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THE MINISTER OF ELECTIONS

The Hon. Bob Rogers, Premier Borden's minister of elections, seems determined to force a contest upon the country, notwithstanding the fact that several of his colleagues in the cabinet are strongly opposed to it. Although Sir Robert Borden is the leader of the government, the minister of public works has a whole lot to say, especially on the subject of an election. He is afraid that if a contest is long delayed the government will get a black eye in British Columbia and that the people will hear something drop in the Province of Manitoba just as soon as the royal commission gets settled down to work and, according to his way of thinking, to delay matters would simply be piling up wrath for the day of wrath.

On the very day that Premier Borden gave out an interview to a Toronto paper, in which he stated that the question of an election had not been "definitely commanded," Hon. Bob Rogers set out for Montreal to consult with the Tory organizers of Quebec province. On Monday he spoke at a meeting of the Tory Association and practically told that body that an election was on the tapis for the very near future. As usual, he was very abusive and bitterly assailed the Liberal press of the country, the Liberal leaders and also the Liberal majority in the senate. As was to be expected, he vigorously waved the old flag and falsely accused the Liberals in parliament with having opposed the government's war policy. Referring to those who declared it would not be patriotic to hold an election at the present time, Hon. Bob said:

"Let me ask such an individual this question: Which would be the most patriotic, to dissolve this parliament and have full and complete control, which any government must have if they are going to render that full service to Canada, and, above all, do our full duty by our gallant soldiers, and those dependent upon them, that should and must be expected from the government of our country in the great crisis of this solemn hour, or remain as we are, handicapped and crippled and interfered with at every turn, tarrying and disputing with an opposition that has not already refused us their support, but has declared by their voice and by their vote a want of confidence in our proposals for the providing of the necessary means that up to the present have been estimated as necessary for the carrying on of our part in this great conflict, and in view of our recent deplorable and heavy losses, it is evident that renewed and greater efforts have yet to be made."

The minister of elections even went out of his way to attack the clergymen of the country whom he charged with "re-echoing from their pulpits some of the misrepresentations being published from day to day in the Grit press of the country." Prof. Bland of Toronto, who has been active in the agitation against an election, was described as "a well known professional hypocrite who has ever been ready to endorse, approve and applaud every crooked act that has ever been known to have been committed by a Liberal."

Fine talk this, coming from the greatest political crackpot that Canada has produced since confederation. Rogers is the man who managed the unsavory bye-election campaign in Macdonald, Man., a few years ago when men who had committed no offense were placed in jail and kept there without trial until after polling day. It was this man Rogers that Rev. Dr. John MacKay of Vancouver, had in mind when he wrote the following to the March number of The Westminster, an English journal:

"Unfortunately, there is in the present cabinet a man who is RAPIDLY NULLIFYING ANY GOOD WHICH MIGHT HAVE COME FROM THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENTS IN 1911) A MAN WHO WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN ANY HIGH OFFICE IN A COUNTRY WHERE THERE WAS ANYTHING LIKE POLITICAL MORALITY AND WHO IN SO-CALLED HEATHEN CHINA WOULD HAVE SHORT SHRIFF METED OUT TO HIM (THE ROPE!) The only excuse I have ever

heard given by his own party for his presence there IS HIS ABILITY TO WIN ELECTIONS, BUT IT IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE STATE OF POLITICAL MORALITY TO WHICH WE HAVE FALLEN WHEN A MAN WHO HAS DABAUCED EVERY CONSTITUENCY HE HAS EVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH BECOMES THE PRACTICAL MASTER, SIMPLY BECAUSE HE CAN WIN ELECTIONS."

The Hon. Bob Rogers is the master of the Borden administration. He wants an election; Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Foster do not, but it looks as if they will have to yield to the man from Manitoba. The graft press and the baser element of the party to whom an election means dollars and cents, are behind Rogers and he will have his way.

A MISDIRECTED ATTACK

Mr. Pinder's attack on the secretary of the Public Works Department in the House a few nights ago should have been directed at the government of which he is a supporter. The official of whom Mr. Pinder complains was appointed by the present government six years ago at a salary of \$800 a year. His work for the government and the party gave such satisfaction that last year he was able to draw from the treasury the sum of \$1800 in addition to his travelling expenses. It is true that he has dabbled some in politics at election times but it is pretty well known that in doing so he was only carrying out instructions from members of the government and legislature who were only too glad to avail themselves of his practical knowledge of the political game. Mr. Pinder and others have been after the scalp of the secretary of Public Works department for several years but without success. He has not been dismissed as the government realizes that it would not be good policy to do so. Whatever faults the secretary of the Public Works Department may have he is no fool. He has not been rubbing elbows with knavish politicians the past six years without learning a few things. This is why he is permitted to hold his job and laugh at those who would have his head fall into the basket. The fact that the official complained of has played the part of a political partizan was known to members of the government and they censured him by increasing his salary year after year.

