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Government Holds Out Sop To Progressives

(Special to The Guardian)

OTTAWA, May 4—By consent federal and provincial legislation, a Wheat Board with certain compulsory powers may finally be established according to the opinion of the Deputy Minister of Justice placed before the agricultural committee this morning. It was legally possible to consol

(a) The acquisition of all wheat raised in any provinces passing such legislation.

(b) The storing of such wheat so acquired in country elevators.

(c) The storing of such wheat in terminal elevators even though those elevators be situated in provinces other than those passing laws for the compulsory acquisition of wheat.

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Fox Market

(Special to The Guardian)

NEW YORK, May 4—Fox Huth and Company report sale opened with good attendance and keen competition. Silver fox, best quarter and half silver and full pale silver advanced ten per cent. all other grades unchanged. Cross fox best, unchanged, medium and poor advanced twenty per cent. Red fox declined twenty-five per cent.

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ABLE AND CONVINCING SPEECH BY MR. H. D. MCLEAN

Sweeping Criticism of the Bell Government by Mr. H. D. McLean in the Course of the Budget Debate. He Reviews the Financial Policy of Both Parties Clearly and Convincingly.

In the Provincial Legislature on Monday evening, April 24, Mr. H. D. McLean, continuing the budget debate, said:

Mr. Speaker: I wish in the first place to say that I am in full accord with all the sincere and proper tributes that have been paid to the memory of the two members we shall not see again in this House (the late Hon. Mr. Gallant and Mr. Sutherland.) The Hon. member from First Prince was one of the first members with whom I became acquainted seven years ago when I first came into this House, and I am sure that no tribute has been paid him during this session that he was not worthy of. Besides being a loyal and true party man, he was a business man of no mean ability, ready and willing to perform his duties in the House at all times. And over and above all that, he was "the friendly, social, honest man" in a marked degree,—a man you would be glad to meet at any time. I am sure that every member here, like myself, missed his merry smile, and his warm handshake when assembling here this session.

The late hon. member for Murray Harbor (Mr. Sutherland) came to this House in ill-health, and was not perhaps so active as some of the other members for that reason. I cannot say I was so well acquainted with him, but I feel that he was worthy of the warm tributes that have been paid him by other members of the House.

The different speakers have congratulated the Leader of the Opposition on his promotion, and I wish to add my congratulations to those of the other members as well as to express my confidence in his leadership. He is a safe, sane, moderate and capable man, and a man the country needs at the head of affairs today. I have every confidence in him as a man, and a leader, and I do not think there is any doubt that when the writs for the next election are returned the people will have expressed their confidence in him, and he will then be the leader on the other side of the House.

Pretty Long Odds

Glancing back over the session, and in view of the air pressure — hot air mostly—that appeared to come from that side during the present debate; and in view also of the mutual admiration we had last session, I was a little surprised at the want of support the Premier met with in the debate on the draft address. I suppose that the fault will be laid up to the Opposition. This government loads everything on the Opposition—they will be accused of letting the debate fall through. I wish to point out that we are only three on this side of the House against twenty-one—now reduced to nineteen on that side of the House—disintegration has already set in. Three against twenty-one is pretty long odds. In the old Border Warfare days between Robert the Bruce and Edward II., the odds were considered about even when there was one Scot to five Englishmen. If you cannot credit that, Mr. Speaker, just take some Scotch—historians version and you will be convinced.

A Member: Where will we get it? (Laughter.)

Anyway, that was not so bad as twenty-one to three. I think if the odds were seven to one, even the Southerners would have made some sort of defense if not attack—because of our numbers we are necessarily on the defensive this session, and so the draft address debate fell through, and the smallness of our number reminds us of the by-elections absurdity. We might inquire into the government's failure to secure a proper representation in this House. There was a question of by-elections last fall, and I understood that when the caucus was called to decide upon holding them, another question came up. The Dominion election had just turned out favorably, to the Liberals, and it was thought it might be well to bring along a provincial general election; and so at this caucus the question was put whether there would be a by-election or a general election. Of course, every member at that caucus felt perfectly confident that the government would be sustained, but at the same time each one felt that he might not himself be returned; so they decided on "safety first" and figured that it was better to go ahead with the by elections.

