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LEADER MEIGHEN

The Moncton Transcript devotes some attention to a speech which Hon. Arthur Meighen delivered recently at a banquet tendered him by the Conservative members of the Senate and House of Commons. While the Tory leader has had considerable to say in the House this session, his followers have been able to keep him fairly within bounds, consequently his criticisms have been fairly reasonable and his utterances have been lacking in that bitterness which was characteristic of what he said during the first session of the present Parliament. At the banquet however, he cut loose and accused his opponents of having won the last election by a policy of hypocrisy and wholesale deception and he called upon his followers to expose to the country "the character of the men who thus have obtained power in the Dominion."

In commenting on Leader Meighen's erratic and ill-timed utterances, the Transcript says:

"Of course a man who adopts such a strongheaded attitude may be expected to follow the absurd course of pretending that his opponents are all hypocrites, while he and his following is the embodiment of sincerity. But it was a mistake for him to assume that Canada is a country of 9000,000 people mostly fools. If he does not realize it, some of his friends evidently do, hence their advice.

"In six of the nine provinces not a Conservative was returned at the last general election. Does Mr. Meighen really imagine that this was attributed to the fact that the people of these provinces were fooled? To think so were ridiculous. But consider the situation from another angle; in not a single province is there to be found a Conservative government. Is this too because the people have also been fooled? On this point one would recall the words of Lincoln: "You may fool all the people some of the time; you may fool some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

"The truth is that Mr. Meighen is embittered, and perhaps naturally because of the legacy that has fallen to him. During the war the Conservative party went to pieces through corruption and mismanagement. It may be assumed that in forming Union Government Sir Robert Borden personally was sincere; but a number of the leading but smaller men in the party saw in it a means of leading a number of representative Liberals into the Tory camp and keeping them there, the hope being that, thus deprived of their leaders, the Liberals might not be able to come back for a generation.

"Here was an example of typical Tory hypocrisy and the public was so sickened through it that in 1921 it reduced the Tory party in the House of Commons to a mere rump, pitiable in its weakness. So the less said by Mr. Meighen on the subject of hypocrisy the better. Incidentally one of the reasons why he can't come back in Quebec is because of the remembrance of the two-faced Conservative Nationalist Alliance."

The Transcript points out that while Leader Meighen began his speech with a fierce denunciation of the alleged hypocrisy of his opponents he ended by an implied criticism of his own followers who evidently have not enough enthusiasm for the cause which he espouses to become active. They are too old in the political game to be deceived by the thought that there is anything in their leader's hypocrisy charge. Leader Meighen is a disappointed and unhappy man and it is plain to be seen that under his leadership the Tory party will never get anywhere in this country.

LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET

The Mail devotes considerable space today to a report of the speeches delivered at the Board of Trade banquet last evening. The banquet was attended by some eighty people, including leading business and professional men of the city, and was a complete success. The principal speaker was Capt. J. E. Marsters of Moncton, who devoted much of his time to a discussion of railway matters and was given an attentive hearing. He also touched on Maritime Union, a subject in which the people of Fredericton are not keenly interested in and are not likely to be at any time

in the future. This city however, does want to see justice done to the Maritime Provinces, and in this connection is in hearty sympathy with the proposal to have the western boundary of the Atlantic Division of the C. N. R. extended from River du Loup to Montreal. This should be done as a simple act of justice to the Maritime Provinces.

Other speakers at the banquet included Mr. J. M. Woodman, Superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the C. P. R. Mr. Woodman spoke well and his announcement that steps were being taken to establish an industry in this province for the manufacture of hardwood products aroused keen interest. Equally interesting was his announcement that the C. P. R. authorities have been divided to erect a new railway station here.

The banquet was highly successful in every way and has given the Board of Trade a good start in its seasons work. It should be followed up by vigorous action during the spring and summer months. If Fredericton is to grow and prosper in the future its own citizens must be up and doing.

Speaking in Parliament a few days ago on a bill to regulate the traffic in drugs, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter is reported to have said that "he had introduced the New Brunswick Temperance Act in the Legislature and had bitterly regretted his action in that regard." Hon. Mr. Baxter's feeling of regret is probably accounted for by the fact that in the provincial election which followed the passage of the prohibition act his government was swept from power. The defeat of the government it might be explained was not due to the enactment of prohibition but was the natural outcome of certain grave scandals which shocked the country.

Some of the St. John papers endeavored to make it appear that the late Commodore Stewart, was an American by birth, declaring that he had first seen the light at Calais, Maine. The Chatham World, the Commodore's own paper, states that he was born at Advocate Harbor, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. That certainly ought to settle the matter.

The scientist who succeeded lately in isolating atoms must be responsible for the report that the ruble's value now stands at 120,000,000 to the dollar.

Gray hair is said to be coming into fashion on the continent, where there a great many things to get gray-haired about.

Benar Law admits he has no intention of resigning in which respect he shares a former sentiment of every ex-premier in the world.

An automobile that winds up is said to have developed record speed. Up to the present, it has been the speeder who has wound up.

Detroit firemen are after a man who is alleged to have swindled them out of \$60,000 for alleged false alarm stock, to make it hot for him.

With a railroad, several coal mines and an incipient political boom on his hands, no one can say that Henry Ford doesn't know what trouble it.

Some day the New York baby twice pronounced dead, but still alive, may rule Russia.

Europe's trouble is the same as that of the pitching staff when it is all shot to pieces.

We approach the season that has established the picnic and to be a hard-boiled egg.

The silver lining to this long-distance dancing cloud is that it looks to be on its last legs.

The only hard luck connected with a two-dollar bill is that it isn't five.

Free verse says a poet, is doomed. The authors will be allowed to live.

One reason why boys leave the farm is the 14-hour day.

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Our garden looks good now but, of course, it would look better if it were spaded.

It's easier to dream dreams than to make them come true through the processes of sweaty work.

A young man who has an ambition to be a bum will in some way manage to reach his goal.

Many of life's most strenuous battles are fought between self-control and bad habits.

"Probably a desk motto never did anybody any good," says Bob Ryder. We always supposed a desk motto was intended to impress visitors.

"A fox can scent a man a quarter of a mile away." And a man can scent a skunk a mile and a quarter away.

Men who can't afford poor health keep right on living and working long after their well-to-do brothers have taken up golf.

ST. JOHN LADY A VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT

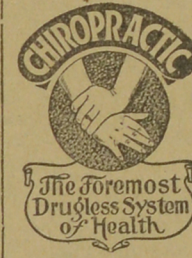
St. John, April 27—Struck down in the Market Square last evening by a light automobile truck owned by the New Brunswick Power Company and driven by Lendale Hannon, 30 St. Andrews street, Mrs. Silas, McDiarmid, 23 Gooderich street died in the ambulance on the way to the General Public Hospital. The driver of the truck who did not see the woman until after the vehicle had passed over her, is being held at the police station pending the result of the inquest, which it was expected, will be held to investigate the accident. The victim's identity was not learned until nearly midnight.

A strange feature of the affair was the fact that, although there were several people standing within twenty feet or so of the scene of the accident, not a person, including the driver, saw her before she was struck. There were no street cars in the vicinity of the junction at the time and no other vehicles except a large touring car, which passed up King street just as the truck came out of Prince William street.

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