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Taschereau Government Falls

The downfall of the forty-year-old Liberal Government of Quebec has been imminent for some time past. Not unexpected, therefore, was the announcement in yesterday's Guardian of the resignation of Premier TASCHEREAU and his colleagues and the dissolution of the Legislature.

The corruption which has prevailed during Premier TASCHEREAU's regime has been the subject of a great deal of gossip, but at last officials very close to it, two of them his own brother and nephew, have admitted the collection of interest on money belonging to the public treasury. At the least, the brother has confessed to receiving thousands of dollars of interest on Government money deposited in a branch bank managed by his son.

What gives national significance to the fall of the TASCHEREAU administration is its close political association with the MACKENZIE KING Government. In the last provincial election, Premier KING's Ministers campaigned actively on behalf of Mr. TASCHEREAU. If the opposition forces under DUPLESSIS and GOUIN are victorious in the coming contest which is set for Aug. 15, it will mean a direct blow, not only to orthodox Liberalism in Quebec, but to the Dominion Government as well.

Let The People Decide

Here in brief, from Thursday's Canadian Press despatches, is the case for and against the proposed provincial Sales Tax scheme which the Senate has turned down:

Senator DANDURAND, Government leader in the Red Chamber: "Many provinces are in dire straits and none have balanced budgets and they need new fields of taxation."

Senator MEIGHEN, Conservative leader: "Duplication of taxes will not increase the revenue, but will multiply the cost of collection and administration."

This is the practicable objection to the scheme, as proposed by the KING Government. But there are other equally important objections where, as in this Province, solemn pre-election pledges have been given to balance the budget without any increased taxation. Most of the provincial Liberal Governments now in power achieved victory by just such promises.

If, as Senator DANDURAND contends, these Governments must have additional revenue to balance their budgets, then it is their plain duty to go to the country, confess failure to implement their platforms, AND ASK FOR A NEW MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE.

This duty is very plain so far as the CAMPBELL Government is concerned. Not even legislative sanction of a policy diametrically opposed to their whole campaign last year would be sufficient to whitewash them in this case.

Playing Safe At Ottawa

"No more raids on the Dominion treasury" was to have been the new Liberal policy, as formulated at the Liberal Dominion-Provincial conference at Ottawa last December. Instead, the "raids" were to be carried out on the taxpayers by means of provincial Sales Taxes, Premier CAMPBELL being an active party to this iniquitous scheme which would have precipitated a tariff war between the provinces. Unmindful of his "no more taxation" pledges, he openly defended the proposal in the Legislature three months ago. Subsequently he went to Ottawa, allegedly to stress the need of the Province and municipalities for unemployment relief, and returned from this "raid on the Dominion treasury" with the success which was to be expected in view of his prejudice against this manner of money raising. "No provision for hard-surfacing roads this year"; nothing for our municipal street-paving projects, which Conservative Governments had financed jointly to the extent of two-thirds of the cost. At the instance of His Worship Mayor TURNER, a small grant of \$5,000, supplemented by an equal amount from the provincial treasury, has since been obtained for beautifying Government Pond; and this, in addition to a sea-wall project to which the City must contribute 50 per cent. of the cost, is all that has so far materialized. Summerside and the other municipalities are also on short rations, so far as federal assistance is concerned.

The Premier recently returned from another "picnic trip" to Ottawa; but the results, if any, of this last visit, made in conjunction with his New York vacation trip, have not been divulged. Apparently they constituted nothing in the way of a "raid"—that being Mr. CAMPBELL's disapproving term for his Conservative predecessor's habit of bringing home the bacon!

As noted before, however, Liberal Premiers in other Provinces are not so timid in pressing their claims at Ottawa. Premier HEPBURN of Ontario has made arrangements with the KING Government for \$3,300,000 for unemployment relief, \$3,000,000 to be spent on hard-surfacing ordinary roads and \$300,000 in building and repairing roads leading into mining districts, the latter being on a 60-40 payment basis, the latter 50-50. Premier BRACKEN of Manitoba has closed a deal with the KING Government for \$4,000,000 unemployment relief, \$2,000,000 for hard-surfacing roads on a 60-40 basis and \$2,000,000 for other public works on a 50-50 basis, the greater part of the latter to be expended in sewage work in Winnipeg.

Reference was made recently in these columns to the success attending Premier ATTULLO's "raids" on the Dominion Treasury for unemployment relief projects in British Columbia.

Who, in view of these generous hand-outs, will say there isn't a Santa Claus at Ottawa?

