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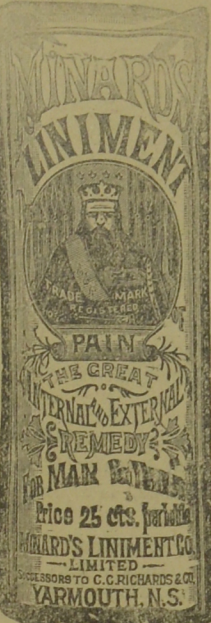
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the longer the people reflect on the
any scandals and the graft tariff the
worse they will feel against the Bor-
den Government. The Honorable Bob's
political instinct is to grasp oppor-
tunity by the forelock, to snatch
the flower victory from the nettle de-
feat—a mighty small flower by the
way, and a mighty big nettle—but
the consensus of opinion in the coun-
try is against him, not to mention
the Duke who is above parties and
represents honor, decency and a num-
ber of things like that. It is incon-
ceivable that His Royal Highness,
who is more concerned with the dig-
nity of the British Empire and the
fair name of Canada than he is
with the tactical advantage of either
party should sign the warrant for a
general election before the lists for
the unorganized territories are ready.
The Duke does not lend himself to
thimble rigging games. As the lists
for the territories cannot be ready
before July, a June election is said
to be out of the question. Some
people say Bob might as well have
cried for the moon as June. Mean-
while he has hired billboards,
bought up cab drivers, laid down
concrete emplacements and shown
other signs of frightfulness in antici-
pation of the dread event.

In various ways, the Honorable
Bob has tried to rush his col-
leagues off their feet. If they listen to
the protests of decent people all over
Canada against an election in war
time, also to the still small voice
of conscience, they will temporize.
They have not promised anything
but they have not made any bad
breaks. They haven't set a date but
they have formed a hope. That hope
may spell September. The Honorable
Bob is a great man for fixing a
time limit. The Minister of Public
Works will be the last man to go
over to a Micawber policy of wait-
ing for something to turn up. If the
war collapses, if the Allies win an
overwhelming victory—then an elec-
tion, but if not September and
then some, perhaps. That's as near
as the good guessers can make it.
In the closing days of the session,
the Honorable Bob used the "injus-
tice and tyranny of the Senate" in
appointing six scrutineers to hold a
straight election on the battle front
as a rod to chastise his enemies in
the Jordan Cabinet. According to Bob,
the people were denouncing "in tones
of thunder" the dissolution of a Par-
liament that couldn't handle the Sen-
ate any better than that. The tones
of thunder, coming by way of Bob
Rogers, whose oratory makes fre-
crackers of lightning flashes, did not
impress the House of Commons to the
extent which might have been ex-
pected. In fact, Premier Borden wore
a quizzical smile all through the
thunder-storm and this was taken to
mean that Bob would not get his own
way. Perhaps, he won't. Hence his
insidious remarks.

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to consider them in the light of a
sporting event. There is probably no-
body in Canada so callous as to
count deaths with a view to their
effect on the voters' lists.
H. F. GADSBY.

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JUSTICE OF PEACE

Major W. J. Osborne has been ap-
pointed a Justice of the Peace for
York County.

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above all, Canada, picturesque with
her many races all made free, happy
and loyal by the wisdom of the
mother country."

Fortunate is the man who really
deserves his own good opinion of him-
self.

Let's remember the kind acts of
others but forget our own.

Hon. John Morrissey has returned
from Toronto, Ont., where he attend-
ed the C.M.B.A. Convention.
Warden Harry A. Smith is on a
business trip to Montreal.

SOLDIER'S VOTES

It becomes more apparent daily
that the plan to take the votes of
the soldiers at the front is neither
practicable nor dignified. Brushing
aside the possible objections of the
British Government and General Jof-
fre to distractions which might slack-
en discipline and interfere with the
success of the war, it is absurd to
think that the soldiers would inter-
rupt their headlong charges on the
Germans to drop a ballot for candi-
dates not named on issues they
know nothing about. The duty of the
scrutineers, as laid down in the Act,
is to get the ballots of the soldiers
it is, not stated anywhere that they
are to bring away German bullets,
which is liable to happen if they
get near enough to the firing line
to hold a competent election. Be-
sides, there is always the danger of
a shell putting the ballot boxes
out of business. Moreover, the ballot
boxes run extraordinary risks of cap-
ture and detention on their way
back to Canada, such risks being
not necessarily from the Germans.
The only perfect ballot box in exist-
ence, a ballot box, nobody can beat,
has been offered for the last twenty
years to the Governments of both
parties and the inventor's head has
turned white with discouragement.
And even his ballot box, supposed
it should be used, is not built for
war conditions.

