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POLITICAL SITUATION TO-DAY.

While no definite announcement has been given out by Premier King it has been apparently decided that the Liberal Government will hold on to office and meet Parliament. The olive branch will be held out to the Progressives and Independents in the hope that the Government may be held together until such time as the Liberal Government could ask the Governor General for another appeal to the people at the polls. At the present time the Governor General could not view with favor another appeal by the King Government, and if such a request is made would likely call upon Hon. Mr. Meighen, as the leader of the largest group in the House, to form a ministry and later appeal to the country if necessary. The granting of a dissolution is one of the acts in which the Governor General can exercise his own judgment. There is nothing suggestive in the result of last week's elections that the King Government could secure a reversal of the verdict rendered by a fresh appeal to the electorate. In that election the Prime Minister himself and eight of his colleagues were defeated, and before Premier King meets the House he must find a seat for himself as well as for such colleagues as he may be able to gather together. The indications are that the King Government will hold on to office until turned out by an adverse vote of Parliament.

It is unfortunate for Canada that the result of the elections was not more decisive. Still difficulties of that kind render more imperative the obligation that rests upon every one of us to think only of the good of the country in seeking the best road out of the difficulty. One result of the election showed plainly that the people of Canada will never rest satisfied with a Government of self-confessed impotence or of unseemly compromise on vital issues. The present calls for definite and decisive action, for bold policies and for constructive efforts to re-establish prosperity throughout the country. Another era of timidity would bring Canada to an abyss from which it might not recover for a generation. Whatever Government carries on, the people will expect it to be a real Government, a Government that will rebuild the ruins left by the war and by effective administration bring general prosperity to the nation.

CAILLAUX IS OUT.

Caillaux is out: The Painlevé Government is out. But this does not mean so much in France, where governments rise and fall so frequently that the fall of one is not an occasion of great moment. Beyond the borders of France resignation of the Cabinet as a means of getting rid of the Finance Minister suggests the expedient of the man who burned his house to get rid of an unwelcome guest. In France, however, political houses are soon rebuilt.

The big figure in the Painlevé Government was Caillaux, and Caillaux was a big figure because he had the courage to fight for a better financial system, for the collection of taxes, and to fight, as well, his own socialist party's demand for a capital levy. With the public chief complaint against Caillaux has been that he was expected to work a miracle and the miracle has not been forthcoming. He was expected, in some mysterious way, to reach into his sleeve and pull out a store of gold which would settle all the country's financial troubles. But debts are not paid by incantations or conjuror's catchwords.

Specifically Caillaux is charged with the failure of the American debt settlement, the failure of the internal gold loan and the downward plunge of the franc. Many short term French Government bonds are approaching maturity and apparently there will be no cash on hand to meet them unless some heroic remedy is soon found.

In contrast with the methods of his predecessors, those of M. Caillaux have been frank and direct. The Painlevé Government kept insisting, long after informed persons knew it impossible, that German indemnities were to make all financial roads easy. Its Finance Minister, Frederick Francois Marsal, did succeed in checking

the fall of the franc, but by extraordinary measures. He borrowed money in New York, discounted French national defense bonds and raised some taxes. But when he announced that heavier taxation would be necessary the public preferred to believe the old German indemnity theory and the Government fell.

From the Herriot Government inherited a legacy of borrowings with no recourse but to keep on borrowing. Then it was that Finance Minister Clementel countenanced that amazing arrangement whereby the Bank of France increased its note issue of 2,000,000,000 francs beyond the legal limit, lent the money to the Government, accepted national defense bonds as security and concealed the transaction on its books. Clementel did not survive the disclosure of this affair but resigned. Anatole de Monzie succeeded him, but the Herriot Government was doomed and he had little chance to construct a programme. Caillaux has tried to escape such impossible situations by dealing plainly with his public on the direct issue of taxation.

Caillaux's one evident mistake in finance was his attempt to float a large internal loan at an unattractive rate. He offered only 4 per cent when the market price of money was much higher. The gold loan probably would have been a success at 7 per cent.

SENATOR LOUGHEED.

The death of Senator James Lougheed will be regretted generally throughout Canada, and no more sincerely than by those who were his political opponents. The public life of Canada is the poorer for the passing of such a sterling character as Senator Lougheed. A man of many varied activities he carried his political philosophy into his business life and his greatest desire was to see Canada blossom and prosper as he felt it should. His death means the removal of one of the most distinguished Conservative leaders, whose talents and energy have been largely devoted to laying the foundation stones for the Canadian nation.

CABINET REPRESENTATION.

