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TORY TACTICS

If low cunning, falsehood and misrepresentation could put the Tory party in power it would have been in power long ago. For the purpose of showing how political capital is manufactured, we reproduce in another column, extracts from Hansard of April 14th, and 15th last. The first extract consists of an article from the Canadian Municipal Journal and Telephone Building News for April, which was read in Parliament by that innocent Tory, Mr. Boyce, who appears in the role of an humble seeker for information. How a journal, which from its name appears to be an industrial publication, should have admitted such a tissue of falsehood into its columns does not appear.

The explanation no doubt is that the article in question was manufactured at the Tory headquarters at Ottawa, and, through some personal influence, found its way into the journal, for the purpose of being used as it was used, and there may be more unlikely things than that the person who read it in Parliament was the author of it.

As the sequel shows, almost every word quoted in the article was false. In this respect it shows the most careful preparation. Its object was to deal a deadly blow at the Minister of Justice himself and through him at the Liberal party, of which he is so distinguished a member. The Tories have never forgiven the Minister of Justice for the manner in which he laid bare the disreputable dealings of certain of the Tory leaders with the money of the Foresters, as revealed by the insurance investigation. But like all efforts where the object sought to be obtained is so wicked, and the means used so vile, the mark was over-shot.

If one-half that which was stated and insinuated in the article in question were true, Mr. Aylesworth, instead of being Minister of Justice, of this Dominion, representing her in that great Peace Tribunal at the Hague, should be in the penitentiary.

Fortunately for himself, and for the country, Mr. Aylesworth was able to show that no crime whatever was committed any more than would have been if the accused had sold a copy of the Holy Scriptures; that he was moved to take action on the request of "more than 25 people of undoubted respectability and standing in the community, such people as managers of banks in Toronto, clergymen, a bishop of the Protestant faith, three other prominent clergymen, and a leading minister in the Methodist Church," and that before action he consulted with the Tory Attorney General of Ontario, who, while the Minister of Justice has modestly refrained from saying so, it is understood, held an opinion in entire accord with his own.

It is to be regretted that the object intended has been in some measure accomplished by this base Tory fabrication, as it is noticed that certain religious bodies have passed resolutions condemning the Minister of Justice in the matter, having been deceived by the false statement read by Mr. Boyce, and probably without seeing the Minister's reply, the truth of which has never been questioned, and which we commend to the careful perusal of our readers.

When a political party is obliged to have recourse to such miserable methods to gain power, it is not much wonder that they are where they are, and where they are likely to be for another decade, at least.

LAURIER AND BORDEN

The first speech by the Premier at the opening of his western tour splendidly serves to set forth and emphasize the difference between himself

and Mr. Borden, their outlook and their objective. According to the view of the Halifax Recorder it is the difference between the statesman concerned with national affairs in their broadest and most comprehensive aspect, and the special pleader whose only appeal to the electorate is, "put me into office because I am a good man, and my opponents have done some wicked things." In the mind of Sir Wilfrid the vision of the future is that of a mighty nation fully and completely equipped to act a great part in the world of peace and progress, and, if need be, in war; a nation in closest alliance and indissoluble union with the Empire, of which this Canada of ours even now forms a very important part. As far as can be judged by his utterances, Mr. Borden's vision is that of being in office, and occupying the time largely in seeking out and—perhaps—punishing a few delinquent departmental clerks, and calling the same a mighty reform: Laurier spoke of great canals and continent-spanning railroads and all the necessary paraphernalia of the great Canada of to-morrow. Mr. Borden desecrated upon the fall of the Quebec Bridge, the alleged substitution of solid stone for loose stone in some obscure engineer's report in connection with the railway whose inception and construction are the work of Sir Wilfrid's statesmanship and that of his associates. In short, Mr. Borden's entire Ontario tour was devoted to the scarcely dignified work of attempting to point out the fly in the ointment, the speck on the mirror, the dust on the floor, the spot on the wall, or in the alleging of the existence of these things. The Premier strikes the note of statesmanship at once and plunges in medias res. He will doubtless maintain the note to the end, and our new citizens for the first time, and our native population for the hundredth time, will be made to feel and realize the difference between the national statesman and the Tory leader, the party of broad ideas and the party of carping criticism. During his Ontario tour, the Opposition leader did not propound a single policy on a single vital matter. We venture to predict that the Premier during his present tour will not once descend to the level of personal insinuation or peanut politics which form the stock-in-trade of his opponents.

BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

The Opposition in Manitoba says that the Government has corrupted the Province. Government supporters with equal vim have charged the Opposition with varied corruption, including attempts to sell judgeships for the benefit of the campaign fund.

All of which is reminiscent of a political incident in Prince Edward Island several years ago.

An ardent supporter of one of the Island's well known public men came to him during a campaign, in great distress of mind. "Mr. —," he said, "them Tories are using rum and money in this fight. Yessir, rum and money."

The candidate, was appropriately shocked. "I can hardly believe that such practices are being pursued," he said, "are you quite sure?"

"Am I sure? Why, look here, Mr. —, I was asking John Smith last night to vote for you, but I couldn't get much satisfaction from him. I offered him \$2.00 and still he wouldn't promise. Then, (in a whisper), I slipped a little bottle into his pocket and he said he would come back and see me later. And I watched him going across the street to the Tory rooms and he never came back Yessir, The Tories are using rum and money, and it ought to be stopped." —Halifax Echo.

Periodically the Gleaner seeks to impress upon its readers that under the Conservative government in 1896 the taxes per head were \$7 or \$35 per family, but that in 1909 under the Laurier regime they have risen to \$19 per head or \$95 per family. According to the Woodstock Press, in 1909 taxes were \$10.25 per head or \$51.25 per family—a little more than half the amount the Gleaner claims them to be. Such is the food with which Tory papers nourish those who look to them for political sustenance.

PERSONAL

Mrs. A. F. Randolph, Fredericton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Baker, at Randolph. Mr. Harry Bailey is seriously ill at his home in Gitson.

SIR WILFRID AND DR. PUGSLEY ADDRESS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

At Winnipeg, Whereat the Hollowness of the Criticisms of Mr. Borden During His Recent Picnic Tour are Thoroughly Exposed.

Winnipeg, July 12—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's meeting was held tonight in the great horse show amphitheatre which was filled to overflowing.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley the first speaker said Liberalism was not dead in the west despite yesterday's vote; as that meeting showed. The hope of Canada lay in the three prairie provinces. A great problem confronting the government was transportation. Mr. Pugsley declared. So far as water transportation and harbor facilities were concerned he was prepared to do his part.

"I look forward" he said "to a inland navigation system by means of the Saskatchewan, extending from the foot of the Rockies 1,300 miles to this city. Plans have already been prepared and we are told that the project is very practical." He also declared that he anticipated in a comparatively few years the Hudson Bay Railway and Nelson River routes of transport would be in operation.

Replying to criticisms of the leader of the opposition during the series of cold and frosty picnics in Ontario, Mr. Pugsley said he was gratified that Mr. Borden found only matters of the purchase of a wharf and Ottawa electric lighting amounting to only a few thousands, to criticize

out of expenditure of nearly twenty-six millions in the two years in which he had been minister. He defied any opposition member to charge him with graft on the floor of the house. "Behind my back" he said "the leader of the opposition has gone to these frosty picnics in Ontario and made charges he would not make on the floor of parliament." Mr. Pugsley was warmly applauded.

A roar of applause greeted Sir Wilfrid. He said in part: I know our Conservative friends say it is not a Liberal government but Providence who has given good crops and harvests. I acknowledge all we owe to Providence, but one thing I must say Providence has in the last fourteen years shown singular partiality in the government of the Liberal party.

"Is this Winnipeg?" asked the premier, "Can it be possible that this is the centre of yesterday's defeat of Liberalism? I could fancy I was in my own stronghold of dear Quebec. You remind me of Toronto, her great meetings her wondrous hospitality, but her invariable sadly erroneous voting. But let me tell you, we expect to win Toronto. At the very next occasion we expect to make inroads in that city and capture a few of her seats."

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OPENED SESSIONS AT SUSSEX YESTERDAY

Sussex, July 12—The sessions of the United Baptist Association of New Brunswick are preceded by a ministerial conference. This convened at 2.30 today, and some forty members were enrolled after the reading of the minutes. These numbers were augmented by fresh arrivals during the afternoon, and there is every prospect of a large attendance of ministerial delegates to the Association.

