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## WHY THIS DELAY?

The Macdonald by-election took place on October 12, 1912, and immediately the whole country rang with reports of the unparalleled corruption and violence which marked the Conservative campaign. On November 18, 1912, a protest was entered, charging amongst other things, Hon. Robert Rogers, then minister of the interior, Premier Sir Rodmond Roblin of Manitoba, and other ministers had connived with officers of the law to persecute and imprison persons working for the Liberal candidates. That is almost a year ago. Since then the Liberal lawyers have made every effort to bring this election protest to trial. They have been met by every legal resource known to expert lawyers. These efforts to delay the trial have been fought from the Manitoba courts clear up to the Supreme Court of Canada and back again, the Conservative blockers being defeated in every instance. The case has not yet come to trial and apparently every nerve will be strained to prevent its reaching the courts before parliament meets again. The result will be that Mr. Alexander Morrison, whose seat was won by what has since become contemptuously known as Hon. Mr. Rogers' "Manitoba methods," will have for at least two sessions of parliament held a seat which, it is claimed, was won by open and flagrant corruption.

As leader of the opposition, Mr. Borden declared that his policy would include "a determined and vigorous effort to reform and enforce our electoral law" and "expedite the hearing of election petitions . . . to provide for a thorough investigation of corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer charged with this duty."

Premier Borden, benefitting by the Rogers' "Manitoba methods," is as anxious to avoid enforcing the election laws as he was loud in demanding it—when in opposition.

## NO CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

It is announced by the government that next session of parliament may see a measure to give effect to the report of Sir George Askwith, the British expert on civil service reform, especially where it recommends taking routine work from the cabinet, the establishing of a system of superannuation and the readjusting of salary schedules. It is also announced

"Whether the outside service will be placed under a commission is debatable."

There is only one meaning to this. The government will adopt the British expert's report so far as may be convenient to itself. It will not adopt Sir George Askwith's advice where it might deprive the government of any partisan advantage. The slaughter of Liberal office holders must continue until the whole service, inside and out, has been purged of the last Grit. That is Mr. Borden's idea of reforming the civil service.

## A BAD ARRANGEMENT

Discussing ocean freight rates in a letter to The Ottawa Citizen, Mr. John Corbett of Montreal, who for twenty-eight years was foreign freight agent for the C.P.R., said:

"Canadian flour is much cheaper in London, England, than in the industrial centres in Canada. This fact should be specially interesting to consumers in the Dominion and should make them ask themselves what is the reason."

The reason is easy. The Canadian customs duty on flour is sixty cents a barrel. The Canadian consumer has been taxed so that the increased cost of his flour may enable the Canadian millers to sell to foreign consumers more cheaply than to the Canadian.

It has been intimated through the Ottawa Tory organs that the government proposes at next session of parliament to re-introduce the emergency Naval Aid Bill. The British admiralty has announced that whatever emergency might have existed is dead. The anti-German navy has dispersed from the North Sea to the Mediterranean and the Western Atlantic, while Germany has voluntarily extended to Great Britain the "Most favored Nation" treatment in her tariff. Yet the Canadian government emergency still continues. This means that Premier Borden is still tied up to his secret agreement with the Nationalists. It also means that there can be no progress in sane Canadian naval defence as part of the general scheme of imperial defence until the Jingo-Nationalist government is put out of office.

The harmony which exists in the inner circle of the Tory party is delightful in the extreme. "If Pinder is nominated for Ottawa" remarked a member of the McLeod faction a few days ago, "I hope the Liberals will bring out Pinkey so I will have a chance to vote against him." "If McLeod runs," remarked one of the Pinder faction, "I only hope that we will be able to induce either Pinder or Charlie Thomas to oppose him." Truly they are a happy family.

When Hon. Dr. Pugsley was minister of public works of Canada the people of St. John did not find it necessary to send delegations to Ottawa to insist on their city getting its share of winter port trade. That course is only found necessary when they are depending upon the movements of a weak-kneed, back-boneless minister.

Premier Borden and Hon. J. D. Hazen were guests at a big banquet at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, on Wednesday evening. The premier and his minister of marine, especially the latter, are very strong on banquets and also on promises. The people of St. John, at the present time, however, are not much struck on their performances.

It now transpires that the object of the McLeod demonstration on Tuesday evening was to put a damper on Mr. Pinder's aspirations for a seat in the federal parliament. It was a pious little scheme but the solid men of the party refused to become a party to it.

Hon. George E. Foster advises the people of St. John to keep their hats on. If the people of St. John do not get a square deal on the winter port question, they will not be inclined to doff their hats to any Tory cabinet minister.

Miss Kate Watson of St. Mary's, will leave this evening to visit her sister, Miss Mary Watson, at Yarmouth, N.S.

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## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 24.

1648—Treaty of Westphalia, ending the Thirty Years' war and establishing religious toleration.

1774—Continental Congress recommended the suspension of all public amusements.

1807—Sir James Henry Craig appointed Governor of Canada.

1836—First patent for a friction match granted to Alonzo D. Phillips, of Springfield, Mass.

1852—Daniel Webster, famous statesman, died in Marshfield, Mass. Born in Salisbury, N.H., January 18, 1782.

1855—James S. Sherman, twenty-seventh vice president of the United States, born in Utica, N.Y. Died there October 30, 1912.

1895—Centenary of the establishment of the Institute of France celebrated.

1912—A two days' battle at Kou Manova resulted in a victory of the Serbian army over the Turks.

## BIG ATTRACTION AT GAILETY.

The Gaiety Theatre show in its program today several of the most important plays in the opening game of the World's Series, including "Home Run Baker's" great grandstand play, showing two out in the fifth innings and Collins on second; Baker drives the ball into the right field grandstand for a home run. G. M. Anderson will be seen in a special Essanay western feature, "Bronco Billy and the Navajo Maid." Three comedy photoplays of exceptional merit will also be shown, making altogether a program of great strength.

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