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THE ECONOMIC DECISION

Some governments, like some men, are born to greatness, while others have greatness thrust upon them. The Borden government is in none of these classes. Its own supporters are aware of this and the consequence is that every popular wave of adverse feeling which is directed against the present government sends a cold shiver down the Tory political spine from Vancouver to Sydney. When a disaster to Conservative aspirations like the Saskatchewan overthrow arrives over night, nothing short of consternation expresses the state of mind of the government camp-followers.

Having secured power by the double shuffle of boodle and bluff, comingling with bulldozing a deluded electorate, they are thoroughly aware that they are always under fire where opportunity offers. No political party was ever less competent to stand the ordeal of target practice from the electorate than the Borden-Rogers cabinet. There is no man of first rate calibre in the thirteen. Not one minister can be tagged as having been a winner in his own province off his own bat prior to the unexpected Tory coup of last September. It was not so with the first cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The three provinces' representatives in that cabinet had been prime ministers of their respective provinces for a number of years and had brought to the administration of federal affairs the trained mind and habits of thought of the popular and successful party leader. Neither the prime minister nor any holder of a portfolio in the present Ottawa government possesses the national outlook.

Several and collectively they have disclosed their utter inaptitude to deal with constructive legislation of the most kindergarten sort. As much from gross ignorance as because of party distemper, the Borden cabinet group have never really grasped the great economic side of the reciprocity question. The economic strength of reciprocity is yet to be faced by Borden and Foster. The electorate of every province is determined that the economic strength of reciprocity shall be faced, and that a true verdict shall be rendered by the people on the supreme merits of the question. It is upon these supreme merits which speak trumpet-mouthed in favor of reciprocity, that the country is determined to deal. The effort to force reciprocal trade with the United States to the wall by the reiteration of the cry that it is a menace to the empire, will be wasted energy and wasted time. National consequences of the gravest character are dependent upon a just and resolute solution of the reciprocity issue and the Canadian people stand expectant of the time when the opportunity shall be given to make it.

A HAPPY FAMILY

This is the way the Ottawa Journal, one of Mr. Borden's strongest organs, deals with the proposals of the Montreal Star and the rest of the jingoistic crew:

"A possible folly which Canada could perpetrate as a naval policy would be that of the Montreal Star, namely to borrow British money to present Dreadnoughts to Great Britain. This idea has every sort of blunder embodied. It would be a loss to Canada, because it would entail Canadian expenditure on debt without Canadian gain. It would be a burden to Great Britain because it would compel her to provide maintenance and crews for the ships at her own expense, when she can't get crews for the ships she builds herself. It would be taxation of Canada without representation. It would contribute nothing educationally to this country. It would be, if attempted more than once, the subject of continuous wrangle in Parliament and the press until the whole country got disgusted and angry.

A Canadian navy, big or little, with Canadian ship works and dock yards has good arguments. A Canadian squadron attached to

the Imperial navy, but maintained by Canada, has good arguments. A Canadian payment towards Imperial naval expense has some good arguments.

Doing nothing at all, while not respectable, would do no immediate harm.

The dangerous blunder would be the Montreal Star's plan."

The Journal strongly supported the Canadian Navy policy from the outset, and it is still sticking manfully to its guns.

THE LESSON OF SASKATCHEWAN

The Kingston Standard, Conservative is willing to be taught a lesson by Saskatchewan. It comments on the election result as follows:

"The West—and it is a great and growing section, and will in the next election be entitled to a larger representation in Parliament than now—must have larger and freer markets. Its very life depends upon that. It must grow and it will grow—and it will not be content to be held in leading strings for all time.

"Wise statesmen will take heed of these things. Reciprocity may be dead, as the Conservatives say, or it may not be as the Liberals say. All the Standard cares to say is that wider and larger markets and the fight for them are not dead and never will be dead. Trade cannot for long be forced into artificial channels."

All of which should have been said by the Standard before the last election; but better late than never. The Standard is not so hard a loser as some other Tory organs.

ANOTHER REPLY TO EX-COUN. GRAHAM

To the Editor of The Mail:

Dear Sir—I noticed in your daily issue of the 15th inst. a communication from Ex-Councillor Pat Graham of Southampton, which is to say very misleading.

Mr. Graham starts in by saying that he was shocked, when he read the proceedings of the Council and found that Secretary Treasurer Bliss received a donation or present of \$250.

Mr. Editor I like that word shocked! I am glad Mr. Graham was shocked. It very well expresses the feelings of the members of the York County Council a number of times during the four years Mr. Graham was a member.

Regarding that \$250 donation my friend Mr. Graham speaks of the fact. The present edition of the Bye-Laws of the County Council having become exhausted, the Council felt that the Bye-Laws should be revised before a new edition was printed. That the Council believed and understood this work to be entirely outside of the regular duties of the Secretary Treasurer is proved by the fact that they asked Mr. Bliss in open session of the Council, for an estimate of the probable cost. Mr. Bliss answered, as I have no doubt many of the Councillors then present well remember, that it would be unfair to the Council, and unfair to whoever did the job, to pass an opinion until he knew more about the amount of work involved, but thought it would cost two or three hundred dollars perhaps. On motion Mr. Bliss was directed to himself proceed with the work. Now all this took place during the session of the Council, and Mr. Graham was or should have been present, and had all the rights and privileges of a member of the Council to place on record any objections or amendments.

