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DEPICABLE TACTICS.

Mr. P. J. Hughes, in his declaration day speech, denounced in strong terms those who in their bitter disappointment over the defeat of the provincial government in the recent election are now endeavoring to stir up strife against our Acadian fellow citizens. Had the Acadians voted to continue the government in power, they would have been hail fellows well met, and their praises would have been sung to the skies; but having pronounced their verdict against the administration of graft and scandals, they are now ridiculed by the hireling press and held up as enemies of the province. Such tactics are despicable in the extreme, but after all nothing more was to be expected from the men who condoned the timberland and Valley Railway steals and afterwards whitewashed the man who was the prime mover in these disgraceful scandals. The men who have been kicked out of office by an indignant and outraged electorate were under the impression that they ruled by divine right, and it is not surprising that they should feel sore and revengeful over their crushing defeat and ready to damn anybody and everybody who contributed to bring it about. If they imagine that they are going to frighten anybody by their bluff and bluster, they are very much mistaken. Before the election they boasted of their ability to carry the constituencies for the government. It was to be a grand sweep of the province from end to end, although if our memory serves us right one government organ was generous enough to concede the Opposition one seat. There was nothing said then about the Acadian "menace," which is now troubling their righteous souls. The Acadians were splendid bellows before polling day, and it was only when they refused to vote for a government which has disgraced the province that they fell from grace in the eyes of the men who are now denouncing them.

As Mr. Hughes pointed out in his excellent speech, the men and newspapers who are now howling about Acadian domination had not a word to say against the unholy alliance with the Nationalists of Quebec which enabled Sir Robert Borden to take office in 1911. They were as meek as Moses when Sir Robert Borden called Mr. Blondin of "shoot holes in the flag" fame to his cabinet, a short time ago, and they were actually joyful a few weeks ago when Dr. Bourque, an Acadian, was called to the Senate. But now, because the ten Acadians elected to the New Brunswick Legislature happen to be all on the Liberal side, they profess to see in this a menace to the future well being of the province, and are seeking to inflame the minds of the English speaking people against it. Let the heathen rage. The people understand the motives of the men who are not trying to raise the race cry and will not be influenced by anything they might say or do.

WANT RECIPROCITY NOW.

The following despatch from Toronto, which appeared in the Montreal Star on Friday, will undoubtedly create great astonishment in political circles throughout the country:

"Reciprocity was unanimously adopted by the 450 delegates of the United Farmers of Ontario in convention yesterday, accompanied by the demand that the question be submitted by the government to a referendum.

"The following clauses of the proposed national farmers' platform were unanimously adopted:

"1. By reducing the customs duty on goods imported from Great Britain to one-half the rates charged under the general tariff and that further gradual uniform reductions be made in the remaining tariff on British imports that will ensure complete free trade between Great Britain and Canada in five years.

"2. That the reciprocity agreement of 1911, which still remains on the United States statute books, be accepted by the Parliament of Canada.

"3. That all the foodstuffs not included in the reciprocity agreement be placed on the free list.

"4. That agricultural implements, farm machinery, vehicles, fertilizer, coal, lumber, cement, illuminating fuel and lubricating oils be placed on the free list.

"5. That the customs tariff on all the necessities of life be materially reduced.

"6. That all tariff concessions granted to other countries be immediately extended to Great Britain."

It will be necessary for Tory politicians when they read the above to

pinch themselves to make sure they are alive. It was the people of Ontario who were largely responsible for the defeat of the reciprocity agreement five years ago, and now, just think of 450 farmers of that province adopting a resolution calling upon the government to ratify the agreement. It is certainly a most remarkable sign of the times.

