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INDIVIDUAL AND CO-OPERATIVE

Through the news filtering to us from our recent enemy, Germany, we learn that the industrial life of that almost ruined country is once more on its feet, its manufacturers competing successfully with those of its recent enemies and many evidences of prosperity already apparent all over the country.

That Germany will rehabilitate itself very rapidly is generally expected, more rapidly perhaps than either of the countries recently at war with it. A possible exception is France, whose industry, thrift and economy is proverbial.

The prosperity of these countries is based upon organization. In Germany organization has been carried to a very high efficiency, a fact which we discovered to our cost during the historic years 1914 to 1918. Although honey-combed with socialism the value of individual effort has never been lost sight of and this concerted individualism is and has been at the bottom of German efficiency. In France also every man, woman and child is taught to do his or her level best, independent of what others may or may not do. From this best individual effort prosperity naturally springs.

On this side of the Atlantic both in Canada and the United States we appear to have adopted a different method. Here, in theory at least, we preach individual effort, co-operation and organization and, in theory also, we all believe in them. Yet we have not reduced either individual effort, co-operation or organization to a science. In our co-operation we place too much emphasis on the other fellow's contribution; in our organization each looks out for himself and our individual effort is largely directed towards getting the other fellow to do the work while we reap the profits. Speculation with us has developed into a science and many have succeeded in amassing a fortune—but at the expense of some one else.

Individual effort, co-operation and organization are the three primary conditions of prosperity, and the greatest of these is individual effort. Whether plowing a lone furrow or working in co-operation with others unless individual effort to the extent of the individual capacity is practiced organization and co-operation will prove a lamentable failure. Success is the reward of honest effort; a form of success may be attained through "doing" some one else but such success is not a reward; it is a penalty and there are many instances of so called success which are in reality lamentable failures.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

According to our despatches yesterday, employees of the Canadian National Railways have actually carried out their threat of an embargo on goods of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company because of a dispute between these companies and a few trainmen in their employ. On orders from the Executive of the Railway Union, cars loaded with freight consigned to or by these two companies have been side tracked along the road. This creates a situation of extreme seriousness and revives a question now frequently asked: Who is running the Canadian National Railways, the Railway Commission or the Railway Unions? This question must be answered sooner or later and the sooner the better. Within the past month or two a scale of wages to railway employees was agreed upon which certainly could not have originated with the Railway Commission. And now these employees, on the orders of the Railway Union, refuse to handle freight placed in their hands and leave it strewn along the road. The public who own the railway will certainly demand an explanation of this and they are entitled to it. The action of the Railway Commission in the matter will be anxiously awaited.

THAT EGG QUESTION

The Patriot's egg-troubled correspondent should have either enough sense or enough honesty to know what he is quoting from when he undertakes to publicly correct the report of the Customs Department which we quoted in a recent issue. We gave the export of eggs "distinguishing Canadian produce and manufactures from those of other countries." The Patriot's correspondent, either ignorantly or with intent to deceive, gives the total export of eggs through the port of Montreal, which includes thousands of cases shipped from the United States in bond. His figures, although not official, may be quite correct but, they have nothing to do with the point at issue, namely the export of Canadian eggs. And now, to quote from the Patriot's correspondent, with a slight change, "what possible object can the Patriot's correspondent have in giving to its readers absolutely incorrect information especially, when he has been set right?"

CURRENT COMMENT

Poking its nose into the private business and concerns of those who differ with it, in answer to criticism and discussion of public questions, is a frequent and indecorous practice of the Patriot. Twice it has given prominence to an editorial demand upon Mr. John J. Frizzell of Bequete to declare the amount of income tax he has paid under Conservative and Liberal rule respectively. Of what concern is it to the Patriot, or anybody else, how much he pays, or whether he pays any? It is his private business, and it is the extreme of impertinence for any one, newspaper or private individual, to dig his or its nose into it. Mr. Frizzell has not asked the Liberal organ, or the members composing the Government, any questions of this kind, although, as these men hold representative positions in the seats of government, he might do so with more show of decency than his uncouth inquisitor. Private business and private life is not a matter of public interest and only bad manners and ill-breeding will incorporate them in the discussion of public issues.

In a previous issue we summarized the origin and growth of that civil liberty which is the pride of the British Empire and the pattern and example for the nations of the world. This is the system of democracy and responsible government which passes through the arteries of the whole nation extending to the furthest of its colonial adherents. It is alike the written and unwritten law of this province, and the principles of justice upon which it is based is the foundation upon which our system of government and legislation rests. Its essential is THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO RULE. So strongly is this imbedded in the constitution of the Empire that great as is the power of the King, the power of the people transcends it. His Majesty holds his position as the approved representative of his beloved subjects, judicial and free and above all creeds and classes and parties, exercising his prerogatives as the chosen instrument of the people.

Endowed with this power, in the name of the people by his simple command he can dismiss his ministers, or dissolve his parliament, and when these ministers or parliament fall in their duty to the people, it is his recognized duty to do so. How simply it can be done is illustrated by an incident in the reign of Queen Anne, when the great and powerful Duke of Marlborough at whose beck and nod the whole of Europe did obeisance, in a single hour, on receiving a brief note from the Queen, declaring that she did not require his further services, was divested of his enormous power and his strength returned to the weakness of common citizenship. The King is not the adherent of any party, has no politics, and it is not his to question why the people may so will, but when they ask for a dissolution to grant it.

