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THE CRISIS AT OTTAWA.

After holding office four years and six months almost to a day the Liberal Government of Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King has resigned, following an adverse vote in the House on the Customs scandal, and His Excellency the Governor-General, has called upon Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Conservative leader, to form a new administration. Hon. Mr. Meighen has courageously accepted what is expected to be a very difficult task, but it will likely be some days before he will be able to announce the personnel of his ministry. He has at his disposal a lot of excellent material in the House of Commons but his party although comprising the largest parliamentary group is in a minority and would have great difficulty in carrying on the business of the House, were a dozen or more of the leading members to accept office and return to their constituencies for re-election. True, the House might take recess for a month or six weeks to enable this to be done but the trouble is supply has not been voted and there will be no money available for the various public services unless Parliament makes some provision for them.

The moment Hon. Mr. Meighen accepts office his seat becomes vacant and the House will be deprived of his valuable services. He can, however, appoint a number of ministers without office or salary who can retain their seats and carry on the business of the House with the cooperation of the Progressives. Even if something is done to tide over the present very difficult situation an election cannot be delayed more than a few months at the most.

The overthrow of the King Government was due to the Customs probe which has been carried on by a select committee of the House. The report of the Committee was the rock on which the Liberals and Progressives split. Five Progressives from the west on Saturday last voted against the Government on motions having to do with the Customs report, but at an early hour on Saturday morning a motion to adjourn was adopted by a majority of one. In the meantime the contents of the celebrated Duncan report were made public and there were rumors of a further stampede of Progressives. Realizing that the Government stood face to face with defeat in the House, Premier King at noon yesterday waited upon the Governor-General and asked for a dissolution. His Excellency refused to comply with this request whereupon the Premier promptly tendered the resignation of his ministry and it was accepted. As a result Canada is now without a Government.

The present crisis at Ottawa is entirely due to the existence of a third party in Canadian politics. The Liberals although returned with the largest group in 1921, had an invisible majority and were always dependent more or less on the support of the Progressives. At the election in October last the Conservatives made enormous gains. The Liberals lost some sixteen seats while the Progressives came back shorn of two thirds of their strength in the previous House. The result was not satisfactory neither to members of the two old parties in the House nor to the country. An election is the only remedy for the present chaotic situation. If it will be the means of wiping the Progressive party off the map and result in the restoration of stable Government at Ottawa with one of the old parties in control backed by a substantial majority in Parliament, it cannot come too soon. This is no time for faddists in the public life of Canada and the sooner they are relegated to a back seat the better.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe says that it is stated on good authority that Premier Baxter will return to the Federal arena and take the post of Minister of Customs in the Meighen Cabinet. The recent investigation has demonstrated the need of a strong man in the Customs Department and undoubtedly Premier Baxter's services will be in demand. It is to be earnestly hoped for the good of the province, however, that he will be allowed to finish his work as Premier.

The resignation of the King Government will mean that the province

will retain the services of Ex-Premier Veniot as Opposition leader in the Legislature. He was to have had an important job under the Federal Government, but was overlooked in the final shuffle. Mose Aziz is in jail, but his work told.

A Nova Scotia vacancy in the Senate has existed for months, and was not filled because there were too many applicants. At the eleventh hour the Government made a nomination but His Excellency turned it down. Now the plum will go to a Conservative. Procrastination is not a wise policy for politicians.

Two important resignations have already occurred this week. The Liberal government at Ottawa has resigned and Mr. F. J. D. Barnjum, of pulpwood fame, elected to the Nova Scotia Legislature in June last has stepped out from the political game.

The Conservative board of strategy at Ottawa, which has been a subject for numerous jests, seems to have at last scored a home run.

Cincinnati, we read, has barred Joyce Hawley from playing there. It evidently wants the world to know it's no Cincinnatiatorium.

At last, however, most of our June days have thus far been rare—undergone, if y'unnerstan' what we mean, Mawrns.

Sunlight, according to a prominent medico, will cure most of our disorders. Hang the old liver out on the clothes-line.

"Dangerous Curves Get No Attention."—Headline. Oh, they don't, eh? Are we becoming blasé?

