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NOT YET MASTERS

Hon. Mr. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, a few days ago, at a Vancouver banquet exactly outlined the Tory ideal of popular government when he declared:

"We are masters of the situation, and we intend to hold that position." Of course by the "situation," Mr. Hazen meant Canada.

Despite his boast that the Borden government is master of the country the records of parliament do not altogether bear out this idea. The Liberals in the House of Commons forced the unwilling government to adopt the principle of dividing the money for Agricultural aid amongst the provinces according to population; the Liberals in the senate prevented the passage of the Highways Aid Bill because the government insisted upon refusing to adopt this same principle, so that they could use highways money for political advantage; the Liberal senators prevented Mr. Borden from sending \$35,000,000 of naval tribute to England, instead of carrying out the Canadian naval policy, unless he secured a mandate from the people. The Liberals in parliament ventilated such scandals as the Prince Albert Homestead Deal, the Macdonald By-election Inquiry, the Coderre Impersonation Charges, the efforts of the Tory government to corrupt the Richelieu electors with promises of a railway, despite the efforts of the government to hide the records, and many other similar affairs.

Mr. Borden and his government are not masters of the country and never will be. The opposition is an integral part of the parliamentary system and the present Liberal opposition is altogether too strong for the government to dare attempt to carry its Tory ideas too far.

COL. HUGHES, LATEST

Col. Hon. Sam Hughes is milestone in his career as minister of militia with a string of "blazing indiscretions." His latest exploit is characteristic of the colonel. As minister of militia he brought to Canada a distinguished soldier, Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, who, as inspector general of Overseas forces, made a tour of Canada with Col. Hughes and the latter's customary "brilliant staff." In a remarkably brief time, Gen. Hamilton sent in his report, which contained some very important recommendations, looking toward a system of universal training and discipline for Canada.

Did Col. Hughes, minister of militia, study this report and then in the ordinary course, present it to the government and people through parliament? Not at all. Nothing so humdrum as that for him. He immediately got in touch with his press agents and the report was next day published throughout the country—published only in the Tory press.

Is Col. Hughes obsessed with the idea that only Tories are entitled to learn what condition the Canadian militia is in, and what might be done to put it on an immediate fighting basis? Has he forgotten that when he made himself known in South Africa it was the Liberal government which sent the Canadian contingents?

Winston Churchill once said that a warship was obsolescent before it was finished and that while it was being built the ship to destroy it was also under way. Every move of the present government shows it also is obsolescent and that the forces to destroy it are only awaiting the election which the Tories so much dread.

Mr. O. S. Crockett ought to make some effort to get the Ne Temere question straightened out before retiring from political life. It won him a lot of votes in the election of two years ago and some rosy promises were made on his behalf. Surely he is not going to put the job without striking a blow for the sanctity of the home.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, while en route home from the Yukon, received a telegram from Governor George Black, telling of a rich gold strike. The message was about fifteen years too late. Had it been sent by Mr. Black in the year 1898, when he led a gold-seeking expedition to the Yukon, financed by Hon. Mr. Hazen and others, there would have been real cause for joy. However, all are glad to know that Mr. Black and some of his near relatives have, with the assistance of a Tory government, struck it rich in the frozen north.

