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THE NEW CABINET

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, has succeeded in forming a cabinet, the members of which took the oath of office last night. With one exception those composing it were members of the late House, and took an active part in the drive which resulted in the downfall of the MacKenzie King administration. Every province in the Dominion is represented in the new cabinet with the exception of Saskatchewan, but the portfolio of Interior has been left vacant and will undoubtedly be given to a member for that province. Hon. E. L. Patenaude, a Quebec man who has taken the portfolio of Minister of Justice, is the only minister who was not a member of the House recently dissolved. He is not, however, new to political life, by any means. He was a member of the Union Government from 1915 until 1917, and subsequently sat in the Quebec Legislature. In the election of October last he carried on a vigorous and spectacular campaign in Quebec and while he failed to carry many seats he reduced the Liberal majority in numerous constituencies and succeeded in breaking the solid bloc which sat in the previous House.

Hon. Mr. Patenaude's elevation to the cabinet ensures a battle royal in the Province of Quebec.

Some surprise was created by the announcement that Sir Henry Drayton, who was the Conservative leader's first lieutenant in the last House, had entered the cabinet without portfolio. His name had been mentioned in connection with railways and canals, but we are pleased to note that this important department has been handed over to a Maritime man, Hon. W. A. Black of Halifax. Should the government be sustained at the polls no doubt Sir Henry Drayton will be called upon to fill an important portfolio.

All the members of the new cabinet have had more or less political experience and there are a number of men of outstanding ability in the list. These of course include the Premier, who has proved himself an adroit parliamentarian; Sir George Perley, a former High Commissioner to the Court of St. James; Hon. R. B. Bennett, a native of New Brunswick, who has achieved fame and fortune in Western Canada; Hon. H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver, a man of brilliant parts, who was active in connection with the Customs investigation; Hon. Hugh Guthrie, a former minister of militia and an able lawyer; and Hon. S. F. Tolmie, a former minister of agriculture.

Forming a cabinet with a view of satisfying all sections and classes in a great country like Canada is not an easy task, but Premier Meighen seems to have made the best use of the material at his disposal and undoubtedly has a strong administration. Whether or not it will make good is of course a matter for the future to determine.

The date of the election has not yet been announced, but it will likely be between the 15th and 21st of September. This will allow ample time to present the issues to the country. What Canada needs more than anything else is stable government, with one or the other of the historic parties in actual control of Parliament.

HON. MR. BAXTER.

A St. John despatch to the Toronto Globe quotes Premier Baxter as follows:—

"I went to Montreal to interview Canadian Pacific Railway officials on business and while there Mr. Meighen and Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia arrived and I took advantage of their presence to go over certain Maritime matters with them. But I am not entering the Meighen Cabinet. When I returned to New Brunswick it was with the understanding that I would devote my time and energy to my native Province."

New Brunswick has a premier today who is not looking for a job. He abandoned the federal for the provincial field a year ago and intends to remain where he is for a time at least. Hon. Mr. Baxter is the ablest man who has held the Premiership of this province since the days of the late Hon. A. G. Blair and never intending to use his position as a

mere stepping stone. There is no doubt that an important portfolio in the federal cabinet could have been his without even asking for it but he did not want it. The province is in need of the valuable services of Premier Baxter at the present time, and there will be general satisfaction in the knowledge that he will remain in the provincial fold.

Hon. George B. Jones, member for Royal in the last House, will be New Brunswick's representative in the new Federal cabinet. Hon. Mr. Jones is one of the political veterans of New Brunswick, having served in the Legislature for ten years before going to Ottawa in 1921. He is an astute politician and has always been a staunch worker for the Conservative party. He is a successful business man as well as a successful politician and has certainly well earned the great honor which has come to him. The County of Kings which is part of Hon. Mr. Jones' constituency, was represented in the Cabinet for some years by Sir George E. Foster.

Hon. John a MacDonald of King's, P. E. Island, has joined the Meighen Cabinet without portfolio. If there is anything in a name he should be a source of strength to the new administration.

Toronto Globe: "Let us have straight party government," demands a correspondent. Right enough, responds The Chatham News, but be sure that you get the proper meaning of the word "straight."

On the anniversary of the Santa Barbara disaster, southern California experienced another slight quake, or maybe the denial will explain it was a Charleston contest.

The fact that Prince Carol of Roumania has been dropped from the civil list isn't at all surprising. Carol always did have a very uncivil list anyway.

