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## Where Are We and Whither Tending?

Correspondent Advocates Postponement of Coming Election and Union of Best Men on Both Sides—Grave Crisis Ahead of the Country.

Last week in the Guildhall, London, Mr. Lloyd George made a stirring and bracing speech. Some of his statements deserve our most careful consideration, for they serve to warn us here in Newfoundland against falling into great danger. Here they are, seven in number:

- "If Germany knows that by holding out until the end of 1918 she can win by starving us, she will hold out."
- "We are taking steps now for the harvest of 1918 and not a minute too soon."
- "All must help. You have your rations, keep to them."
- "If the programme is carried out, which means that everybody in the country does his duty, the German submarine is beaten."
- "Success is assured only if everybody does his share."
- "The failure of the country depends upon how much politicians have learned."
- "People are now discovering that none of these (i.e., the five political parties of the British Isles) had a monopoly of wisdom, or was the sole repository of political sagacity, not even if the five were put together. The people are realising that there are more things in heaven and on earth than the political philosophy of any of these parties. That is one illusion that we have seen disappear in the lurid fires of war."
- "The men who put party victory before war victory are few. Nevertheless sometimes you feel that party here. I am not going to make an application, but those who think all party feeling is so completely submerged that we can sail over the whole ocean with impunity have only got to watch. They will see here a little swirl, there a jagged rock. We will endeavour to avoid them and we will bury them, but if we find them impeding the nation's navigation, there is enough explosive temper in this land to blow them up and fetch the cargo safely through."

These quotations may be set out in three classes: the first two tell us that if Germany can see the shade of a shadow of a hope of starving us—even if it takes years—she will struggle to hold out; that consequently the British Government is taking no chances but is now making preparations for supplying the people's needs in 1918. It is surely a fool who cannot see that from this on the privations that every one of us must suffer will become increasingly severe in each succeeding month. We have, therefore, to set our house in order; we have to organize our labours and resources; we have to give Germany unmistakable signs that to starve us is beyond her power. When she realizes this, she will likewise realize that the struggle for her is hopeless, that she is beaten.

Quotations 3, 4 and 5 emphasize as only Mr. Lloyd George can the fact that in these days of sore trial everybody must do his full duty. "Success is assured only if everyone does his duty." Here is a call to us all, to statesmen and politicians, to parties and unions of every description, to fathers and mothers, to sons and daughters, to old and young. All must do their full duty—or ruin, black ruin.

Quotations 6, 7 and 8 deal particularly with the case of politicians and we wish to deal particularly with them here. Mr. Lloyd George is delightfully frank. Let us take his teaching to heart. We need to do so, amidst all the great measures—let us not say wholly—an infernal game of bluff and deception. Our governments



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which should be concerned only in the welfare of the country have each in their turn become the prey of political parties, each concerned chiefly in the maintenance of itself in power and in the acquisition of such plunder for its members as can in safety be gotten. "The future of the country depends upon how much politicians have learned," says the Prime Minister of the British Empire. And again: "The men who put party victory before war victory are few. Nevertheless sometimes you feel that party here."

It is this last statement that has tempted us to write on the subject at this moment. Here we are in Newfoundland passing through a fiery ordeal. True we have hardly felt the blast yet, for the heart of the furnace is in Europe far, far away; but the vortex widens and before many months have passed, unless the fire can be quenched and the devil that supplies the sulphur and does the shovelling put in chains, we shall be in the midst, instead of on the edge, of the lake of fire.

Newfoundland may be called to pass through great tribulation during the coming winter and for as long afterwards as the struggle between tyranny and justice rages—the privations becoming greater as the months pass by; and yet, with such a prospect before us, blindly we go in a come-day-go-day-God-bless-Sunday way. Even if the war should end during the Fall—a thing much to be desired—it can be ended honourably—hard times must be faced during the coming winter. Mr. Lloyd George says that in the British Isles they are taking no chances; they are organizing their resources; they are planning for the food supply of 1918; they are taking no chances.

What is going on here? What steps are being taken to organize our resources, to prepare against the day of trouble? Is it enough by advertisement and pamphlet to beg people to grow potatoes? Is this the extent of our wisdom and our effort? Shame! What impotence! What criminal blindness!

What is the Government doing? Where are we and whither tending? The truth is that in effect, we have no government. The party that claims the government is to-day—however strong and good it may have been in the past—like a man who has lost both arms, is blind in one eye and has a fracture in his skull. There are vacancies in St. John's East and West, in Fortune Bay, in Bonavista and for all we know, in Burgeo and LaPolla. Two of the Ministers of the Crown represent no district. Let us grant, if you will, that they are men of experience and ability, honourable men both, but in what ludicrous position they have permitted themselves to be placed in a constitutional and

democratic government! And the Prime Minister is in England; this he cannot help, he ought to be there. Newfoundland is proud to have him there. Taking all things into consideration he is, let us say, the best man we could have there, but the fact remains that he is not in Newfoundland and apparently everything is held up. And why?

The Colonial Secretary deserves our sympathy. He is in a most awkward position. He is a good man, an honourable man, an able man, but he is bound hand and foot. Why must everything await the return of Sir Edward? Is he the one and only? Is it to be supposed that Sir Edward has a monopoly of wisdom and is the sole repository for Newfoundland of political sagacity? Are there not in Newfoundland men enough of wisdom and experience, of zeal and patriotism to take charge of things and conduct us with as little suffering as possible through the difficult path that lies before us? Every day now is precious if we would prepare for the future; every day of care and wisdom now is a day of misery saved by and by. But we drift on carelessly and heedlessly.