Mackenzie King will hold on until Parliament meets, so says the Minister of Justice. But in the meantime Mr. King will be under obligation to repair a shattered Government. It may be that he can effect some repairs and get by temporarily. Public interest will therefore centre in the efforts which he will make. He will have exceptionally trying difficulties. In the process of repair Ontario will naturally be the first and foremost on his thoughts, as in that Province six of his cabinet ministers were shattered to pieces in the storm. There will be much curiosity in the process of his operations. The lesser difficulties in repairs are in the Maritime Provinces. Premier King may, justified in a measure by recent thoughtless agitators, accept the three Provinces as a unit in fixing representation in the cabinet, and if so he would be justified, by practice, in ignoring mere faction or district claims. We have recently paved the way for him to reasonably adopt just such a policy. We have by agitation and by action put him in a position to call his two portfolio members from Nova Scotia, or one from Nova Scotia and the other from P. E. Island, as he pleases. If it is to be assumed that New Brunswick is desirous of losing her identity as a Province, it must naturally also forego its rights to representation in a Province in the Councils of the Dominion. For mere party purposes Mr. King may be disposed not to proceed on the basis of what agitation and action in these provinces have made possible. We will, however, see what the future will bring forth.

FRANCE PUNISHES DAMASCUS.

However the politics of the attempt of France to suppress the Druse insurrection may be regarded, it is a matter of regret that Damascus, "the oldest city in history," should fall a prey to war. In remotest times Damascus was a flourishing, populous city, a seat of romance and luxury; even before Egypt rose to power it traded by caravan with China and the Orient. It was held in succession or simultaneously by ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian and by Jew, Arab and Turk.

It was to Damascus that St. Paul was directed—"And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city," and it shall be told thee what "thou must do." The street "which is called Straight" still passed, until the recent bombardment, through an ancient life almost unchanged since St. Paul's time, and tradition preserved the house where he stopped and the city wall over which he was lowered to escape his enemies.

Damascus was neither a Druse stronghold nor center. Its most populous quarter was the Moslem, which was occupied by Turks, Arabs and Persians. Most of the inhabitants of the Christian quarter were Armenians and Greeks. The largely populated Jewish quarter was a survival of the time of St. Paul; nowhere else in the world was offered

such an opportunity for the study of the ancient Jew. Life in it had remained unchanged through centuries in customs and in traditions. Even the house that tumbled down from age was reconstructed identically on its foundation. Among none of these peoples was there, either through racial or religious affiliation, reason for suspecting sympathy with the Druse rebellion.

Except for their memories of the high handed methods of the French district commander, Captain Carbillat, the Damascenes rather sympathized with France's efforts to repress disturbances in Syria, for they had in a measure approved the protectorate as a means of keeping peace among the contentious factions. In the middle of this month the French undertook to repress disorder in the environs of Damascus and in one of their punitive expeditions they returned to the city with the bodies of twelve brigands which they paraded on the backs of camels through the streets and market places. Consular reports and photographs confirm this incident. The intention was to awe the turbulent elements; instead, the spectacle aroused indignation which expressed itself in riots and disorder when it was discovered that several of the dead were Damascenes. In retaliation mobs killed Circassian irregulars in the French service and piled their bodies at the city gates and looted the homes of foreigners.

The correspondent of the London Times says that as punishment for this the French began shelling the city, bombing it from airplanes and sending tanks at full speed through its narrow ways firing indiscriminately. The street called Straight was laid in ruins. Another report from Damascus is that in the bazaar quarter the roofs were blown off for 100 yards and shop after shop destroyed either by tank or machine gun. "The holes were unmistakably made by shell and the smoke curling between the rafters and the firemen working on the roofs told the true tale. The mosque of Omalyade, next to the Dome of the Rock, greatest of the Palestine mosques, suffered comparatively little, but the beautiful Senajeh mosque bears scars of the bombardment a great hole in the dome and shattered blue and green mosaic windows. The palace of Azm, the finest of the city, was destroyed as well as the fruit of archaeological discoveries of the Institute of Moslem Art it housed.

The authorities place the money damage to Damascus from French guns and bombs at from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000. The French, while acknowledging the use of artillery, machine guns, airplanes and tanks, declare that much of the damage was due to looting by rioters. Consular agents report that they have filed the claims of their nationals and the incident is likely to have its repercussions in French politics and the consideration of the whole matter of the French protectorate in Syria.

Forty thousand patents were issued in the United States last year, and not one, alas, on a grape fruit that sprays horizontally and not vertically.

Here's hoping that, by the time another Halloween comes round, all of Canada's unemployed will be able to see the ghost walk regularly.

'Tis a good thing that the Canadian woolen industry has better yarns at its disposal than those told by Hon. G. N. Gordon.

In two months, the U. S. had 34 aviation fatalities. Flying and falling seems to go hand in hand.

Judging from its campaign literature, the Liberal machine is one of these lighter-than-air machines.

A STRANDED DEER.

Moncton, Nov. 1.—A young deer that became stranded on the ice on the marsh in the vicinity of Moncton this afternoon was captured by some citizens, and is being held in captivity.

To Attend Conference.

R. H. Simonds, secretary of the Fredericton Board of Trade, is leaving this evening for St. John en route to Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he will represent the board at the conference to be held there on Wednesday and Thursday preparatory to the Winnipeg conference. The Charlottetown conference of representatives of Maritime Provinces' Boards of Trade and business interests is to be addressed by F. C. Cornell, the freight expert engaged by the Maritime Board of Trade for the purpose of preparing and submitting the case of the Maritime Provinces' freight rates to the Railway Commission. This question is also expected to be considered at the Winnipeg conference.

