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THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 25

What is Behind the Election?

Now that the election campaign is on and the government refused to accept friendly advice, which was offered in all good faith before it was too late, there can be no harm in considering the probabilities of the situation. It is quite clear that the Hearst government refused to be guided by considerations that are obvious enough to the many followers who are "quitting cold" at the appalling prospect before them in Toronto, and the province generally. Members of the cabinet came to rely too much on their confidential agents, who usually tell what their patrons like to hear. The unpleasant things come from "candid friends" outside, who are consequently regarded as enemies. The result is frequently to lose the friendship without any corresponding gain.

It is pretty generally agreed now that the landslide of 1915 was due as much to the abstention of Liberal voters as to their support of the Whitney platform. When the Whitney government began to make good, when it treated the civil service in non-partisan fashion, when it legislated for the whole people, and when Sir James Whitney showed by his actions that in public affairs he intended to treat both parties alike, a policy which was strikingly exemplified in his treatment of the press, he set a new standard for political action in Ontario, the effect of which was to attract the good will of the best men of both parties.

Premier Whitney's reputation was the conservative party asset down till the time of his death. The value and influence of that asset has practically disappeared as far as the Liberal party is concerned, without any corresponding gain for Sir William Hearst. As Sir William has considered himself above taking the precautions that his predecessor took to establish himself in the good graces of the electorate of Ontario, he must not be surprised at the result.

It is true that the Hearst government has been supported during the war, but that was due to the war and not to the government. The war is now over, and an entirely different set of motives are animating the people of Ontario today.

It is not to be forgotten that the greatest electoral changes have been brought about by a turnover never exceeding 2-1/2 per cent. of the voting strength. Recent by-elections and resignations indicate a much greater turnover in public opinion than this. It is, in fact, undeniable that the unrest and uneasiness, often faintly articulated, to be found in every Ontario constituency, is moving towards a remedy in a change of government.

The problem is, then, to what extent and how deeply and seriously this movement will proceed in any given direction. There are four of these directions, if not five, all more or less definitely away from the government. The Liberals, the U. F. O. movement, the I. L. party, the soldiers, and the independent Conservatives, who number over a score at present. The government has been led to believe that the Liberal opposition will only have fifteen seats after the election. This is speculation with a vengeance. It is largely based on the alleged ineligibility of Mr. Hartley Dewart as opposition leader. But what does Ontario Liberalism know of the ineligibility of Mr. Hartley Dewart? He comes of the sturdiest sort of the Fairbairns, a son of the Rev. Dr. Dewart, and his four thru Ontario have been the triumphant progress of an able and effective speaker upholding the old Liberal cause. The stones hurled at him by government supporters are every one a bouquet in Liberal eyes. The government has been as blind as the Germans to the psychology of the situation.

The farmers have definite and solid grounds for their demands. A Conservative convention, such as we proposed, would unquestionably have been able to satisfy a great deal of the farmers' requests by practical and necessary consideration of their requirements. The same observation may apply to the soldiers.

In the case of labor, which has arrived at political self-consciousness, the government has ignored every opportunity that offered to adopt the more pressing of the highly intelligent and thoroughly well-considered planks of the Independent Labor platform. The measures there listed indicate the direction in which all governments must move for many years to come.

The independent Conservative movement has been described as "sore-head," but the application of an epithet does not answer an argument, and the independent have all the arguments of the other movements and some of their own.

Some of Premier Hearst's colleagues

think that petty politics will be sufficient to avert the deluge, and that by fixing a man here, and squaring another there, causes and consequences may be dissociated. The political situation in Ontario today is a much graver affair than the petty politicians of the cabinet imagine, as the fierce campaign of the coming weeks will reveal.

The Milk Situation.

We understand the milk enquiry has resulted in some kind of compromise, which probably gives the producer a little more, the consumer a little less, and leaves the distributor, the middleman, entrenched as before. We are not opposed to compromises, but sometimes they do not achieve a settlement, and we fear that no compromise which leaves the distributor unscathed will satisfy the situation.

If milk were not an essential of our present civilization it would not be the cause of such excited interest, as the supply is threatened with scarcity or the price is made prohibitive. The health of the community, especially of children, depends largely on a sufficient quantity of pure milk regularly provided. In nothing is a community of interest between city and country more obvious. How is it to be obtained?

