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May be Fusion of Parties in Ontario

(Toronto Globe)

Anticipated denials of the despatch from Ottawa stating that Premier Drury contemplates some sort of alliance with the Liberals in the Legislature before the next provincial general election have been made. The electors are assured that the "alleged negotiations" are fantastic and that the story is "a pipe dream." Mr. Wellington Hay, leader of the Liberals in the Legislature, states that he has never been approached on the question of joining forces with Mr. Drury in a Liberal-Progressive Government and knows nothing of such a project. It is certain in view of this disclaimer, that no formal proposals have been made, and that if Mr. Drury is casting about for the means of strengthening his government before he goes to the country he has not yet reached a definite conclusion to offer seats in the Cabinet to Liberal members of the Legislature.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Gordon Waldron still hopes that there will be no open breach between Mr. Drury, whose policy is to broaden out the organization of the Farmers' party so that there may be room in it for all citizens who subscribe to its declaration of principles, and Mr. J. J. Morrison, who believes in a system of Parliamentary representation based on occupational class groups, and is determined to put a stop to the dilution of the farmers' organizations with urban residents. In some respects Mr. Waldron is a realist of the realists, but in this matter he refuses to face the facts. "There is a plan on foot," he tells us, "to destroy the Farmers' party, and the first object of its promoters is to drive a wedge between Drury and Mr. Morrison."

This is not a correct statement of the situation. The widening breach between Mr. Morrison and the Premier is not the result of decisive pressure from the outside. It is the inevitable result of a fundamental difference of opinion between the two men at the head of the Ontario Farmers' party as to the future position of the Farmers' in the political arena. Mr. Morrison desires that they shall remain a separate group avoiding entangling alliances with either of the old political parties and securing their political ends by holding a solid vote in reserve to be thrown upon the side of that party which, in relation to the particular matter under consideration, is closest to the position taken by the Farmers' representatives. After several years as Premier, Mr. Drury is not in

love with the Morrisonian philosophy of government. He has been in too many humiliating positions for lack of an adequate majority to desire the perpetuation of group Government as at present operated in Ontario Legislature. Moreover, the recent federal election proved, what he began to suspect more than a year ago, that the Farmers' are not likely to have a supporting Labor Sub-group in the new Legislature of the voting strength necessary to provide the present government with a majority.

Mr. Drury sees clearly that if the Ministry is to remain in office it must have either Liberal or Conservative support, and to obtain that support there must be some sort of fusion between the Farmers' and one of the old-time parties. Mr. Morrison does not care whether the ministry remains in office or goes down to defeat, so long as the new House contains a group of Farmer members with sufficient "class consciousness" to hoe their own row politically. Between men holding such divergent views as to the future of the movement of which they are the joint leaders there can be no cordial co-operation during the political campaign that must be begun within a few months. They are tenants of a house divided against its self. The only question is as to the manner of its fall.

There is nothing surprising in the Ottawa despatch to those who are in touch with politics in Ontario. If a Liberal-Progressive fusion is not brought about—and Mr. Hay seems to have pronounced against it even before formal overtures were made—Mr. Morrison will have his way, and there will be three major groups in the new House, not one of them strong enough to give the Province stable government. It is not a prospect to which there can be joyful looking forward, except, perhaps, at the headquarters of "class consciousness."

WAYWARD GIRLS ARE NOT ALWAYS UNDERPAID

New York June 27—Statistics completed by Miss Maude E. Miner, secretary of the New York Probation and Protective Association disprove to considerable extent that low wages are the prime factors in the matter of causing girls to become wayward.

Of the 5,714 cases handled by the association during the year it was found that the predominance of single girls over the married women in cases of offenses against morality was very high, 475 single women having been taken care of by the association as against forty-one married women, and fifteen women who were separated from their husbands. Of all the women brought under the observation of the association for the year more than 55 per cent were under 17 years of age and 77 per cent were below normal intelligence. The majority of the cases are afflicted with some form of mental disorder or depression the report states.

Environment has much to do with cases of the wayward girl, the report continues, and in nearly 65 per cent of the cases calling for action by the association it was found that the girls were living under unfavorable conditions, 46 per cent. had inherited abnormal traits, and the parents of 55 per cent. of the girls were foreign born. Influences of institutional life was most marked in a number of cases, and of 539 girls examined more than one-third had run away from their homes.

In the majority of cases girls brought to the attention of the association the girls worked in factories or were engaged in domestic service. In the former about 36 per cent. of the girls worked, while 20 per cent. of them were domestic workers and 18 per cent held clerical positions, while 5 per cent. were unemployed. During the year investigators for the association made nearly 8,000 calls and employment was found for 1,066 girls who were aided by the society in their struggle for better living conditions.

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