The conference opened under the presidency of the Rev. J. H. Macdonald of Fredericton. After devotional exercises, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Rev. J. B. Ganong. Assistant Chairman—Rev. W. Camp. Recording Secretary—Rev. J. B. Daggett.

The executive committee will consist of the foregoing officers, with the addition of Rev. Messrs. W. F. Alton and H. H. Saunders.

The Rev. W. Camp then took the chair, while the Rev. J. B. Ganong read a very able paper on Ministerial Ethics. He dwelt on the minister's relation to himself, his church and his ministerial brethren. This excellent paper was followed by a full and animated discussion. The reader received a hearty vote of thanks, and was requested to publish the paper in the Maritime Baptist.

The Rev. J. H. Macdonald read the report on constitution. This was read section by section, discussed and with a slight amendment, adopted.

Rev. Messrs. Abram Perry, D. Hutchinson and J. B. Ganong were appointed a committee, on ministerial registration and oversight.

The Rev. Dr. Cousins, of Newcastle, was to have read a paper, but his arrival was delayed owing to the disastrous fire at Campbellton. Provision will be made for the reading of his paper during the meetings of the association.

Friends from St. John were agreeably surprised to find the weather here very enjoyable. The heat is tempered by a pleasant breeze. With such a central location, the hospitality for which Sussex is famous, and a large attendance, the association bids fair to be most successful.

THE EVENING PROCEEDINGS

This evening in the Main Street Baptist Church, the association sermon was delivered by Rev. George Howard of Hampton Station. The church was filled. The speaker's remarks were delivered in a most pleasing manner and were deeply spiritual. His text was the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength, Nehemiah, 8-8. At the time of the utterance of these words, he said, the people were brought to a contrite attitude as a result of their seventy years of exile from home, country and religious privileges. Being in such a receptive mood, Ezra could preach to them effectively.

The speaker made a plea for symmetrical growth and not to cultivate one grace at the expense of another. Being read in Greek and Latin was not an essential qualification of the ministry.

The joy of the Lord, he said, gave strength to suffer, strength to work, strength to wait. The strength to

CANADA'S LIQUOR AND TOBACCO BILL

Ottawa, July 11—During the fiscal year which closed with March 3 the people of Canada consumed spirits to the amount of .815 gallons per capita as compared with .806 in the previous year a slight increase. The consumption of beer per head was 5.276 gallons, wine .97 gallons and tobacco 2.940 pounds.

In the previous year the consumption per head of beer was 5.348 gallons of wine .85 gallons, of tobacco 2.910 pounds.

As compared with thirty years ago when two gallons of liquor were consumed for every head of population, the consumption of spirits is small. On the other hand there has been a steady increase in the consumption of beer and a steady but not abnormal increase in the use of tobacco.

MORE CIGARETTES USED

An increase of nearly one hundred million in the number of cigarettes smoked in Canada during the last fiscal year, as compared with the previous year, is shown in the figures made public today by the Department of Inland Revenue. Apparently the passage of the legislation forbidding the sale of cigarettes to youths has not had much effect.

There was, however, a notable decrease in the consumption of cigarettes during the first year the law was in force, but it has not been maintained. During the five months closing with March 31 last Canadian made cigarettes entered for consumption totalled 451,095,148, as against 356,756,130 in the previous year.

Imports of foreign made cigarettes which are classified by the pound, amounted to 35,049 pounds against 35,882 in the twelve previous months.

Domestic cigars entered for compared with 192,105,371 in 1909 while cigars were imported to the number of 106,738 pounds.

PAINFUL STITCHES IN THE BACK

No one but those who are afflicted with the dreadful Kidney Disease knows what this means, and you who are so afflicted will forget all about it in a few days if you are only wise enough to take FIG PILLS. Fig Pills are guaranteed to cure you. If not, your money back.

25c. a box, at all leading drug stores. Ryan's Drug Store, special agent.

Why women wear veils (says a lady fashion writer) I do not know. They are bad for the eyes, and make it quite impossible to have long, thick and curling eyelashes.

Boiled potatoes should be served as soon as they are cooked. To make them drier drain off the water quickly, shake them in a strong draught of air, and do not put back the lid of the pot.

rush was not equal to the strength to wait God's providence. It gave strength to hope. Small hopes indicated the small man. To be joyful was not only a privilege, but a command.

About 200 have arrived for the meetings, and more are expected to-morrow.

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