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MUST PAY THE PENALTY

Montreal Daily Mail (Ind.):—"If a party by a mere change of leaders could expiate such sins as those committed by the Roblin administration, party government would be a failure. A party must accept responsibility for the acts of ministers who accept office under its auspices. It cannot purge itself by changing its leaders any more than an individual can square an offence by changing his clothes."

Toronto Star:-A political party must pay the penalty of bad leadership. It cannot restore confidence merely by changing the leader and passing some good resolutions. The party system involves party responsibility, and this means that when the leaders do wrong the party must accept loss of power and be content to serve the country in Opposition.

The above extracts are commended to Premier Clarke and his associates in the New Brunswick Government and Legislature.

The opinion is growing in some parts of the country that there will be a Federal election during the month of October. Recently the Toronto News, the chief mouth piece of the government, published an inspired article proposing that the matter of extending the life of the present Parliament should be taken into consideration by the party leaders. The News thinks the B. N. A. Act should be amended so that the life of Parliament would not expire until three years after the war. This is a rather cool proposal and is pretty sure to be rejected by the Liberal leaders. Then the Tory scheme will be to dissolve the House and seek to lay the blame for throwing the country into the turmoil of an election at the door of the Liberals.

"No truck or trade with the Yankees" was the Tory doctrine when the party was in opposition. Since coming into power they have not only found it necessary to borrow money in New York but they have even removed the ban from the National Police Gazette, and permit its circulation in Canada.

So far the principle speakers at recruiting meetings in the province of Quebec have been Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. Sidney Fisher. Premier Borden's Nationalist colleagues in the cabinet, Hon. P. A. Blondin, and Hon. Louis Coderre, are opposed to sending French Canadians to Europe "to become food for German cannon."

The Liberal cyclone in Manitoba has knocked all the fight out of Hon. Bob Rogers and his benchmen. They now want the life of Parliament extended for three years. It is only by carrying some such scheme into effect that the present government will be able to hold on to office. They will not remain on the job by the will of the people.

The New York Herald reports that hurricanes have set in much earlier than usual this year in the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico. They are probably getting the back wash of the political hurricane which swept over the Province of Manitoba on the 6th. of August.

Although under the contract the Valley Railway was to be completed by the fall of 1915 the Local Government has not yet agreed on the route of the lower section. Premier Clarke is a past master at the noble art of making haste slowly.

Dr. C. R. Fletcher, of New York who has been visiting relatives here will leave for home this evening. Mr. C. W. Upham of Sussex is at the Queen. Mr. Fenwick W. Wallace of Sussex is in the city.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES AT MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION

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MAYOR MITCHELL

His Worship Mayor Mitchell followed Warden Smith in welcoming the visitors. He said the Warden had covered the ground so thoroughly that little was left for him to say. However, he heartily welcomed the visitors to Fredericton. At the last meeting of the Union the war was uppermost in the thoughts of all but all expected that the war would be over before the next meeting but it should be remembered that Britain and her Allies were fighting the most powerful military nations of the world.

His Worship stated that the Union of Municipalities might well consider what it could do toward advancing the cause of the Allied Nations. It was announced that the Patriotic Fund was almost exhausted so that it devolved upon the delegates to repeat their action of ten months previous to subscribe to the Patriotic Fund. The situation was serious but all felt that the war would come to a successful completion and he knew that the British Empire would play the foremost part. (Applause.)

The Mayor proceeded to call attention to the Fredericton advantages as an educational centre, distributing centre and residential city.

ALD. D. S. CREAGHAN

Ald. Donald S. Creaghan of Newcastle thanked Warden Smith and Mayor Mitchell for the kind remarks made. All were pleased to be in Fredericton. During the morning the visitors had been much impressed with the beauty, industry and cleanliness of Fredericton. (Applause.) He had thought Newcastle the most industrious and cleanest town of New Brunswick but it must take off its hat to Fredericton.

Ald. Creaghan referred to the fact that New Brunswick had largely escaped the world-wide depression caused by the war and expressed the hope that such condition would continue. He counselled economy in all municipal affairs. Many valuable lessons he thought would be learned at the convention.

COUN. O'BRIEN

Coun. O'Brien of Lancaster, St. John County, took the place of Mayor Frink of St. John in replying to the addresses of welcome. His remarks were similar to those of Ald. Creaghan but he thought that economy in municipal affairs could hardly be followed out when automobiles touring through the province tore the highways to pieces.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Kelly then followed with his annual address. In this he complimented Fredericton and York county upon the fact that they each had a representative on active service in the war.

The president referred also to several matters of importance in way of provincial legislation which had been achieved during the year through efforts of the union. He dealt with several matters which deserved attention, and expressed the hope that the matter of highway construction and maintenance would be taken out of politics.

