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PARTY POLITICS CALLED FAILURE IN THE DOMINION

Country is Controlled By Groups and Cliques With Selfish Motives.

Has our political party system of government failed? Systems, no matter how good they may be, are dependent on those operating them as to their success or failure. When the Confederation agreement was entered into in 1867 the party system of government was considered a good system, but, unfortunately for the Maritime Provinces, the system as embodied in that agreement was not carried out. The system itself was all right, but the operators since 1867 have apparently deteriorated in efficiency and have failed to carry out its intent. They left undone things they ought to have done and did many things they should not have done for the good of the Maritime Provinces. Our political setup of the system of party government was well and good when we were governed by political statesmen (a statesman is defined in the dictionary as "one who is versed in the science of government and the art of government").

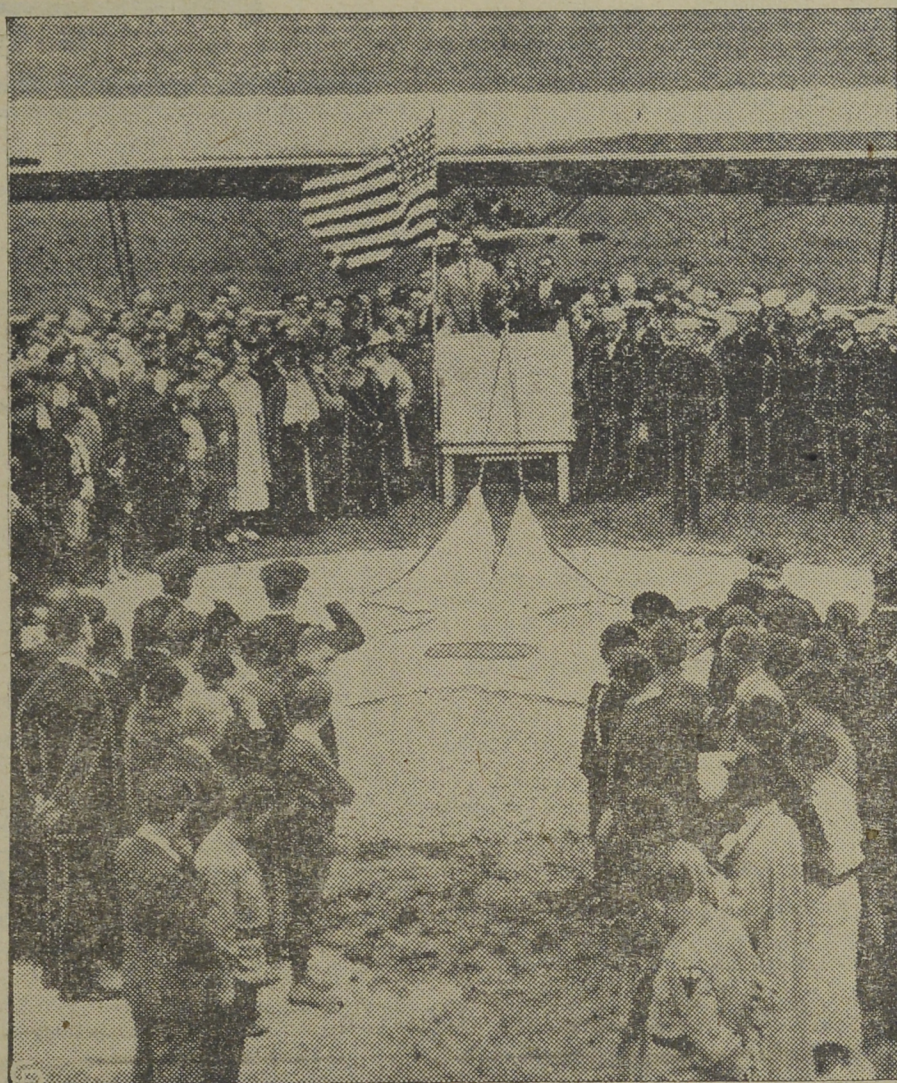
Unfortunately for the country this breed of politician has gradually become extinct and we are today largely governed by another kind of politician, which is also defined in the dictionary as "one who devotes himself to public affairs or to the promotion of the interests of the political party in a bad sense, one who concerns himself with public affairs, not from patriotism or public spirit, but for his own profit or that of his friends or of a clique or party."

Do we not all admit that our politicians in a large measure have fallen into the latter category? So that today we are really not governed by the men who are placed in office, but by the cliques, groups, and individuals who have financially and otherwise gotten them into their administrative offices. The independent statesman as we would like to know him seems to be as extinct as the dodo. Therefore, we must further conclude, if our political party system is to be operated in the future as it is being operated today, that it has long served its usefulness. Not that the system itself is wrong, but that we are unable to find the men to operate it properly. If such is the case, what are we going to do? What would you do if it were your business? Would you throw out the system or throw out the men? You might say that you would throw out the men. This is what we have been doing for many years, but we seem to get the same calibre of politician back into office.