The By-Elections

These by-elections appeared to give the Patriot newspaper a great deal of trouble. At first it was announced through this paper that they would be held, and then followed some very persuasive articles on the smallness of the taxes—or at least that the taxes were not so high, and the increase at any rate not so much after all. The space of time between each editorial appeared to denote the effort required to get them up. But after a short time the announcement was made that the by-elections could not be held because "somebody had blundered"—some legislation had not been put through which should have been put through, and therefore they could not be held. How could anyone foresee at the last session, it asked, that by-elections would be necessary? Next day the Patriot "was informed" that a certain bill had been prepared and placed in the hands of the proper party to introduce to the House, and that if anybody had blundered it was not the Attorney-General. (And, of course, the Attorney-General knew at the last session that one seat at least would likely be vacant before the next session. The only difficulty at the time was, he did not know just which seat it would be.) The Premier claims that he was not the "proper party" alluded to. The Bill had not been placed in his hands. I believe it had something to do with the Road Act, so possibly the Commissioner of Public Works was the man who should have introduced the bill.

There are two gentlemen in this House—the hon. leader of the government and the hon. Commissioner of Public Works, into whom we are told spirits enter by times—at least, we have been told that the spirits of departed great men have taken possession of them on certain occasions. Upon the hon. Premier the spirit of Alexander the Great has been supposed to have fallen, he has also cut the Gordian Knot! The Commissioner of Public Works, we are told, is possessed of the Spirit of Appius Cladius from time to time. Appius Claudius was famous for making roads, but he was also noted for something else—his contempt for election laws, for we read that he became a Roman censor without having first served the qualifying term as consul, and although the Roman law allowed a man to retain the office of censor for only eighteen months, we find Appius Claudius hung on to this office for four years. It might possibly have been that side of the spirit of the ancient Roman that visited the Commissioner of Public Works at the time those by-elections were mooted. Possibly he thought it would be better to pigeon-hole that amendment and thus prevent the by-elections. It would be pleasanter to imagine they still had the approbation of the people, and it was more convenient to hang on to office a little longer—until the general election. Of course, I don't know that the bill was handed to the Commissioner, and I am only judging from this spirit that is liable to take hold of him at times.

Spirits of Great Men

But we know all about Alexander the Great, and his lust for conquest, and if you ever stretch your imagination far enough, Mr. Speaker, to conceive the spirit of the great Persian taking possession of the Premier—you will realize the lust for conquest which would immediately possess him when these unrepresented districts opened up for him new worlds to conquer, and if he found that this bill had been shelved by the Roman gentleman of the Appius Claudius-haunted spirit, imagine how he might have stalked down the corridors of the Provincial Building seeking him! We can imagine the struggle that would take place to get possession of that bill—the cry of the one: "Conquest or death!" and the other: "What we have we hold!" This is all very ridiculous, of course, Mr. Speaker, but can you conceive of anything more ridiculous than after such a struggle and after the victory of the party determined to hide the bill, that these two gentlemen, together with the Attorney-General—the Plato, I might say, of this government—should their knowing the bill had not been passed, summon the caucus to decide upon elections which they must have known could not have been held. This would certainly be absurd, but the height of absurdity was reached when they then turned around and endeavored to blame the Opposition for not passing the bill or calling their attention to the necessity for it.

The Premier, in his speech on the debate on the draft address stated that when his party came into power they had four distinct platforms —four elements of policy—Education, Roads, Agriculture and Finance. I think possibly it would be best for me to follow in the same lines, and I only wish to compare the records of this government with the records of the late government. In the first place, if you take the receipts for the years 1917-1918 and for 1920-1921, you will find that this government enjoyed an average revenue per year of $243,000 more than their predecessors. This increased revenue was, of course, all taken from the pockets of the people. There was no increase of subsidy from Ottawa, the only source from which we could get any outside revenue.

