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PRINCIPLE VERSUS OFFICE.

Some of our Liberal contemporaries exhibit a very extraordinary idea of the rights and duties of constituencies, and we read occasionally very fervid condemnations of the Victoria electorate for having defeated a cabinet minister. We have before us the last issue of the Semi-Weekly Okanagan, which attributes that defeat to Mr. McBride, and closes a strongly written article with the following sentences:

Then why should we have deliberately struck the hand which was helping us? The answer must be that we have fallen a victim to false grievances set up by the McBride machine, and we believe that this fact will become abundantly apparent within the next four years. The present situation is one of our own creation, and we have chosen to experiment and we should sit quietly down and await the results of that experiment, when we will be better able to judge who British Columbia's best friend is—Dick McBride or Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

We pass by without comment the term applied to the provincial Premier, only saying that regard for the delicacies of public discussion ought to have kept our composition to employ Mr. McBride's proper name, and we also add that, while the article mentioned is strongly written, it is not a strong article, because it is based upon an absolutely erroneous conception of the rights and duties of constituencies. It proceeds upon the assumption that party government is government for a party. The Victoria Times expressed the same idea a day or two ago when it spoke of what Mr. Templeman had done, as a minister and representative, for the Liberal party. We do not say that this idea is confined to Liberals, for it probably is not; it so happens, however, that it finds expression almost exclusively in Liberal newspapers at the present time, for reasons which are obvious. Against this idea we desire to enter a strong protest. We deny absolutely that a constituency owes any claim upon a government by electing a member or supporter of that government, and consequently that it loses any such claim by defeating a member or supporter of a government. British Columbia has just as good claims to be considered by the government and Parliament of Canada as had when this province was represented by seven Liberals in the House of Commons. If it has not, we shall be obliged to any one who will suggest some reason for the change. The Colonist has no such poor conception of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as to believe that he assented to things asked on behalf of the province, when we watched seven Liberals to Ottawa, which he would refuse now that we are represented by only two members of that party. If the newspapers which support the federal Premier, hold a contrary view, let them say so plainly. There are nine provinces in Canada, three of which returned a majority of Conservatives. Are we to understand that these three provinces will be marked out for governmental displeasure? We hardly think so, because we do not see any such allegation made by the Liberal press in any of the provinces except British Columbia. We do not find the Toronto Globe, for example, telling the people of Ontario that they have made their choice between Sir James Whitney and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and must take the consequences. We do not find the Manitoba Free Press, either, telling the people of that province that, having chosen to be influenced by Mr. Roblin and his administration, they have struck the hand that was helping them. That sort of thing is reserved for British Columbia.

There are those of us who have supposed that British Columbia is a province forming a not unimportant part of the Dominion. We assumed that the Grand Trunk Pacific railway was being constructed, not simply because this province elected more Liberals than Conservatives, but because the road was a part of a great transportation scheme, a scheme which, with all its objections, may be to some of its details, was masterly in conception and will prove of immense value to Canada. Certain railway subsidies have been granted to prospective railways in this province and we have supposed it was because the proposed lines would be of great public importance, not merely because British Columbia happened to have a representative in the Cabinet. If we were wrong about this, if the National Transcontinental Railway, for example, were constructed only for the benefit of the Liberal party, if the protection that has been provided for navigation is due to the fact that the Liberal representative in the Cabinet, if neither of these things nor anything else would have been done, if the province had gone Conservative in 1906 and 1908, the people cannot too soon understand it. Will our Liberal contemporaries help towards a solution of the point by directing their attention to a question or two? We ask them:

What single public work or expenditure undertaken or made in this province by the Dominion government was due to the fact that the provincial delegation in the House of Commons was Liberal?

What public work or expenditure would have been refused, if the majority of the representatives from the province had been Conservatives? Why should an expenditure, which would be made if the province went Liberal, be refused because the province has gone Conservative?

If our contemporaries shall say that they do not mean what these questions imply, but only that it is an advantage to a province to be represented in the Cabinet, we have another question which they might answer:

How did it come about that the representative of this province in the Dominion Cabinet never on any occasion gave even a pretext of support to any claim preferred on behalf of the province, or interested himself in the slightest degree even to see if such claims possessed any merit?

to understand the Liberal view of politics is that a constituency, which has the hardihood to defeat a minister, does so at its peril and that the consequences of its act will be visited not only upon itself but upon the whole province? This is a point upon which it is desirable there should be some authoritative declaration. For our own part, we contend that the result of an election, which is in the very nature of things uncertain, neither lessens nor increases the strength of the claims of a constituency upon the government. If it did, governments would play the game of politics with loaded dice. The handicap to a free expression of public opinion, arising from the legitimate influence of a government, is serious enough, without its being added to by a danger that an opposition vote will be punished by the rejection of the just claims of the constituency. We repeat that we do not hold to any such abominable idea, and believe that the Liberal papers, which advanced it, do not reflect the mind of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but only their own chagrin.

