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Didn't Fight For Quebec In Campaign of 1908 And Nothing Done Since

Instead, Party Managers Allowed Funds To Be Lugged Off To Assist in Carrying West.

TOO MUCH DELICACY CAUSED SERIOUS LOSSES

MONTREAL, April 5.—(Special).—Every good Conservative in this province would be delighted if the serious feeling of discontent over the state of affairs at Ottawa were confined to a few newspaper offices, but, unfortunately, this is not the case. At the last federal election the powers that were decided that the better policy would be to drop Quebec altogether from calculations as to future party success, and this was the beginning of the discontent, which it cannot be said that R. L. Borden was wholly responsible for the blunder.

Those who were running the Conservative party ignore the fact that there are always at least 100,000 Conservative voters in the province, out of a total of 230,000, yet the men who had the finances and of the campaign sacrificed Quebec, took the money from this city, and poured it into Manitoba and the west. Hon. Robert Rogers came down to Montreal, launched the grand scandal of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which the more moderate party papers would not publish, and got off with a clean conscience, carrying the money for organization purposes to carry his province, and also give a helping hand in the new provinces. Had a part of this money been sent here, ten or twelve more Quebec members would be sitting to-day on the Speaker's left. But there was no one with authority to tell certain rich men here in Montreal that Quebec is not as they suppose, wholly devoted to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that, with a proper organization and with a man like Chapleau, for instance, Quebec can almost be divided whenever an appeal to the electors is made.

What Might Be Done.

What is to hinder Mr. Borden, for instance, coming down to Montreal and from his room at the Windsor, as Sir John Macdonald used to do, summon the wealthy Conservatives around him, and tell them squarely that several thousand dollars are required at once to pay an organization who, if he were a good man, could put this province in splendid shape before the next election? Sir Hugh Graham and the other rich men who have been so assiduously tried to do the trick here have never yet learned, and there is apparently no one with courage to tell them, that the \$10,000 spent to-day in healthy and hard organization work in the districts of Montreal and Quebec would be more than \$100,000 spent during the four weeks preceding a general election. Quebec is no more corrupt than any of the other provinces, yet at the last elections what funds the party had were spent when it was too late.

When "Bob" Rogers carried off the money prior to the election of 1908, he went in his sack the position of head of G. H. Bergeron and a dozen other good men, who were sacrificed, when the party had been saved by a modest legitimate expenditure of money.

Policy of Drift.

There was no one, however, in command, who could say this so as to be understood, and the things were allowed to drift at the present moment.

F. D. Monk was nominated here at least three times, and every time he was given to understand that something was to be done, yet he failed at every point. People think that Mr. Borden should have said, "Monk, if you do not intend to go to work and organize Quebec, you must step down and allow some one else to do the work." This was what Mr. Borden failed to do. Mr. Bergeron was the active man here, yet he was allowed to disappear, disgraced, without so much as a decent funeral. Bergeron had accomplished his leader, but the result was a general opinion that the party was in a bad way, and that the party was in a bad way.

BERGERON'S PASSING.

To be sure, several letters were exchanged, and there is a general opinion that had Mr. Borden requested the loyal Conservatives of Carleton County, Ontario, to return Bergeron for his leadership to the work, and to give him a great oratorical bit in the constituency—they would have made the sacrifice of their local pride, and Mr. Bergeron would have been in the house of commons; in fact, as far as organization is concerned, French Quebec would have had an active man, not only in the house, but on every hustling. But rumor says that Mr. Borden considered it too delicate a matter to ask the friends in Carleton to elect Mr. Bergeron. And this seems to be the whole trouble, there seems to be too much delicacy and not enough of real common sense work for the good of the Conservative party.

IT'S UP TO MR. WILLISON

Where Did He Get His Information About Party Clean Up?

OTTAWA, April 5.—(Special).—The discord in the Conservative ranks is all the source of much discussion and comment. The World's Ottawa correspondent has told the story as it developed, and it has published nothing that is not true. It had been decided to call off the convention, and The World published that as news. The World also published that there was a large number of Conservative members who were not present at the convention.

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NOT ALLOWED TO PROFIT BY THEIR INFORMATION

Employees of Conservation Commission To Be Restricted, But Members Not Tightly Bound.

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AN AMERICAN SHOTS WOMAN THREE TIMES

Strange Assault in London City—Intruder Fires Point Blank and Repeats When Aged Victim Falls to Floor.

LONDON, Ont., April 5.—(Special).—An unknown man this afternoon, entering the home of Miss Elizabeth Franks, on the Wellington-road, just at the city limit, deliberately, and for no apparent cause, shot at her four times, three times after she was prostrate.

