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SAINT JOHN, N.B.

Conservative Whip



LT.-COL. A. C. CASSELMAN, M.P., for Grenville-Dundas, Ontario, who has been appointed as Conservative whip in the House of Commons. Mr. Casselman succeeds Thomas F. Simpson, who resigned before the last general election.

OLD METHODS THE BEST STATES VETERAN TUTOR

Lawrence, Mass.—A teacher for 48 years, Miss Sarah A. Barlow holds that more old-fashioned methods are needed in the modern classroom.

"I still hold a firm belief in home work and similar methods of study," she said. "There is room in the schools for play and laughter and merriment, but school is a serious business. Principals and teachers in recent years have been trying too many experiments."

She retired recently after teaching more than 1,500 children

ACTING MANAGER

On the eve of the departure of C. W. Rayworth for the West Indies, W. C. Pitfield & Company Limited, have announced the appointment of L. R. Naylor as manager of their local office during Mr. Rayworth's absence.

Mr. Naylor has had 11 years experience in the financial business. After nearly four years with The Royal Trust Company, Montreal, he joined the staff of W. C. Pitfield & Company Limited, in February, 1929. Within the past two years, Mr. Naylor has held the positions of accountant and later that of assistant secretary at their head office in Montreal, and recently spent some seven months in the British West Indies as travelling representative in that territory.

Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide

THE CITIZENS of Saint John must arouse themselves. In spite of all insinuations to the contrary the city cannot be run successfully by any board of aldermen, by any commission or by any town manager unless the citizens co-operate and show those who are selected to carry on the public business how it is to be done. Every community and every person is passing through hard times but that is no reason why the civic government should be given the task of solving all the civic problems.

Saint John has allowed itself to get into a state that is alarming. The fact that taxes are hard to collect and that we are spending beyond our means is not the real trouble. What is really wrong is that there is no bright prospect of getting jobs for everyone now out of work. Employment is the chief need of the city as it stands at present. If there were industries here, if the port were doing its full share of Canadian business times would be better. While conditions are as they are the citizens sit back and look to City Hall for leadership, when leadership such as is needed is not there. It is not there because the Mayor and Commissioners were elected for certain specific jobs. They are supposed to run the different city departments as well as they can but they were not elected for the purpose of leading the citizens out of the depression. They were not elected to create jobs for all the unemployed. They were not elected to take from the rich and give to the poor. They were elected to carry on the city business and the four Commissioners are charged with giving their full time to the job. So it cannot be expected that they will be able to give the necessary time to solving other than departmental problems.

There is another election in April and if the citizens want men for any specific purpose that is the time to select them. It will be the fault of the voters themselves if they do not get the right men in City Hall.

So in their voting each citizen should consider carefully the qualifications of each candidate. Because a certain man is a good friend of a voter is not all that should be considered. But it must always be remembered that individual effort is not going to do much for Saint John. There must be the fullest co-operation on the part of the citizens.

The People of New Brunswick Again Facing Critical Times

The Move By Ontario and Quebec to Sever Imperial Connection is Menace to Smaller Provinces.

By RONALD J. HARRINGTON

THE CHANGE of front of that section of the press of Toronto and Montreal, that is generally accepted as the mouthpiece of the financial, industrial and commercial interests of Ontario and Quebec, regarding the amending of the British North America Act (1867) is well worthy of the particular attention of the people of the Maritime Provinces.

For more than two years these papers have been grinding out a mass of nationalistic jingo for the sole purpose of maintaining that state of affairs, which for 68 years has made Ontario and Quebec the dictators of the economic well-being of all the provinces within the Confederation. To that end, they strenuously and untiringly advocated a form of national government. This failing miserably, they immediately set out by means of carefully written editorials, to vehemently demand the same thing under another name and by other methods. This time the plan was to amend the written constitution of Canada and to destroy the Imperial connection, thus doing away with minority protection and the sovereign rights and autonomy of the Provinces for all time. As it would not be politic to be too barefaced about such a thing, the depression and its effect was made the scapegoat and seized upon as a national emergency, well realizing that if the British North America Act was amended in such a way as to make the Provinces subservient to the Federal Government, that the superior voting strength of Ontario and Quebec would place them in a position to dominate the trade and industry of this Confederation of Provinces and be conducive to the further concentration of finance, commerce and industry in those two provinces to the exclusion of all others.

With this end in view, the press subsidized by the financial, industrial and commercial Mammons attempted by all means in their power, and these were consider-

able, to bring the people of the Provinces to that state of mind when they in a hysteria of patriotic nationalism, carefully cultivated by mercenary interests, would relinquish their sovereign and constitutional rights as defined, reserved and protected by the Constitution, and place in the hands of the Federal Parliament, which in other words really means in the hands of Ontario and Quebec, their whole economic future.

For such a Roman holiday was the stage set at the Dominion-Provincial Conference; the time was ripe and the fruits of years of propaganda seemed very near indeed when a veritable bombshell was burst. One Province, New Brunswick, speaking through its Government refused to be stampeded into economic annihilation without a sufficient reason being given for the final overthrow of that autonomy that had been given each of the Provinces that made the Confederation possible. For several days the fate of the Confederation of Provinces that constitute the Dominion of Canada hung in the balance, long enough, however, to give the people of the Maritime Provinces time to think clearly and to spell doom to the hopes of the financial pirates who have battered on Maritime trade and misery for close upon 70 years.

As the time draws near for the resumption of the discussions regarding the amending of the British North America Act, the tenor of the editorials of the journals referred to have changed. They now hope that the conference "will resolve itself into a brotherly assembly for consultation and co-operation." They even go on to say that "there are parts of the British North America Act that partake of the nature of contracts" but they define those parts as "the religious convictions, racial aspirations, the lingual activities and the educational rights of a section of the people." Not a word is said

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FAMOUS EMPIRE POET PASSES



RUDYARD KIPLING, whose books and poems are famous the world over died in a London hospital last Saturday night. He had been in ill-health for some time and an emergency operation was found necessary. However, this proved unavailing and death followed. This picture shows the famous author and Mrs. Kipling at Eastbourne, a few months ago when they met a group of Canadian school children who were touring the British Isles.

NEXT WEEK

at the **CAPITOL**

Three Programs of Wide Variety and Interest

MON.-TUES., JAN. 27-28—The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production "AH, WILDERNESS," featuring Wallace Beery, Lionel Barrymore, Aline McMahon and others. Eugene O'Neill's great American drama, a story of the "average man" and his boy.

WED.-THURS., JAN. 29-30—Grand double program, "MILLIONS IN THE AIR" and "RED SALUTE." The former a diverting fiction of a radio amateur contest and the latter a romantic comedy of a young couple who eloped to Mexico and couldn't get back.

FRI.-SAT., JAN. 31-FEB. 1—Those comedy kings—Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy—in 60 minutes of braw fun, "BONNIE SCOTLAND." Oliver is left a fortune in the Old Country and he crosses over to claim it, taking Stan as his secretary.

THIS WEEK-END

(FRIDAY-SATURDAY)

DUMAS' STIRRING DRAMA

"The Three Musketeers"