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COST OF VANITY

The world is still staggering and bleeding from the war precipitated to appease the vanity of German militarism. The world had been dominated for a thousand years by England; Germany had made great progress in arts and sciences in trade and commerce; the world came and sat at her feet for learning and for culture.

back of the only man in the Cabinet who knew what it would mean to Canada, was put through. The Liberal party built its monument. All that remains of it today is two streaks of iron rust across the continent and a debt which will hang around the neck of Canada for years to come.

OPTIMISM

A cheerful, hopeful outlook upon life and its unquestionable uncertainties is one of the greatest assets. During the present season with its varieties of weather, its alternating rain and sunshine infusing life and vigor into vegetation and giving abundant promise of a bountiful harvest, the virtue of optimism should receive an impetus sufficient to carry us through seed time and harvest into the deadness of winter yet optimism is largely inherent as also its opposite, pessimism. We may be born with either but each is capable of cultivation and development. Even in these days of spring promise there are those who harbor doubts regarding the crop prospects. Fears were entertained last week, after some two weeks of dry weather that the summer was going to be an exceedingly dry one. During the heavy rain of Saturday night and Sunday the prophets of evil predicted a ruinously wet summer. Years of experience have not taught the pessimist that in this province at least, seed time and harvest are a certainty. Even they see too much or too little coming and they make their lives miserable looking for reasons to be miserable.

Probably the greatest optimist in the world today is Premier Lloyd George. He simply refuses to doubt. His faith is boundless. Where others have seen disaster and impending failure he has seen ultimate success. When the Genoa Conference looked like a huge failure his message to the world was "God is in His Heaven and the Genoa Conference still lives". As far as ordinary human diplomacy can see the Genoa Conference was a failure, but in what the Conference has disclosed of the varying view points of the nations interested he sees a foundation for success at the Hague Conference. And who knows but he is right? What we regard as our failures may be our greatest successes; of ten our successes are our greatest failures.

Canada is today staggering under a burden laid upon it to appease the vanity of Liberalism. In 1896 the party came into power with a sweeping victory. They had found a new panacea for the ills under which the people had groaned under the previous administration. They had preached "free trade as it is in England" and the people believed them. They were the whole thing in Canadian politics and free trade with all its promised blessings was coming. The leaders of the party knew it would never come but something must come!

The previous administration had built a monument, the Canadian Pacific Railway. Everybody was talking about the C. P. R. and what it was doing and still more going to do for Canada. Why could not Liberalism also build a monument. Canada was big enough to hold two transcontinental railways and the Liberal transcontinental would be such a monument to Liberalism as the C. P. R. was to Conservatism. It was a great scheme to fool the people with. Unfortunately for the party the then Minister of Railways, the late Honourable A. G. Blair, was a man of recognized common sense and he must not be told of the proposed monument. The idea was conceived and brought forth before he knew anything about it. When the plan was placed in his hands by his leader and some sympathetic colleagues, he remonstrated, pleaded, expostulated and, these failing he resigned. His reason for resigning was given in a speech delivered in the House of Commons on July 16, 1903 of which the following are extracts:

"I object to the government constructing another government road from Levis to Moncton. I objected to it because it paralleled the Intercolonial Railway. I object to another government road even if it does not parallel the Intercolonial Railway." "I am not in favor of impetuously rushing into the construction of a transcontinental line from Quebec, through an unknown country to Winnipeg and the west until we know something about it—until we have the fullest information about it. The project is one of very great magnitude and should be dealt with only after the maturest deliberations." "I think I might justly complain that so important a matter of policy arising within the sphere of my own department should have been conducted and continued in this way behind my back and without my knowledge."

To be pessimistic is to doubt the wisdom of that over-ruling Providence which has developed our modern world from its original chaos when it was without form and void and when darkness covered the face of the deep. Many human failures so called, have saddened the world since then but the so called failures and the so called successes together have produced a world of wealth and beauty and comfort, a world in which with all its sin and its sorrow, there is infinitely more good than evil, infinitely more love than hatred.

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THE RIGHT SORT OF PROTECTIVE ROOFING FOR YOUR BANK BALANCE IS FIRE INSURANCE

ALTERING THE UNALTERABLE Yesterday's Patriot quotes approvingly a speech made in the House of Commons by Mr. J. J. Hughes in which he repeated one of his King's County campaign speeches (declaring that his defeat in 1917 by the Soldiers' vote was "a political crime of the first magnitude." And the Patriot adds that "Mr. Hughes was right." This from a paper that declared itself "unalterably" in favor of the issue at stake in that election and when it appeared that political capital might be made out of it, turned squarely around and advocated the opposite.

Notes By The Way

Every intelligent elector is familiar with the intense propaganda that was put forward in the Federal election of December last by the Liberal and Progressive leaders and parties in favor of the reduction of the customs tariff and almost free trade. Equally familiar are such intelligent electors with the net results of all that agitation as now embodied in the present Fielding tariff. For in its essence the new Fielding tariff is the National Policy of Protection, established by the Macdonald Government in 1879.