There was a time when milk, and good rich milk too, was sold in Toronto, bottled and delivered, for five cents a quart. Our hygienists found, however, that all the sources of milk supply were not alike. Epidemics of typhoid and other diseases were traced to the milkman. A clean-up of the farms and cow stables was insisted upon. Milk cans, dairies and the utensils, all were subjected to inspection and purification. Still the infection continued and the remedy was provided in pasteurization. It was here that a great extra expense was added to the cost of milk. The outlay required was large and demanded capital, and very soon the milk trade was organized on a large scale and prices began to creep upwards.

This is not the case in Toronto alone, but in all large communities. Many remedies have been proposed, but the adjustments required are so delicate that fear of disturbing the supply, the threat of which has not always been withheld, has rendered the authorities cautious.

There is beginning to be a very general agreement, however, that if the corporations engaged in the milk trade cannot cut their profits to a reasonable return on the actual amount of their investment the only remedy in sight is municipalization of the business.

The general high cost of all kinds of supplies at present undoubtedly complicates the milk problem of the day, but we trust the solution arrived at will neither drive the farmer to sacrifice his herds nor the consumer to revolt against the distributor. All parties may need to exercise a little of the patriotism left over from the war in the general public interest.

OSGOODE HALL NEWS

Announcements
Weekly court: Sept. 25, at 11 a.m.—*Re Gooderham* est.; *Richardson v. McCaffrey*; *Smith v. Rieger*; *MacKenzie v. Ottawa Separate School Board*; *Merker v. O'Dell*; re Sanitary Bedding Co.

First Divisional Court: List same as of Sept. 24, at 11 a.m.

Master's Chambers
Before J. A. C. Cameron, Master.
Sylvester v. Sylvester—Enlarged one week.

Leader Employment v. Russell Lumber Co.—A. H. Robertson for defendant moved to change place of trial from Toronto to Port Arthur. S. F. Arthur for plaintiff. Order made; costs in cause.

Thackeray v. Brown—F. M. Walsh for plaintiff obtained order making attaching order absolute.

Ponsford v. Ponsford—H. S. White for plaintiff moved for interim alimony and disbursements. R. T. Harding for defendant. Motion dismissed; costs in cause.

Toronto Hockey v. Ottawa Hockey—McHenry (Macdonell & Boland) for plaintiff obtained final forwarding papers to supreme court at Ottawa.

Stephens v. Stephens—Manzies (Curry & Wallace) for plaintiff obtained order for substitutional service of writ.

Sykes v. Terminal Cities—Middleton (Blake & Co.) for defendant obtained order dismissing action on consent without costs.

Canada Cycle v. Mehr—W. J. Beaton for plaintiff obtained final forwarding papers to supreme court at Ottawa.

Weekly Court
Before Rose, J.
Re Webb est.—C. S. Sweeney for executor moved for order construing will; W. G. Thurston, K.C., for widow and Mrs. Wolfe; H. S. White for adult beneficiaries; E. C. Cattnach for infants. Reserved.

Re Morgan—L. A. Landrian for plaintiff moved for order construing will; D. C. Ross for Joseph Morgan; J. W. Payne for widow. Held that widow's legacy does not abate, and that she is not required to elect. Held that "corpus" refers to the \$4,000 and that the fund of \$4,000 does abate with the other legacies. Costs out of the estate.

Re Gimson est.—G. L. Smith for trustee of will of Maria Gimson; F. Arnold, K.C., for Amy Gimson; W. Order made appointing J. S. Brouillat trustee in place of his father. Last surviving trustee of estate of J. Gimson. By consent he is to pay taxes and make repairs necessary to and to sell. Costs of motion out of proceeds of real estate when sold.

Neill v. Neill—F. Regan for plaintiff asked enlargement of motion to continue injunction; D. I. Grant for two defendants; R. S. Robertson for Nipissing Mines objected to enlargement. The asked that injunction be dissolved. Motion enlarged one week.

A PROHIBITION PUFF-BALL



"Mother thinks it's all right, but I dunno."

THE DAY AT OTTAWA

By TOM KING

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 24.—On November 30, 1917, Hon. Arthur Meighen, then secretary of state in the Union government, sent a telegram in code to the prime minister at Ottawa. Un- coded the telegram reads as follows: Winnipeg, Nov. 30, 1917.

Would like one thousand soldier votes at large for Manitoba, of which 300 for Selkirk, balance divided between Provencher, Macdonald and Springfield or same proportion of division no matter what our allotment may be. Charge Union government committee Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Meighen does not remember sending the precise telegram, and Sir Robert Borden is quoted as saying that he never received it. However, Mr. Meighen admits that the telegram may have been sent by him someone acting under his authority. He says today, "I don't recall it, but there is nothing wrong about the telegram except the fact that it was evidently stolen."

