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THE AVERAGE MAN'S INTEREST

Mr. Fielding spoke truly when, in his magnificent address on Monday night, he declared that the supreme interest of the great mass of the people is not in the fortunes of the politicians or in the ins and outs of the political parties, says the Toronto Globe, but in a sound public policy and an honest and efficient departmental administration. That truth is at bottom the philosophy of success in public life. The politician of the party that substitutes opportunism for a sound policy, or that subordinate efficient public service to personal advancement or party advantage, is doomed to discredit and disappointment. And even in these degenerate days personal integrity and honest work command respect and win support.

Mr. Fielding is himself an illustration of the truth of his own dictum. He has proved himself to the people of Canada to be not only capable and tactful, but public-spirited and incorruptible. The breath of suspicion or scandal has never once touched his name during all these years of service in the difficult and exposed places of Provincial and Federal politics. No man who listened to him the other night even for the first time, and with no personal knowledge of his principles and life, would question the sincerity of his motives or the uprightness of his service. There was a ring of reality in every sentence. And it was that impression of private probity and personal honor that made his public address convincing.

The same may be said of the government of which he is a member. No intelligent Liberal, not even Sir Wilfrid himself, would claim perfection for the Liberal Administration. A perfect government would have a lonesome experience even in Canada. There have been defects and mistakes in the expenditures of vast and innumerable sums on public works, and in the filling and administering of thousands of Crown offices throughout a half-continent, it is inevitable that mistakes should be made. Even a perfect government would have to do with very imperfect corporations and contractors, and candidates, and citizens, and the results would not be free from imperfectness. One could wish that a Divine insight were given to governments for the detection of incapacity and crookedness, even when faultlessly guised and well recommended, and a Divine right for their instant and arbitrary correction. Such being denied, the most we can look for is superior human intelligence and an honest and efficient administration. So much as that the average man has a right to demand, and so much as that the record of the Laurier government unmistakably shows. The average citizen seeks no office, asks for no favor, wants no patronage, is indifferent to academic political theories, and disturbs himself over party politics only during an election campaign. But he does ask that the public policy be sound and that the departmental administration be efficient. The government that is true to the interest of the average man will have little to fear on election day.

The Toronto World has not forgotten the flop that landed Mr. R. L. Borden and his followers on the pub-

lic ownership preserve of Mr. W. F. Maclean, and it gives the same gentlemen quite clearly to understand that they are being watched and that their measure has been taken. Discussing the two-cent passenger rate yesterday, The World said:—

"The two-cent rate is in accordance with justice and common sense, and will soon win over all reasonable and fair-minded people. Then will come the gang of camp-followers who are now opposing the movement, but who worship success, and who never fail to run over the winning side."

The Montreal Herald has been interviewing a number of the leading men in the Tory party, among them Sir Geo. A. Drummond, Mr. Hugh A. Allan, Mr. Geo. E. Drummond, president of the Montreal Board of Trade, and others on the subject of government ownership and operation of railways, and one and all express disapproval. That accounts for the eloquent silence of the leader of the opposition since his speech on his Grand Trunk Pacific amendment. His party is not with him; his amendment was made simply to be "agin the government."

The ratepayers of Gibson are to hold a meeting this evening to further consider the matter of inaugurating a modern system of fire protection. It is to be hoped that there will be a good attendance and that definite action will be taken. It is to be regretted that the ratepayers of St. Marys do not see their way clear to unite with the people of Gibson in this progressive movement. The experience of trying to get along without the means of fighting the fire fiend has been a costly one to both communities, and the time has arrived for a change.

We are indebted to Mr. T. O. Davis for the characterization of Mr. Borden's transcontinental road as a loop-the-loop railway. That is as descriptive as a whole book would be.

END DRAWING NEAR.

Gee Claims to be at Peace With the World.

Bath, July 12.—Rev. A. R. Dalbeck, Primitive Baptist minister, who was the first clergyman to interview George Gee after he killed his cousin Millie, has stated to a Telegraph representative that in his interviews with the prisoner the latter had made no admission of his crime, other than what came out at the trial. Gee talked with Mr. Dalbeck about his death. He talked with composure. He knew his end was near, but seemed to have no fear of death. He made the remark, said Rev. Mr. Dalbeck, "When I am hung no one will know it."

Gee has requested that Rev. Mr. Dalbeck stay with him the night previous to

the execution and accompany him to the gallows. Mr. Dalbeck will comply with the request.

In speaking of Gee the reverend gentleman said: "In my interview with the prisoner he said he was at peace with all the world and that everything was settled between him and the Lord."

Gee desires to be baptized and in all probability baptism will be administered by Rev. Mr. Carney, an Adventist minister of Woodstock. Gee's father and mother left here on Saturday to see their son. This will likely be their last sad journey to him prior to his hanging.

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Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and at the office of W. H. Waterbury, Esq., Clerk of Works, Custom House, St. John, N. B.

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FRED. GELINAS,
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July 14—d31

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