Only in the sales tax, which was introduced by the Conservatives as a means of paying war expenses, does the new tariff vary from the principle of the old National Policy, and the sales tax was as roundly condemned by both Liberals and Progressives in December last as was the policy of protective customs duties. By adding 50 per cent to the Sales Tax Mr. Fielding has adopted another measure of Conservative origin. He has said, "Me too" in the case of the Sales Tax as in 1897 he sold the same to the National Policy and has repeated that endorsement in 1922.

It is easy to see why the Liberal Conservative government fell in 1896. It had been 18 years in power; it had lost for the time most of its great leaders. Its fall was certainly not due to its support of the doctrine of protection, else the Laurier-Fielding government would not have adopted and continued that policy, even making it more protective than before. Nor did the Meighen government fall in December last because of its adherence to the National Policy. It fell because it was due to fall, as governments all over the civilized world had before fallen, because of the vast debt and taxation caused by the war and the unrest, discontent and unemployment which necessarily followed. That the Conservative government successfully carried, Canada through the war and the after-war reconstruction was proof of its merit and wisdom, but worldwide discontent overthrew it.

It is related that in the days of the great preacher, Whitefield, that not only were there thousands of true conversions, but also many spurious ones. Those were days of great preachers, and emotion was much in evidence. A preacher was passing and a crowd following him when an excitable person threw himself in the roadway dust and shouted: "Oh! Mr. Whitefield! Mr. Whitefield!" "Get up you fool!" said a by-stander, "that is not Mr. Whitefield." The would-be convert arose and brushing the street dirt from his clothes was heard to mutter: "I've dirtied myself for nothing."

So the Liberal and Progressive leaders, local and federal, "dirtied themselves for nothing" in the campaigns of 1919 and December, 1921.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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WORDS OF THE WISE

Silence holds the door against the writ of tongue and all the imperfections of idle conversation.—James Hervey. One smile can glorify a day. The least disciple need to say There are no aims to give away if love be in the heart. Who brings sunshine into the life of another, has sunshine in his own. "I'll sing you a lay ere I wing on my way. / Cheer up! Cheer up! Whenever you're blue find something to do For somebody else who is sadder than you. / Cheer up! Cheer up! Cheer up! "A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners. Earth's crammed with heaven And every common bush affire with God.—Elizabeth B. Browning. The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.—Confucius. "It may be a little farther around the corner of a square deal, but the road is better." It is well men should be reminded of the best of them.

The Public Forum

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Lords Day Alliance

Sir.—A most erroneous impression has been created by a despatch from Victoria stating that upon a vote taken on the "rigid" enforcement of the Lord's Day Act the citizens by an overwhelming majority declared against the Act. The facts are: The proposed vote was not upon the "rigid" enforcement of the Lord's Day Act but whether it should be enforced at all, as indicated by the notice: "Are you in favor of the Sunday closing of all stores and businesses within the meaning of the Lord's Day Act?" Upon representation by the Lord's Day Alliance the Mayor following the advice of the City Solicitor, instructed the Returning Officer "to withdraw all notices, and to come from the City Council refused to authorize the plebiscite to a submission of the aforementioned question." This advice was that the Municipal Act does not give the Municipal Council any authority to submit by referendum to the Municipal Electors whether the Lord's Day should be enforced.

A vote was taken, but how, the Victoria Alliance explains: (1) The plebiscite was got up, staged and managed entirely by the "Anti-Blue Sunday League." (2) Although the City Council refused to authorize the plebiscite the vote was taken in the Public Market at the time and place as that upon an important city by-law. (3) No representative of the "Lord's Day Alliance" or of any like-minded organization, or any person sympathetic with their views, was officially connected with the plebiscite. The proceedings were, therefore, without official scrutiny or regulation of any kind. (4) A large number of citizens deliberately refrained from voting, the "Lord's Day Alliance" having requested their friends to take no part in the plebiscite. (5) Notwithstanding the one-sided character of the proceedings and the fact that only 13,000 of 2,383 were claimed as against the enforcement of the law. I am Sir, etc. J. M. ROCHESFER, General Secretary, Lord's Day Alliance.

They made professions and promises that were false and impossible of fulfilment, which were also wholly unnecessary, as was proven by the result. For both the Arsenault government here and the Meighen government at Ottawa were destined to fall under the worldwide unrest and discontent which were the aftermath of the Great War. Today they walk in solled garments, because of the deception needlessly practised in those two campaigns. It swelled the numbers that follow King and Crerar at Ottawa and Bell and Johnston here, but the dirt still clings to them and the local Taxation Act and the Fielding Tariff are their written confessions that "they dirtied themselves for nothing."