Mr. Graham also appears to be nervous because of the fact that although a member of the Buildings Committee for a time he was not able to find out much about the business. I can sympathize with my friend in this as I also am quite slow to learn myself and find that it takes time and hard work to pick up the common details of Parish affairs. But if Mr. Graham and I do not possess the capacity to absorb information as readily as some others we should not blame either the Secretary or Council for what they clearly are not responsible for; and as we were both elected to stay home, have no hard feelings, but be sure that our successors are as much interested and fully as capable of discharging their duties as we ourselves. Be ready to abide by what they do, and do no kicking.

Now Mr. Editor thanking you in advance for taking up so much space in your valuable paper, I beg to remain, Yours truly, G. C. GRANT. Shogomoc, July 18, 1912.

A third labor exchange has been opened in Tokio and efforts have been made by the government to have other Japanese cities follow the example.

A law has been enacted by the Massachusetts legislature and signed by the Governor, regulating the hours of labor of street railway employees.

The labor unions of London, Eng., are preparing to start two daily newspapers.

MARRIAGE LAW CASE BEFORE THE LORDS

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retrospective part of the bill might be good as part of a scheme of concurrent legislation by parliament and by the provincial legislature confirming past marriages; and the prospective part so far as possible to make it an effective prohibitor. "The religious test is very questionable, as leaving in doubt the civil status of such persons," he said.

Mr. Nesbitt—"The all important point is that legislation touching the actual contract of marriage, as such is within the exclusive power of the dominion parliament. We contend that the validity of contract of marriage cannot be affected by any provincial legislation, which can only with the solemnization of marriage. Parties make their marriages. The validity of that marriage is the very basis of society."

NO CEREMONY NECESSARY

On the third question, he proceeded: "The judges have opined that parliament had no power to enact such remedial legislation." His point was that once two persons agreed to live as man and wife, there was a marriage. The state could say that such a marriage would only be recognized if certain formalities were complied with. The formalities might vary and they did vary; but what they had nothing to do with building a contract.

In England from the Saxon days onward, some ceremonial had always attended marriage. A marriage was solemnized in England although it meant nothing more than a contract come to between A and B to live together, of which the ceremony was only the additional evidence. The parties having agreed to be husband and wife, were married and none the more married because the state where they lived said they must go through one or half a dozen legal forms in order to obtain the sanction of that state.

Lord Halsbury intimated that he thought the word "Marriage" depended upon the context in which it was used. A and B might agree to get married and go through a form

SERG. MAJOR DUNSTAN'S BODY IDENTIFIED

Woodstock, July 22—Sergt. Major Dunstan of this town, disappeared at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, June 29, from Camp Petewawa Ont. Mr. Dunstan was a veteran of the Imperial Army, having spent twenty-three years in service in India, Egypt, Transvaal and other places. A telegram received here on Saturday afternoon stated that the body was found in the Ottawa River and Capt. Melville went on to prove identification.

Sheriff Tompkins received a telegram at noon today from Capt. Melville, stating that the body was that of Mr. Dunstan and that he had left Petewawa with the remains for Woodstock, expecting to arrive at noon tomorrow. A military funeral will be held from the station to the cemetery. It is thought that the unfortunate man, to escape the excessive heat, went in bathing and was drowned. The community heartily sympathizes with Mrs. Dunstan and family on the death of her husband and father under such sad circumstances.

COL. SAM HUGHES TO ATTEND MANOEUVRES

Ottawa, July 22—Col. Sam Hughes Minister of Militia and the party of Canadian officers who will accompany him to the autumn manoeuvres in England, will leave Montreal on Aug. 21st by the Royal George. They will attend the divisional manoeuvres from Sept. 4th to 14th, inclusive and will then attend the army manoeuvres from Sept. 16th to 19th, inclusive. In the party will be Col. Hodgins, commanding the First Divisional Area, Col. J. P. Landry, Commanding Fourth District, Col. Maunsell, Director of Engineering Service, Col. Greville Harston, chief inspector of Musketry, Quebec, and Col. E. W. B. Morrison, D. S. O.

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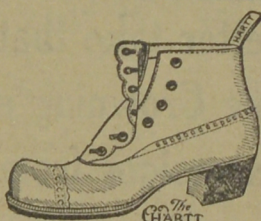
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BLUE RIBBON MEETING OPENS

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The two big events on the week's program are the Chamber of Commerce Stake 2.13 pace, \$5,000 which will be decided tomorrow and the Classic Merchants and Manufacturers' Stake, 2.24 trot, \$10,000 which is on the program for Wednesday. The entries in these events insure contests of the very best class. The free-for-all events which come later in the week have also been well filled.

The Amalgamated Glass Workers have been successful in organizing a local union in Omaha, Neb.

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