Education

The Premier has told us that in the matter of education they had a difficulty to solve, and we on this side of the House certainly concede that they had. Whether they promised the people that they would not put on any taxes or not, we will leave the people to decide at the next election. We are quite confident, however, that one thing they did not do was to tell the people that any further taxes would be necessary. And another thing that we are still more certain of, is that the people were never told that it would be necessary to increase them $240,000. That would certainly be a difficulty which they had to meet when they came into power!

But they tell us that they solved this difficulty, which reminds me of an aged fisherman, fishing one afternoon by the side of a stream. Asked how many fish he had caught, he replied: "When I catch this one that is nibbling, and two more, I will have three." During this session I understand there has been a delegation on behalf of the teachers for higher salaries: and we might call this the fish that is still nibbling. They have also during this session appointed a commission to inquire into the best methods of settling pensions for teachers. That fish has not come to the hook yet. As for the School Districts and the people generally, those are fish that have tried the Premier's hook once, and I do not think they will be decoyed to it again.

When they came into office this government, as has been said, had to face a difficulty in this matter. How did they set about the salaries difficulty? We have heard a lot about misrepresentations on this side of the House, and, of course, it has only been the Opposition and the Guardian newspaper that has been doing any misrepresenting! But if we follow the record of the present government in the salaries question, I am afraid we will have to admit that there was considerable misrepresentation there. We have been told how they went pussy-footing around the offices hoping to find some evidence against the outgoing government — how they discovered a pile of checks — how that pile of checks gave them an inspiration, and they called in the Provincial Auditor and asked for a statement of the receipts and expenditures, because they knew that the bulk of the expenditures for the year had taken place and that the taxes for the year had not been collected. By this means they hoped to take the outgoing government at a disadvantage. The figures they got showed the expenditures were $567,240, the receipts $429,154, the deficit with taxes uncollected, $138,085. That was not large enough to satisfy them, so they decided to charge up another $116,000—part of Dominion subsidy money which had been received and paid out for the purposes for which it was intended. That was how they made the amount of what they call the deficit at that time, $254,000, and this deficit they published abroad through the Patriot newspaper for weeks in the largest type headlines they had in that office in an endeavor to frighten the people into believing, as they said, that taxes and more taxes would have to be paid—that they must go deep down into their pockets to meet this fearful state of affairs in the finances of the province.

While this frightening of the people was going on in preparation for putting on more taxes, the teachers were left out in the cold. Nothing was done for them. When they came to the government — time and again, you will remember, Mr Speaker,—they were given no encouragement. They were told to wait until next session because they could not think of doing anything for them then—they had no money. If the finances were in such a terrible state, of course, the teachers could not expect to get what they wanted, and we would not wonder if, as has been said, there were one hundred schools vacant in September of that year,

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Enjoyable Sacred Concert At Methodist Church

Local Singers Last Night Delighted Large Audience at Event in Aid of P. E. I. Hospital.

The Methodist Church was filled to capacity last night when an excellent sacred concert, in aid of the P. E. I. Hospital, was given by the United Choirs of the City Churches. The fact that the entertainment was under the capable direction of Prof. W. E. Fletcher assured its complete success.

The concert opened with Handel's magnificent Chorus "And the Glory of the Lord". This, as well as the other three choruses, showed careful, evenly balanced work throughout, particular attention being given to shading in each selection.

Perhaps the two most striking numbers were the quartettes by the Harmony Male Quartette, (Messrs. Ritchie, Hutcheson, Gorbell and McKie) without accompaniment.

The programme included excellently rendered solos by Miss Edith Rafuse, Mrs. W. E. Fletcher, Mrs. H. S. Henderson, Miss Margaret Robertson, and Mrs. Frances Holl Trainor, (most of whom are not unknown to the music loving public). These were much appreciated while a duet by Miss Dorothy Sutherland and Miss Lilian McKenzie was especially pleasing.

Other favorites whose work was fully up to the high musical standard were Messrs H. G. Gorbell, G. E. Ritchie, B. Acorn, A. Bruce and Chas. Earle.

