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NOT TRUSTWORTHY

Time and again during the present campaign evasion, equivocation and even falsehood have been charged against ex-Premier King and many of his leading ex-Ministers. And the documents are available for proof. Denial of the parliamentary vote of censure, while the official report of the vote is recorded in Hansard; denial of knowledge concerning the demoralization of the Customs, while the admission of ex-Premier King that such demoralization existed is officially reported in Hansard; a flat denial by Mr. Dunning of derogatory remarks about the people of the Maritimes, attributed to him in the course of a speech in Regina, while the Canadian Press verbatim report of his actual words is published in the newspapers. Those are among the serious charges against the late Mackenzie King Government and its present candidates. Liberalism is on the defensive, and it is making a sorry defense, the defense of the guilty, denial.

Because of the many evasions and contradictions and denials, in the face of evidence to the contrary, the opinion is becoming general that all is not and has not been as represented at Ottawa. The word "prosperity," in its supposed relation to the late King Government, has been strained to the breaking point; representations have been made that do not accord with the general experience of industry and trade in the country during the past few years. In any case Premier Meighen has authorized a firm of reputable chartered accountants to examine and report upon the whole situation and this report will be eagerly looked for. What the people want is the truth and Premier Meighen is determined that they shall have it in such a form that they shall not need to use the proverbial grain of salt with it.

We in this province were wonderfully "prosperous" once upon a time ourselves, and it was during a local Liberal regime. We were having large surpluses every year and yearly reducing the public debt only to find on later investigation that instead of surpluses we were making huge deficits yearly and that the public debt, instead of being reduced, was increased by thousands. However, we shall see what we shall see.

THE CUSTOMS PROBE.

The result of the Customs Probe was such that the Progressive Party, allies of the late King Government, were forced against their own political inclinations to vote censure on that Government. It was proven that with the knowledge and co-operation of the King Government and King Government officials:—

(1) That stolen automobiles were smuggled into Canada and were sold to the friends of the King Government without paying any duty and the smugglers were allowed to go unpunished and continue to practice their nefarious trade with impunity.

(2) That in the Province of Quebec, despite the protest of at least one Parish Priest a number of stills were allowed to produce moonshine whisky and were given protection by the Department of Finance under the Honorable Jacques

(3) Customs Officials, whose duty it was to protect the Treasury were engaged in the liquor business, and one of the most prominent members of the Customs Department at Montreal was known to have handled at least \$400,000 worth of liquor from one firm alone.

(4) Corrupt officials were unpunished and promoted; honest officials were to be trusted again.

als were punished and demoted.

(5) With the direct knowledge and co-operation of the Government tons of prison-made goods from the United States were smuggled into Canada and sold at prices with which the Canadian manufacturer could not compete. These goods were known to be produced in prisons where the inmates were victims of the vilest diseases. These smuggled infected garments were distributed among innocent women and children in Canada with the result that thousands of our people were in danger of death.

(6) The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the most honest and efficient protective force in the world, were withdrawn from the Quebec boundary line at the request of the smugglers, because they were incorruptible and were interfering with the friends of the Government, who were cheating the revenue of legitimate funds. Fortunately the new Government is in power and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are again on duty at the Boundary Line.

(7) The business men of Canada organized themselves into a Commercial Protective Association and spent thousands of dollars in tracing down and exposing the fraud being perpetrated on the Canadian people. They placed irrefutable evidence of this fraud before the Prime Minister and his colleagues, and the Government hopelessly entangled with the criminal element of this country, did not, or dared not, take any action to remedy the appalling conditions.

(8) In 1925, Parliament voted the Government \$350,000 as a Secret Service Fund to assist in preventing smuggling. This money was used by the Government not to prevent smuggling, but in the last election to hire political hacks for election purposes.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Mackenzie King stated in the House of Commons that the loss to Canada through smuggling was estimated at between 50 and 100 million dollars a year. Why are his spokesmen so angry over these figures? Let them tell us what their estimate is.

Going back to the days of pre-historic Liberalism for proof that there were good Liberals once will not save the present Liberal candidates. Ex-Premier King might plead, and probably truthfully, that he was a good boy once himself. It is with the candidates and the Mackenzie King of today that the people are concerned.

Of course, there is a cause for their depression. The last miserable session, the scandals that were disclosed, the fall of the King Government, the unwillingness of former Liberal candidates to run, the meeting from day to day with former zealous supporters who are now opposed or silent and cool—all this is discouraging. So the Macedonian cry has been sent out for help. "Send Robb or Dunning, or some one, right away."