If in your business you could not get the men to operate the system you work under properly, and, therefore, the system was rendered useless, you would change the system to one that would operate successfully.

The party system of government as we have known it for many years cannot continue indefinitely. The depressed condition of the country, the state of the public finances, the burden of

HONOR MEMORY OF WILEY POST



Marking the spot where he landed at the end of his round-the-world solo flight in 1933, Wiley Post's memory was honored by the unveiling of a bronze plaque set in the centre of a nine-foot "star" at Floyd Bennett airport, on Long Island, New York. Grover Whalen, representing Mayor La Guardia of New York City, delivered the eulogy in honor of the noted flier who met his death with Will Rogers in an aeroplane crash in Alaskan wilds. Many noted fliers were present to pay honor to the memory of their former comrade.

taxation, our centralization of industry and wealth, our impoverished farming communities and fishing villages, the lack of employment for our youths, is evidence of a very grave situation. How long will the oppressed and disappointed people of this fair country of our stand idly by and see our officials in government continue to play their game of party politics? We are a God-fearing, peace-loving people, but there is a breaking point and unless some real action takes place to remedy the situations with which we are confronted, the breaking point is bound to come, and it may be sooner than expected.

Our present system of government is in the hands of group control. When an individual, group, or interest contributes vast sums of money to place individuals or parties in power, it is only reasonable to suppose and expect that that money will be returned to them many times over, and as long as we are governed by such a system, and those making up the system, we will never have good government, and we will gradually drift on the rocks of destruction.

Game Protection Services Are Being Greatly Extended

New Brunswick Is To Have More Wardens and Stricter Law Enforcement.

The Game Wardens' service in New Brunswick is to be enlarged. Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines announced that more wardens are to be appointed with the patrolling territory of each reduced. Thus the wardens will spend more time in the woods and stricter enforcement of the game laws is expected. It is said that expenses will be reduced for their will not be so much motor travel necessary for the officials. The chief idea is to preserve the game and make the province more attractive to tourists and hunters.

The appointment of these extra game wardens will mean a closer watch on those who sometimes hunt illegally.

Red Rose Tea

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Training and Encouragement Of Youth Is Our Greatest Need

All Do Not Have The Backing of a Lucky Birth— Merit Should Not Be Measured By Dollars and Cents.

The Dionne quintuplets have attracted hundreds of thousands of tourists to Ontario, thus bringing to that province some \$3,000,000 while the children themselves have produced a personal revenue of \$60,000 during the period of their short lives. The Financial Post has published these figures and they bring to mind the saying that "some are born to greatness, some achieve greatness, others have greatness thrust upon them." Then it might be asked just what the world considers greatness.

These five Dionne babies might be considered in the "great" class because of the chance of birth and because they are the only living quintuplets. They represent money value to the Province of Ontario and to themselves as well.

The present-day standard of human value generally is measured by dollars and cents. Had there been only three or four babies born instead of five, they long since would have passed from the memory of the people of the world, if they had ever been brought to the world's attention. The birth of the five changed the whole outlook for the babies and placed them on a pedestal. Otherwise they would have been playing in a little farmhouse with their older brothers and sisters instead of being surrounded with all the scientific care that can be utilized for their welfare.

Many mothers and fathers may wonder why their children, who were fortunate or unfortunate in

being brought into the world singly, are not given care by the state. The state would probably say they are not worth as much and provision could not be made for them as it is for the quintuplets. These five are an asset to Ontario. They are bringing in money and helping to increase tourist travel. They are a good investment and it pays to look after them.

While it would be quite impossible to extend similar care to all children, nevertheless there is a certain amount of blindness created by the plan of measurement, which is based upon dollars and cents. More money spend for the better care of all children would be well invested. The greatest asset of any country is the children of today, who will become the men and women of tomorrow. With proper care and encouragement, even if they are not born to greatness, they may achieve greatness, not by the accumulation of gold but by bettering mankind.

Edison, Cartwright, and other great men were not born to greatness. They achieved greatness and their names will go down the ages. If any nation is to become great, the boys and girls must be given opportunity and it should be the duty of every country, province and municipality to see that the youths from their earliest childhood are given every possible care and encouragement to become real men and women. Are we doing all that we should for the babies—boys and girls—young men and women?

THE PRINCE VISITS GENEVA



The PRINCE OF WALES, seen arriving there, was an eager listener as the British delegates sought desperately in the League of Nations' council at Geneva, Switzerland, to head off Italy's apparent preparation for an African war of conquest.