On motion the report of the president was handed to a special committee to report back.

SECRETARY-TREAS. REPORT

Mr. J. W. McCready, Honorary Secretary Treasurer, reported. He referred to the benefits which had resulted from the Union of Municipalities. From a small beginning in St. John in 1907 excellent results had sprung, particularly in the matter of legislation. The Union had to its credit about four hundred dollars in cash. Of thirty-one municipalities in New Brunswick sixteen had contributed to the funds of the Union.

Mr. LeBlanc of Shediac, Mr. Murray of Sackville and Mr. Reid of Campbellton were appointed a committee upon the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BAXTER

Hon. J.B.M. Baxter, attorney-general of New Brunswick, who represented the provincial government at the convention was heard in a very interesting address on "Public Service." In the course of this Hon. Mr. Baxter expressed regret that the public should level "eternal and illimitable criticism" at those who served on municipal bodies without recompense and for the good of the community. He also said that the minister of public works would outline before the convention a proposed system for highway administration which would do away with some of the present difficulties.

Hon. Mr. Baxter proceeded to contrast the old English city with the modern community.

In New Brunswick the old British method of electing a large council to govern the municipality had been adhered to. He was not prepared to discuss its superiority or inferiority in regard to any other system. The entire matter narrowed itself down to the ideals possessed by the men who go to those councils. If they went there to serve the municipality would reap benefit. If they went there to advance their own interests the municipality might reap benefit or might not.

In Canada there was no leisured class as in Britain which could concern itself with government. All had to work and work hard and to those who entered municipal government to make his community better than it had been before the public owes a great debt and did not deserve the eternal and illimitable criticism directed toward the municipal councillor. (Applause.)

The Union of New Brunswick Municipalities had accomplished much and would accomplish more.

His Worship Mayor Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to the Attorney General for the address. His Worship Mayor Wallace of Sussex seconded the motion which was carried.

A. R. SLIPP, M.P.P.

Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., for Queen's was called upon by President Kelly for an address. Mr. Slipp spoke highly of the work accomplished by the Union of Municipalities. The address of Attorney General had been an excellent one. The speaker particularly appreciated the remarks of Hon. Mr. Baxter with regard to uncharitableness of criticism directed toward public representatives.

DR. F. H. SEXTON

Dr. F. H. Sexton of Halifax, Director of the Department of Technical Education of Nova Scotia was heard in an address upon Technical Education. He defined it as "preparation for a livelihood." He gave an historical sketch of industrial development and the problems which have accompanied that development. The weakness of the factory system had been the absence of trained workers to replace those who had been promoted. The public school had to remedy that weakness. The conservatism of the school had produced the Technical School. These schools were to provide training for those boys and girls who leave the public schools. Prof. Sexton outlined the system of technical schools now existing in Nova Scotia.

J. D. PALMER

Dr. Sexton's address was followed by discussion on the question of "Technical Education" led by Mr. J. D. Palmer president of the Fredericton Board of Trade and president of the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company. Mr. Palmer stated that education of this type had a money value to both the individual and the community. In this Canada had been said to be farther behind than any other civilized country. Canada however had done much in agricultural education. He hoped to see in Canada the establishment of a Department of Chemical Research. The war of the future would be commercial and Canada should be in the best position to fight. The convention then rose.

EVENING SESSION

When the convention resumed Wednesday evening the following resolution was introduced:

That the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities urge upon the government of New Brunswick the establishment of schools for industrial training in connection with the common public school system of this province and also presses for the establishment of night schools in the cities and towns for technical workers.

Mr. H. W. Price urged that the government grant financial aid for night classes in technical education. He suggested that the section of the resolution dealing with night schools be withdrawn.

Mayor Wallace of Sussex, Mr. McPhail of Campbellton, Mayor Mitchell

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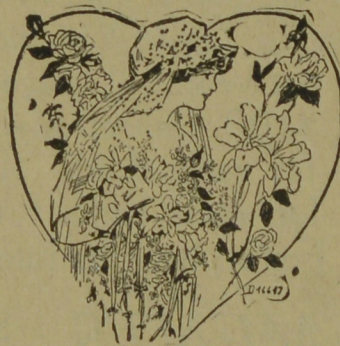
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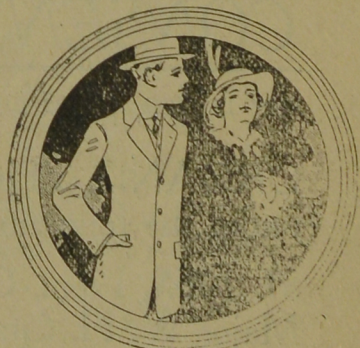
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