In face of conditions such as we have named there seems every reason to believe that the Conservative party will do much better than they did in October and that the Opposition will lose proportionately. One thing above all others that we want in our public men is integrity, truthfulness, dependability. This virtue seems to have had a hard struggle for existence during the past four or five years. If Canada is ever to become worthy of those who laid its foundation, worthy of those who died for it, we must have men of honor at the head of its affairs. Look over the records, see what we have had from 1921 to the present, and say whether or not we are to be trusted again.

Notes by the Way

The Opposition in the present election have much to discourage them, much that they had not in the election of last October. The Meighen Government and the Conservative party have many things in their favor that they had not then. The King Government had then been in power four years. The King Ministers had power and patronage in their hands. They had something of prestige that goes with power. They had the largest party in Parliament. All these they have lost, and the advantages attendant thereon have been transferred to the new Conservative Government.

The October election made a marvelous change. On the eve of that contest the Liberal leaders and their press raised the cry "Meighen can't win." And appearances at that time quite justified that cry. Practically the entire Liberal party and a host of Conservatives believed that Mr. Meighen could not win. Had it been otherwise, had his own party believed that he could win in October last he would have won a majority over all at that time. There will be few now to doubt that statement. And as it was, although he did not gain a Conservative majority over all, before the session was over the King Government had fallen to rise no more.

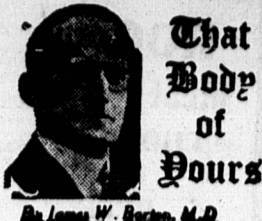
Mr. Meighen has now at his back a party doubled in strength and much more solidly united than it was in 1925, a party proud of its leader, and not only confident but fully assured of victory in the present contest. What has been achieved for the Conservative cause at the polls and in Parliament during the past nine months makes it now apparent that Mr. Meighen will win in this campaign. It is now the almost universal conviction that "King can't win." He is, however, familiar with defeat. He began in Waterloo, Ontario, and soon lost it. He had a seat given him in Prince Edward Island and no one wants him back. He tried North York, Ontario, and after a brief term was rejected there.

At last he found a refuge in Saskatchewan last winter when he and half his colleagues had been defeated two months before. He has again accepted a nomination there, and why? Because not one of the 32 seats in his native Province of Ontario wanted him or could be trusted to elect him! Almost one-third of the people of Canada live in Ontario. But where are Mr. King's Ontario Cabinet colleagues, or his Maritime colleagues, for that matter, in the present contest? All afflicted with cold feet since the October election! Does that show confidence in winning the present election?

It is true that Liberal candidates and their Ottawa headquarters are putting up the same old bluff that they tried last October and which was so discredited by the result. It is only a hollow mockery now. Some were deceived by it then but no one regards it now. Estimates and predictions of a Liberal victory are not believed by those who utter them. There is no confidence behind them. A load of discouragement weighs down every Opposition candidate in the Maritimes. A common remark locally, is even among their former supporters, "What is the matter with Sinclair and Jenkins? They seem discouraged. Last October they were confident and cocky but now . . ."

Of course, there is a cause for their depression. The last miserable session, the scandals that were disclosed, the fall of the King Government, the unwillingness of former Liberal candidates to run, the meeting from day to day with former zealous supporters who are now opposed or silent and cool—all this is discouraging. So the Macedonian cry has been sent out for help. "Send Robb or Dunning, or some one, right away."

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PREVENTING HEART AILMENTS

It is only a few years ago since medical students were taught that heart ailments were to be treated with strychnine, digitalis, alcohol, and so forth. That if there was a murmur due to leakage of the valves of the heart, that the individual might drop dead anytime, and that absolute rest, with heart stimulants, was the proper treatment. But now drugs play a small part in the treatment of heart conditions. In the first place a murmur is not considered as of importance in itself any more. A heart with a leaky valve, but beating regularly, slowly, and with good power, is considered a safe heart.

It is the fast heart, the irregular heart, the heart with poor muscular power, that is now considered the unsafe heart. Where the pulse shows strongly in the veins in the neck, where the heart is enlarged, where there is swelling of the feet, and irregularity in the beat, then the heart is not considered as normal. However, Mackenzie the great heart specialist has taught that "The best way to determine the best condition of the heart is to find out how it responds to work or effort, that is the amount of physical exertion in which the patient can indulge without showing heart symptoms, that is breathlessness, and a very rapid beat."

