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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

A good example of the extravagance of the Meighen Government is furnished by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police which was at one time one of the most efficient bodies of police patrol in the world. The force was organized to patrol and keep order in the west and Northwest Territory, and for years accomplished the work in a most efficient manner. Much hardship was endured by the officers and men but law and order were maintained.

It can be said without fear of successful contradiction that in 1911, when the Liberal party went out of power, the force was in a high state of efficiency. The expenditure for the year 1910-11 for the Mounted Police was \$778,297. The whole system has since been changed and the administration of the force has been shifted from Regina to Ottawa. This body of men are now quartered in Lansdowne Park at Ottawa and have nothing to do except exercise their horses in joy rides around the lanes and by ways of the capital.

As against the comparatively small expenditure on this force under the Liberal regime of \$778,297 the actual expenditure for the year 1920-21 was \$3,527,570 an increase 357 per cent. In addition to this enormous increased expenditure the government proposes to erect a building for police accommodation at Ottawa which will cost \$500,000. It is any wonder that the farmers of the country, who have to bear a large proportion of this expenditure, are up in arms against the Meighen government?

It is certainly a sign of the times to see Hon. Walter Mitchell, Provincial Treasurer of Quebec, resigning his position to contest the St. Antoine division of Montreal for the House of Commons in the Liberal interest. St. Antoine has not elected a Liberal to parliament for twenty years, yet Hon. Mr. Mitchell is not afraid to submit his case to the electors of that constituency. It is noticeable that there are mighty few Tories of prominence these days giving up important offices for the sake of becoming a candidate in support of the Meighen Government.

Although Hon. Hugh Guthrie announced in Parliament during the session of 1920 that demobilization would be completed by the close of that year the militia estimates for the year 1920-21 totalled the enormous sum of \$8,023,880. Canada at the present time has a permanent force of 3500 men which is under the command of some twenty generals. Under Liberal rule, when the force was much smaller than it is today, there was a company stationed in Fredericton, but today the military property in this city is allowed to remain idle.

The merchant marine of Canada has cost the country to date a sum well over \$100,000,000. Some of the ships of this fleet are roaming over the world trying to find cargoes, while others are carrying munitions of war from England and dumping them into Canada. Several of the ships have been sunk or disabled and what will become of the remainder remains to be seen. The merchant marine is a striking example of how the present government has wasted the people's money.

Answering the Tory talk about the "bankruptcy of Liberalism." The Calgary Albertan says:—"There can be no such thing, never was and never will be. So-called Liberal Parties may sometimes be in trouble, but Liberalism can never be bankrupt. And speaking of Liberal Parties, there is no Province in Canada where the Liberal Party has not a respectable representation. There are some Provinces in Canada, some very near the West, where the Conservative Party is without any representation at all."

Between October 1911, when the Liberals went out of office, and May 1st, 1920, no less than 19,720 appointments were made to the post office department of Canada, 8949 of which were made during the war period. The expenses of the department increased from \$7,954,222 in 1911 to \$29,494,911 in 1921-22, which is equal to 280 per cent. During that period the rate of postage has increased from 50 to 100 per cent.

One thing the people of York-Sunbury may rest assured if Col Osborne is sent to Ottawa, and that is there will be a show down with respect to the military property in this city. The Queen Street barracks has not been occupied by permanent troops since the beginning of the war and the expensive buildings erected on old government house property are also idle. This is a condition of affairs which should not be allowed to exist.

The women in the United States in some of the large centres of both political parties are getting together to fight the Fordney Tariff Bill. They have at last discovered that higher duties will mean higher cost of living. The women of Canada should do the same thing. They have it in their power on the 6th Dec. to defeat the Meighen Government and reduce the cost of living.

The veteran Sir George E. Foster, who was kicked out of the Meighen Government and landed in the Senate, is coming to Fredericton to speak on behalf of the candidate of the so-called National Liberal and Conservative party. Sir George once represented the county of York in Parliament and when he dropped out at the end of his term the people lost no time in electing a Liberal in his place.

When the much talked of National Policy was inaugurated by the Tories in 1879 the counties of York and Sunbury were represented in Parliament by Liberals and they remained in the Liberal column for years afterwards.

A government which steadily loses in the by-elections is pretty certain to be swept from office when the people as a whole pronounce judgment upon it.

The Meighen government is the first in the history of Canada to go to the people with all the provincial governments arrayed against it.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Every telephone pole is an inflexible enemy of speed maniacs.

After all there are but two ways of making a living—working for it and working somebody else for it.

"Early on these frosty mornings," shivers the Columbia Missourian, "we have plenty of goose flesh when we'd rather have the feathers."