The Canadian government if it brings on an election, deserves to be put in a lower category than the militant suffragettes in Great Britain whose disgraceful tactics a year ago brought down on them a world wide disrepute. These mad suffragettes, however, had the good sense to bury the hatchet while the Empire was fighting for its existence. Even Ireland, on the verge of a civil war dropped its differences and presented a united front to the enemy. In Canada alone party advantages take first place.

London Advertiser.—There has been some grafting at Ottawa on war contracts, but to bring on an election would be grafting on public sentiment—something on the same order as bringing a brass band to play beneath the window of a man desperately sick, and taking a collection—of votes in this instance.

"Down with Rogers" would be an effective slogan for the Liberals should the Hon. Bob succeed in forcing an election upon the country at the present time.

The rescality in connection with the purchase of war supplies exposed during the recent session of Parliament is all to be covered up by the old flag.

Even in Tory York County Rogers' political methods are distasteful to a large section of the people.

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VALLEY RAILWAY BILL

IS HANGING FIRE

Mr. Gould to be Eliminated But There is a Hitch Over The Terms.

The Valley Railway situation is becoming more interesting every hour and nobody seems to be in a position to predict just what is going to happen. The long promised bill dealing with the matter was to have been brought down this afternoon, but it was learned at noon there had been another hitch with the result that the matter has been stood over until tomorrow. In the meantime it is likely that another caucus of government supporters will be held.

President Gould of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company, whose elimination has been practically decided upon, is in the city looking after his interests. Mr. F. H. Marley, K.C., and Mr. C. A. Bardart, representing the Prudential Trust Company of Montreal, are also here and have had a conference with Premier Clarke. Mr. E. R. Teed of Woodstock, treasurer of the famous timberland fiddle fund, and who is now acting as the special ambassador of the deposed Premier Flemming, is also on hand and is doing what he can to add to the tribulations of the government.

The local graft organ, which bagged one thousand dollars of easy money from Mr. Gould, announced last evening that Mr. Gould could not complete the road. The article was evidently inspired and means that it has been definitely decided to eliminate the man from Presque Isle. A number of contractors and sub-contractors who performed work on the road are on hand looking after their interests. They have been promised that their claims will be settled and in view of an early election, they feel safe in the assumption that the promise will be made good. The latest to put in an appearance is Mr. F. W. Hibbard, who was at one time actively connected with the Hibbard Construction Company.

The problem confronting the government in connection with this matter is a weighty one, and is scarcely likely to be solved in a manner satisfactory to the people.

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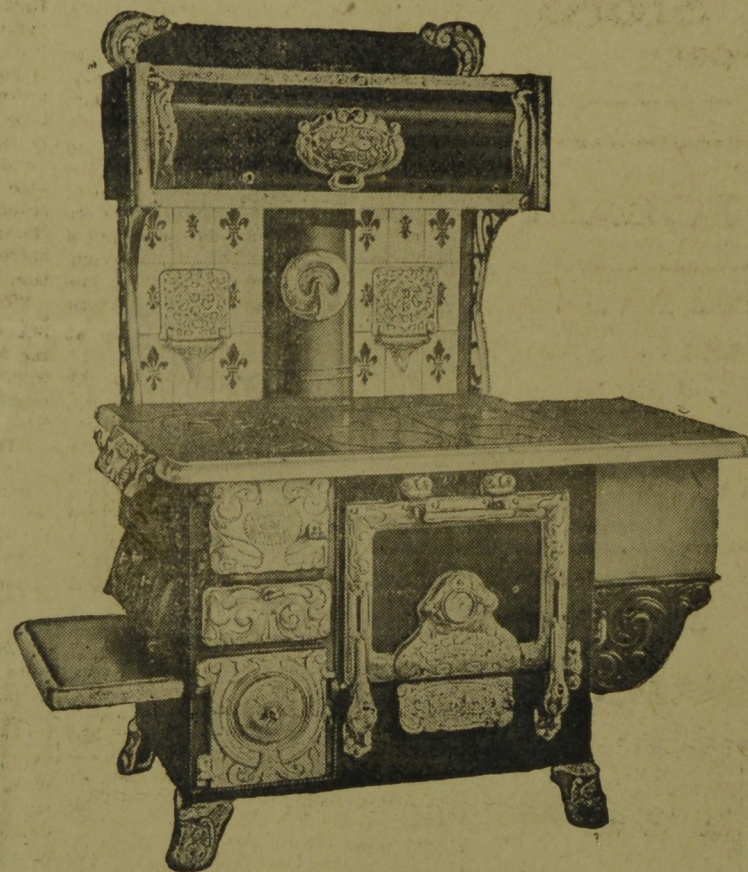
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