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NEW USE FOR OUR RESOURCES

Another provincial conference has met at Ottawa and the premiers of the various provinces have had ample opportunity of hearing from Right Hon. R. L. Borden. So far as records go, the Dominion premier never once referred to his pre-election promises regarding natural resources. When leader of the opposition Mr. Borden used to declare that if he ever headed a Canadian government, within twenty-four hours of assuming office he would turn over to the western provinces their natural resources. So far as has yet come to light, this is how Mr. Borden has "turned over" these natural resources:

Macdonald "Homestead" valued at \$375,000, turned over to S. J. Donaldson, Conservative whip in the Saskatchewan legislature, for \$10.

Gimli Shore lots, promised to that town in perpetuity as a park, value at \$15,000, and secretly turned over by the government to Mayor P. Tergesen, a former Liberal, now converted to Toryism, for \$752.

An effort to turn over part of the Stoney Mountain Reserve near Winnipeg, to be given to favored friends as pasture land—an attempt only frustrated by the activity of the Liberals.

As leader of the opposition, Mr. Borden declared that natural resources were part of the provinces' property. As partner with Hon. Mr. Rogers at the head of the coalition government, he considers natural resources, like government offices, part of the partizan machinery designed to reward his friends and punish his enemies.

RECORD SYNCHRONIZERS

Hon. George E. Foster and Hon. Dr. Montague, those two veterans of the "nest of traitors," are record synchronizers. Together they plotted the overthrow of Sir Mackenzie Bowell in 1896. They synchronized in the trouble with the Independent Order of Foresters and were connected with Premier Roblin and Hon. Robert Rogers in certain land deals which did not meet with enthusiastic approval from that order of the public. Hon. Dr. Montague continued his activities in connection with the Foresters in Australia, but his methods were not liked there and he hastened back to Canada.

Hon. Mr. Foster has partly realized at least the shadow of his ambitions by becoming acting premier during the illness of Rt. Hon. Mr. Borden. Again Hon. Dr. Montague synchronizes by joining his chum Sir Rodmond Roblin as minister of public works in the Manitoba government.

With Hon. Messrs. Foster and Rogers at the head of affairs in Ottawa, and Sir Rodmond Roblin and Hon. Dr. Montague in control at Winnipeg, that house cleaning and moral uplift that Mr. Borden was so eloquent about in 1911 seems to be receding further than ever.

McBRIDE'S BLUNDER

Sir Richard McBride, the Tory premier of British Columbia, at Ottawa on October 22, broke all the rules of the Canadian Club by discussing party politics with a heated defence of the Borden Naval Aid Bill. His offence was the greater because it was committed in the presence of H.R.H. the Governor General, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, as well as many leading representatives of both political parties. The only new thing about Sir Richard McBride's speech was its utter lack of manners. Its material was merely the political clap trap he has been giving vent to on every occasion during the past two years, ever since Mr. Borden induced him to give up his demand for a Canadian fleet on the Pacific.

It looks as if the Hon. Ward Chipman Hazen Grimmer is determined to have that Judgeship.

Has anyone noticed any deterioration in Canadian loyalty during the past few weeks? Has no word come from those inspired pocket-book patriots, Z. A. Lash, Sir Edmund Walker and the other members of the "Noble 18," who two years ago told the poor Canadians that if our trade ever moved North or South the Union Jack would soon be blotted off the map of North America? From every side come reports of immense shipments of meat, cattle, fish, dairy products and other necessities of life to the States, with resultant higher prices for Canadian consumer, who gets what is left. Yet when the Duke of Connaught came back on the 25th, he was given just as loyal a greeting as though not an extra chicken had been shipped to the States. The silence of the flag-flappers just now is only equalled by the demands for relief from the consumer and the grain growers, both eager for wider markets.

Mr. Borden's motto is "Canada Can't." Australia's motto is "Australia Can and Does." New Zealand's is "We can and we will."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared at Teeswater on Oct. 28th—"We are growing as a national people, and as a national people we are preparing to undertake all the duties and responsibilities which appertain to the people. We are prepared to take our share to relieve England of the necessity of defending us."

Which will Canada prefer, the hopelessness of Mr. Borden, or the clear cut confidence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier?

The Flemming government admits that there has been a serious falling off in the receipts from the sale of game licenses as compared with last year. The reason given is that it is "election year in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and other states." The government ignores the fact that the year 1912 was election year in every state in the union, yet the receipts from game licenses increased over the previous year. It is strange that the receipts should fall off when at the last session of the legislature the hoggish Flemming government increased the resident license fee from two to three dollars.

The faction fight in the Tory party held here become so acute that the local hack organ yesterday omitted to mention the name of Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., when he appeared in counsel in an important case. He was referred to as "a representative of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia."

Has the fact that the farmers of York County are now shipping their potatoes to the United States instead of to the upper provinces made them any less loyal to the Mother Country?

Evidence is coming to light to show that the Tory corruption fund in this province at the last local election was the greatest ever.

Hon. George E. Foster, acting premier of Canada, was one of the principal speakers at the Canadian Club banquet in New York last night.

LOCAL POTATO

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"Things are working out just as I foretold," said Ald. W. W. Boyce this morning. "With reciprocity Canada would have had an advantage over any other nation. Without it and under the present Canadian tariff we Canadian shippers are at a disadvantage compared with those of any other country."

A shortage of cars is hampering the shippers of this section, lined-cars to protect the potatoes from frost being almost unattainable. Local shippers are lining and flooring box-cars for the protection of the vegetables.

E. M. & J. F. Wharden of New York, importers, have advised Ald. Boyce that the importation of foreign potatoes has caused New York jobbers to stop buying except for immediate use.

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service costs today.

In religion Mr. Hodge is a staunch Episcopalian and for many years was a regular attendant at St. Ann's Parish Church, holding the office of vestryman for a time. In politics he is a Liberal.

Mr. Hodge is a man of unblemished reputation and sterling honesty, whose word is as good as his bond. He possesses a most kindly disposition and to know him is to like him.

Mr. Hodge, strange to say, was never married, his nearest relatives being his sisters, Miss Esther Hodge and Mrs. Jane Hains, with whom he has for years made his home. They, with his nieces, the Misses Hains, seem to think there is no other man in the world like him, consequently his domestic life has been singularly free from care or trouble.

The late Mr. James Hodge, who conducted a wholesale grocery in this city, and died recently at the age of ninety-four years, was a brother, and Mr. George W. Hodge is a nephew.

Mr. Hodge's numerous friends will join heartily with The Mail in congratulating him on reaching the ripe old age of ninety years and in expressing the hope that he will be spared to round out the century.

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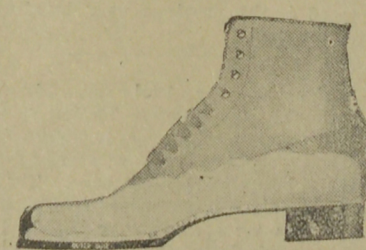
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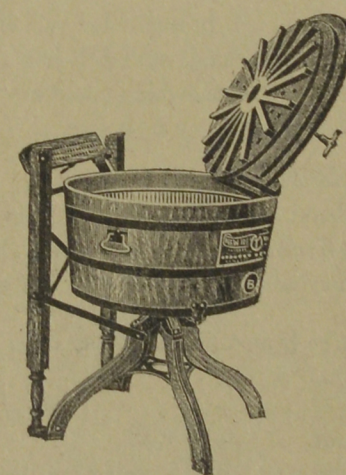
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