THE NEW ALLIANCE

It is perhaps hardly correct to speak of the treaty between the United States and Japan, particulars of which were given in yesterday's Colonist, as an alliance, but it creates a community of interest upon points that its effect will be equivalent to an alliance. One of the most remarkable changes in diplomacy is the development of intimate relations between the United Kingdom, the United States and Japan, the latter acting as a link between the others. By virtue of the treaty of alliance Great Britain stands pledged to a certain extent to support Japan, and one of the matters coming within its scope may be the suggestion of transplanting to Greater Britain those people for whom there seems to be no place in the Mother country, who, under the favorable conditions presented by the treaty, might become useful and valuable citizens of the Empire.

A PLETHORA OF MONEY

The bank statements for October show that during that month deposits increased \$11,862,878, while loans increased \$3,322,014. In other words, money is flowing into the banks more rapidly than the bankers can profitably produce. Two causes probably combine to produce this result. The first is the large amount of money received by the farmers for the crop, which was moved earlier this year than usual, and the second is the unwillingness of the banks to increase hurriedly the lines of credit extended to their customers. There is also a third influence which doubtless has its effect, namely, the disposition on the part of the business community to go a little slowly. The capital of the banks amounts to \$96,000,000 and the deposits amount to \$67,000,000, making (using round numbers in all cases) \$762,000,000 upon which interest must be earned. But the loans only amount to \$65,000,000, leaving \$104,000,000 lying idle. The loans are nearly \$1,000,000 less than they were a year ago, although there is an increase of \$8,000,000 in the loans made abroad. Thus the loans in Canada are nearly \$1,000,000 less than they were this time last year, although the banks hold over \$104,000,000 on which they are earning no interest.

We make no other comment upon this condition of things except to say that it seems to indicate that the banks are not so ready to supply the needs of depositors as they were last year. But it does not indicate that the financial condition can be extended. It may be that the circulation of the banks is a little below the normal, and there is a little unemployed money, but it is only a transition stage in money matters.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

A wireless telegraphic station reporting that messages that were being sent in Japan, and that the signals came across 6,000 miles of ocean. The fact that similar signals were received in Honolulu strengthens the belief that they were sent. The record distance for the transmission of wireless messages up to date is 2,000 miles. The new invention is confirmed by the fact that the transmission of wireless messages is being carried out by the Japanese navy. For some time past the Japanese navy has been recording earthquakes which from all parts of the world have occurred in the South Pacific ocean. The signals were not recorded at intermediate stations the suggestion has been made that they have been transmitted directly through the earth and not around its surface, and if this theory is correct, it is hoped that the Japanese will be able to send a telegram from Japan to Australia to England directly through whatever sort of matter they choose. Without further knowledge this suggestion is a startling one, but it would have been startling a few years ago. We are becoming reconciled, as it were, to the repetition of remarkable discoveries that one more or less exciting very little surprise. Yet if you think it over, you will realize how stupendous a stride applied science will have made if it perfects an apparatus by which a message can be sent into the ground to be repeated on the opposite side of the globe, nearly eight thousand miles away in a direct line passing through the very centre of the earth. Truly we are only on the outskirts of the domain of electrical communication.

Nova Scotia's achievements at the Colonial fruit exhibition in London were mind boggling. The Colonist writes: "There are others" in Canada who are paying some attention to the exhibition. The province down by sea on the Atlantic coast won a gold medal and fourteen individual prizes, while British Columbia was second with a gold medal and ten subsidiary ones. But it ought to be remembered that while the industry of this province is comparatively in its infancy, the Scotch divers other matters, to help puzzle the mind of the voter.

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producing area in this province shall have all been brought under cultivation our "Blue-Nose" friends will certainly have to "take a back seat."

According to a cable from Wellington, New Zealand, it is estimated that the capital loss to the Auckland brewery interests as a result of the prohibition vote in the province, amounted to £100,000.

Australia has determined to put forth a stupendous effort to divert the stream of immigration now flowing to Canada from the Old Country to the Antipodes. This ought to be the one for the Ottawa government to redouble its efforts in holding the attention of those who emigrate from the British Isles.

By defeating Hayes, the nominal winner of the Marathon race at the Olympic games, Dorando has demonstrated that the great honor of the London tournament would have been his but for an accident. We may now prepare ourselves for the announcement that the plucky runner was born in the United States.

Now that previous reports as to the existence of caribou on Queen Charlotte Islands have been confirmed, the government should take immediate steps to protect these rare specimens of big game, which will unquestionably add materially to the prestige of British Columbia as a hunter's paradise.