The Popular Bluff American believes that women weep at weddings because it reminds them of the day when they made the same mistake.

Much of our most beautiful weather is the result of the forecaster making mistakes.

Luck never did run in the Hapsburg family. Charlie should have tried running a shoe shining shop.

"Too many of us," remarked the Man on the car, "buy an alarm clock and then find fault because it doesn't play a lullaby."

The Jameson Gem thinks that a farmer who owns a whole herd of cattle is not nearly so rich as the butcher who owns just one cow cut up into steaks and roasts.

Who remembers the old fashioned hair sofa? Modern davenport lovers don't know anything about the difficulties of maintaining propinquity.

A Mahattan young man who is planning to get married says he may change his mind. "Now is the time for him to do it then," advises Fay Seaton in the Mercury "for after he is married he won't have any mind of his own to change."

THE OUTSPOKEN CADDIE.

Undoubtedly the best caddies in the world are the Scottish. You see golf in their game and they watch every stroke that the man they are carrying for makes; they thrill with pride when he makes a good one and they are very outspoken when it is their lot to caddy for a poor player.

A man who was a very poor player got into difficulties at Gleneagles the other day.

After he had hammered away in vain for some time he turned to his caddy and said:

"What club ought I to take now?"
 "Mon," replied the caddy, "ye ought to take 'em all, and gang awa' home wi' ye!"

ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD

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given a great reception. He made an especial point of the fact that all over Canada there was a decided trend of public opinion against the Meighen Government. The Conservatives themselves recognized that trend and were by every subterfuge attempting to counteract it. The feeling of the public was that it would stand for no more fooling from the Government and for no more high-handed and autocratic acts. He had no doubt that it would be swept out of power. The first thing to do to rectify conditions of which complaint was made, was to turn out the government responsible. There were all kinds of arguments. On the train the other day he had heard a man say that the Catholics were all going to vote Liberal. His reply had been that he hoped the Catholics all would vote Liberal and all the Protestants too. (Laughter).

The cries which had been made to do duty before were being used again. Quebec was attacked. He had lived in Quebec for three years and knew the excellence of its people.

Hon. C. W. Robinson.

Hon. Mr. Robinson made a splendid campaign speech. The present administration followed Union Government. In Quebec they called it the "Onion" government because the farther an onion was skinned the worse it smelled. The Meighen government was facing the defeat with the feeling which any dying administration has. The Liberals on the other hand were under a new leader, one who had every qualification of successful leadership. Hon. W. L. M. King had made a magnificent tour of the Maritime Provinces and had been given a great reception everywhere in Canada. In the Maritimes his tour had been in marked contrast with that of Premier Meighen. The government had gone to seed. It bore not the faintest resemblance to the administration formed by Sir Robert Borden and possessed few outstanding men.

Railway Policy.

Autocracy was favored by the administration. The railway policy alone showed that. Liberalism always had favored publicity in the matters touching the country but the present government preferred secrecy. The government like the German fleet was putting up a smoke screen but behind it would find no avenue of escape. In New Brunswick there had been cabinet changes and there was one well known ex-minister who could be recognized as no strength. The sacrificial feeling must be in the minds of all the new cabinet ministers.

Tariff Not an Issue

The tariff was not an issue of the election in spite of the frantic efforts of the Conservatives to make it appear so. Revenue must be raised and industries must be protected. Conditions were similar to those of 1896. The Conservatives then had a tariff which they did not know how to handle. The Liberals came into power and experts studied the situation and made changes which produced long prosperity.

C. N. R. Matters

The centralization of the C. N. R. at Toronto was sufficient to turn the Maritime Provinces against the Meighen Government. It was practically a breach of the agreement of Confederation. The government promised that L. S. Brown was to be located at Moncton. He feared that it was too near election time to believe that it would last. Personally he hoped to see Fredericton on a main line of railway from Halifax to Boston. That was the only way to make use of the Valley Railway.

The Maritime Provinces must recognize that there must be a change. They were not prospering. Prince Edward Island was losing people, Nova Scotia was increasing population slowly and if it were not for the home-loving French people New Brunswick would be doing the same.

As far as York-Sunbury was concerned he would say that it never could be told how far the pendulum was swinging. In Westmorland they found that to their sorrow once when the Liberals lost an election by five votes. A little more effort would have won it. He hoped that the same was the case in York-Sunbury and when the election was over that the good old constituency would be redeemed. (Applause.)

On the motion of T. L. Kane the meeting tendered a vote of thanks to Hon. Messrs. Mersereau and Robinson.

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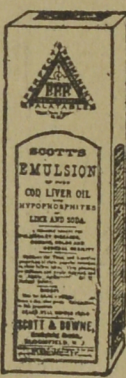
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