Conducted Service Yesterday. Rev. F. C. Grab, formerly of High Park Church, Toronto, conducted the service for St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation yesterday at the Capitol Theatre. There were large congregations present at both services.

HALLOWE'EN WAS WELL OBSERVED HERE

Pranks of All Kinds Perpetrated by Youth—Many Social Functions.

Halloween was celebrated in Fredericton with full and due observance of the ancient customs which this night demanded. Seldom before were there as many masqueraders in evidence about the streets as there were on Saturday night and it is probably due in a large measure to the fact that it was Saturday night that so many of the younger generation were enabled to participate in the celebration.

Despite this fact, however, Halloween pranks and depredations appear to have been more generally confined to harmless jokes with an absence of the destruction or defacing of property which has marked the celebrations of past years. With the exception of the decoration of several fences, windows and sidewalks with large red and black U. N. B. letters and the removal of a few old fences and other portions of movable property, there does not appear to have been any serious depredations committed.

While the police department spent a busy night, the report that the celebration was concluded at an early hour and shortly after midnight few persons were abroad on the streets. A number of special officers were returned to their positions by the purpose of keeping tabs on city property, including the city's traffic signs which were the special object of attack. A large number of the traffic signs were removed, the tops being easily lifted from the base, and deposited in doorways and on verandahs from where they were rescued and returned to their positions by the officers on their rounds. One sign was removed no less than three times during the night.

The firemen were kept busy, no less than three alarms being rung in the first at 8:30 from box 12, the second at 10 o'clock from box 45 and the third at 11:15 from box 53. Four large pieces of glass were broken in St. Dunstan's School building by some boys, and the matter will be reported to the police.

Many private parties were held on Saturday night at homes in different parts of the city as well as at the hospital and St. Andrew's Sunday School.

Miss Bertha Jean Block, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Block, celebrated her eleventh birthday by entertaining at a Halloween party Saturday evening at her home on Charlotte street. The twenty-four girls present had a most delightful time and they showered the young hostess with remembrances of the day. A birthday cake prettily decorated with silver leaves centered the table and Halloween favors were in evidence.

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School, under the supervision of their teachers at a Halloween supper in the Sunday school rooms. Black cats and witches were everywhere in evidence and following supper games were played and a good time spent.

The nurses of Victoria Hospital held a masquerade dance in their reception rooms at the hospital. The spirit of Halloween was everywhere in evidence and about 11 o'clock refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, of Central Kingsclere, entertained at a masquerade dance at which about forty were present including many from the city. It was a prize masquerade and Miss Marion Adams, of this city, was the lucky winner. Games were played and refreshments served.

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TROUT FISHING AS ASSET OF PROVINCE

Best in World and Can Be Made More Valuable Than Big Game, Says B. S. Moore.

New Brunswick offers the best trout fishing in the world and this province can profit more from its fishing opportunities than it ever has from its big game, according to Berton S. Moore, who was in Fredericton yesterday en route to his home at Scotch Lake to spend a few days before returning to the Tobique with another party of big game hunters.

Mr. Moore motored here on Saturday night from Fort Fairfield, Me., where John W. Masury and Paul B. Reynolds, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who together with a friend from Portland, Me., had been hunting with him on the Tobique, caught a train for home late on Saturday night. They left on the same train with Babe Ruth, Eddie Collins, Joe Bush, Bob Shawkey, Muddy Ruel and Bennie Bengough, the major league baseball stars and their friends from Philadelphia, who had been hunting on the Tobique with Charlie Cronin. The whole populace of Fort Fairfield turned out to see the baseball stars, all of whom were luxuriant growths of beard which they said they intended should remain until they got home.

Mr. Moore said that his party had had an enjoyable trip and were well satisfied. Mr. Reynolds shot a moose with antlers spreading 45 inches and having 18 points and the party got their full complement of deer as well as some bear. This week Mr. Moore will meet Louis A. Schulze, President of a fish and game club at Philadelphia, Pa., with a party of five, who are going with him to the Tobique to hunt big game.

Mr. Moore said that this year had been the best season he had ever had for fishing parties and the visitors had been convinced that the Tobique was a fishing paradise. "When you say that New Brunswick has the finest trout fishing in the world to offer visitors, you are saying a great deal, but that is what we can say, and say truthfully," declared Mr. Moore. He said that people were glad to come to New Brunswick as the more easily accessible streams were becoming placed out and, he added, with the longer season and the great opportunities which existed this Province could make its fishing season of greater advantage than big game hunting now is.

"One feature which I find pleases visiting fishermen is to have some big game around the lakes and streams," said Mr. Moore. "They like to see them and for that reason I spare no pains to protect the game in my territory."

Mr. Moore expressed the opinion that the trip of the major league baseball stars to the province brought a lot of publicity and attention to New Brunswick's opportunities for fishing and hunting. He referred to a letter which he had received from parties who said they had read of the diamond stars having had enjoyable and successful trips to the Tobique and for that reason they wanted to go to the Tobique, too.

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