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A Danger of Large Majorities

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin's humiliation over the defeat of his Government on a relatively important issue in the House of Commons was increased several degrees by two defeats in the House of Lords the following day—in fact at the very hour that he was advising the Commons he would not accept the defeat, but would debate the issue again when the division taken would be regarded as a vote of confidence.

Actually, there was nothing spectacular in any of the defeats. In the Commons the vote concerned the Government's refusal to pay women in the Civil Service the same wages as men. In the Lords both votes were taken on a debate on nothing more momentous than where the unemployed farm labor would collect its relief money—the post office or the labor exchange. But the point that is important and must be carefully considered, in view of the present crisis, is the effect abroad.

In Britain the explanation is simple and easily understood. The overwhelming majority the Government has in both House was absent, each member, with a personal contempt for the numerical quantity of the Opposition, relying on his colleagues to do the voting for him. It is true that in the Commons the defeat would not have occurred had not thirty-one members of the Government gone over to the Opposition. But even this isolated "revolt" could not have affected the outcome had the Government been well represented.

These facts will not be so easily understood on the continent. Even if they could be, there are ample reasons why some concerned with the trend of international policies should make what capital they can by misinterpreting them. Hence the second debate and the vote of confidence. While the Opposition may argue that the Commons vote, enhanced by the ballots of thirty-one members of the Government parties, is indication of disapproval of the Government policy, Premier Baldwin is technically correct in the course he has chosen, for the simple reason that the power of the Commons over the Cabinet is restricted to a grant or refusal of confidence. If the issue, either in the Commons or in the Lords, has been of any real importance or in any way concerned with Government policy a defeat could never have occurred. At the same time, the reverses illustrate what can happen when large majorities grow lax; and it is hardly desirable, whatever the Government's privileges, that every little issue and its reputation should be rescued with a vote of confidence.

Is Recovery Here?

Our progress towards recovery is pointed out in an editorial in Canadian Business for April headed, "Recovery on the Way," which says, "Have you ever sat down and tried to figure out what really happened in 1929 and after? We didn't smash our machinery, nor plough up crops, nor burn houses, nor lay waste property. There was no widespread destruction of tangible wealth. But there was a refusal—or an inability—for men to recognize the values of wealth. Values were destroyed. For instance, the values of our homes, factories, farms, mines, inventories, etc., declined 30 per cent, our shares in the stock market declined 80 per cent, at the same time, the price of manufactured goods decreased while the farmers' wares came down still further in value. Consequently, corporate earnings in many cases dipped out of sight; national income 47 per cent. Altogether a general deflation of wealth values ensued.

"How can this wealth be measured today? How is the job of recovery getting along?

"Practically all wealth values are rebounding. National income has risen again about 25 per cent; farm prices have improved 50 per cent, so have those of industrial goods; corporate earnings with which to pay for past debts and new expansion are generally up and dividends are being increased; stock market prices have been fairly consistently upwards during the last twelve months 35 per cent, so that the shares you hold, if you were able to hold them, mean more dollars and cents for you all the time. Moreover, this return of the stock market is not prompted by any indiscriminate buying on margin as brokers' loans have shown virtually no increase. Market gains have meant a lot to a large number of people of modest means whose greater optimism will make them feel like spending money which will increase business all around.

"And we agree with a letter received from E. A. Ames & Company in which they say in discussing this subject that the recovery in wealth values reflects all sorts of improvement in economic conditions. The destruction which we witnessed in 1929 is being repaired and believe it will continue. All of which speaks well for better days ahead and the automatic lessening of some of our more tangible burdens."

While greatly respecting the business opinion of Canadian Business and sharing with the editor of that journal the feeling that times are much improved we do not hesitate to reassert our assertion of a few weeks ago that now is a good time for those dealing in stocks to make an analysis of their holdings. There is a feeling of confidence today. There was also a feeling of confidence immediately prior to the crash of 1929.

We must not lose sight of the fact that our federal government at Ottawa is budgeting this year for such extraordinary expenditures as forty million dollars for unemployment, 26 million for public works, 48 million for railway deficit. The province of Alberta has made a bond default. Our provincial governments are still trying to balance budgets. The element of uncertainty is far from negligible. Optimism and confidence should not beget the necessity for caution.

