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THE CLOSURE.

Discussing closure the Halifax Chronicle says:

Those who are calling out at present for the application of closure rules in the Canadian Parliament have little conception of what they are demanding, and little thought of what might be the consequences of an accession to their demands. Had closure been adopted two years ago the present Government would not now be in power; and reciprocity would be in full operation. We believe that the defeat of the late Government and the rejection of Reciprocity were serious calamities for the country; but they were brought about by constitutional means. They were the work of the people themselves. No one has a right to complain or find fault. Had the Liberals when in power adopted a closure measure, they would thereby have closed their own mouths at present, and deprived themselves of the power to stand up effectively for what they believe to be the rights and interests of the Dominion as they are now doing.

The simple truth is that Parliamentary closure of debate is a revolutionary and wholly un-British innovation. Under responsible government and two-party rule, it is a dangerous and tyrannical thing, which only the most exceptional circumstances could justify. It is, to begin with, a foreign importation. It came to Britain from the continent of Europe. It came from countries in which two-party rule is practically unknown. The Parliaments of Europe are each broken up into half a dozen or more factions. These factions nearly all have special selfish aims. Any one of them could block legislation at any time without the possibility of effective appeal to the country against the offenders.

Under such conditions closure was a necessity, or rather it was the daughter of necessity. Where there are but two parties in a Parliament there is absolutely neither need nor excuse for drastic closure. Parliamentary blocking can only be resorted to for the purpose of enforcing the reasonable demands of a minority or of compelling an appeal to the people, on some new or supposedly new proposition concerning which the state of public opinion may be in doubt. Most well-informed on-lookers would have said, in advance, that there could be scarcely any doubt that the Canadian people were in favor of Reciprocity. Yet, in a forced appeal to the electorate, it proved otherwise. That is just where the entire suitability of Parliamentary freedom, under our conditions, becomes apparent.

Opposition members of the House of Commons take their own political lives in their hands when they resort

to obstruction. They have quite as much to lose as their opponents. They must correctly gauge the feelings as well as the supposed needs of the country, or take the consequences. No member of Parliament, much less the members of either side of the House, as a body, ever wish or are ever likely to risk an appeal to the country unless reasonably confident of public opinion. Elections are costly and trying experiences to individual members. The risks are always great. There is practically no danger, then, of obstruction being resorted to, except in very exceptional circumstances, under our two-party system, with power always in the hands of the governing party to dissolve Parliament and thus either overwhelm their opponents at the polls or put them to the gravest loss and inconvenience.

Mr. Borden has issued a statement in which he threatens to introduce closure after the Easter recess. It is to be hoped that Mr. Borden may have the strength and the wisdom to hold his irritated and excited followers in check at the present time for the permanent good of Canada. He and his party owe far too much to the right of obstruction to recklessly kick down, in short-sighted selfishness, the ladder by which they have been wont to boast loudly that they "saved Canada and the Empire." They, or their successors, may need it again. It is certain that the country will need it. That it is urgently needed at this very time is the opinion of nearly all thoughtful Canadians. But Mr. Borden may be assured of this, that the threat of closure will neither dismay nor daunt the Liberal Party. Their fight for free institutions, Canadian self-respect, and British fair-play must and will go on.

A SHADY TRANSACTION.

The letter in this issue of the Sentinel dealing with the \$150 bagged by Mr. H. M. Blair, of the Public Works Department, would go to show that this gentleman is entitled to grab public money beyond the value of his services and above the pay the law provides.

There is no more offensive graft than graft of legislative officials. They have the power to take it in defiance of law and sometimes under loose forms of law.

The manipulation of the funds in this Birmingham matter goes to show one of the worst transactions that has disgraced the New Brunswick government in many years. In this case the government violated its own laws and the people would like to know who is responsible and why an effort was made to cover the matter up.

The naked truth is that the Attorney-General and Minister of Public Works protested strongly against the payment of \$150 to Blair but Premier Fleming stepped in and gave directions that NO SETTLEMENT BE MADE WITH BIRMINGHAM UNLESS BLAIR WAS PAID \$150.

If Premier Fleming thought Blair had an honest right to this money why was he not paid in the usual way? Why was the transaction covered up?

If this isn't a clear case of an act of approaching dishonesty it would be hard to conceive of one that would be. Indeed it is so flagrant that it would seem to the ordinary laymen that the Attorney-General would be doing his duty to institute proceedings

against the parties concerned in the transaction.

Mr. Blair is employed at a stated salary, if he, or anyone else, performed extra service there is a proper way to provide payment for it. What has Mr. Fleming got to say about it?

THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

The Liberal policy on the navy question is that the millions of dollars needed in "growing a navy" shall be spent in Canada. And the Conservative policy is that the millions shall be spent in Britain.