This is the power vested in our Lieutenant Governor, the representative of the King, in the language of Lieutenant Governor Pugsley, a constitutionalist of the highest standing, a Governor or King CAN NOT KEEP IN OFFICE A GOV.

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THOUGHTS OF THE NEW YEAR

Let us walk softly, friend; For strange paths lie before us, untried; The new year, spotless from the hand of God, Is thine and mine, O friend!

Let us walk straightly, friend; Forget the crooked paths behind us now, Press on with steeper purpose on our brow, To better deeds, O friend!

Let us walk gladly, friend; Perchance some greater good than we have known, Is waiting for us, or some fair hope flown Shall yet return, O friend!

Let us walk humbly, friend; Slight not the heartsease blooming round our feet; The laurel blossoms are not half so sweet, Or lightly gathered, friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend; We cannot tell how long this life shall last, How soon these precious years be overpast, Let love walk with us, friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend; Work with our might while lasts our little stay, And help some halting comrade on the way, And may God guide us, friend! —by Lillian Gray.

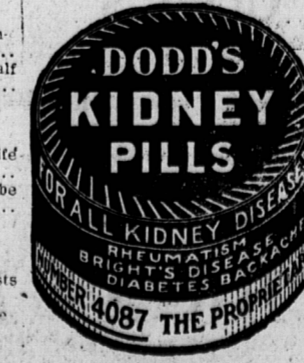
ERNMENT NOT AGREEABLE TO THE PEOPLE. ALL MUST BE FEELING THE PULSE OF THE PEOPLE AS TO WHETHER THOSE HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE. WHO ATTEMPT TO MAKE LAWS FOR THEM. IF I retain a government AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, THEN MY USEFULNESS IS GONE. It is therefore not necessary for our Governor to ask the reason why, but IF THE PEOPLE DEMAND IT, TO GRANT A DISOLUTION. Responsible government says, and means, that the people must rule. It is their inalienable right, and they have but to express that right in a language that can be expressly understood when it then becomes the duty of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to comply with their wishes.

This procedure is founded upon the principle that the King, who stands in the place of the people, "Can do no wrong." The people will not unjustly demand the dismissal of a government, in the case of the Bell Government they are not doing so. In all the pages of history it would be difficult to find an administration so abandoned to every sense of political honor, so flagrant in its violations of the commands of the people, so vicious in their overturnings of the fundamentals of the constitution, or so flagrant in their maladministration of the business of the people, if ever an electorate had strong and sound grounds for demanding a cleaning out of the political Augean stables, surely this is the case with those who from every point in the province are voicing their demands, backed up by the soundest reasoning, and in a language which cannot fail to be understood. A government with any sense of decency would not wait for the Governor's dismissal but would resign at once.

Our unfortunate friend the Patriot is again in sore straits. It has got itself into a box trap with holes visible on every side, but none large enough to permit escape. And so it is "ON THE RUN" beating against the walls and chewing the air in its maddened excitement. We are sorry, but can offer no palliative except to prescribe as a sedative another retirement from a position which they are unable to defend, and hasten to its time refuge the silence of the grave. The Patriot and the Liberal press all over Canada covered the country with their black clouds of blue ruin prediction, and inevitable bankruptcy, as the sequence to the immense costs of the war. But without ostentation the Government met the situation, with the Luxury and Sales taxes of their program. The Patriot and the Lib. press then turned right about face and from one end of the country to the other, scandalized and vilified and almost caused the vaulted heavens to re-echo their denunciations of these taxes. And their principal cry was that it "reached THE POOR MAN."

Now the Luxury Tax has been withdrawn, COMPELLING THE PATRIOT AND THE LIBERAL PRESS TO MAKE ANOTHER TWIST RIGHT-ABOUT FACE. But this time, or until it gets a pointer from the Recorder, it is hard pressed for a ground of argument. Its inventive genius, although ridiculous, is more or less, prolific, and it gets back to its first hunting ground to ask, "where is the proposal to compensate the revenues for the loss occasioned by the removal of this burden." How these things do worry our Liberal friends! The Patriot then trots out another honey-to ease its worries and it possible to fool the people. It is that the Sales Tax is to be increased. But ere the type was dry upon its statement, the word was passed around that this tax too is slated for repeal. What a predicament for our romancing friend. But the fox has still another expedient of refuge, still another ghost in the cupboard to let loose to scare the multitude.

This last phantom is, that "the necessities of life shall continue to



be heavily taxed, thus increasing the high cost of living AMONG THE POORER CLASSES." What a ghost story, and how the Patriot delights in this chasing of shadows! The thought is indeed horrible, that some day in the gloomy future the Meighen Government may have to make the tariff as high AS IT WAS UNDER THE LAURIER GOVERNMENT, and tax "the poorer classes" AS SEVERELY AS THEY WERE TAXED WHEN THE LIBERALS LAST HELD THE FEDERAL REINS OF

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POWER. But fortunately the Meighen Government is doing nothing of the kind and, unlike the Bell aggregation, IT IS REDUCING BUT NOT INCREASING THE TAXES OF THE PEOPLE. What a record in these times of stress? Who but a Government with brains and genius could accomplish this? But to the Patriot it is a weird and ghostly visitant a phantom to worry its soul.



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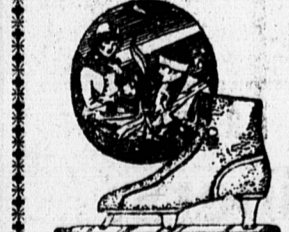


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