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A MISERABLE SUBTERFUGE

The non-partisan Hazen government the members of which promised when seeking election to know neither Liberal or Conservative in connection with appointments to the various public offices should they be entrusted with the reins of power is still continuing its course of extermination as far as Liberal office holders are concerned. In doing so they have shown that as adepts in "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," they have the Heathen Chinese hopelessly outclassed. Failing by any other means to get the late factory inspector, a man who had always given entire satisfaction in carrying out the duties of his office, out of the way so as to make room for a party supporter, they brought on legislation which in a roundabout way made his retirement compulsory. Having a little later to find a comfortable post for another party worker, they abolished the title of Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and with it the holder of that position; at the same time continuing the office "with an amended title," and jobbing into it one of their most active workers.

Some little time ago it was desired to get rid of some minor officials of the Supreme Court, whose opinions on political matters did not commend themselves to the government, but to have dismissed these men for want of cause shown, would have caused rather more comment than perhaps Mr. Hazen and his colleagues cared to risk. Hence it became necessary to find some other excuse, and if the men could not be abolished, at least they offices they held could, and the holders would then have no cause for complaint. Hence with the passing of the Judicature Act the positions of Referees in Equity drop out, and a new name is found for the gentlemen who will henceforth perform the duties pertaining to that office, all of whom have been re-appointed except such as were known to hold political opinions which do not commend themselves to the government. Henceforth the Referees in Equity will be known as Masters of the Supreme Court and under this disguise in nomenclature they will perform precisely the same duties as they have done in the past. But Mr. Hazen and his colleagues have got rid of the men they desired to, and the absurdity and the pettiness of the method they employed to do so, will not shame them in the least.

RESTRICTING COMBINES

The measure framed by the Minister of Labor and adopted by the Dominion Parliament will tend further to protect the public from the possible consequences of trade restrictions. The chief defences provided against combines that injuriously restrict trade are publicity, tariff reduction or removal, and the cancelling of patents. It is also provided that any person continuing to act in violation of the Act after an adverse report has been made and ten days have elapsed shall be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars for each day the offence is subsequently considered. The law is made to apply to cases of combinations formed to unduly lower the price of raw material. This will apply to possible actions by the salmon cannery of the Pacific coast, or the fruit cannery or cold-storage managers in other parts of the Dominion.

In summarizing the provisions of the bill, The Globe says that to put the law in motion six persons must make application to a Judge of the High Court of Justice, declaring their belief in the existence of an injurious combine and asking an investigation. The hearing of the application must be held within thirty days, and if the Judge decides that a case has been made out he will order an investigation. In Quebec this preliminary hearing is before a Judge of the Superior Court, and there are similar provisions according to the judiciary of the other Provinces. For the investigation the Minister of Labor will appoint a Board of three persons; one on the recommendation

of the applicants and one on the recommendation of those accused, these two to recommend the third. Provision is made against the appointment of anyone personally interested. The report of the Board is to be published in The Canada Gazette, and shall be furnished to any newspaper for publication on request. Trades unions are exempted from the restrictions of the Act.

In this measure the Government have provided a means for prompt investigation without expense to those who suffer through combines limiting production, manufacture, transportation, purchase, sale, storage, or supply of any article of commerce. If the investigation discloses injurious restrictions, it is provided that the Governor-General in Council may reduce or remove the duty levied on similar goods imported. Recourse may be had also to the criminal law if the offence is continued after a condemnatory report. The chief advantage over the former provisions in the tariff law will be found in the effective and inexpensive machinery created. The former law was a courageous experiment, and, although it proved effective in many cases, experience has shown that the difficulties involved in putting it in motion restricted its usefulness. The Government have now effected the changes shown to be necessary, and have brought the law fully abreast of present-day requirements.

The success which has attended the French Aviator Paulhan in his aerial flight from London to Manchester, would seem to indicate that the conquest of the air has been achieved, and that the possibilities in the direction of aerial navigation need only be limited by the amount of fuel which the airship can carry. Considerable sympathy will go out to the plucky Englishman that the efforts he was making in his second attempt should have been, more successful than the first.

SIR PERCY LAKE CRITICIZES MILITIA

Wants Period of Annual Training Extended to Sixteen Days—Speaks Highly of Cadet System.

Ottawa, April 27.—The annual report of the Militia Council, covering the season of 1909, was presented to the Commons today. Out of a total establishment of 43,742, the number trained at district camps and local headquarters last year was 36,224, of whom only 12,190 were trained at the district camps.