The accompanists were Miss Lillian Earle, Miss Hilda Barnes and Prof. W. E. Fletcher.

All who took part are to be heartily congratulated upon the success of the concert which was enjoyed by the very large audience, and which netted a substantial sum towards the worthy object for which it was held.

The King is A Gentleman Says Mr. Larkin

LONDON, May 4—The king is a fine gentleman, said Hon. Peter Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner, after a twenty minute reception by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace today.

Want Women To Pay Taxes

FREDERICTON, May 4—The city council is considering the matter of taking drastic steps to collect arrears in taxes from women residents employed in Fredericton who were placed on the assessment list for income tax some time ago. About half the amount of taxes due from them has been paid, but the balance have not. In some cases women who obtain their income from the city through the school board have refused to pay. Another feature of the matter is that the chief assessor takes the ground that the number of women once having been placed on the assessment list cannot be removed, as he has no authority to do.

The opinion is expressed that women could be arrested for nonpayment of taxes and that just one prosecution would produce the necessary result.

GUN FIGHT IN THE WINDSOR STREETS

WINDSOR, ONT., May 4—Battling with two men in a beer-laden automobile speeding through city streets at 1 o'clock this morning, Patrolman A. J. O'Mara succeeded in halting the machine after firing several revolver shots and clubbing one man almost into insensibility. As a result, Alex Renaud faced Magistrate Ell's in the police court today on charges of assaulting a police officer and having liquor in an unlawful place. He was remanded one day for trial under bail of $1,000 cash.

Genoa Conference Again On Verge of Collapse

Lloyd George by a Hasty Conference Averts Temporarily the Collapse Engineered by Russians Who are Playing a Waiting Game.

(Special to The Guardian)

GENOA, May 4—The Genoa conference tottered on the verge of complete collapse today. Lloyd George through hasty conference struggled to avert the crash. The French and Belgians threatened to bring the whole structure of the conference to the ground while the suave Russians appeared to be quietly waiting to complete the destruction. The Soviet delegation which has indicated it will reject the allied proposals, is playing its waiting game in the hope that an open breach between France and Great Britain will give Russia an opportunity to throw upon the French all blame for a collapse. The French delegation here today awaited instruction from Paris which would be, it was understood, to reiterate France's unalterable opposition to concession regarding return of private property as contained in the note to Russia. Lloyd George was in direct communiation with Premier Poincare at Paris making every effort to persuade the French Premier not to adopt such an attitude.

"The Litleness of Little Men"

Under the above caption yesterday the Examiner says:—

The Legislature has been prorogued and our legislators have returned to their homes where their works do follow them. Less legislation has been passed and more time taken than in any other session of recent years. The explanation is that the Government force almost invariably held private sessions at which measures and questions of policy were threshed out in secrecy and attempts made to compose differences with a view to meeting in open as a more or less united force. We have yet to learn that the constituencies return members to legislate in secret, for that is what caucus discussions when held repeatedly actually mean. No government in recent times, or even in history, has resorted more to "dark lantern" tactics than has the Bell aggregation.

One of the last acts of the Bell aggregation was to deprive the Examiner representative of his remuneration for reporting the proceedings of the Legislature. For more years than can be recalled the representative of the Examiner, with the representatives of the other newspapers has had his services recognized for giving daily reports of the proceedings. This year the vote was refused because Mr. Le Page, Mr Lea, and other small-souled mortals objected to the pungency and efficacy of "Notes by the Way" appearing in our columns. Their action is the measure of the men. Notwithstanding the deprivation the Examiner will continue to discharge its duty without fear or favor living up to its motto—**"This is true liberty when free born men having to advise the Public may speak free."**

Truce Between Rival Irish Factions

DUBLIN, May 4—A truce between the rival Irish Republican army forces has been declared it was announced this afternoon. The truce is operative from four o'clock this afternoon until four p. m. Monday with a view to giving both sections of the army an immediate opportunity to discuss a basis for army unification.