The Parish of St. Marys gave the largest majority for the government candidates in the recent election. Mr. Young, who led the ticket in that parish, received 578 votes, or 57 more than were polled for Mr. Pinder. Mr. Burt, the highest opposition man, received 380. Up in Southampton Mr. Pinder led with 274 votes, Mr. Burt got 212, while Mr. Young was let down with 169. In Manners Sutton Mr. Hunter got 166 votes, Mr. Young 149, Mr. Pinder 143 and Mr. Burt 115. Mr. Young ran behind Mr. Burt in fifteen of the thirty-nine polls.

Mr. John Young in his declaration speech claimed that he had been abused and slandered during the recent election. Mr. Young is wrong, as he usually is. It was only his record as a public man that was assailed by his opponents during the campaign. Had Mr. Young stated that he was "knifed" on polling day, his statement would have been born out by the official returns.

The York County Council has been trying for nearly a year to have the chairman of the County Board of Health removed from office, but without success. In respect to this matter the Council will probably discover that it has more influence with the new government than it had with the old.

Whatever the editors of graft newspapers may think, the members-elect for York are evidently convinced they are destined to spend the next term in the cool shades of opposition. They practically intimidated as much in their declaration speeches.

In his declaration day speech Mr. Pinder intimated that the late election was probably the last in which he would take part. Mr. Young did not disclose his future plans, but he would have been justified in making a statement similar to that of Mr. Pinder.

Through Our Sieve

Now for the shaking up of dry bones.

And the defeated government bunch are the worst kind of bad losers.

Departed this life, Feb. 24th, a businesslike government, aged nine years.

Those fond of figuring might start counting the recruits the Libs are gathering in York since election day.

There hasn't been any real chilly weather since the night of the 24th ult.

Moving day for some politicians and partisan officials is likely to come a little earlier than usual this year.

It now transpires that the man who worked the hardest for the government candidates in Kingsclear is an Acadian.

Anyway Mr. Slipp will be able to say he held office as minister of lands and mines as long as Mr. Murray held the premiership.

Foxy Harry Woods! He saw breakers ahead for the government, and he quickly climbed into a lifeboat provided by the Federal Minister of Marine.

It was very kind of B. Franklin to provide for his successor by ordering a lot of motor trucks and road machines. He should have ordered a horse for his own use.

A writer of unpopular melodies wants you to try this on your accordion:

There was a big man named Murray.
Who thought he was the cheese;
He wanted to win in a hurry,
The boys of the "party" to please.

"I've surely got the goods," said he,
"And I'll be a leader bold;
But the folks who voted the point he
But the voters the point failed to see,
And kicked him out in the cold."

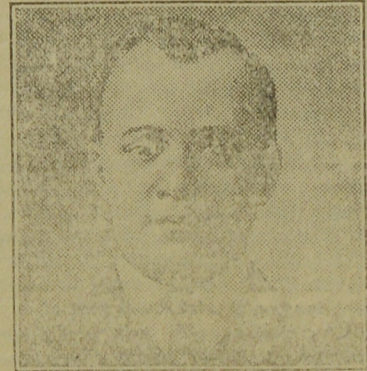
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RETURNED SOLDIER MAKES PLEA FOR COMRADE

To the Editor of the Mail.

Sir,—Would you allow me a short space in your valuable paper to say a few words in regard to a returned hero? I have been informed that there is living in the city a returned soldier who has done his bit for King and Country, and at the present time has no job of any kind and not a cent coming in to keep his little home going. I hope the proper people will look into this matter and see he is properly looked after. He is not in a condition to do hard work on account of being affected to such an extent while on active service. If ever men were entitled to be looked after they are the men who have been at the front.

Now that a new government will be in power, I hope the returned men will be better looked after than they have been in the past. Those men could take the places of messengers, mail carriers, door keepers and perform other services which have been done by able-bodied men in the past.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for this great favor, and trusting the government will do the right thing, I remain

Yours truly,

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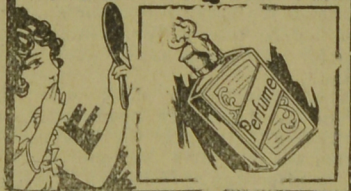
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