Three bullets took effect, in the ear, nose and neck, but despite her age—she is 65—after the assault had been scared away, she walked one-quarter mile to a corner grocery and asked that the police be telephoned for. Then, although she was bleeding freely, she walked half a mile further to a sister's in Horton-street, where she received medical aid. She declined to go to a hospital and was later taken home.

Miss Franks, who is well-to-do, lives alone in a large house just at the outskirts of the city, the place being surrounded by a high brick wall.

About 4 o'clock she was in her sitting-room, reading a paper, when there came a sound of a door being opened, and she turned to face the man. She demanded his reason for coming there, and he made no answer, but fired point blank at her. She fled from the room, and he pursued.

At the door she stumbled, and as she lay prostrate, the man fired three more shots at her, and then struck at her with the revolver.

Then, the woman had not screamed, he started to grow suddenly afraid and jumping thru a window made his escape.

The police seem doubtful as to whether the robbery was his motive, as he passed by the woman's gold watch and money and did not take it.

The surrounding country is being cleared in a hurry, and the man is described as well dressed, short of stature, with ruddy cheeks and black moustache. He was wearing black clothes and left a black Christy hat behind him, which, however, serves little purpose towards identification.

The similarity of the crime to the Kinross murder, but eventually commented on to-night. In both cases, according to evidence, there is an unknown man breaking into a house about midnight on a rainy night, and the insane shooting of the victim after being prostrated.

Miss Kinross described the alleged murderer as short and thickest, of dark complexion and wearing a heavy, black moustache.

AT 99 KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. Ingram of Brockville Victim of Level Crossing.

BRACKVILLE, April 5.—(Special).—To live and then meet a tragic death was the fate of Mrs. Alex. Ingram, who was killed late this afternoon while crossing the C. P. R. loop line in Elm-street.

As a shunter, hauling four cars, approached the crossing, the engineer noticed Mrs. Ingram a few yards away from the rails. He sounded the whistle to which she paid no heed. She was struck and literally cut in two.

Deceased is survived by a family of six children. She was a remarkably well preserved woman mentally and physically.

THREE CENT FARES A SUCCESS

First Month's Traffic at Cleveland Shows Profit.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 5.—(Special).—The Cleveland railway fares have not only proved a paying venture, but also a profitable operation, promised to give a handsome surplus to the railway.

The statement issued to-day by the company covering its operations for the month of March shows a probable profit of .66 cents over the average car mile expense, or \$13,964.24 over and above operating expenses, and the 6 per cent. return allowed the stockholders.

DEATH OF MRS. OSLER.

After an illness of nearly a month, Mrs. E. B. Osler, wife of Edmund B. Osler, M.P., passed away yesterday at 11 a.m., at her residence, 11 Beaufort-street, Rosedale.

Mrs. Osler had resided here in Toronto for about 40 years. She was a daughter of James L. Cochran of Aberdeen, Scotland. Her maiden name was Annie Farquharson Cochran. She is survived by three sons, and three daughters. The funeral service will be held at St. Simon's Church at 3 p.m. Thursday.

A BRIGHT BIRD



UNCLE SAM: That Canada hen provides the eggs—but I hatch 'em out.

WHY SHOULD NOT TORONTO ADVANCE BY RESORTING TO BUSINESS METHODS THRU GOVERNMENT BY A COMMISSION?

American Cities Awakening to Wonderful Improvements Possible Over So- Called "Representative" Administration.

So much support has been manifested of the views expressed by The World with regard to the necessity for a complete change in the method of government of the City of Toronto, that no excuse is necessary for placing before the public the facts relative to the adoption of the system of government by commission in the United States. An article in Everybody's Magazine for April, by Charles Edward Russell, of which we take the liberty of making free use, affords a view of what has been done and of what is possible. The results show that the method is successful. Good government, efficient government, economical government is achieved.

"If the American people have one distinguishing trait," says Mr. Russell, "it is their strong innate moral sense; it is their strong sense of justice; it is probably the most important characteristic in the world. They are essentially honest; the government of their cities is so dishonest that it is a byword and mocking for the rest of mankind. On the whole, they are probably the most capable, and intelligent of modern peoples; the government of their cities is incompetent, childish, inefficient, blundering, ruinously wasteful, and stupid beyond all words.

"Some few exceptions exist, also some degrees of badness; but as a rule the American city is unsightly to look at, plundered by corporations and political ruffians, marred where it is not corruptly ruled, and bungled, boggled, and manhandled in all its most important affairs.