Mr. Ziegfeld, who is leading the way back to clothes on the Broadway stage opened a new show last week. The girls were dressed but not suffocating.

Most of the silver-tongued sub-dividers having flown, the only nightingales remaining in Florida are the ones Edward Bok released there.

A biologist says the Spartan idea of permitting only the fittest to survive was the right one. It is possible this is so, but where are the Spartans?

A fly-swatter is that flat thing with a handle, with which one knocks over the expensive vase while he pursues his agile quarry.

When the audible movie is brought to a state of utter perfection we shall be able to hear the slap of the custard pie as it lands.

In time France may go back to a B. C. calendar. For example, 15 B. C., meaning during the 15th Briand Cabinet.

Forty thousand garment workers in New York went on strike last week, but more than that many garments were laid off.

June and her brides being more than two weeks past, any rice purchased now at the grocery is probably for pudding.

What the country needs is something to keep the mosquitoes away while the anti-mosquito lotion is being rubbed on.

Fawn Grey claims that she didn't notice that she was being married. Usually it is the groom who is unconscious.

The world can forgive a Dictator almost anything except not falling according to schedule.

If Mussolini ever has a spare moment on his hands he might step over to Pisa and straighten up that leaning tower.

If he isn't, the Kansas City baby who fell six stories and lives should be named Franc.

Two-inch heels for men are coming, the shoe men assert. Making us, as it were, better heeled.

The reason some people never realize their dreams is that they just sit around and keep on dreaming.

An Even Break.

There was an even break at the Officers' Square Tuesday evening by Soft Ball teams representing the Canadian Legion and the Provincial Civil Service. In the first game the Civil Service lost 14 to 2 but they came back in the second winning 3 to 3.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It is possible to become a hypocrite without joining church.

If you hate others you'll soon get sour enough to hate yourself.

Lima Beane says the national debt is the only debt that worries nobody.

It is imagination, not arithmetic, that counts the chicks before they're hatched.

A hero is a man who would rather talk about the weather than his own achievements.

Brief story of success: He began as a poor boy; worked faithfully; prospered; in middle life grew rich enough to marry a screen star.

One of the most satisfying reactions to life is that of having a comfortable home to go to when there is no place else to go.

Choice Jersey cows are being shipped from Oregon to New York where they will be expected to give ice cream.

Though it may not change the course of human events we beg to announce increased firmness in our belief that retribution is a hound's dawg. He may seem to lose the trail now and then but picks it up later and finally trees the game.

LET FORTUNE SLIP IN ORDER TO KEEP PONY

Chicago, July 14—The grandfather of Edgar Lee Masters, poet, just about a century ago refused to trade his pony for 40 acres of land in what became the heart of Chicago.

Now the city council of Chicago is considering a proposal to sell to the Marshall Field estate a little downtown alley, one block long, for \$400,000.

Many real estate stories have been written about the phenomenal growth of Chicago, but one of the most interesting has been contributed to the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society by the poet.

When Squire Davis Masters returned from the Blackhawk war, he scorned a chance to trade his pony for the land, described as "somewhere between the Chicago River and Lake Michigan," which corresponds generally to downtown Chicago. Squire Masters had his eyes on the fertile black corn land of Morgan County, near Spoon River, which his grandson made famous.

In the case of the alley strip proposed to be sold to Marshall Field, each side of the 40 foot strip, about 600 feet long, is shadowed by a towering department store. It normally is filled with trucks delivering merchandise and taxicabs and private cars delivering shoppers.

THE LAWYERS NUMBER SIX IN CABINET

Ottawa, July 13—The professions hold a majority of the new cabinet posts. Of the 16 names on the slate, nine are professional men, six are lawyers, two medical doctors, one a veterinary surgeon. The remainder are either farmers or merchants.

The lawyers are Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. R. B. Bennett, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Hon. E. B. Rickman, Sir Henry Drayton; the doctors are Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion and Hon. Dr. R. D. Morand. Dr. Tolmie is the veterinary surgeon and is also a farmer; Sir George Perley is a retired lumber merchant, the Hon. W. A. Black is a ship owner, Hon. H. H. Stevens is a broker and merchant, Hon. J. D. Chaplin is a manufacturer, Hon. G. B. Jones is a lumber merchant and Hon. J. A. MacDonald is a merchant.

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