Business conditions in Vancouver are said to be excellent and the outlook for the future of the city most promising, but Victoria is not doing so badly after all in comparison with her more aggressive sister across the Gulf. For instance, Bradstreet's list of weekly bank deposits for the week ending yesterday showed an increase of 14.6 per cent. for Vancouver and 13.1 for Victoria.

The people of Port Angeles are just now meeting with renewed hopes of their little city being made the terminus of one of the United States transcontinental railway lines. If it is true that everything comes to those who wait, our friends across the Straits are about due to realize their fond aspiration, for they have certainly shown a fair amount of patience.

Mr. R. Grigg, British trade commissioner in Canada, was a visitor at Ottawa the other day. Since his appointment Mr. Grigg has been busy in his official duties, and he has just weeks are over the Board of Trade in London will have published the first batch of trade reports sent by Mr. Grigg to his headquarters in London. He decided whether he will make his headquarters in Ottawa or Montreal.

Introducing Hon. Mr. Tallow at the meeting of shareholders of the British Columbia Electric Railway company in London, the chairman, R. M. Horne, said: "The finance minister's budget speech of last year, 'perhaps the most satisfactory of any in the Empire.' This high compliment is bound to attract much attention among British financiers, and it is interesting to note that the interests of this province.

It is astonishing how generally is developed in the breasts of business men, who have dealings with government officials, a sense of the pure goodness of their intentions, and how they are able to see the good in the worst of their transactions with others figure close to the line and want a dollar's worth for every dollar they pay out. It is a good thing that government officials, who are always ready to obey the dictates of their conscience, are not letting their left hand know what their right hand doeth. They do their duty in secret, and even when Judge Cassella asks them questions "step up" with great reluctance. A nice little problem in ethics arises out of these conditions, namely, as to whether in such cases it is better to give than to receive. The officers, whose heads will shortly drop in the basket, must think it so.

The Colonist is in receipt of a copy of the speech of President Sullivan at the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. It deals largely with the conduct of the American athletes at the Olympic games in London, and takes the form of an extended apology for the actions there. It is a bit tempered throughout. Beaten in the two events upon proficiency in which the United States has always prided itself, the hundred metres, won by a South African, and the two hundred metres won by a Canadian, winning a hollow victory in the 400 metres, when Dorando finished first, the American 110 metres is perhaps excusable. The attempt to charge unfairness against the most sportsmanlike body in the world by what generally is known as the "unsportsmanlike" body will meet with success amongst few save Mr. Sullivan's fellow agitators.

The House of Lords has rejected the Licensing Bill. It will be a singular thing if the inevitable conflict between the two Houses of Parliament is precipitated over such an issue. At this distance it is impossible to form an intelligent opinion as to how the public will feel if the rejected measure is brought before them at an election. There is not much likelihood that Mr. Asquith will ask a dissolution on it. He must get his house in order in respect to other matters. When the contest is on we shall witness the greatest parliamentary struggle of recent years. An unfortunate part of the case is that it will be difficult to say what the mandate of the people is in any one of them. What, for example, is there in common between tariff reform and the Licensing bill? Yet both will be decided by the voters, and the problem of national defence and the problem of the unemployed, as well as other matters, to help puzzle the mind of the voter.

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- 12 Tea Cups and Saucers
- 1 Soup Turban, 2 pieces
- 3 Cover Dishes
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- 12 Flat Plates, 8 in.
- 12 Flat Plates, 7 in.
- 12 Flat Plates, 6 1/2 in.
- 12 Flat Plates, 5 1/2 in.
- 12 Soup Plates, 9 in.
- 12 Fruit Saucers, 5 in.
- 12 Tea Cups and Saucers
- 1 Soup Turban, 2 pieces
- 3 Cover Dishes
- 1 Sauce Boat and Stand, 2 pieces
- 1 Sauce Turban, 3 pieces
- 1 Oval Flat Dish, 11 in.
- 1 Oval Flat Dish, 13 in.
- 1 Oval Flat Dish, 15 in.
- 1 Oval Flat Dish, 17 in.
- 2 Oval Bakers
- 12 Ramikans and Plates
- 12 After Dinner Coffee Cups and Saucers

Also sold without Cups and Saucers, Ramikans and Salad Bowl if desired, at proportionate reduction in price.

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- 12 Flat Plates, 6 1/2 in.
- 12 Flat Plates, 5 1/2 in.
- 12 Soup Plates, 9 in.
- 12 Tea Cups and Saucers
- 1 Soup Turban (oval)
- 2 Casseroles (round)
- 1 Sauce Boat and Stand, 2 pieces
- 1 Sauce Turban, 3 pieces
- 2 Oval Flat Dishes, 13 in.
- 2 Oval Flat Dishes, 15 in.
- 1 Oval Flat Dish, 17 in.
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