Now what causes most of our heart ailments? Two out of every hundred men, women and children have heart ailments. In this country one out of every eight deaths is due to the heart, and in people over forty years of age, one in every five dies from some form of heart trouble. Except for the few that are born with some heart ailments, infection is blamed for all forms of heart ailments. Now irrespective of the form of infection in the body, whether it is from special illnesses like scarlet fever, rheumatism, or from infections from teeth and tonsils, this infection must bathe the lining of the heart, with the great probability of doing damage to the heart valves. Authorities can do to prevent infections throughout the community, and anything the individual can do to lessen infection from his teeth, tonsils and other parts, will serve to prevent heart disease throughout the land. This means the saving of thousands of lives, and untold misery to thousands more.

Daily Lessons In English

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: "Onto" and "on to" are not accepted by purists. "Onto" is considered vulgarism. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: conspiracy. Pronounce the "s" as in "it," not as in "ice." OFTEN MISPELLED: diffusive; s. not z. SYNONYMS: see, behold, look, view, survey, discern, scan, watch. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: HABITUAL; formed or acquired by use. "His frown became habitual."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

August 17, 1926 THE VALUE OF KNOWLEDGE "Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that over-lived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the Lord, that He had done for Israel." Jos. 24:31

PRAYER—May it be true that "In America is God known." PAL OF MINE (M. V. F. in Vancouver Province) When the white-throat's song is ending, When the moon, its charm is lending, To the river, softly wending, "Neath the alders, past the pine, Then I hear your footsteps falling, Seem to hear you calling, calling, 'Midst the moonlit scene entralling, How I miss you, Pal of Mine!"

When the tiny drops are dripping From a paddle dipping, dipping, As we're o'er the water slipping, When the silvery glories shine, Then I hear the echoes ringing, Of the songs we once were singing, And I see your paddle swinging, How I miss you, Pal of Mine! Still the silvery light is streaming, O'er those love-lit hours of dreaming, And the moonbeams softly gleam, restored and that is one of the greatest of blessings. Only four weeks now to polling day. An early session of Parliament is expected to follow. So far the campaign goes well!

Vote and Influence of Fair Sex

SHOULD BE POLLED FOR PROTECTION. Historic.

If there is one class of people more than another that should poll its vote and throw its influence on the scale for Protection, it is the Fair Sex. No other vote is so closely allied with home interests, or is more closely affected by Protection, in this Province at least, than the female vote. All writers and speakers concede the correctness of this assertion. All the poets, whose thoughts are supposed to descend from the higher regions, pay tribute to the high status of their mission here below. In one of his flights of fancy the poet Schiller, crowns the gentle sex with this exalted station in life, viz: "All honor to women, To them it is given, To breathe the dull earth, To wreath the roses of heaven."

Assuming that these premises stand undisputed, we feel compelled to state that the female voters hold an important position and are a powerful factor in the political contest which is now being waged all over Canada. Now more than ever comes the call of our country for a force that can scatter the roses of heaven all over this great stretch of "dull earth" which we inhabit for the good government of which we are all more or less accountable.

If the fair sex wisely weigh the great dividing lines of the two parties now contending for political supremacy, and the poet we have quoted is well advised, every female voter in Canada should vote for the development of manufacturing industries, as sponsored by the Conservative party, and the power of Protection to accomplish that object. "What on earth is more divinely dear to the fair sex than labor for the retention in our Province of its sons and daughters, and what else is of greater importance to them than to keep the natural increase of population profitable to the fruits of its native land? No person, we think, can aim at a higher object, and by helping the sterner sex to fulfill this mighty task, the mothers and sisters of Canada will add new laurels to the many that already deck their brows."

Other interests, such as agriculture, the fisheries, the high cost of living, the markets abroad and at home, and scores of others, are of tremendous importance, and should not be left out of consideration in the eyes of the fair sex. The balance of the world is now leaning in favor of the man on the street, and reaching importance as the Industrial Problem, on which hangs the fate of the young men and women, and even the infant in the cot. Why are you, dear to the mothers rear children who are the inheritors of such a heaven-blessed country, vote now to send them begging at the boundary line of some foreign country for admission and for the crumbs that fall to the lot of aliens. Mothers of Canada be firm and loyal to your country and see that the vote for the erection of manufacturing industry to grow up in Canada as the hand-maid of our incomparable agricultural heritage. The interests are needed to create prosperity. The object of the fair sex is to go straight to the root of the matter. Vote for Protection and the Conservative candidates who alone are pledged to forward those interests.

It is felt that the enfranchisement of the female population has already wrought a beneficial change in the decisions of the different polls. This suggests that it is high time for all the women to poll their votes. Those who refrain from voting are giving a second vote to the ones who go and vote. We understand that the Liberal canvassers are endeavoring to persuade Conservative women voters to abstain from voting. To such we would say at your peril do not make default by failing to vote. If one portion votes let all vote. The result will, we trust, be something that each and all can feel proud of in the happy days to come.

