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GRAND FALLS DEVELOPMENT.
There are things to be said both for and against the suggestion that the development of the water powers of the Grand Falls be left in the hands of the Fraser Company. In the first place, it may be contended that if the Fraser, Fraser takes hold of the work, considerable will be done, and the development which has been looked for for so many years will not be put off any longer. On the other hand, a work of such magnitude and importance should not be left in the hands of a private corporation. The Government should not altogether lose control of such a valuable public utility, because, while perhaps the immediate impelling cause for undertaking the work may be the business necessities of the Fraser Company, the fact remains that the power to be developed will greatly exceed their demands and the surplus will be required by the public up and down the river, and for miles round. Development of this nature as such that the Government might very well, in fact ought to, bear at least half the cost, if not more, retaining for itself fifty per cent. of the control, with generous safeguards for the Fraser Company.

As any one, it is high time something was done to develop the power of the Falls. The matter has been left too long already, but as long as the war was on, it was perhaps only natural to make some allowance. That excuse, however, no longer holds, and there should be no more delay. The attitude of Premier Foster in the matter is to be commended, and it is to be hoped that he will not allow any of the interest to fall the wool over his eyes, and let matters go drifting any longer. It was the intention of the late Government in 1916 to insist that the policy of inactivity which the holders of the Grand Falls development franchise had been following for so long, be discarded, but it was difficult, in view of the adverse conditions brought about by the war, to press that insistence out at the time, and for that reason the franchise holders were given till the end of one year after the conclusion of peace. These gentlemen have known since April, 1916, what they would be called upon to do at the end of that time, and if they have, as appears to be the case, not made any preparations for carrying out their obligations, they must be told to stand aside and make way for more energetic men.

THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE TORONTO GLOBE.

The London Free Press, in a somewhat caustic criticism of the Toronto Globe, which it accuses of misrepresenting the present Government of Ottawa, says that that Government is still the same Government which the Globe found it necessary to support against the Liberal party, if the country and the cause of liberty were to be saved from destruction. It is much less than three years since the Globe turned its back upon the Liberals as such and supported the war policies of the administration. Surely a Government which could produce a revolution in this order in the attitude of the hide-bound Globe must have been a Government of considerable merit, and the observer will naturally ask himself whether the Government of the Globe has changed, that the latter should now find it necessary not only to oppose the Government, but to persistently and with evident purpose resort to partisan tricks to represent the Government in a false light.

Apparently, notwithstanding all the good-will with which the Globe would attack Government policies, it is unable to do so. It cannot say that the Government is wrong in respect to soldiers' gratuities, because the Globe has vehemently fought against further gratuities. It cannot question the wisdom of the Government in respect to Government ownership of the railroads, because the Globe has vigorously approved that course. Even upon the tariff issue, the Globe proclaims itself opposed to free trade; the Government is likewise opposed to free trade. The Globe does not challenge the honor or the honesty of the members of the Government; there are no scandals, great or small, laid at their door. Clearly it is displeased when it seeks for some ground upon which to base its attacks.

But, says the Globe, the by-elections are going against the Government. These afford "overwhelming evidence" that "the administration has utterly forfeited public confidence." Since when has our contemporary accepted the result of by-elections as evidence of loss of public confidence? Has the British Government been similarly upbraided because by-elections have gone against it? Moreover, does it rest in the mouth of the Globe to say that a Government has forfeited public confidence when the policies of that Government virtually all find support from the Globe? Obviously, if the Government has "utterly forfeited public confidence," for similar reasons the Globe has also "utterly forfeited public confidence." Unfortunately, even in its references to the

actions to the wishes and advice of the different "know-alls" in the town. The present system of town administration may have its defects, but no other system has proved superior to it so far.

"Principle" ever been my motto, not expediency," once remarked Roosevelt. He, of course, was a Tory statesman, and it would never do for anyone professing Liberal affiliations to follow out any policy promulgated by a Tory leader. This consideration, we presume, accounts for many of the courses followed lately by Premier Foster, for of him and his line of action it may most truthfully be said, "Expediency has ever been my motto, not principle."

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

BISHOP RICHARDSON'S LETTER TO LONDON TIMES.

Frederick, N. B., April 16, 1920.
Dear Sir,—I see that Bishop Richardson has been writing to the London Times on the subject of Prohibition in Canada, and has vouchsafed the statement that the adoption of the Prohibition law in this country has been a magnificent success.

The brief summary which has been telegraphed to the Canadian Press of what is described as his lengthy letter quotes the following statement: "I don't frankly think there are some grave weaknesses in the enforcement of the prohibitory laws, but I am profoundly convinced that prohibition has brought with it moral and economic benefits of untold value which far more than compensate for any losses."

The Prohibition Act was passed in this Province for the avowed object of stopping the sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes and its use as a beverage in any other place than a private dwelling.

Will Bishop Richardson seriously affirm before the people of New Brunswick that it has attained its object? Will he undertake to even say that drunkenness has decreased since its adoption? Will he deny that it has actually and substantially increased?

Will he seriously affirm that vice and crime have decreased under prohibition? Will he undertake to deny that it has actually increased? Will he deny that his own home city of Fredericton?

What does he say about his former home city of St. John? St. John is not in a position so much as to charge that the Government is a friend of the professors, for the Board of Commerce has publicly asserted that profaneering is not common, nor nearly so common, as may have been charged or claimed. Business in the main is sound and honest.