The opinion gains ground that the
soldiers at the front will vote
when they get home, but not before.
If they get home by September,
there may be an election then. If
they don't get home by September,
there may be an election or there
may not. Meanwhile the casual-
ties continue to come in and it
Northwest and the probability that

BOB ROGERS IS KEEN FOR A POLITICAL CONTEST

(Special Correspondence.)

Ottawa, May 6—The idea of a gen-
eral election this year has not been
abandoned. The date has probably
been shifted from June to September.
The Government believes, past experi-
ences being considered, that Septem-
ber is its lucky month.

Outside the hunch that the month
they came in on is the month they
ought to try again, the party has
several other good reasons for favor-
ing September. By that time the war
will be over or the end of it will
be in sight and hearts will be
caught on the rebound. The sense of
relief will be so great that Canada
will return the Conservative Govern-
ment to power in spite of its short
comings. This theory, which leans
heavily on the reflex action of public
opinion, is being loudly proclaimed
by the psychologists in the cabinet
and the party at large. The Hon-

orable Bob Rogers, who is not a psy-
chologist but a plain everyday poli-
tician who wants an election when he
wants it and not three months after-
wards, says that this is all phib.
He hasn't much use for an outfit of
psychologists who can't recognize the
psychological moment when they see
it.

All sorts of arguments have been
employed to persuade the Minister of
Public Works that September is the
month of destiny but to all such
arguments he has substantially re-
plied: "Why did you make me Min-
ister of Public Works if you didn't
trust me to know when to work the
public?" Which is a riddle that takes
a lot of reading. The Minister of
Public Works, so the Honorable Bob
argues, is generally put there to
keep his ear to the ground, to
know when it's time to back up
and when it's time to get out and
holler. He may be short on physiol-
ogy but he is long on human na-
ture. He can always tell when the
boys are hungry and when it's hard
to hold them in line any longer.
His acquaintance is with the workers
of the party and the workers nat-
urally inform him when the chances
are best to turn another trick.
Why is the Honorable Bob Minister

of Elections, ex officio, if his advice
is not taken. It's a sore touch for
Bob. He saw a chance to get by
last fall, is he to see another one
go glimmering?

THE CLEARING HOUSE

By virtue of his position as the
clearing house of party politics, the
Minister of Public Works faces the
facts and faces them first. When
Sir Richard McBride visited Ottawa
not long ago, he hid him straight
as a homing pigeon to Bob Rogers's
office. Although he had business with
the other Bob who heads the govern-
ment, he saw Bob Rogers first.
Then the two Bobs got together,
thus making a pair of Bobs, and
they told Sir Richard that it was
going to be hard sledding and that
he had better put off his election
for another year because British
Columbia, as it stood, could not do
better for the Conservatives and
would inevitably do worse if it started
something. This explains why British
Columbia is hung up by the seat of
the pants until the Ottawa govern-
ment is ready to take it off the
hook.

TALES OF WOE

Similarly, it has been the fate of
the Honorable Bob to listen to the
tales of woe from Manitoba. The
fact of him who bringeth bad tid-
ings from the Roblin Government
with its wobbling majority of three
or four have worn holes in the
carpet in Bob Rogers's inner office
and it's Bob Rogers that knows it.
His colleagues don't seem to realize
how important it is that the elec-
tion be brought on while the Manitoba

election machinery is in friendly hands
But the Minister of election does.
He knows what a hoodoo Dr.
Montague is. He knows how near the
edge the Roblin Government totters
and just how long it will last after
the Royal Commission to investigate
graft in the new parliament build-
ings get along. It will last, ac-
cording to the Hon. Bob's calcula-
tions, just about as long as a feather
does in a certain place not men-
tioned on the railway time tables.
There was some very coarse work
done up there and Sir Rodmond Ro-
bin would never have pried into it if
the Lieutenant Governor, who is a
Liberal, hadn't pushed him at it.
Rumor has it that the Honorable
Bob is so little sure of his own
popularity in Winnipeg that he has
offered to take over Sharpe's seat in
Lisgar if Sharpe should be dispos-
ed to retire from public life. The
point is that the Winnipeg blanch
who claim to have learned their
tricks from Bob, are looking for a
goat and Bob may be it. On the
other hand, the Honorable Bob is
not a man who waits for punish-
ment. Like the Germans, he wants to
begin the drive first.

BLACK EYES COMING

Common sense as you will observe,
is with the Honorable Bob in de-
siring an election before the Borden
Government get one black eye in
Manitoba and another in British Col-
umbia. Common sense, we repeat, is
with Bob but the extraordinary cir-
cumstances are against him. The ex-
traordinary circumstances are the war
Governor-General—they outweigh even
the prospect of a poor crop in the
Northwest and the probability that

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