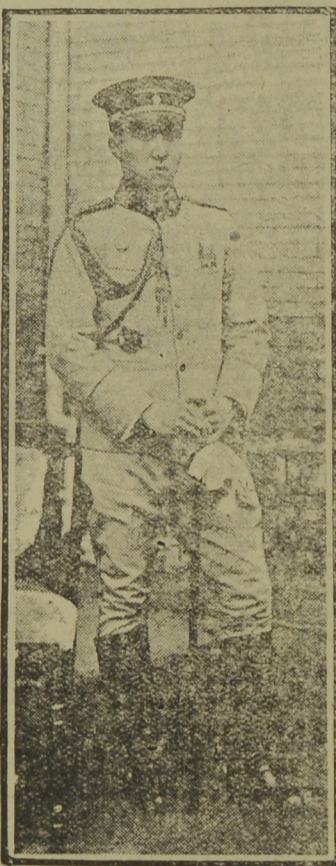
The report of Sir Percy Lake, the Inspector-General, lays stress upon the effect of the reduction of the militia votes last year. He states: "The efficiency of the whole force suffered severely from the decrease in the votes upon which it depended for maintenance and drill. In the permanent force establishments had to be reduced below the limits of efficiency and recruiting had to be stopped."

Sir Percy takes the view that, bad as was the effect of this policy upon the active militia, it was even worse upon the permanent force, and he especially regrets the impossibility of having had all the permanent force mobilized at Petawawa for combined training. The barracks at Kingston are condemned as bad. The strike at Glace Bay is reported to have had a serious effect upon the condition of the barracks and fortresses. As to the former, it is said that there is no station, with the possible exception of Esquimaux, where the barracks are up to the standard of modern requirements, while the barracks at Kingston, Toronto, St. John's and Quebec are distinctly discreditable to the Dominion. They are old and out of date, often out of repair. The men are unhealthy crowded at the two former places, and the drainage is faulty. No time should be lost in providing the new barracks contemplated in the neighborhood of Toronto and Kingston.

General Lake notes that too wide permission was given last year to the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Toronto in respect to taking part in musical rides at exhibitions. The training of the horses and men suffered thereby, and he recommends that in future permission to take part in such exhibitions be given very sparingly.

He recommends the extension of the terms of annual training for all branches of the force to sixteen days, the additional expenditure involved being about \$200,000.

General Lake's report concludes as follows:—"The best hope for the future efficiency of the militia force, the army of the Dominion, lies, in my judgment, in the success of the cadet movement, an increased period of annual training, and, above all, in the



PRINCE TASAI TIO.

Washington, April 28.—His Imperial Highness, Prince Tasai Tio, brother of the Prince Regent of China, chief of staff of the Chinese army and uncle of the Chinese Emperor who is making a tour of the world on a mission of vital importance to the future of the Chinese Empire, arrived in Washington today.

A troop of cavalry and Chandler Hale, assistant secretary of state, representing the state department and Capt. Butt, the president's aide representing President Taft, took the Prince in charge. During his stay in Washington until Saturday night, functions in his honor will be numerous. Ten officers of the Chinese army accompany the Prince. They are making a study of military methods in Europe and America. Saturday night the Chinese minister will give a dinner and Sunday morning the Imperial party will leave for New York. They leave for England on May 5.

CONQUEST ON THE AIR

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Following the example of the Frenchman who got away from London an hour ahead of him yesterday White was in the air at 2.50 o'clock more than an hour before daybreak and more than an hour before Paulhan started from Litchfield fifty miles further north. White passed Rugby just before daybreak flying at a great height and with terrific speed in an effort to make up the distance which he had lost by his late start yesterday. He kept up his speed following the railway line as well as he could in the uncertain light over Nuneaton and Atherstone and when he was compelled to descend at Polesworth he was only ten miles from Litchfield from which point Paulhan had started but a moment before. Paulhan upon ascending at Litchfield sharply at 4.09 o'clock this morning was hurried on by the news that White already was in the air and approaching Litchfield Paulhan encountered a sharp southwest wind which while toward the end of his journey made it almost impossible for him to keep a firm grasp on the levers helped him on his way.

A dense crowd was gathered at the field where the machine was stored over night and along the roads leading northward and they gave the Frenchman encouraging cheers, although their sympathies naturally were with their fellow country. As he flew gracefully then the Frenchman aviator made a wide circle to get his bearings and when he had determined his course he mounted to a good height just missing a tall elm tree in the ascent. Then he sailed directly for Stafford the aeroplane sawing perilously in the wind.

Paulhan followed the railway line all the way to Manchester usually at a height of three hundred feet but ascending to seven hundred feet when passing over towns and the people who turned out to cheer him saw but a speck in the sky.

White was one of the first to telegraph congratulations to his rival. His message read "I take the earliest opportunity of offering you my heartiest congratulations on your splendid performance. The better man has won."

BJORNSEN'S FUNERAL

Christinia, April 28.—The funeral of Bjornstjerne Bjornsen, the Norwegian poet and novelist, who died in Paris, has been fixed for May 3rd. This will entail no changes in the arrangements for the Nobel prize committee's banquet in honor of Theodore Roosevelt.

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