Dietician says a return to biologic eating is the most pressing need of the present time. Ugh! Fancy a biologic meal—or wouldn't you

The Crown Prince of Sweden is probably justified in his own opinion that he wouldn't make a good reporter. A good reporter is born, not made.

All the average man expects his wife to be is a sweetheart, a valet, an audience, and a nurse.

Another thing this country needs as much as anything else is an influx of more Daniels come to judgment.

Sometimes "a simple statement of fact" is more simple than clear.

France has its political battle no less renowned than war.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

Swat the fly before he becomes a great grandfather.

Soon the days will begin to grow shorter at both ends.

Assuming that love is really blind what a blessing it would be if it never got its eyes open.

First one breed of dog is popular and then another. But flea styles never change.

It is at the approach of the vacation season that the office atlas suffers most from wear and tear.

"Hallelujah" remarked the Man on the Car, is an advertisement of the spirit within."

In a small town everybody knows a man who is no better than he ought to be.

It seems a thousand years since a railroad train was flagged with a red petticoat.

When a woman marries a man to reform him does she consider the job complete when she gets a divorce?

But for the radio countless thousands might never have heard of the uplifting bit of musical art that comes lilting on the air every whiff-stitch entitled: Ah, Give Me a Little Kiss, Won't You, Huh?

Resigns Position. Mr. Earle Brown, manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Store has resigned his position and will remove with his family to Campbellton where he has accepted a position with Jones & Schofield. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have made many friends here who will regret their departure.

PROF. SWAIN GAVE GOOD ADDRESS

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The speaker proceeded to read the Twelfth Chapter of Ecclesiastes as an example of striking literature. Too few could understand it thoroughly and how few teachers could enter into the spirit and impart it?

Often the teachers gave a wrong impression of a literary work. Prof. Thomas then proceeded to give his interpretation of the chapter. He followed this with an interpretation of Browning's "Memorabilia".

Touching upon poetry Prof. Thomas said that no elaborate technique was necessary for the understanding of a poem. John MacRae's poem "In Flanders Fields" was a perfect rondeau the author possessing perfect technique.

The successful teacher of English must know everything. It was "the teacher who knows" who was most needed. Literature made its greatest appeal to the emotions and the voiced universal emotions.

Aesthetics was part of emotion and beauty of thought gave the "Aesthetic Praise."

The speaker proceeded discussion of the work of Milton, Shakespeare and Lowell.

He stated among other things that if the spiritual response was not possessed if there was no philosophy of life one had missed that which mattered most.

Monday Afternoon.

The Institute Monday afternoon held a session devoted largely to business matters. The report of the secretary treasurer Dr. H. H. Hagerman showed receipts totalling \$996.25 and expenditures totalling \$462.38 leaving a balance of \$533.87.

Officers Elected. Dr. Hagerman was elected again to the office of secretary-treasurer and Miss Mabel Logan was elected Assistant secretary. The registration fee was fixed at one dollar.

Committees Named. Committees were named as follows:

Nominating Committee, D. R. Bishop, Miss Harrison, J. A. Hughes, J. Frank Owens, Miss Eugenie Hachey, Miss Annie Richardson, W. Purvis.

Resolutions Committee, S. A. Worrell, Dr. C. C. Jones, Miss Hazel Alward.

Prof. Swain who was present and seated on the platform spoke briefly. He stated among other things that he regretted the intellectual rebellion of youth much less than docility. One of the greatest missions of the teacher was to stimulate independence of thought.

A. R. Wetmore who has been spending a few days at Ottawa returned home today.

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City of Fredericton Notice of Assessment.

The Assessment Roll for the City of Fredericton for the year 1926 is now in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of their respective taxes to the City Treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton, N. B., within thirty days from the date hereof.

A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid in to the City Treasurer within the period of thirty days from the date hereof, after which executions may be issued and proceedings had thereon as by law provided.

All persons assessed in the City of Fredericton who do not pay their rates within the said period of thirty days shall have added to the said rates one-half of one per centum per month or part of a month until the said rates are paid.

Dated at the City Hall, in the City of Fredericton, this 22nd day of June A. D. 1926.

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