Unfortunately he doesn't seem to have Prince Edward Island on his visiting list; but with a Premier so afraid of the very idea of "raiding" the Dominion treasury—who prefers the easier way of jacking up provincial taxes—is that to be wondered at? It is fortunate the MacMILLAN Government had no inferiority complex or whatever it is that makes their Liberal successors so diffident about pressing our claims. Otherwise, that \$150,000 additional subsidy increase would never have materialized, and Mr. CAMPBELL would be that much further short of implementing his budget-balancing assurances.

Editorial Notes

AL LANDON is the "white hope" of the Republicans.

It is usually under Liberal regimes that new or independent parties spring up.

TASCHEREAU took good care not to take formal leave of the Legislature as THOMAS did.

In the former Liberal regime, Mr. MACINTYRE got his gravel from Pictou though there was cheaper material here.

Mayor TURNER has now formally laid down his onerous duties as Rotary Governor for District 32. It has been a strenuous time, and his Worship well and worthily discharged his task.

Mr. C. H. B. LONGWORTH has been succeeded by Dr. Yeo as member of Charlottetown Board of School Trustees. It would have been a graceful act if Mr. CAMPBELL had reappointed Mr. LONGWORTH as Mr. STEWART did Mr. REUBEN MACDONALD and Mr. SIMON PAOLI. But, as he is said to have told the war veterans, Mr. CAMPBELL's motto is "to the victors belong the spoils," and let the others go hang.

Higher criticism, said Rev. Dr. HART-DAVIES, of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Edinburgh in an address in Verdun Baptist Church, was nothing but "cobwebs spun from the insides of beer-drinking German philosophers." It was easily demolished by the solid bricks of archaeology. The subject of his lecture was "The Bible and the Spade," and his purpose was to show how the spade of archaeology was digging the grave of higher criticism. The Old Testament, the New Testament and the modern testament of archaeology all agree, he said, as he told the story of recent excavations in Egypt and Ur of the Chaldees.

Due to a sudden change of wind, for the first time in the history of the United States, a National Guard unit and a Reserve Officers Corps group engaged in technical army manoeuvres, were put to flight at Huntsville, N. J. A canny and well-timed tear gas attack by the invading forces in the sham battle caught not only the defending forces but 200 spectators without gas masks, and sent them rushing through the woods in confusion, crying, gasping and bumping into trees and each other. This rout not only ended the war," but proved conclusively the value of gas as an offensive and defensive weapon, the officers in charge announced. From the Army viewpoint the manoeuvres were "highly successful," but the spectators were of another school of thought.

A Scottish Provost in full Highland regalia, hailing from Fort William, Scotland, has been visiting Fort William, Ontario, and the visited were overjoyed by the distinction paid them. The Provost crossed the Atlantic on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary and arrived on Friday last to see the Canadian namesake of his own town. He was greeted by a crowd of 2,500 and the skirl of Fort William Highlanders' pipe band. In an informal address, Provost MACDONALD said he had been impressed during his brief stay in Canada by the universal loyalty of Canadians to the British Empire. He had been astonished by the great attention paid to education in this city and the fine school equipment provided.

Like other educational institutions McGill University is hard hit financially. Principal MORGAN, on the eve of his departure to attend a European University conference in London took a group of newspaper men into his confidence on the subject. Economics have already been effected, and the governors have come forward most generously with a contribution of \$168,000 a year for four years to meet deficits. "It turns out, however," said the Principal, "that it is necessary to go further and consequently we have been working hard in the university in the past few months to see how expenditure could be reduced. The net result is that appropriations for the coming year have been cut by nearly \$100,000." At a recent meeting, the governors had passed a budget for the coming session which, after making allowances for the gift of the governors, balanced expenditure and income. "It is an anxious and trying process," Principal MORGAN continued, "made possible only by the loyal co-operation of the various faculties and departments."

According to a New York correspondent Dr. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, the eminent Republican, stood on the deck of the Queen Mary just before she sailed on Friday. "It looks as though LANDON will be nominated," a reporter suggested. "Yes," said Dr. BUTLER. "Can they win with LANDON?" someone asked. "No," was the emphatic reply. . . . Speaker BANKHEAD of the House of Representatives is the father of TALLULLAH BANKHEAD who does her speaking from the stage and screen. . . . The Jeffersonian Democrats, so-called, have been exceptionally quiet in their opposition to ROOSEVELT. No hint of an insurrection has been dropped since AL SMITH spoke at the Liberty League dinner. . . . "Oh Susannah" has been selected as the Republican campaign song, which is as mysterious a choice as was JIM FARLEY's "Happy Days Are Here Again" when the banks were failing thick and fast.

Notes by the Way

But meantime it ought to be borne in mind that the Queen Mary's officers announced before she left Southampton that they did not expect to make any new records on this initial run. And whether it was fog or simply British restraint and respect for a promise that brought the Queen Mary in a few minutes behind the French liners' best time, there is something rather refreshing in these days when "firsts" are much over-rated to find a tremendous and speedy ship reversing the usual course of things and declining to race, on her very first time out, against all the past and future—Baltimore Sun.

