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EDITORIAL

Shall Wafer Commission Be Abolished? A bylaw is being submitted at New Year's providing for the abolition of the Water Commission.

We have always believed in the principle of administration of public utilities by small commissions. But we do not believe that of late years at least, our Water Commission has earned the approval of the citizen. There has been an annual summer water famine for many years and practically nothing has been done to ensure a larger supply. Nor have the rates been fair to the small consumer. The large user has been too generously dealt with. While it costs at least 10c. to deliver a thousand gallons, some large consumers have received water at 6c. per thousand gallons—less than cost—while the householder has paid three times that rate. The spread is entirely too great.

These things have created a certain dissatisfaction and are no doubt the reasons which are responsible for the introduction of the bylaw.

The Grievance Of New Ontario Some weeks ago, the Press discussed with a certain alarm, the rumor that New Ontario contemplated separating itself from the rest of Ontario and founding a new province.

That there is actually some ground for the rumor appears in an article written by a Northerner, J. A. McRae, in the Toronto Saturday night.

The nub of the grievance of the New Ontario people, appears to be that the new Minister of Mines appointed by Mr. Drury is not suited to the job.

Mining is the greatest industry in the North and is vital to its prosperity. There is great fear that the new Minister does not realize the demands of the position and that the North is bound to suffer. The belief is strong that the portfolio of Forests and Mines was used merely as a pawn by the Premier when forming his cabinet and to satisfy the ambitions of his Farmer and Labor supporters.

Suit The Man To The Job. Mr. McRae goes on to say: Just now, secession is but a little seed, so to speak; but, from little acorns grow sturdy oaks. Little streamlets merge into mighty rivers, easy to control at their source, but developing great force as they sweep along.

By reason of the class control of the Legislature of the province, the sovereignty of Ontario may be said to have been placed in jeopardy. The little seeds have been sown, the streamlets have been sent upon their way, and feelings of unrest and dissatisfaction have been created.

The average citizen of the North is perhaps as keenly desirous of having a united Ontario as is the average citizen of the Southern part. Yet, a more or less total disregard for the welfare of others, on the part of the U.F.O., with no evidence of ordinary business acumen in dealing with one of the basic industries of the province, and a bumptious attitude toward all elements other than the U.F.O. or the I.L.P., the present administration, a self-misnamed "People's Party," has done more in a few weeks to create discord in the North than any other factor within the memory of your correspondent, for more than twenty years a resident of the North.

Northern Ontario is not demanding the right nor expressing the desire to secede; it is only appealing for reasonable recognition. The mining and the lumbering interests have much in common with the farmer, each being a basic industry. But, just suppose that some day a party known as the United Miners of Ontario were to sweep the polls, and to ultimately appoint a mining engineer or some practical miner, or for instance, a locomotive engineer to administer the Department of Agriculture! Could any person condemn the residents in the agricultural districts for raising their voices, not in protest, but in an earnest appeal for greater consideration? Would it be reasonable to suppose that Southern Ontario would long endure such treatment without considering the question of secession "a fit subject for discussion"?

Get Away From Class There is some sound sense in what Mr. McRae says. We do not doubt Premier Drury's sincerity. But surely if he intends to have a real People's party and a People's Govern-

ment, his intention would be more apparent and his sincerity more convincing if his ministers were chosen with a view to representing all the people rather than but two classes, estimable as they are. Only in that way can he expect support from the "people" in general.

COMMENT

Seven thousand chickens in Guelph last week. Suppose they took the census then.

The Labor candidates for municipal offices have thrown their hats into the ring. Next.

In Toronto they are seizing liquor at the rate of 100 bottles a day. Rumor sayeth not how many bottles escape.

What with smallpox and the shrunken value of the dollar, visits to the States have their drawbacks.

The Board of Commerce has fixed the price of suits. Newspaper editors will be looking up the latest quotation on libel suits.

One of the causes of the high cost of living is the action of wealthy people in willingly paying any exorbitant price that may be asked.

If silver continues to advance in price, people will melt down the silver coin for its greater money value. There is already talk of adopting a nickel coinage.

A liking for good books and a taste for real music are the gifts of God. Having these, tribulation and worry may be made to disappear almost at will.

How many newspapers are there in Canada today who do not know where their political sympathies lie, or if they do, are ashamed to tell? They cannot remain Unionist and they dislike to do the prodigal act. Thus the Farmer's movement is a real godsend to them.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Tells Borden To Quit.
(London Advertiser.)

The Montreal Gazette and the Ottawa Citizen, amongst the greatest and most influential of Conservative journals, and long the especial organs of Sir Robert Borden, tell the premier that he had better reconstruct his cabinet or get out. The advice is significant. Its last legs, wobbling. Carvell has gone, its last legs, wobbling. Carvell has gone, Mewburn, Sifton and Hazen are about to drop out. Sir George Foster wants to go to London. The premier has been at Montreal conferring with Mr. Ballantyne in connection with reorganization of the administration, and it is reported that he is unable to secure capable men to fill the vacancies. Evidently nobody cares to be identified with a coalition that has lost the confidence and respect of the people.

The Nobility Of Politics.
(Edmonton Journal.)

The Hon. T. A. Crerar, in the speeches which he has been making through western Canada, has been reminding his audience of something that cannot be impressed on the public too often or too strongly. This is that the people have the kind of government that they themselves create and that an alert public opinion is essential to good administration. Nothing could be more foolish than the talk which we hear about there being too much politics. The trouble is that we have not enough politics of the intelligent kind. We shall never get anywhere if we keep on abusing indiscriminately all those in public life, and by saying, when urged to take an interest in politics, that we do not care to soil our hands with such a dirty game. Citizens who adopt that attitude do not deserve the privileges of self-government.

Coal And Its Ownership.
(Exchange.)

Edmonton, with three of the largest coal mines in western Canada, inside the city limits, is almost in the throes of a coal famine. Calgary, within forty miles of the great Drumheller coal fields, is also threatened by the terrors of a coal famine. Public ownership never bungled its dealing with any necessity of life worse than private ownership in Canada and the United States has bungled its dealing with the production and price of coal.

Nationalization.
(New York Sun.)

The British Labor Party has adopted a resolution declaring that the only effective way to end profiteering is to end the capitalist system of production for profit, and advocating the nationalization of all means of production and the encouragement of municipal trading. One thing is sure: If production and trading were undertaken by the state, there would not be any profits to bother the public.

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