Whether or not it was stolen seems to many unimportant. Judge McKenzie says it was handed to the Liberals by some Conservative friend of Mr. Meighen. He never had never visited Canada. Some twelve thousand men, mainly from the United States, were thus enfranchised. When the soldier vote was introduced, it was to give the vote to the soldier who might select and as Mr. Meighen pointed out he would naturally want to cast his ballot where it would do the most good. The Unionist party had their agents on the ground to advise such a soldier how to vote.

The telegram to the prime minister was merely a suggestion that a main number of soldiers be advised to cast their ballot in the closely contested ridings of Selkirk, Macdonald, Springfield and Provencher. Mr. Meighen said the Liberals had the same right to advise the soldier voters, but never exercised it because they knew the soldiers returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and awarded \$10,000 damages. The defendant in the case, Charles H. Thompson, of Elora, the plaintiff being James Bayne, of the same village, who sued on behalf of his daughter, Margaret Isabel Bayne. The seduction was alleged to have taken place in 1917. The case was the last to be heard at the assizes, which were presided over by Chief Justice Sir Glenholme Falconbridge.

The short sitting of the house this afternoon was entirely taken up with Judge McKenzie's indictment and Mr. Meighen's defence. The judge produced a copy of the telegram, which, of course, is in cipher. He quoted the message as uncoded, and then read from an interview given to the press by Mr. Meighen when the telegram was read before the federal Liberal convention, in which Mr. Meighen

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First Divisional Court
Dawson v. Quintan—Continued from Sept. 24 with same counsel and not concluded.

IRISH REGIMENT REORGANIZES.

A meeting of the officers and N.C. O's of the 110th Irish Regiment was held at the St. Lawrence Armouries last night, presided over by Armistead, commanding officer. Lieut.-Col. Boyd was unanimously declared to be in and reorganized the regiment. Regular drills will commence next Thursday, and members or ex-members are requested to enrol themselves. More with their old regiment. The

neither admitted nor denied its authorship. He also read from a statement given by an unnamed man, described as "an official of this government living in Ottawa." This man, it appears, was a deputy returning officer at a soldiers' poll in England. He says that the ballots were so as to allocate certain class of soldiers who were they were most needed by the government. This sort of thing, he says, was done under orders received day by day from the Ottawa government. It was not a strong case, but the Liberal leader claimed that it was a prima facie and sufficiently justified the appointment of a parliamentary committee.

Mr. Meighen, on the other hand, contended that the telegram contained no suggestion of fraud or wrong doing. There was in his opinion nothing to investigate and he challenged Judge McKenzie to put his own case in jeopardy by making a formal charge on his responsibility as a member.

Under the military voters' act it was provided the British subjects members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force might vote at the election: even the soldiers of the United States, who had been transferred to these men, had by the operation of that treaty, subjects of the United States and cannot be regarded as alien enemies.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, replying to the delegation, said he was impressed with the representations made by the delegation and would take the matter into serious consideration.

Plaintiff Awarded Damages In Guelph Seduction Case

Special to The Toronto World.

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 24.—After being out for over three hours the jury in the seduction case of Bayne vs. Thompson returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and awarded \$10,000 damages. The defendant in the case, Charles H. Thompson, of Elora, the plaintiff being James Bayne, of the same village, who sued on behalf of his daughter, Margaret Isabel Bayne. The seduction was alleged to have taken place in 1917. The case was the last to be heard at the assizes, which were presided over by Chief Justice Sir Glenholme Falconbridge.

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Men Arrested in Montreal on Charge Defrauding Torontonians

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Charged with defrauding E. McDonald, a Toronto business man, of the sum of \$4000, A. C. Carlious and E. C. Finch, also of Toronto, were arrested this morning by Detectives Sloane and Western. The two men were taken to detective headquarters, where they are being held pending the arrival of the Toronto authorities. The charge is laid in connection with a real estate deal.

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POLITICAL NEWS

WOODSTOCK OUTLOOK

Conservatives Expected to Place R. E. Butler in Field in North Oxford.

Special to The Toronto World.
Woodstock, Sept. 24.—It was stated today that R. E. Butler would be the Conservative candidate in the coming provincial election, but no confirmation of this statement is forthcoming. The Liberals of North Oxford will meet in mass meeting here on Oct. 4 for the purpose of choosing a candidate. The meeting will be addressed by Hartley Dewart, J. A. Calder, North Oxford, and Geo. F. Mahon. However, it seems more than likely that J. A. Calder, the sitting member, will receive the nomination. Prominent members of the U. F. O. state they will place a candidate in the field to oppose Mr. Calder.