The Public Forum

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PRICE OF MATCHES

Sir,—Just now, the asking of questions, pertinent and otherwise, of our representatives, or would be representatives, in the federal parliament, seems to be in order. Here is one that in my humble opinion might well be asked of our Liberal friends. They have been most extravagant in their praises of the Robb budget which I am willing to admit has its good points—the discontinuing of the war-tax, postage stamps, for instance, being of great service to the great majority of our people; but will they tell us why the war-tax on alcohol was left so severely alone? There is no doubt that at the time of its imposition this tax was vitally necessary and was accepted as such by everybody, rich or poor, but surely that need has passed? Is it a fact, however, that this prolific source of revenue is such a detestable nest-egg that the late Liberal government could not bear to let it go? A box of matches which in 1914 cost one cent, and was indeed in

The Man Nobody Knows

ADVERTISED BY SERVICE

Again he moved forward, the crowd pressing hard. The ruler's residence was now in plain sight. The paid mourners, hired by the hour, were busy about the doorway; they increased their activities as their employer came in sight—hissing walls and the dull sounding of cymbals—a horrible pretense of grief. Quickening his stride Jesus was in the midst of them. "Give place," he cried with a commanding gesture. "The maid is not dead but asleep." They laughed him to scorn. Brushing them aside he strode into the house and took the little girl by the hand. The crowd looked on dumbfounded, for at the magic of his touch she opened her eyes, and sat up.

Front page stories five and six. A woman sick twelve years and healed! A child whom the doctors had abandoned for dead, sits up and smiles! No wonder a thousand tongues were busy that night advertising his name and work. "The fame thereof went abroad into all that land," says the narrative. Nothing could keep it from going abroad. It was irresistible news. He was advertised by his service, not by his sermons; this is the second noteworthy fact. Nowhere in the Gospels do you find it announced that:

Jesus of Nazareth Will Denounce The Scribes and Pharisees in the Central Synagogue To-night at Eight o'clock Special Music. His preaching was almost incidental. On only one occasion did he deliver a long discourse, and that was probably interrupted often by questions and debates. He did not come to establish a theology but to lead a life. Living more healthfully than any of his contemporaries he spread health wherever he went. Thinking more during the more, he expressed himself in thoughts of surpassing beauty, as naturally as a plant bursts into bloom. His sermons, if they may be called sermons, were chiefly expository of his life. He healed a lame man, fed the hungry, cheered the poor; and by these works he was advertised much more than by his words.

The church, which covets advertising and receives little, is much more fruitful in such good works. The man on the street works for the man on the street. Most of our colleges were founded under its inspiration; the ideals that animate all our enterprises are its ideals; and its members furnish to such movements the most dependable support. More than this, the day by day life of a genuine pastor is a constant succession of healings and helpings, as any one who has been privileged to grow up in a minister's family very well knows. The door-bells ring at breakfast-time; it rings at dinner-time; it rings late at night—and every ring means that some one has come to him. His burden upon the parish is his greed or hatred or fear—he opens his heart to the pastor, and goes away having received his sight. A parent whose child is dead in selfishness, comes leading the child by the hand. And sometimes the preacher is able to touch the withered veins of conscience, and life becomes normal and whole. A man out of work, timidly at the parsonage door. And somehow, from the parson's loaves and fishes, the other family is fed. These are Jesus' works, done in Jesus' name. If he were to live again, in these modern days, he would find many instances given away as a kind of premium, now costs three cents. Similarly a five cent box sells for fifteen cents, an increase of three hundred per cent. On every three cent box the government collects 1/2 a cent and considering the enormous quantity of matches used at the present day, this must amount to a considerable sum annually. Perhaps the Honourable Ex-Minister of Finance, Mr. Robb can tell us on Wednesday how much this really was during the last financial year, and then the reason for that, studied silence on the matter will be better understood.

At the same time, it would be only common fairness to ask the Conservative candidates what they propose doing in this connection. As matches must surely be placed as one of the necessities of the present age this increase of three hundred per cent in cost is of serious concern to everybody, and any relief in this connection would be gladly welcomed.

Of course it is evident to the nearest comprehension that the government tax does not account for all of the increased cost, and the natural question that arises in the mind of the uninitiated is who gets the balance, the manufacturer, the wholesale houses, or the retailers? Or all three? It is very evident that, if the late Mr. Eddy of Hull could amass a huge fortune under the old scale of prices, the present cost of production must have enormously advanced to account for the difference. However, this may be, it would at least be interesting to know when, if ever, this tax will be dropped and when one may expect to get a box of matches at a comparatively reasonable price! I am, Sir, etc., ENQUIRER

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