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When a Government, or its Prime Minister begins to think it or he, owns the country it is time for a change. This is the position at Ottawa. The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King dropped his mask of subservience, and told the House of Commons that he "would not give a single cent to any Tory Government on earth." Is this the reason why the Duncan report is being held up, and why the Maritime Provinces are being deprived of their just due? Two of the Maritime Governments are Tory, and the other is evidently of so little importance that it is not considered salt enough to savour the whole. Before the Provincial Election the Liberal cry was to have two governments in line in order to get our outstanding subsidies satisfactorily settled. They are in line, but it has availed us nothing, and in view of the announcement of policy now made by Premier King, it is because the other two are not "in line." One would imagine that people are not to be trusted to think for themselves provincially. They must elect and reelect Liberal Provincial governments, however decrepit and untrustworthy, if they are to receive any consideration at the hands of the autocrat at Ottawa. It is not the people, but Mr. Mackenzie King that must decide the kind of Government we have provincially. Usually when an autocrat reaches that stage in his career, he finds the people have got more than enough of him, and his career is about to end. In the present instance the provinces "to whom he would not give a single cent," because they do not have a Liberal Provincial government, will soon find themselves increased in numbers, but before then the likelihood is that Premier Mackenzie King and his government will be numbered, among "the has beens."

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