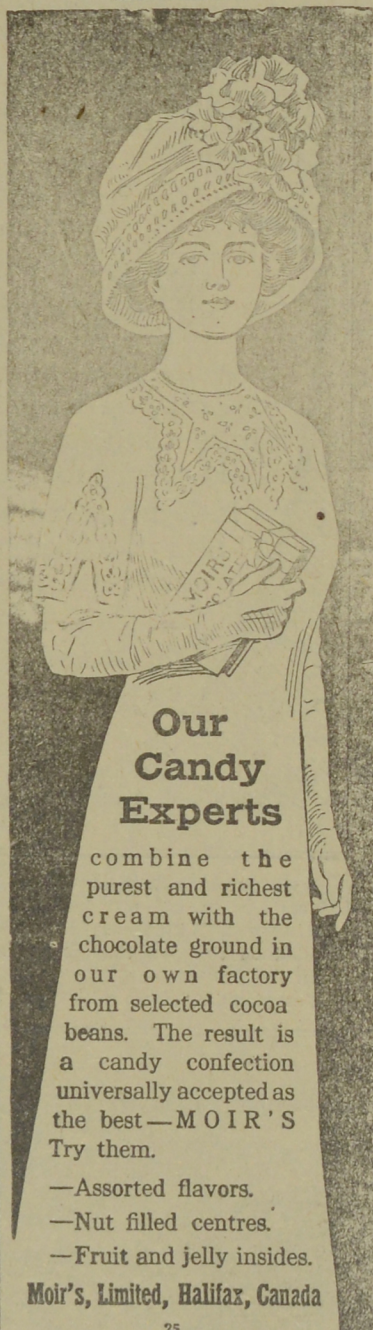
"Hands off little red school-house" used to be a favorite slogan of Tory politicians in York when the Liberals were in power. Out in Manitoba, according to one of the official organs of the Methodist church, the Borden government is building a big school-house for the accommodation of a few Indian children and strange to say, Indian Agent Smith and School Book Vendor Thomas in their orations at the Prentice Boys picnic here a short time ago, forgot to make reference to it.

The Grain Growers' Guide says that "any two deals put through by a political party are together less than one square deal." This aphorism evidently refers to the \$375,000 Prince Albert "homestead" deal put through by Hon. Mr. Rogers and the \$95,000 profit Dorval military site deal put through by Col. Hon. Sam Hughes.

Tory politicians and others who have been promised government jobs will heartily welcome Hon. Mr. Hazen's return from the Yukon. In justice to the minister they should endeavor to get up some kind of a public demonstration in his honor. Hon. Mr. Hazen is very susceptible to flattery and then he dearly loves to have his picture in the papers.

GREAT OCEAN DISASTER.

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THAW TO STAY

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resident of Quebec, a Liberal, and a supporter of the premier, and he was dispatched thither, it was understood to use whatever influence he could bring to bear against the premier taking any action in the Thaw case at this time. He will return here tomorrow to defend Thompson when the latter is arraigned before District Magistrate Mulvena on a charge of aiding an undesirable to cross the frontier. If Thompson can prove he is a British subject he can be deported, but he can be fined a maximum sum of \$500 or imprisonment for three months.

"WILL NOT SQUEAL."

Thompson said tonight that he would plead not guilty and absolutely would not "squeal" as to the details of Thaw's delivery from Mat-teawan.

It will doubtless be necessary for the prosecution to prove Thaw insane before they can establish that he is an undesirable alien and thus sustain the charge against Thompson. If this is the case alienists can examine Stanford White's slayer.

There was renewed talk today of the possibility of Thaw being admitted to bail pending the long wait for trial before the King's Bench in October, the length of time it now appears he will be held. One of Thaw's counsel said tonight that his admission to bail he would regard as an extremely unwise move.

"In my opinion the immigration authorities could then take him in charge and although they could not deport him, in view of his being bound by a bond to appear in court, they might be able to embarrass us. For the present Mr. Thaw will remain in jail; perhaps later we will hit on a way to get him out in safety."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

AUGUST 29.

1664—New Amsterdam surrendered to the British, who changed the name to New York.

1779—Amer cans defeated a force of Tories and Indians at Elmira, N.Y.

1809—Oliver Wendell Holmes, famous author, born in Cambridge, Mass. Died there, Oct. 7, 1894.

1813—Cotydon La Ford, one of the ablest teachers of anatomy in America, born in Lexington, N.Y. Died April 14, 1874.

1833—Twelve thousand houses destroyed by fire in Constantinople.

1835—The "Beaver," first steam vessel to ply the Pacific Ocean, sailed from England for Fort Vancouver.

1857—Minnesota adopted a state constitution.

1864—General McClellan nominated for President by the national Democratic convention at Chicago.

1872—Severe storm and high tide did great damage along the New England coast.

1905—Japanese and Russian peace envoys at Portsmouth concluded their agreement.

It is quite evident that the legal men of the Eastern townships who have been retained in the Thaw case, do not look upon a man with money to burn as an undesirable.

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