name by hearing a fellow-patient exclaim a similar word in a loud tone of voice. He thought he had been called and when the nurse came to his cot, he told her that he remembered his name and address. Relatives have been notified and will arrive in the city today. His condition was reported to be near normal early this morning.

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