By imposing new countervailing duties the United States has further restricted trade with Germany already at its record low. German subsidization of exports is the reason given for the move. Hitler is learning through bitter experience that he cannot always achieve the same success with his bulldozing tactics on his neighbors that he does in his treatment of his own people.

In being the first man to fly like a bird, Glenn Smith took a tremendous risk. He did not know whether his apparatus would work or not. He took a deliberate chance with his life. He must have had all kinds of nerve to try it. There always has to be a first in experiments of any kind and the first man is a hero.—St. Thomas Times Journal.

How an eagle provided a shepherd with fresh fish every day, has just been related by a farmer of Moesti Bay, South Africa. The farmer recently shot the eagle and the next day his shepherd called and protested. There were young eagles in the nest, and the shepherd watched when the parents came from the sea with fish in their talons for their young. He then went to the nest and appropriated some of the spoils, thus collecting fresh fish daily a mile from the sea with very little effort.

M. Gagnand, director-general of the French Line which owns the ship, states that the running expenses of the Normandie's nine voyages last year 36,000,000 francs and the receipts 50,000,000 francs, leaving a profit of 14,000,000. This seems signal proof that giant liners properly managed more than pay their way.—Montreal Gazette.

I am surprised that the daily papers have not had more about the libel action in which Lord Kilmaine was awarded 2,000 pounds against the Morning Post. In a speech in the House of Lords, Lord Kilmaine urged that the Morning Post had abused the freedom of the press in a headline, "Italy Climbs Down," and suggested a form of censorship. The Morning Post retorted with some characteristic sarcasm. The only adequate comment that we have seen on this case appeared in the Economist which discussed the "fantastic altitude to libel" that is growing up in our courts. It concluded after mentioning a number of recent cases that the law of libel is being developed into a new censorship which "will kill that freedom of discussion which is vital to democracy. The law is intended to protect men from genuine defamation of character. It is being used to shelter them from criticism." It is time for the whole press to get together on this subject.—New Statesman and Nation, London, Eng.

The post-mortem on "Red" Ryan links him up definitely with at least four Toronto robberies and a half dozen hold-ups throughout Ontario. One lesson is derived from it all. There will be more dependence placed on the trained men charged with administration of justice and the penal institutions than on the sob-sentimentalists seeking lime-light and publicity. The Ryan case provides a distinct setback to the process of Americanization which seemed well under way in this province.—St. Catherine's Standard.

The supreme intelligence lies in man, that is, of all the creatures upon this earth. But what a mess he makes of it at times! In nature every animal, bird, reptile, insect has to take care of itself. From the time that all are able to navigate, the world is theirs. No dropping or lying around idle. It's work and live—or die. That's all there is to it. It's different with the human species. If there is a relative around, or a friend, or a big-brother, the easier way seems to be to see just how much aid can be gained—without any purpose, plan, or intention to recompense the source. No man knows what he has within him until he begins to hammer it out, to dig it out, and to sweat it out. Then it learns—Oh, how much! And what joy and what a glory come to him through such an experience.—Ex.

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The Poets' Corner GOLDEN BOOKS A Chant When the breath of twilight blows to flame the misty skies, All its vaporous sapphires, violet slow and silver gleam With the mass flood the through the gateway of the eyes; I am one with the twilight's dream. Aye, and deep and deep and deeper let me drink and draw From the olden fountain more than light or peace or dream, Such primal being as overfills the heart with awe, Growing one with the silent stream.

That Body of Ours

It was only after many years search that it was discovered that it was the bite of the mosquito that transferred malaria from one individual to another.

SOME AILMENTS HAVE MORE THAN ONE CAUSE

Similarly after many years of search it was found that it was that the organisms causing the plague were transferred to man by rats.

Dr. Minot and Murphy, Boston, discovered that if liver were fed in one good serving daily to patients with pernicious anaemia (the patient's life could be prolonged for many years instead of death occurring in two or three years.

Dr. Banting and Best, Toronto, Canada, discovered that if enough of the juice manufactured in a certain part of the pancreas gland of animals (insulin) were injected into a patient suffering with diabetes (at that time an incurable ailment) the patient's life could be prolonged so that as long as the insulin was injected the uncompleted case of diabetes would continue to live.

Thus as in the above ailments and in small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever and many other ailments there has been found one single cause for the symptoms so also have research workers been seeking a single cause for other ailments such as cancer, asthma, rheumatism, the common cold.

However it is now being realized that a number of factors enter into the cause of any of the above and other ailments and so the findings of research workers, widely separated by distance and in their ideas of what may cause a certain ailment are nevertheless giving their findings to research workers everywhere instead of waiting until they obtain the "final" results which may be still many years off.

