

SUBJECT

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MR. KING'S "BREAK."

Some of Mr. KING's newspaper and politician friends are seeking to excuse his "not-a-cent for the Tories" speech on the ground that it was just a "break." Mr. KING won't thank them for that. For the Premier, as a reading of *Hansard* shows, didn't just get suddenly mad and let his tongue blurt out something that was not in his head and heart. On the contrary, the whole text and theme of his speech marched in the direction of his final statement, led up gradually to it, as it were.

Further: this is not the first time that Mr. KING has preached such a doctrine. Only a few years ago, for example, he told the people of British Columbia that if they wanted better treatment from his Government it would be a good idea for them to send his Government a few more supporters.

Power, it would seem, goes to the head of the average politician. Note, for instance, the extraordinary use of the words "I would not give" by Mr. KING. One would almost imagine that he thought the revenue in the Dominion treasury was his own—his to do what he liked with. Ontario, which happens to be "Tory," contributed nearly one-half of it, but Mr. KING wouldn't "give" any of it to the Tories. He would see to that.

It was the late W. J. BRYAN who, during a United States election (and with the war on) said that Government jobs should go to "deserving Democrats." That unfortunate phrase became historic, helped cost WOODROW WILSON the presidency. Mr. KING, judging by the almost unanimous chorus of condemnation that has greeted his amazing speech, may be in for a similar experience. There's a limit to what even the public will stand.

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