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LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

"The reason we have taken the attitude we have taken against this bill is to call the attention of the House and of the country to the most important measure, perhaps, which has even engaged its attention during the forty years and more of its existence. Important it is because it opens the way to a new departure altogether in our national life. This present hour and this present day are not without solemnity. If we pass this bill, I say to my right hon. friend that we are turning our backs upon what has been the traditional history of this country since Confederation; if we pass this bill we will certainly interrupt and perhaps, put an end to the spirit of self-confidence and self-reliance which has made Canada what it is today; if we pass this bill we open a new page in the long and fateful struggle which has characterized colonial government from its inception to this day, the struggle between centralization on the one side and expansion on the other—a struggle which we thought had forever been settled in favor of colonial expansion—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Commons, on Monday.

THE INCOME TAX

Discussing the proposed income tax in the United States the Toronto Saturday Night says:

"It is said that the income tax which will now become general throughout the United States will produce something like \$80,000,000 per annum. On incomes ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000 per annum the rate will be one per cent. From \$20,000 to \$50,000 2 per cent; \$50,000 to \$100,000 3 per cent; all over \$100,000 4 per cent. The exemption will be on all incomes under \$4,000 per annum. This will mean that a man of moderate income will have a better chance in the United States than he has in some portions of Canada, in the city of Toronto for instance, where all incomes above \$1,200 are subject to a tax which has for years past run from 17½ to 19 mills, or just a trifle under two per cent. The comparatively poor with us pay the same rate as the rich, whereas the new United States enactment plans to make those who can best afford it bear a larger proportion of the bill. The United States method has much to recommend it. The science of taxation is placing the tax where it is felt the least.

Moncton Transcript:—It was fitting that Borden, the cowardly premier of Canada, should turn to Poland and find there a precedent in the story of its old parliament for the action which he took in Ottawa on Wednesday. The story of Poland and the stifling of political liberty there is one which thrills every student of European history. Few instances are to be found so thrilling in their character as that which produced the dying cry of an old-time nation. Sympathizing thus with the destruction of Poland it was natural that Premier Borden in his crazy effort to retain office, should seek to stifle the rights of free discussion and free amendment in the parliament of Canada.

It will be generally admitted that the late Sir John A. Macdonald knew a few things about the political game. He was prime minister of Canada for many years but he never found it necessary to employ steam-roller methods at Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid Laurier held the office of prime minister for fifteen years and got along fairly well without resorting to the gag. It may be that Mr. Borden is a greater statesman than either Sir John or Sir Wilfrid but we are inclined to doubt it.

The Tories at Ottawa have certainly been looking to the future. They recently placed an order for sufficient mail bag locks to last fifty years.

In 1909, after the Canadian House of Commons had unanimously adopted a resolution approving of Canadian navy, Sir Charles Tupper, in a letter to Hon. Mr. Borden, declared "that a terrible responsibility would rest upon those who disturbed that compact." Premier Borden would have saved himself a lot of trouble had he heeded the advice of the veteran statesman and refrained from forming an alliance with the Nationalists on the naval question.

Windsor Record:—The "axe brigade" is still diligently employed in chopping off the official heads of poor unfortunate Grits in the civil service. Drunk with power, the Borden spoilsmen have gone on a regular jamboree in hunting for victims of a vicious system that lowers departmental efficiency and cheapens public regard for political service.

Mr. Kyle, M.P. for Inverness, was probably not far astray when he stated in parliament last week that the drastic nature of the Tory closure bill was due to the eagerness of the government to cover up grave scandals involving Postmaster General Pelletier and others.

Premier Borden should cable Hon. George E. Foster, who is now in Australia, to take the first steamer for home. Mr. Foster, whatever his faults may be, is possessed of a good supply of horse sense which seems to be sadly lacking among his colleagues.

Premier Borden's present troubles are all due to the fact that he did not play the game fairly. He sowed the wind when he entered into an unholy alliance with the Quebec Nationalists and he is now reaping the whirlwind.

It is certainly not a very good advertisement for Canada to have it go abroad that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the greatest colonial statesman of his time, was refused a hearing in Parliament upon a constitutional question.

