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WANT CLEANER POLITICS.

"I believe that we have arrived at a time when the people of Canada want cleaner politics. I have never believed it necessary to be dishonest in public life, while being honest in private life. I believe the people of Canada are looking for better things, and are expecting service from the public men, men who occupy positions of trust in the different. And never in the history of Canada has there been a more opportune season than while this struggle is on. Let us have cleaner politics and more honest business in the conduct of our public affairs."—Premier Norris, of Manitoba, at London, Ont.

MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

SIR WILFRID'S ATTITUDE.

Subsidized Tory newspapers are trying hard to make political capital against Sir Wilfrid Laurier because he declined the offer of Sir R. L. Borden to serve on a parliamentary committee of the National Service Commission. Having fallen down on its recruiting scheme, the Borden government has been trying to enlist the great influence of the Liberal chieftain in order to help it out of a hole. Sir Wilfrid, however, for reasons which should commend themselves to all right-thinking men, has declined to enter into the Government's scheme. He probably feels that the Government, having since the war began got along without his advice, can now get along without his assistance. Tory newspapers, for partisan purposes are condemning Sir Wilfrid's course, but the independent press of the country is inclined to commend him for the good judgment he has shown. The Toronto Saturday Night undoubtedly voices this independent sentiment of the country when it says:

"The attempt on the part of Sir Robert Borden to hand a lemon to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the shape of a seat on the National Service Board, has had little or no effect on the general situation. As often pointed out in these columns, the possibilities of any success crowning a movement of this sort, at this late date, are very doubtful indeed. Now that the beans are spilled, it was thoughtful of Sir Robert to ask Sir Wilfrid to come forward and share the responsibilities. The mismanagement of our man power in connection with the war has been such that nothing that can be done will ever repair the damage. Muzzling Bourassa would probably be the most effective method of still accomplishing a little something, but, of course, this will not be done. But asking the Liberal leader to share the responsibilities of Conservative mismanagement was rather a good idea, the only trouble is the Old Man saw the point of the hook, and concluded not to bite."

In the course of a few months Sir Wilfrid will be called upon by the people of Canada to administer their affairs, which they realize are now being grossly mismanaged. In the meantime the old chieftain does not propose to accept a lemon from the Borden Government.

AN ALLEGED POTATO TRUST.

Mr. J. E. A. Biron, a Montreal potato dealer, claims that there is a potato trust operating in that city, which is unduly inflating prices of the commodity to the consumer. He cites a case where the wholesaler, or trust, actually purchased while en route to an ordinary dealer from New Brunswick, three carloads of potatoes intended for Montreal consumption. Here is the story, as told to the Montreal Standard:

"Not very long ago, so it has come to

my knowledge," Mr. Biron declared today, "a certain well known food dealer in Montreal with offices in the Board of Trade building and with a large establishment in the North End, required a quantity of potatoes, three carloads, to be precise.

"As he was unable to get this quantity from retail dealers, he went to a wholesale firm which is interested in the 'potato trust.' When he asked whether it would be possible to deliver him three carloads of potatoes he was informed that his order could not be executed for at least ten days. When he asked at what price per bushel the potatoes would be, he was informed by the wholesaler to whom he applied that he, the wholesale dealer, did not know what prices the potatoes might be. So far, so good. The dealer who wanted the three carloads wanted them in a hurry. He could not wait ten days, so he got in touch with a grower in New Brunswick, and ordered from him three carloads of potatoes. The consignment was, to all intents and purposes, shipped for the consignee, since the dealer received his invoice through the mail. There was a delay in the delivery of the potatoes, however, and when the dealer went to the yards of the railway company over whose system the goods were being routed, he was informed that since they had left such and such a point on such and such a date, the consignment was likely at such and such a place and would be in Montreal on such and such a date.

"The dealer," Mr. Biron continued, "waited a few days longer. Then he instituted inquiries. It did not take him long to gather certain facts which, pieced together, indicated to him clearly that the wholesaler in Montreal to whom he had gone in the first place for his potatoes had heard of the three carload order the dealer had placed in New Brunswick, and that before the potatoes had left the point of shipment the wholesaler had communicated with the dealer, bought from him the three carloads at a price in advance of that agreed upon by the first dealer, leaving the first dealer without his goods.

"When the Montreal dealer found this out he at once went to the railway and demanded a delivery of his goods, producing the invoice. The railway claimed that the potatoes were consigned to another party—the wholesaler, of course. The original consignee of the potatoes had no other course open to him than to take his case to the courts. This, according to Mr. Biron, has been done, and the case is now pending.

"It goes to show," Mr. Biron said, after he had related the above facts, "that I was not far wrong when I told you there was a 'potato trust.' I am just as certain as I am of this trust that there are 'combines' operating to increase the prices of other food stuffs."

