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SAYS UNION GOVERNMENT HAS CEASED TO FUNCTION

Federal Member for Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Delivers a Vigorous Address at Saskatoon—Attacks the Government for Holding on to Office—The Premier Should Not be Gallivanting About the Country, He Says.

Saskatoon, Sask., Oct. 27.—Speaking here tonight, William Duff, member of parliament for Lunenburg, N. S., attacked what he called the government's desire to hold on to office, although from all parts of the country, he said, came a demand for an election. The Union government had ceased to function, said Mr. Duff, and the people should be given a chance at the polls to express their desires.

"A few days ago," he continued, "in reply to a question as to why the government did not dissolve parliament and appeal to the electors. Hon. Mr. Calder is reported to have said that the people were not in a fit frame of mind to make a proper decision; that they had not recovered from the nervous strain due to the war."

Mr. Duff's answer was that the people were safe and sane but that the members of the government were suffering from political hysteria due to the fact that they had been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

"Mr. Calder also said in several places," said Mr. Duff, "that the Liberals do not want an election and that several times last session when an important matter came up and it was thought that the vote might be close they came to him and other government members and arranged that rather than see the government run any danger of being defeated, or have a close call, they would absent themselves from the chamber when the vote was taken."

Statement Denied.

"I have no hesitation in giving this statement of Mr. Calder the most unqualified denial," continued the speaker. "There is not a scintilla of truth in it, and because it constitutes a serious reflection on the honor of certain members of parliament, I demand that Mr. Calder, at his Vancouver meeting, retract the statement or give the names of the Liberal members to whom he alludes. If he fails to do this the public will draw their own conclusions."

Mr. Duff said that Mr. Calder has also stated that there was no difference between the tariff policy of the eastern Liberals and the eastern Tories, and asserted that when amendments were introduced in the house, which would have had the effect of reducing the tariff, every Liberal member of parliament voted for the amendments and that Mr. Calder and sixteen members from the two prairie provinces supported the government and voted against a tariff reduction although they were representing Farmer and low tariff constituencies.

Mr. Duff denounced the present tour of the premier and Mr. Calder through the west.

"The business of the country demands," said the speaker, "that the premier should remain at his desk at Ottawa, if he knows his business instead of gallivanting the country, like a distracted hen which has lost its chickens."

MONTREAL TO BE BONE DRY FOR HARD STUFF

(Montreal Star.)

Co-incident with the decision of four of the Provinces of Canada against the importation of liquor yesterday, announcement was made by D. Murphy, K. C., newly appointed Administrator of the Liquor Laws for the Province of Quebec, today that from now on the law as it stands on the statute books is going to be administered.

"If there are enough honest men in the Province who are willing to work for the Government to see that the laws as they have been passed by the Legislature are carried out, these laws will be carried out," said Mr. Murphy to The Star in the first interview he has granted since he was appointed a week or so ago.

Undoubtedly there has been a great change in the way things have been going during the past few days. Prominent business men who have been in the habit of dropping into their favorite liquor store and ordering whatever they needed to fill the wet larder, have, to use the words of one of them, "been turned down cold." It was a new experience and when they were assured that it was no joke and that hereafter they would have to get their liquor as the law directs by securing a doctor's prescription they wondered if the end of the world had come.

Today The Star chatted with a number of those interested in the liquor question, both from the vendors standpoint and from that of those who are appointed to carry out the law. The final conclusion reached by The Star man was that the effort now being made was a serious one and that in the next session of the legislature important changes in the law may be expected.

What these changes will be is too early to predict but it seems to be common opinion that the present system of selling by the bottle on a doctor's prescription has proved a farce of the worst kind and that it will be abolished. It is also in the wind that the question of the Government taking over the whole sale of liquor—something that was mooted some months ago—is being seriously considered. It may be in the words of one interested in the trade that "the Government to let the people see just what the effect will be if the law is carried out. If the public is satisfied so will the Government be. If the public makes a fuss because it can't get its liquor as easily as people in provinces who have not voted against the importation, the Government may make certain changes. There has also to be taken into consideration the fact that the Government knows it is losing a lot of revenue it is entitled to under the act and naturally it doesn't like to see anyone else getting any of it."

Mr. Murphy knows the difficulties in the way but as he said to The Star: "I was appointed to see that the law was carried out. It doesn't matter what I think of the law or what anyone else thinks so long as it remains as it is. It is something that is up to the Government. If any changes are necessary I presume they are prepared to make them. In the meantime I am here and my only duty and object in life from now on is to see that no one breaks the law. It will prove a hard task but I do not think it is an impossible one."

G. W. V. A. Dance Last Night

The weekly G. W. V. A. dance was held last night in order that it might not conflict with the L. O. D. E. entertainment at the Vocational school tonight. The hall was artistically decorated with colored Hallowe'en lights and the exceptionally large attendance enthusiastically danced to a programme of selections by Prof. McCallum.

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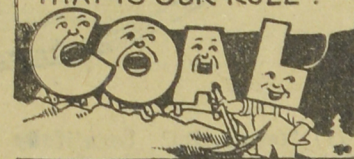
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