Now that the ice has pretty well broken up in the river it is to be hoped that the government will lose no time in providing some means by which foot passengers can get across the highway bridge.

The fact that fifteen boxes of dynamite are scattered along the bed of the river between the bridges is not likely to lessen the number of applicants for jobs on government dredges this summer.

Coming from an independent paper that was a pretty nice tribute which The Canadian Courier paid Hon. Dr. Pugsley a short time ago. It was not reproduced or even commented upon by the Tory hack organs.

A naval contribution forced through parliament under closure, even should it pass the senate will scarcely be acceptable to the people of the mother country.

Had Premier Borden not entered into an alliance with the Quebec Nationalists there would be no closure bill before parliament at the present time.

The Conservative party has given Canada some great statesmen, but with the single exception of Sir Charles Tupper they are all dead.

When it comes to parliamentary tactics Hon. Dr. Pugsley is more than a match for the whole Tory outfit at Ottawa.

Hon. Bob Rogers, the bad man from Manitoba, is in charge of the Tory steam-roller at Ottawa.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATION

Princess Henry of Battenberg, daughter of the late Queen Victoria, 56 years old today.

Delphin M. Delmas, leading counsel for the defense in the first Thaw trial, 69 years old today.

James Seligman, the senior partner of the great banking firm of J. and W. Seligman, 89 years old today.

Lieut. Gen. Anna R. Chaffee, retired, former chief of staff of the United States Army, 71 years old today.

James M. Graham, representative in Congress of the Twenty-first Illinois district, 61 years old today.

IMPORTANT DECISION
IN REAL ESTATE CASE

The Edmonton Daily Bulletin of March 27th contains a lengthy account of a decision arrived at recently by the Judges of the Supreme Court of Alberta sitting en banc. It is stated that the decision will have a far reaching effect on real estate transactions in that province and means in fact that any realty man who undertakes to secure a piece of property for a client for a certain figure and securing it at a less sum fails to disclose the fact but retains the difference between the price at which he buys and that at which he sells unless there is an agreement to the contrary is liable to be convicted of obtaining money under false pretences. A charge of false pretences on the above fact was laid against one Robinson a real estate agent of Vermilion, Alberta and the case was tried before Mr. Justice Stuart who having doubts as to whether the offence of false pretences was constitutional and in order to have a uniform rule of law for the entire provinces referred the matter to the Court en banc. The case was heard before five judges, four of whom decided in favor of the contention of the Crown that the offence of false pretences are fully constitutional by the acts in question while one Judge dissented.

G. P. O. Fenwick, B.A., LL.B., a brother-in-law of Dr. VanWart and formerly a student with McLellan & Hughes of this City appeared on behalf of the Crown while J. M. McDonald defended.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

APRIL 14

1789—General Washington received at Mt. Vernon official notification of his election as first President of the United States.

1803—The Bank of France established.

1813—Junius S. Morgan, famous financier and father of J. Pierpont Morgan, born in West Springfield, Mass. Died at Monte Carlo, April 8, 1890.

1849—Hungary declared itself an independent state, with Kossuth as supreme governor.

1852—Rangoon, capital of the Burmese empire, stormed and taken by the British.

1865—President Lincoln assassinated in Ford's Theatre, Washington, by J. Wilkes Booth.

1912—Henri Brisson, president of the French Chamber of Deputies, died in Paris. Born in Bourges, July 31, 1835.

MR. CARRIER PROMOTED.

Charlottetown Patriot:—N. W. Carrier, who has been manager of the Canadian Home Investment Company here, has been promoted to the head offices of this company in Vancouver. He will take charge of the superintendent's office, Department A. Previous to coming here Mr. Carrier was in St. John. This is a most remarkable promotion judging from the fact that Mr. Carrier has been with the Canadian Home Investment Company for only fourteen months. During his stay in Charlottetown he has made many friends besides bringing the business in closer relation with the public generally. (Mr. Carrier was at one time connected with the Monitor Manufacturing Company in this city.)

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