It is most unfortunate that just at a time in our affairs when we need a strong government to take charge of things, we have in power a government that circumstances have made afraid of its very existence. One cannot get away from the thought that the very knowledge that its term of office is near its end makes it the more nervous to move.

And what do we behold on the Opposition benches of the Legislature? There is an eager body of men under an eager leader threatening an earthquake if an election is not held this year. And why this eagerness to secure the reins of office? If it could be felt that this party was inspired first and foremost with a desire to organize the country to perform its utmost in the great struggle for freedom rather than to give power and prestige to the Opposition benches of the Legislature, there might be some comfort in the thought. But is it so?

Here, then, is a lamentable and dangerous state of affairs. On the one hand a party in power, crippled and maimed, anxious about its existence as a party; on the other hand an eager band of men—champions of a wide-flung organization— bent on seeking office to lend power and prestige to their own body.

Read the words of Mr. Lloyd George again: "The men who put party victory before war victory are few. . . . Those who think all party feeling is so completely submerged that we can sail over the whole ocean with impunity have only got to watch. They will see here a little swirl, there a jagged rock. We will endeavour to avoid them and we will bury them, but if we find them impeding the nation's navigation, there is enough explosive temper in this land to blow them up and fetch the cargo safely through."

And so surely it is here. Unless common sense and decency make themselves clear among our political parties, let us blow them up and let

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Let the Legislature be called, let the period of it be extended for at least a year, let a new and comprehensive ministry be formed from all ranks, let the two houses deliberate without party distinction and let their sole objects for the present be, first to win the war and second to preserve Newfoundland from starvation and avoidable privation.

This is manifestly the right course. Any party, any minister of the Crown, any member of any party that makes this course impossible is guilty of a crime against Newfoundland and against the Empire.

The words are common place but let them be repeated:  
Then none were for a party,  
Then all were for the State.  
The Romans were like brothers  
In the brave days of old. —COM.

**Your Boys and Girls.**  
In pointing a moral, the mother may adorn her tale with homely jingles, which the children will soon commit to memory and apply. For instance:  
Because the teeth are out of sight,  
Forget them not, but keep them bright.  
And again she will remind them by saying:  
Be sure and keep your teeth snow white  
Or food will never taste just right.  
Sometimes she will tell how to brush them by humming the jingle:  
To cleanse your teeth brush up and down.  
Once said a dentist of renown.  
To impress these truths upon their minds she will set a good example and when particles of food become wedged between the teeth she will use dental floss, which will nearly always serve the purpose, and the toilet tables of children should be kept supplied with the necessity, which is of quite as much importance as wash cloths and towels.

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**C. L. B. Sports.**  
The C. L. B. held their 14th Annual Sports at their Armoury last night, which proved to be the most successful for several years. There was a large gathering of friends and supporters of the Brigade, including Rev. H. and Mrs. Uphill, Lt.-Col. Rendell, Mrs. N. Alderdice, Mrs. J. A. Winter, and Capt. O'Grady, who attended on special invitation of the Officers' Mess. Capt. & Adj. J. A. Winter directed the sports, which were run off in a very satisfactory manner. The programme consisted of nineteen different events, all of which were closely contested. The relay race and tug of war between the Regiment and Brigade, both of which were won by the Brigade, were of special interest. The soldiers, however, were somewhat handicapped by having to wear their heavy army boots while their opponents wore rubber shoes, which gave them a better hold on the asphalt. Following is the programme:

**Obstacle Race (the 100 yards)—1st, Winsor; 2nd, Martin.**  
**One Mile (Senior)—1st, Bartlett; 2nd, Marshall.**  
**Cock Fight (Junior)—1st, Bailey; 2nd, Anderson.**  
**Wheelbarrow Race (Intermediate)—1st, Winsor and Ellis; 2nd, Martin and Reid.**  
**Tug of War (Two Heats)—1st Heat, C. Co.; 2nd Heat, Band.**  
**Quarter Mile (Junior)—1st, Ross; 2nd, Mitchell.**  
**High Jump (Senior)—1st, Hall; 2nd, Shears.**  
**Half Mile (Intermediate)—1st, Hooley; 2nd, Martin.**  
**Kit Race (Junior)—1st, Bailey; 2nd, Field.**  
**Relay Race (C.L.B. vs. Regiment)—Won by C. L. B.**  
**Pole Fight (Intermediate)—1st, Martin; 2nd, Tizzard.**  
**Egg and Spoon Race (Junior)—1st, Holwell; 2nd, Calver.**  
**Quarter Mile (Senior)—1st, Bartlett; 2nd, Marshall.**  
**Cavalry Tournament (Mixed)—1st, Marshall and Borg; 2nd, Bartlett and Mitchell.**  
**Quarter Mile (Intermediate)—1st, Hooley; 2nd, Ford.**  
**Three-Legged Race (Senior)—1st, Marshall and Dowton; 2nd, Peckham and Boone.**  
**Sack Race (Junior)—1st, Ross; 2nd, Bailey.**  
**Catch-the-Train Race (Senior)—1st, Shears; 2nd, Bursell.**  
**Tug of War (Final)—C. L. B. Band, prize holders of the cup until next Sports.**

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