What has Premier Foster to say about the policy of Government competition with private enterprise which the Minister of Agriculture has undertaken upon the question of the supply of crushed lime? Upon what principle is this new departure founded? The Minister of Agriculture says he is going to supply this crushed lime to the farmers at cost price, which will effect a considerable saving to them in the cost of an article of farm fertility that is very necessary in the case of greater production. If this principle or doctrine, or whatever else you like to call it, is sound, why not carry it out to its full extent? Why stop at limestone? We invite Mr. Foster to supply the farmers with agricultural implements at cost price. This also will be of great assistance to greater production. We suggest, also, that he supply them with automobiles at cost. This will enable them to get their produce to market more quickly and expeditiously, and the consumer will get them in much fresher condition. The farmer and his wife and family will naturally wish to be decently clothed and shod when they come to town in their cars, so why not supply them with clothing and shoes at cost, also? The idea of supplying the farmers with the means of increasing production is a most laudable one, but why be so small about it, and confine Government efforts to such a comparatively insignificant article as limestone? It is an old saying that if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. Surely this principle applies just as much to governments as to private individuals. But about the only thing the Foster Government does well in doing nothing, unless it be the getting into debt, and it must be admitted that they have made a success of this.

Some of the Town Fathers of Chatham do not appear to be satisfied with the system of civic government at present in vogue there, and think that a change would be beneficial. Let us remind these Chatham Solons that in some cases it is better to bear the ills we have than to fly to those we know not of. St. John has not found Commission government any great success, or much improvement, if any at all, over the old Aldermanic system. As for the Town Manager idea, unless the official is given fairly of tenure and is absolutely unhampered by the authorities in the execution of his work, no self-respecting man would stay long enough to get used to the work, because he would not stand the everlasting "going" and "having" that he would have to do, to accommodate his

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE
Yesterday I was juggling 7 apples as good as a professional juggler, and Pats Simkins was standing there watching me juggle, and suddenly all of a sudden he said, "Look out, your dropping one."
Which jest then I did jest because he said so, and it fell on the pavement and got a big squash on one side of it, no saying to Patsy, "Hey you big goggle eyed pill, was you trying to do, was you trying to do, was you trying to do?"
"Wye, wate the matter, wye? sed Patsy trying to look innocent."
"You know darn well wye, you funny looking onto, you darn piece of cheese, I said."
"Wate the matter, you dropped it, I didnt drop it, did I?" sed Patsy.
"Yes you did, you took of my paper, sertenly you did, you dried up poor, I a si."
"Hay, you calling all those names at? sed Patsy."
"You, you dirty old ratho string, I sed. Wich jest then sumbody sed, Benny, dont you think little Patsy is fitted to an apology for all these unflattering, not to say abusive names? Being pop standing at the parlor window and looking as if he had bin standing there all the time, and I sed, I didnt ipologize to him, pop, he aint worth it, the skinny skinnermarink."
"You either ipologize to him or come in the house and stay in sed pop, and I sed, Aw G, all rite, I ipologize to you, you insitigant nuster! spot, I ipologize, you old han switch without any hanc I didnt mean to call you those names, you empty bannanna peeling."
"Youve ipologized enuff, Benny, Im sure Patsy must feel much better now, sed pop."
"No I dont, I feel wate, sed Patsy."
"Wich I didnt ipologize any more anyway."

claiming that he was very ill and that he had been in the hospital during the time he was lying prostrate and unconscious beside his motorcycle. He had been taken to No. 4 police station.

After listening to the evidence, Judge Lanctot raised the following point: When a man buying what is represented as common fat-rendering liquor, and branded as such, falls a few minutes later the victim of poison, and when owing to the effect of poison, the consumer comes under offences which are considered as aggravated, because he was in a state of intoxication, who must be held responsible, the victim of poisoning or the dispenser of it?

"According to the judge there were horrible concoctions being sold as liquor since the advent of prohibition. Both beer and whiskey were often poisoned.

"Some consumer's good faith is deceived," said the judge, "and this is one of the first sins of what I should qualify victorious hypocrisy prohibition."

Judge Lanctot then compared the days before prohibition with today, saying that drinks of all description were sold openly. On account of the competition of the saloonkeepers were obliged to sell good liquor, while hard drinks of the most vile quality are now being peddled around.

The third is a shorter one from the daily police report published in the Fredericton Gleaner a few days ago, and is as follows: "The county jail is being kept pretty well filled of late. Last month it had on the roll call one hundred and sixty prisoners, and the prospects are good for the present month, and there are more to go."

I would like to ask your readers if they desire to test the truth of His Lordship's statement to follow the police and other criminal court reports as they appear from day to day, and see for themselves if they can discover in them any evidence of prohibition benefiting with it "moral and economic benefits of untold value."

Yours, SKEPTIC.
St. John, April 17.

To the Editor of The Standard,
Dear Sir:—I notice in your paper today, a letter from a correspondent asking if Bishop Richardson thinks he speaks for the members of the Anglican community in the attitude he takes with regard to Prohibition. If so, I beg to tell him that at least five-sixths of the Anglicans in this province will keep himself posted on current events, and he must know that what His Lordship's statement to follow the police and other criminal court reports as they appear from day to day, and see for themselves if they can discover in them any evidence of prohibition benefiting with it "moral and economic benefits of untold value."

Yours truly,
ANGELICAN.
Chatham, April 17.

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