Thus all cases of rheumatism are not thought to be due to infection from teeth, tonsils, gall bladder and intestine. Neither is it believed that too much starch will cause or aggravate rheumatism in all cases. It is known that infection, a cold, cold damp climate, injury to a joint and other factors enter into the cause of the symptoms of rheumatism or arthritis and treatment is given in accordance with this knowledge.

Similarly with asthma; the factors entering into its cause may be pollen from plants, tiny organisms from domestic animals, an alkaline condition of the body, a defect or atrophy of the nose and throat, lack of deep breathing and other conditions all of which is knowledge given to the public by the British Asthma Research Council, and other organizations.

I am, Sir, etc. JAMES M. MACLEAN.

Refuses To Face Facts

(Exchange) When Mr. Bennett suggested, in an address at London, Ontario, the other day, that Canada should take some thought as to her position in the world, and decide where she wanted to go and what the price would be, Mr. Mackenzie King replied in an address to the Twentieth Century Liberal Association at Ottawa. He was willing to go part way with Mr. Bennett, but he parted company with the leader of the opposition on the question of military defence.

The way to deal with militaristic nations was not by "supporting a cause which we condemn," he said. It would not solve the problem of Canada to become militaristic herself. On the contrary, the effective and wise way for Canada to seek means of promoting understanding between herself and other nations.

In view of this complacent statement of policy, it is surely in order to enquire what sort of isolated and sheltered backwater Mr. King has been living in. Did he ever hear of a land called Ethiopia? Does the name of Mussolini arouse any sensations? Does he recall anything of a conflict between Japan and China? Did anyone ever bring to his attention the operations of one Adolph Hitler in a section of the earth called the Rhineland?

Surely Mr. King, who is minister of external affairs in His Majesty's Canadian Government, can not have missed all the fears and embroilments and disturbances that the external world has known during the past few years. But if he has not missed them, why speak as though these disturbances were things that belonged on Mars or Jupiter or Ceres and not to this little planet on which we live?

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It would be infinitely more to the advantage of Canada if her Prime Minister would face the facts as they are instead of endeavoring to give the facts the rosier colors he would like them to bear.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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BAD ROADS

Sir,—On the Colville road leading to New Haven the road opposite Alex. Docherty's is in a dangerous condition. There is a gutter washed out some places from two to three feet wide and from one to 2 feet deep. This gutter has been filled in with round stones not broken some weighing 25 to 30 lbs. and at the bottom of the hill there is a sign up saying "wanted machine and man to run it." Handy to New Haven there is another sign opposite Mr. MacKinnon's property which says "Notice, rocks impassable, detour to the MacIntyre and Bennett Highway." This sign is for the purpose of warning the travelling public that the road is impassable. An American tourist took it to be notice of a restaurant.

When is the Public Works Department going to rectify this state of affairs? They will have to do so soon or be held responsible for fatalities.

I am, Sir, etc. PEDESTRIAN.

PARTS AND PIECES

Sir,—We have no system of government.

A system consists in a method of accomplishing a desired result. The result is the product of either a system or a lack of system. We have today the widely popularized catch-word, "change the system." We thoughtlessly accept the word or expression as being an isolated game of finality.

Before going on, however, let us catalogue the results of our present so-called "system" of government or management, of the economic welfare of our people: Are they not? Failure to take money out of the control of private interests. Failure to enact laws against usury.

Failure to establish just measures of value. Failure to levy equitable taxation. Failure to provide for the helplessness, the aged and the infirm. Failure to found a just and impartial economic structure.

Thereby resulting in: Property and economic insecurity. Unjust inequalities of wealth and income. Industrial and human waste. Tyranny. National and international economic warfare.

Restricted production in agriculture and industry. Raised prices for the benefit of the few at the expense of the common good. Destruction of general well being. Curtailed education. Denial of opportunities.

Failure to bring security and plenty now available into the homes of the people. Therefore we submit that what we need is system and not a change of system as we have no system to change at present.

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ing with other nations. What success did the Emperor of Ethiopia have in following such a policy? What success did Great Britain have? What success attended the efforts of the League of Nations? Where did her policy of conciliation land China?

If Mr. King has a formula for bringing about understandings, he should not keep it secret. There was an excellent opportunity for making it known last fall, when Canada was represented on the committee of eighteen at Geneva. But instead of showing the nations how they could solve their problem, Mr. King censured Dr. Riddell and scuttled for safety.

If Mr. King has a sure-fire formula, as he suggests, he could save billions for the world by putting it to work. But if, as seems more likely, he is only describing a condition which he would like to see, he must be charged with giving insufficient attention to Canada's dangerous position in a dangerous world.

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