More Commandments

A New York preacher proposes an addition to the ten commandments to take care of modern sins. He thinks there is a variety of sin now that Moses didn't know about. This pastor wants to bite off too much. We aren't taking care of the commandments we have. The weakness of most legislative bodies is for a mess of new laws. Bible revisers are in the same class. What this country wants first is an orderly retreat back to the original ten commandments. When we have those properly translated into our every day habits, there will be time to talk about expansion.

SNAPSHOTS

Gerry made us promise to keep his wedding a secret and we did so, but it got out just the same. Gerry can get all the eggs he wants now for breakfast, fried and boiled or even raw ones.

Some young men are called baby reporters and some older men act like babies.

Is it true that a certain man who lives back of town has been doing a good bootlegging business for several months, has been annoying respectable neighbours, and encroaching on other property; is it also true that while he is forced to be absent from home that the taxpayers are paying for the support of a woman with whom he lives, and his and her three children? Do the police know anything about such a case?

Family loyalty is where the fond relative sits through amateur theatricals and remains a fond relative.

So if Duce has taken over the banks of Italy. And what a banker—with an eye like if Duce's!

"I will not sacrifice the honour of Germany,"—Mr. Hitler. It would be a good trick, even if he didn't do it.

A Rome official says Italy's air fleet is in a position to sweep the Mediterranean, which must be pretty dirty after a long hard winter.

Power developments on the Columbia River, British Columbia, threaten destruction of the famous salmon industry by preventing the fish from getting up the river to spawn. And it is difficult to teach fish that power plants ought to have the right of way.

The Peterborough Examiner is convinced that the weekly newspaper editor of former days who cut up the government blue books for use by the village barber was an expert in logical thinking and thrift. Now he is beaten. Blue books are so numerous and bulky that he can't spare the time to chop them up.

Removal Mexican Interference One of Many Improvements

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 and to French broadcasting; but, according to the official analysis of these grievances and the steps taken to remedy them, most of the troubles which the Commission encountered in the early stages of its development have vanished like snow in the April sun. Since the middle of 1934 there has been little or no criticism about French broadcasting over the Canadian network, the Commission having taken steps to remove the primary causes of complaints from provinces like Ontario and Saskatchewan, which were uneven apportionment of programme production as between Toronto and Montreal and too lengthy announcements in both English and French.

Commission Widely Commended
 During the past two years, according to a submission to the House of Commons Radio Committee, the Radio Commission has been widely commended by the press and the public for the character and quality of the service it is rendering. Numerous public bodies have gone on record as appreciating the improvement as compared with the former set-up. Broadcasts from overseas, the development of a service which is essentially Canadian in character, the banishing of objectionable advertising, the removal of interference from Mexican stations and the international exchange of selected programmes from the United States, making available in Canada the Metropolitan Grand Opera and the New York Philharmonic concerts, all have been warmly commended.

OUR LEGISLATORS

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on the Budget, a member for Westmorland induced a hand organ man to come into an anti room and start his organ playing. Just when the then Provincial Secretary was at his best the tune of St. Patrick's Day was grinded out on the organ. Harry Rutter, the then Sergeant at Arms, ran into the anti room with his sword and nearly scared the poor Italian to death. At another time a member from Carleton called a member for York "a frowzy headed baboon". Again a new member from one of the rural constituencies got angry one day at an imaginary grievance and ran across the floor and bawled out a member of the press gallery much to the astonishment of the dignified members of the legislature of that day. These are the only cases that the writer remembers in a quarter of a century where the dignity of the House was disturbed.

During the present session it has been remarked upon that certain male retainers of the House have sat in the ladies' galleries with their hats on, and that certain other assistant official reporters employed in the House have wandered across the floors to the members' desks. There are pages employed in the House and some of the members think that the younger official reporters who have never been around the House before should be tipped off by the Sergeant at Arms that they are breaking the rules. Take it all in all, however, the dignity of His Majesty's House has been fairly well observed this session.

Frantic Efforts Being Made to Free Entombed Men

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 been blocked so tightly by the cave-in the men were unable to advance swiftly enough after getting down 80 feet.

A new approach was begun at five o'clock yesterday afternoon down the old Meagher shaft which also touches the 141-foot level. It will be some time today before the rescuers reach the trapped men by that shaft.

A handsome Great Dane called "Moose" jumped over foot-wide crevices of the cave-in mine last night, baying for his master.

