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RESULTS OF A CRIME

Had the riding of Macdonald been allowed to vote according to its proper convictions it is not improbable that Mr. R. L. Richardson, a capable and honorable citizen, would have been elected to represent that riding. That this was more than probable is shown by the extraordinarily corrupt means taken by Hon. Robert Rogers and his Tory election machine to defeat the will of the people. What have Macdonald and Canada gained by the injection of the Rogers-Roblin gang into the fight?

For a year Macdonald has been represented by a man confessedly elected by crooked methods—so crooked that Mr. Rogers dared not let him face the courts. During one of the most important sessions of parliament since Confederation, Macdonald was improperly and corruptly represented. During that session Mr. Alex. Morrison sat in an extreme back bench to which he was not entitled and at the end he drew the full indemnity of \$2,500 to which he was not entitled.

During the session Mr. Morrison was only noticed on the opening day when he was introduced by his political sponsor, Hon. Robert Rogers, and Hon. W. J. Roche. From that day he never opened his mouth to join in debate, nor did anything in parliament or out. He simply voted blindly for the government and drew \$2,500 for the job.

This is the parliamentary record of Mr. Alex. Morrison, ex-M.P.:

Speeches, none.

Motions or amendments, none.

Voted against Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment to the Speech from the Throne, censuring the Macdonald and Richelieu by-election corruption; against every Liberal amendment to the Borden Naval Aid Bill; for every government motion regarding the Borden Naval Aid Bill; against Mr. L. J. Gauthier's vote of censure on Hon. Mr. Coderre respecting the Hochelaga by-election personation; paired against Mr. Oliver's motion of censure on Hon. Mr. Rogers in connection with the Prince Albert Homestead scandal; paired in support of the "gag" rule; voted for the \$15,600,000 subsidy gift to MacKenzie & Mann, and against the Liberal proposals to either make this a loan or to secure some substantial return from the C.N.R. for it; against the Liberal amendment to the Highways Aid Bill, which was designed to give the provinces their proper constitutional control of the proposed expenditures in everything else the same consistent and stout support of the Borden government.

Macdonald has reason to be ashamed of the manner in which Mr. Morrison was elected. It has reason to feel that Mr. Morrison's conduct in parliament was on a par with the means by which he got there.

NEW TUNES ABROAD

Is it possible that the Borden government is being frightened into forgetfulness of its frantic denunciations of reciprocity in 1911, when the paid agents of the high tariff platform declaimed from every Tory platform against our trade going to the south and copied Hon. Mr. Foster's demand, "No trade nor truck with the Yankees"? While Mr. Borden's ministers have not dared openly to so offend their masters "the interests" in Canada, once they get away from here they talk as though the great influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's consistent demand for lower tariff and wider market was causing them serious alarm. At New York, on December 3rd, Premier Borden is thus reported in The New York Herald:

"In regard to reciprocity between this country and Canada, Mr. Borden said that Canada had no objection to such a treaty and that Canada felt she had done her fair share towards it. He said he regretted that it had not come to pass."

A few days later, on the 12th, two of Mr. Borden's ministers, Hon. Mr. Foster, now acting premier, and Hon. L. P. Pelletier, also attended a dinner at New York.

Hon. Mr. Foster is reported as having said:

"That the question of reciprocity between the two countries would never be entirely settled. Because a certain pact was not carried out, it did not mean that reciprocity between the two countries was not going on and increasing daily."

Hon. Mr. Pelletier followed and he told his New York audience that the introduction of the Parcels Post system into Canada would be an added means of international trade and a further incentive to good relations, adding:

"While we want to keep the right to frame our own tariff to suit the people of Canada, we want to have the most extensive and cordial relations with our relatives and friends in this country."

It is about time for the Manufacturers' Association and the "Noble 18" to look into these heretical utterances of their servants in the government. If this sort of thing keeps on they will have to lay in a new supply of Union Jacks for Ontario.

Toronto Sunday World.—The outstanding facts seem to be that the Liberals are in pretty good fighting form, and that the government has been victorious mainly in those contests where the Hon. Robert Rogers rode on the whirlwind, and directed the storm. The government will not open any more ridings, nor will the Liberals be in any hurry to create unnecessary vacancies. Hence we question the rumor again revived, that Yarmouth is to be vacated by Mr. Law for the benefit of Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Calgary Albertan.—Some people believe that the Roblin Government could not get worse but the addition of Dr. Montague would lower the status of any political institution. It was during his term as member for Haldimand that the new election methods first appeared in Canada. He was one of the most conspicuous of the nest of traitors in the days of 1896.

It is now reported that the gallant and patriotic colonels who starred Europe at the country's expense under the guidance of Col. Sam Hughes, invested considerable of their surplus cash in Paris finery and brought it home unknown to H. M. customs officials. Their action in this respect was patriotic in the extreme and worthy of the highest traditions of Toryism.

Although Premier Flemming never loses an opportunity to condemn the Laurier government for building the Transcontinental Railway through the centre of the province, we notice by The Royal Gazette that the premier in his capacity of minister of lands and mines, is advertising a sale of town lots at McGivney Junction. In this connection it might also be said that the government of which Premier Flemming is the head recently sold to the Dominion government at a good price a tract of sixty-eight thousand acres of land near McGivney, which is to be used as a military training ground. We do not think that even Premier Flemming will contend that the federal government would have bought this land had the Transcontinental not been constructed through the centre of the province.

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Montreal Mail.—The Macdonald "incident" is now "closed" apparently. But fortunately the Chateaugay charges have been taken up in a manner which promises most interesting revelations. Mr. Morris' disqualification has been asked for, and this should prevent an ending similar to Macdonald if the general charges are proven in part. There will be a disposition to watch the Chateaugay protest closely all over the country. No guilty party should be spared. If one half of the petitioners' allegations are true we shall soon have another battle royal in Chateaugay—that is if Mr. Borden lives up to his Halifax utterances and assists the cause of justice, rather than the party cause. If he pursues the latter course, the Huntington Gleaner's doleful prediction that the case will never come up on its merits, will be justified. We shall wait and see.

The latest report is that Premier Borden, before returning from his holiday trip to the south, will call upon President Wilson at the White House and discuss the question of closer trade relations between Canada and the United States. The Tories have evidently abandoned the policy of "no truck or trade with the Yankees."

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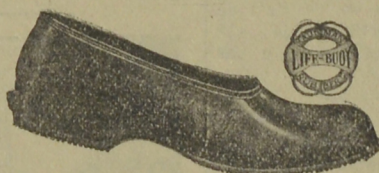
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