Mr. Biron is watching with interest developments at Ottawa in connection with the visit there yesterday of an influential delegation from Canada cities to urge the Government to do something to cut the high cost of living.

"It is what I suggested, the first time I mentioned exorbitant foodstuff prices, and I believe that Federal action is the only means of bringing the cost of staple foodstuffs to a more reasonable basis."

La Patrie, a Montreal Tory paper, recently featured on its first page the speeches delivered at different points in Quebec province by Hon. T. C. Casgrain, P. C. Blondin, E. L. Patenaude and Mr. Henri Bourassa. All spoke in denunciation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is evident that the Conservative-Nationalist Alliance still exists.

An electric knife for tailors has been invented that cuts only a few thicknesses of cloth instead of the 20 or more cut by machines used in clothing factories.

Through Our Sieve

The frost is on the punkin' now.

A potato trust—boiling 'em with the skins on.

And the frost is on the punk leap-year joke, which hasn't been appearing recently.

City water these days isn't much to look at—but shut yer eyes, yuh gotta take a chance once in a while.

The O. H. M. S. autos seem to show a good rate of speed at times when not O. H. M. S.

It's a pity some of those great surgeons can't graft a prima donna's voice on an ordinary mule.

A man has a lot more temptations than a woman, because he knows just where to look for them.

Many a tender-hearted rooster gets the credit of being tough at Sunday dinner.

And the man who goes through life kicking like a mule nearly always lacks the force which renders that animal's kick effective.

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QUEBEC BACHELORS WILL BE TAXED

Quebec, Oct. 28.—The city of Quebec will seek authorization from the Quebec Legislature at its next session to impose a special tax of \$5 on bachelors over 25 years of age who are not householders. This tax will not exempt bachelors from paying the usual personal tax of \$2.00.

CENTRAL KINGSCLEAR.

Central Kingsclear, Oct. 24.—The social held at the home of Mrs. Joseph McKay on Tuesday last was a decided success. The proceeds go to aid the Methodist church.

Mrs. Martin, who has been ill, is much improved.

Mrs. Irving Young spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Hedley Kilburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray and also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hurley are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter at each home, one on Oct. 20 and the other on the 26th.

Mrs. Foster, of Fredericton, is visiting Miss Alice Murray and Miss Nellie Cliff.

WON VICTORIA CROSS.

First Maritime Province Winner Belongs to Cumberland Co., N. S.

Private John C. Kerr, of Fox River, Cumberland county, N. S., enjoys the distinction of being the first Maritime Province man to win the Victoria Cross in the present war.

He was acting as bayonet man, and knowing that bombs were running short, he ran along the parapet under heavy fire until he was in close contact with the enemy, when he opened fire on them at point-blank range and inflicted heavy loss. The enemy, thinking they were surrounded, surrendered. Sixty-two prisoners were taken and 250 yards of trench captured.

Private Kerr is a son of Mrs. Robert Kerr, of Fox River, N. S. He comes from a long line of coast and deep sea captains, men famous along the Nova Scotia coast for their indomitable courage.

REV. DR. SPRAGUE DEAD.

Rev. Dr. Howard Sprague, a leading Methodist clergyman, and dean of the theological faculty of Mount Allison University, died at his home in Sackville on Sunday. He was one of the ablest preachers in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference and was noted as a ripe scholar. The deceased was seventy-two years of age and was a native of Newfoundland. He filled many important pastorates and held responsible offices in connection with the church. His death will be a distinct loss to Methodism in the Maritime Provinces. A widow and family of one son and four daughters survive.

PERSONAL

Mr. A. H. Woods, who has been seriously ill at his home for some days, is considerably improved.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McNally have returned from a trip to Boston and New York.

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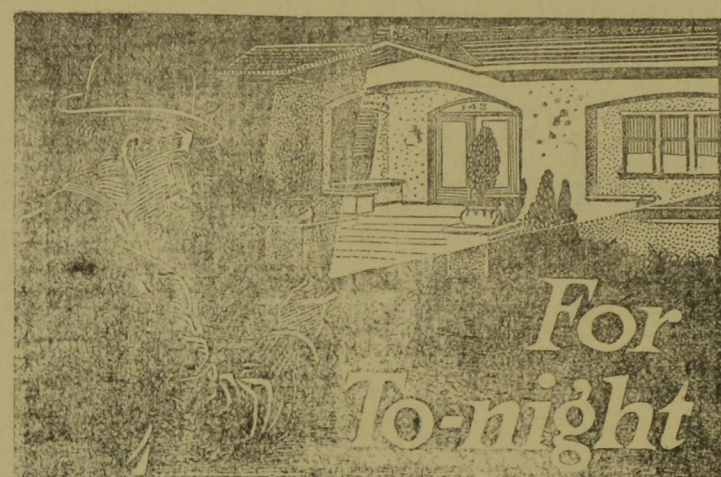
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