While Toronto may not be as bad as this, Montreal has had a shameful exposure lately, and our methods do not make such things impossible. Let us, as a matter of fact, and not to make any concession to fustian patriotism, the failure so broadly marked out by municipalities is not really ours, but a system's. We have done the best we could with the tools we have; the fault is with the tools; they are worn out, antiquated, and worthless for the task in hand. The truth is that the old medieval and thimble government is a failure, and the American city, being wholly modern and without the sustaining power of tradition, is the first to demonstrate that fact.

NAGARA FALLS RUNNING DRY.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 5.—(Special).—Because of an ice jam near Port Day, the American Cataract is running dry to-night. The river is choked with ice for several miles. The power company is not endangered.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

T. A. World, barrister, Belfast man and soldier, had a birthday yesterday. He carries thirty years of militia service, and the broth of a boy that he is. He is a tribute to the persistence of the Celt, the virtues of a Dublin education and the training of the Q. O. R.

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GRAHAM ATTACKS I.E.P. SERVICE EAST

Minister Declares Commission's Policy Is "Delusion and Snare," So Far as His Section Is Concerned.

OTTAWA, April 5.—(Special).—The St. Lawrence Power Transmission Company bill monopolized an hour in the house to-night. Hon. Wm. Pugsley and Hon. George P. Graham warmly supported the measure, and the latter made a fierce attack on the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission.

Richard Blain had requested that any correspondence between the federal and Ontario governments with reference to the bill be produced, but Mr. Pugsley said that so far as he knew, there was no such correspondence.

Regarding the charge made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the opposition wanted the Hydro-Electric Commission to have a monopoly, Mr. Blain said he was in favor of such a monopoly of the people of Ontario against all-comers.

Mr. Pugsley said he was lost in amazement at the wonderful ingenuity of the opposition in creating a supply of power transmission bill, and nothing more. Unless they were bound hand and foot with the hydro-electric, they ought to vote for the bill.

A. S. Goodeve, Kootenay, read passages from Mr. Pugsley's previous speeches stating that the St. Lawrence power bill and the present bill were connected. In reply to Mr. Blain, the minister said that amongst those who voted against the bill, there were some who were not friends of the bill.

Mr. Graham declared what he asked for was that they be given the right to get cheap power wherever it came from. Men who argue that it must come from one source were not friends of the people.

The Hydro-Electric Commission had made no attempt to give cheap power in his part of the country. So far as the people of eastern Ontario were concerned, it was a delusion and a snare.

Col. Sam Hughes asked why the federal government did not run its own Hydro-Electric Commission, and Mr. Graham said that the results from good results from the railway commission which controlled rates.

ROOSEVELT COMMENDED FOR ACTION AT ROME

King Edward Would Have Done the Same Under the Conditions, Says One Newspaper.

ROME, April 5.—Under the heading "The Bankruptcy of the Vatican," The Messenger points out that the Pope recently received King Edward and Prince Von Buelow, as well as Chancellor Von Bismarck-Hollweg, all Protestants, without attempting to impose restrictions which "would certainly have been rejected by them with as much indignation as Mr. Roosevelt displayed."

The paper expects that the incident will create great resentment in America, where the national pride is so strong, and result in a diminution of Peter's pence from that country.

The Correspondencia Romana quotes the Vatican as authority for saying that had Mr. Roosevelt visited the Pope and later spoken before the Methodists, the case would be exactly as the one in Germany. The case is so from an audience with the emperor to a meeting of Polish separatists, who are accustomed to attack both the emperor and the empire.

Merry del Val's Biggest Blunder.

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, April 5.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's Rome correspondent, concluding a telegram regarding the Vatican-Roosevelt incident, says: "According to the judgment of all the clericals with whom I have spoken to-day and who are prejudiced, Mr. Roosevelt's dignified declination was the severest defeat which the Spanish cardinal and papal secretary has suffered during the long course of his mistakes. This is the coronation of the whole. Another year of Merry del Val and the bankruptcy of the Curia will be complete."

A RETROSPECT.

April 6, 1812.—The British under Wellington carried Badajoz.
April 6, 1851.—The Canadian Government took control of the postoffice of Canada.

Are There Any Others?

If there are any other good hats outside what the Dineen Company have in their show-rooms, we would like to know about them. Being so, Dineen has an assortment that it would be hard to duplicate anywhere. Being so, Canadian agents for Heath and Dunlop gives the company an advantage that is greatly noticed in a steadily growing business.

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