The provisions of the truce are:

Clause 1.—All operations except training and ordinary army routine will cease.

Clause 2—All penetrativt operations will cease.

Clause 3.—Both sections will cooperate to maintain order and prevent acts of aggression against persons or property.

The document is signed by Owen O'Duffy and Rian Lynch, the chiefs of staff of the rival forces.

Proportional Representation

LONDON, May 4.—The question of proportional representation or the alternative vote in parliamentary elections came up in the House of Commons today when a member asked whether Premier Lloyd George would consider the advisability of introducing legislation to this end, in view of the fact that it not infrequently occurred that in a three-cornered electoral contest a person representing only a minority of the electors was returned as a member of Parliament. Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Government leader, replied that the Government had been fully occupied with other urgent quesions, and had not discussed the matter of further reforms in the electoral system.

Personally, Mr. Chamberlain said it was clear to him that the assumption was correct that in three-cornered contests the two minorities necessarily were in greater agreemen with each other than one or both might be with the majority.

This sally was greeted with laugher.

Mr. Chamberlain said the questioner had raised other important matters which could not be dealt with adequately in an answer to his question.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOV'T FACED WITH "PRETTY" PROBLEM

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., May 4—The Newfoundland Government has been presented with a pretty problem. The schooner Lettie B. Pretty, carrying a cargo of miscellaneous booze stuffs, having been seized by the revenue cutter Daisy, the claim is now advanced on behalf of the schooner that the seizure was effected outside the three mile limit. The revenue oeicers, however, say they have evidence that the alcoholic cargo was destined for a Newfoundland port where it would be worth about $15,000.

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The Weather, Temperature, Tide, Moon, Etc.

TORONTO, May 5—Maritime moderate to fresh winds, fair and followed by rain in western portions.

High tide this afternoon at 1.24 and tomorrow morning at 6.04.

Sun sets this evening at 7.14 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.39.

Full moon Thursday, May 11th 2.06 a.m.

Noozie ,the Sunshine Kid

China's Civil Strife Grows More Intense

PEKIN, May 4—General Wu Pei Fu, commander of the Chi Li forces was reported this evening to have arrived near Machang, on the railroad south of Tientsin, to take personal command of the operations. Late reports are to the effect that Chang Tso-Lin is heavily reinforcing his troops in that region. General Wu, if he actually takes command there, will have facing him the 25 year old son of Chang Tso-Lin.

Foreign military observers with the Chi Li forces report that Wu Pei-Fu recently has been directing the operations at Changaintien in an endeavor to get good results out of General Tsao Kun's poor troops, pending the arrival of General Feng Yui Siang's forces, which began to reach Pao Tingfu, on the railway south of Peking, Tuesday. The reports are to the effect that Wu Pei-Fu's own troops have not participated in the fighting at Changsintien.

The heavy bombardment that has been in progress at various points has depleted the stores of big gun ammunition and the fighting is now mainly with machine guns and rifles.

Fighting Very Heavy.

On the middle of the front, the troops of Chang Tso-Lin, have recaptured Kuan. Wounded men from that region say the fighting was heavy during the past few days, often at close quarters. The tide of batile was continually changing until the arrival of Chang's reinforcements turned the scales.

A despatch received here from Tientsin says reinforcements for Chang's army near Machang detrained midway between Peking and Machang and marched southward toward the Hun River, where fighting took place on the western bank of the stream. The cabinet here announces that it has received a message from the Governor Manchurin soldiers had landed in Shantung, having been transported from Manchuria by sea.

Admiral Joseph Strauss, commander of the United State s Asiatic fleet, visited the front in the foothills west of Peking today. The artillery was observable a few miles to the southward. Columns of smoke were rising from the town of Changsintien, in consequence of an airplane bombardment this morning.

Trains of camels were seen carrying off the fieldlea CKO carrying munitions across the river. Evidences observed of the four days of fighting were the carrying off the field of wounded and the burying of the dead. The observers noted the carcasses of camels with cannon strapped to their sides, having been killed while conveying the guns to the front.

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