Predict Win for Mayor Ireland, Conservative, in West Hastings

Special to The Toronto World.
Belleville, Sept. 24.—With the announcement of election on October 20 both political parties in West Hastings are ready for the fray. Mayor Ireland of Trenton, the Conservative candidate, has met with much encouragement in his canvass and his election by a substantial majority seems assured. Col. E. D. O'Brien of this city is the Liberal nominee. There are no prospects of any other candidate being in the field.

S. Wellington Conservatives Will Nominate on October 1

Special to The Toronto World.
Guelph, Ont., Sept. 24.—The announcement that the provincial elections would be held on October 20 was received in Guelph without surprise, but a stir in local political circles resulted. The Conservatives were the first to act, and before noon the announcement was made that a Liberal-Conservative convention would be held in the city hall next Wednesday afternoon when a candidate would be selected for South Wellington. The names of Lincoln Goldie, the Conservative candidate, and A. D. Hannigan are mentioned as probable candidates.

The Liberal executive also got busy. A convention will be held immediately. The convention will likely be some time next week. The United Farmers of Ontario have already named J. A. Cockburn of Puslinch as their standard-bearer.

VOTE IN TIMISKAMING

By-Election, Owing to Death of Hon. F. Cochrane, Not Till End of November.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The federal by-election in Timiskaming constituency made vacant by the death of Hon. Frank Cochrane, cannot take place on Oct. 27, the day on which the vote will be taken in the seven vacant constituencies for which the writs have been issued, for the reason that there is not sufficient time between now and that date for the preparation of the lists. It is regarded as probable, however, that the writ will be issued without much delay and that the time for voting will be towards the end of November.

Citizens' Liberty League Is Organized in Kitchener

Kitchener, Ont., Sept. 24.—The organization of a Citizens' Liberty League branch in Kitchener, was announced today by W. G. Weichel, ex-M.P. The officers are: Honorary president, Mayor Gross; president, August B. Lang; vice-president, Oscar Rumpel; treasurer, W. H. Schmalz; assistant treasurer, Geo. Schnare; secretary, J. F. McKay.

DENY SAW-OFF.

Special to The Toronto World.
Kitchener, Ont., Sept. 24.—S. B. Bricker, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association, and C. H. Mills, M. L. A. for South Waterloo, both emphatically deny any connection with the alleged offer to the Independent Labor party of the withdrawal of a candidate in North Waterloo if the labor party would endorse the Citizens' Liberty League.

NOT TO RESTORE.

Kitchener, Ont., Sept. 24.—A rumor that Gavin Barbour, U. F. O. candidate for North Waterloo, was going to retire from the field, was emphatically denied here today by Mr. Barbour.

In no other part of the world are courtships so abnormally drawn out as they are in Bohemia, where it is not rare to hear of engagements which have been extended from fifteen to twenty years.

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SENATOR ATTACKS

TREATY AND LEAGUE

Still Harping on Equalizing Voting Power of Britain and America.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Most of the work on the peace treaty today was carried on outside the senate chamber. While Senator Trevelyan of New Jersey, Republican, was delivering a two-hour attack on the treaty and its league of nations covenant, Republicans were trying to reach an agreement respecting the method of dealing with the amendment by Senator Johnson, Republican, for equalizing the voting power of the United States and Great Britain in the league assembly.

The Johnson amendment has been laid aside to be taken up at an indefinite date, but there were scores of rumors concerning possible procedure, and one persistent report was that Senator Johnson might insist upon calling it at any moment.

Some league advocates put forth the claim that, enough promises had been obtained from Republicans to make certain its defeat, largely because of the argument that its adoption might necessitate reopening of the whole question of peace negotiations with Germany. There were no positive statements from leaders of either side, but there was more informal conferences than usual, with the promise that almost anything might happen on the floor to disturb the routine proceedings.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS INCREASED SERVICE.

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Further particulars can be obtained from passenger offices of Canada's National System of Railways.

FIND SOLDIER'S BODY.

Port Stanley, Sept. 24.—The body of Chas. Guerdon, late of the 79th Battalion, No. 602230, was found this morning by the lighthouse keeper on the beach, apparently drowned. The man was seen last night by residents about 8:30. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

"A Sad, Unnecessary Story"

THE foreword in a booklet we have recently prepared states it is "The true story of a Toronto man, who, prudent in other respects, failed in one." It is a story full of human interest and will be read to the last word, we believe, by every member of the family.

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