Far below, trapped by a sudden fall of stone, and gravel, Mr. Magill, owner of the dog was trapped with Dr. Robertson and Scadding. Miners worked by floodlight to free them.

"Moose" named after the district where Magill and the canine had become fast friends, was locked up Sunday night when the three entered the mine from which they may never return alive. Early yesterday morning he was let loose and he spent the day sniffing at yawning, crying out for a response. But there was no answer from the depths.

Wives On Way

TORONTO, Ont., April 14—Mrs. D. E. Robertson and Mrs. R. E. Magill, wives of two of the three Toronto men trapped in a mine at Moose River, N. S., left together yesterday by train for the scene of the accident. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Gallie, a friend of Dr. and Mrs. Robertson. Mrs. Alfred Scadding, wife of the third man trapped in the mine is unable to make the trip due to poor health.

Robertson and Magill are part owners of the mine and were making a tour of inspection with Scadding, the timekeeper, when the accident occurred. They were the only men in the mine at the time.

The first attempt to reach the three men trapped in the Moose River gold mine in Nova Scotia yesterday proved a failure. Rescuers digging out an abandoned mine shaft, here would be unable to reach tonight a tunnel 141 feet underground where three Toronto men were trapped by a cave-in last night. Mine Foreman F. D. Henderson said late yesterday.

More than 100 men from this locality, working in reliefs, had been forced to stop clearing out the old Archibald shaft, 80 feet from the surface about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and attempt to reach the level where the men were trapped from another abandoned shaft.

Henderson said they could not be expected to get to the men "for some hours."

The three men imprisoned by the sudden cave-in which affected an area of about 400 by 5 feet were Dr. D. E. Robertson, surgeon, Herman R. Magill, barrister and Alfred Scadding, time-keeper. All were from Toronto.

Dr. Robertson and Mr. Magill had bought the Moose River Gold Mines Company about two months ago and were inspecting their property Sunday night when the land slipped and blocked all means of exit from the level they were on.

The surface above the spot where the men were imprisoned was sunken land, and, in some spots, the ground appeared to have dropped ten to fifteen feet. Cracks and crevices were apparent over the area as if it had been affected by an earthquake.

Weakened By Seepage

the cave-in to a gradual undermining of the diggings by water which weakened the natural rock structure of the area. For thirty years, since operations were begun, water had been seeping through the surface and eroding the foundations until the men paid their visit Sunday night.

A man of 42 years' experience in mining, the foreman said he had never heard of the earth giving away as it had done here without warnings. He said a rumbling easily heard usually preceded the disturbance.

Our Mail Bag

APPRECIATION

The Daily Mail has received several letters of appreciation from various individuals and organizations. The following was received a few days ago:

Fredericton, N. B.,
 April 10th, 1936.

Editor, The Daily Mail,
 Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:
 The Provincial Chapter of New Brunswick Imperial Daughters of the Empire desires to express their sincere thanks to you for the publicity you have given their work during the past year in your widely circulated paper. We wish to assure you that everything you have done to bring our work before the public is greatly appreciated by all the members.

Yours very sincerely,
 HELEN J. COY,
 Provincial Secretary.

Prospectus of Crisis In Mediterranean Worrying Paris

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 Belgian general staffs next Wednesday in London.

Angered by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's declaration that Great Britain is indifferent to Italy's presence at the Locarno conference table, Premier Mussolini was reported to have decided on even greater aloofness than hitherto from both league and Rhineland negotiations.

Accounts Are Available For Examination

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 Certain portions of the press had given the impression at a recent meeting of the Public Accounts committee that accounts were withheld from examination and Mr. Hughes' letter cleared the matter up this morning.

TO SING AT SAINT JOHN
 Mrs. Neva Buckley Inch, Fredericton contralto has been engaged to give a concert this evening in the Ludlow street Baptist vestry at Saint John. Mrs. Inch will be assisted by P. J. Murphy, Irish baritone. Mrs. Inch, who is a member of the Wilmot United church choir here, formerly studied under the late Oscar Saingar of New York, an international musical figure.

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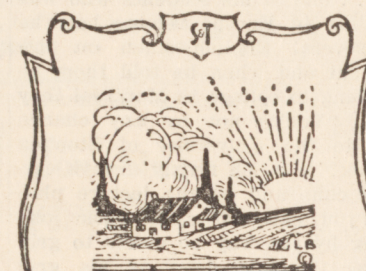
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