Now a little consideration must convince even the most sceptical, that, so far as the matter of expense is concerned, the Liberal policy is going to be the least expensive. For example: I earn dollar today. Tomorrow that dollar is spent over the counter, and, in the spending of it, the government will take from 20 to 35 per cent of it in customs taxes on the article or articles I receive in exchange for that dollar because the Ottawa government gets its revenue by an indirect tax on goods, in the way of customs duties. At that rate, if \$35,000,000 are paid out to labor for building the vessels in Canada the government will get back from seven to twelve millions in taxes.

Thus, if the government borrows \$35,000,000 and spends it here in Canada it will get back nearly \$10,000,000 in taxes. And what would apparently cost \$35,000,000 would really cost the government only \$25,000,000. This is a point in favor of having this money spent in Canada, not abroad, as the Conservatives propose. It is a point not so hackneyed as some others.

Debt is a bad thing to contract. In fact all debt is of an expanding rather than of a contracting nature. It has been carefully calculated that one cent put out at interest from the year one to the year 1895, and compounded yearly at 6 per cent, would amount to several billions of dollars.

Napoleon, after scanning a set of interest tables, remarked that what surprised him more than anything else, was, that those figures had not long before this devoured the whole world.

In view of these facts, the financial side of this navy question should be carefully considered.

The young member for Kent, whose zeal overstepped the bounds of justice in the late naval debate is thus described by Gadsby: "Joseph Ferdinand Robidoux, B. A., aged 37, member for Kent, (N.B.), is a thin wasp of a man, with a feeble moustache and a plaintive voice. He is as stout-hearted as a rabbit, but he is a great little man to obey orders and to refuse to let grins who want to speak catch his shifting eye. Robidoux did this once too often."

The sympathy of the civilized world will go out to the Greeks in their mourning over the death of their popular King who fell before the gun of an assassin. While history has shown that only evil comes from such attempts, even on the lives of hated despots, the killing of rulers still continues. The man whose head is above the crowd has ever been and for a long time will be the target for the men who are beneath the shoulders of the crowd.

Rogers leads Borden.

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About every issue of the Gleaner and Standard shouts "Liberals Wavering", "Liberals Weakening", "Liberals Enraged", etc, etc. Perhaps these journals can point out wherein this "weakness" has been evident during the naval fight. The fact is that the Borden-Rogers gang got a drubbing they will remember, when the fight is started again. It has only been a skirmish thus far.

The antics of the Tory organs are very amusing. One day they gravely announce that "the Liberals are wavering," and "the date for the final passage of the Naval Aid Bill will be fixed today." The next day we find Premier Borden issuing a manifesto in which he threatens to introduce closure when the House reassembles after the Easter recess. The truth is that the Tories are "rattled."

The Sentinel is a firm believer in publicity, both as a curative and preventive agent, in the treatment of municipal affairs and that the expense accounts of the various departments should be analyzed. If it is found that carelessness, extravagance and favoritism exists it would indicate that it is time to cure those habits.

There would appear to be no grounds for the statement of "Publicity" in reference to the School Board. The fact that citizens do not attend the meetings is not the fault of the board, for the meetings are public, and unless special business requires it they are on fixed dates.

A Canadian who can read the Churchill memorandum without some feeling of indignation is a Canadian not worthy of the name. Canada has to thank the First Lord of the Admiralty for furnishing an acid test for true Canadianism.

The Fleming Government is strong on precedents. It established a brand new one when it sent the Secretary of the Public Works Department to Carleton County as a witness and then retained him to take charge of the case.—Mail.

Perhaps the Minister of Labor was in the same condition when he dealt with the C. P. R. employees in their request for arbitration, as when he insulted Dr. Pugsley.

When the robins come again they may be expected to stay. But they should be in no hurry about coming. There will doubtless be some hard weather yet.

Winston Churchill says that Canadians can neither build nor man ships. Well, we will show him.

A desire on the part of a people for a better town is a prayer that is always answered.

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If the town is not up to your liking, get busy—it's all up to you.

Towns must incur reasonable debt in order to grow and prosper.

The Liberals are fighting the people's battle.

Borden is too cowardly to go to the country.

WHY IS IT?

To the Editor of the Sentinel:—

We have a school board that disposes of one quarter of the whole assessment of the town and it is one branch of municipal affairs of which the citizens should be familiar. The meetings of the board seem to be of "star-chamber" order. All other affairs of the whole country are made public but this select coterie of officials seem to be immune from public scrutiny. Perhaps the HEREDITARY officers of this august body will explain why taxpayers are not allowed to, at least, read of the doings of the board.

PUBLICITY.

OBITUARY

MRS. FRANK UPHAM
Mrs. Frank Upham died at her home Sunday noon of pneumonia, after an illness of three days, in the 45th year of her age. She leaves a husband and niece, Miss Isabella. She was a Miss Caroline McKinney and a niece of C. L. Smith. Funeral was held Tuesday, Rev. A. F. Hazel officiating.

Mr. George A. White, manager of the Bank of Montreal at Shediac, was in town Saturday renewing old acquaintances and was warmly welcomed by his many friends.

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