The principle of protection, as embodied in the National Policy of 1879 stands secure and unshaken in Canada and throughout the civilized world. Before the war the great nations were becoming more and more protective. During and since the war even the United Kingdom has joined the protectionist ranks. Under these circumstances and conditions what hope can the so-called Progressives entertain that their free trade notions can possibly be adopted within a generation? To come? None whatever! This fact of falling hopes lies at the basis of the disintegration now in evidence in the Progressive party.

From its inception the United Farmer movement has lacked the three great essentials of success. It lacks a great leader; its appeal is not broad and national but narrowed to a single class with its "hope of making Canada a free trade nation is proven to be vain. From the beginning it has been a party of divided loyalties. Western farmers, who are mainly grain growers, have little in common with those who follow mixed farming in Ontario and the more Eastern Provinces. Professing economy, the Farmer's government of Premier Drury in Ontario has out-Heroded Herod by increased borrowing and expenditure beyond the worst records of all previous governments Conservative or Liberal.

From the beginning it lacked every sound principle of cohesion. Its record, where it has attained power in provincial affairs, has proved its promises to have been deceptive and its policy a sore disappointment. Equally disappointing to Mr. Crerar's followers has

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Progressives have got practically nothing. That alliance on his part has caused him to be distrusted in the west and has brought in a new disruptive element to a party which from the first has lacked the essentials of stability. Whatever may come presently of the disintegration of the Progressive party, its prospect of permanence seems to be less than that of either of the old parties.

At this writing it appears that Mr. Crerar is about to try to save his face by moving an amendment to Sir Henry Drayton's amendment, which second amendment he knows will be ruled out of order by the speaker. He will then appeal from the Speaker's decision to the House. All of which is mere camouflage, intended to confuse the issue and deceive the public. It is a repetition of the deception practised upon the electors in the election of December last. Behind it all lies the secret agreement between the bastard Liberalism of today with the imported fad of so-called Progressivism, both of which are discredited in the country by the false professions and the promises that were impossible of fulfilment that were made before and during the election campaign.

U. S. LINER HAS LARGEST MOB OF ANIMALS SINCE ARK SAILED NEW YORK, June 6.—The United American Liner Mount Carroll docked today with one of the largest cargoes of wild animals ever brought to this port. They were in charge of Jurgen Johannsen, who told of bringing the animals and birds from India. He brought 13 baby elephants, 200 monkeys with 60 monkey babies in arms; two Bengal tigers, two sloth bears; three black panthers two hippopotami and about 300 miscellaneous birds. He also brought 56 snakes among them the rare temple snake and a python 20 feet long and 16 inches in diameter. By way of introduction he exhibited records to show that he was the world's champion elephant

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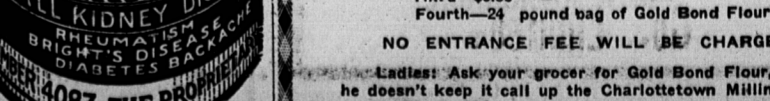
MILLION DOLLAR LOAD ON SPECIAL FREIGHT ST. THOMAS, June 6.—According to the bills of lading in the local Grand Trunk Wabash Railway office, the five car Wabash special loaded with Oriental silks that passed over this division Sunday was valued, at approximately \$1,000,000 one of the costliest shipments on record. The average charge on each car was \$5.00. Each car was heavily guarded while officials of this city accompanied it across the eastern border. The run from Chicago to Buffalo was made in 12 hours 15 minutes.

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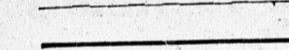
THREE CASH PRIZES AND BAG OF GOLD BOND FLOUR FOR BEST BREAD The Charlottetown Milling Company will hold a baking contest for the housewives of Charlottetown, and are offering substantial cash prizes and a bag of flour for competitors. The contest will start right away, but all entries must be in not later than 10 a. m. on the morning of the 28th instant in the Market Building. The particulars of the Contest are as follows:— Any housewife, woman or girl in the City may compete. All entries will be received at the Market Building on the morning of June 28th when judging will take place. Each competitor will be required to bring one loaf of bread baked from Gold Bond Flour, and be asked to sign a certificate to that effect, stating also from whom the flour was purchased. The competitor's name and number will be entered in a book by the Secretary, but the name will not appear on the bread to be judged. The Judges will be two of the bakers of this city, and one housewife who is not competing, and has proved her judgment of bread by baking from the same flour. Each competitor will be allowed to remove her exhibit after the Contest, except the prize winners. The exhibits of the prize winners will be placed on display in one of the prominent store windows, with a card announcing the name and prize according to merit. All exhibits not removed from the Market Building before noon on the 29th will be given to some charitable institution. The prizes will be as follows: First—\$15.00 Second—\$10.00 Third—\$5.00 Fourth—24 pound bag of Gold Bond Flour. NO ENTRANCE FEE WILL BE CHARGED Ladies: Ask your grocer for Gold Bond Flour, and if he doesn't keep it call up the Charlottetown Milling Company, Phone 866.



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