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MAKING WAR ON THE PEOPLE.

The blockade at Ottawa continues and is likely to continue. The appearance of Messrs. Roblin and Rogers on the scene is said to have stiffened the weakening knees of certain Opposition members who were coming to recognize the absurdity of fighting their own proposition and the danger of opposing a judicial revision of the franchise. Their presence will also, it may be taken for granted, rouse the fighting spirit of the Liberals quite as much as that of the Opposition.

Their advent at Ottawa means that Messrs. Roblin and Rogers are in Federal politics; that they are in for the purpose of defeating the Liberal members of Manitoba; that to do so they are prepared to use means fair or foul; but that they prefer to use the foul. If they are not taking a part in Federal politics why should they display concern in the manner of preparing Federal election lists? And if the means they are employing are fair means, why should they display concern lest the judges are asked to look over their work?

The Liberal members are fighting both for their own political existence and for the rights of Manitoba Liberals to exercise their franchise. The Opposition are declared by the presence of Messrs. Roblin and Rogers to be fighting for the rights of the Manitoba Provincial Government through its agents to disfranchise Liberal electors, to enfranchise unqualified supporters of Conservative candidates, to irregularly naturalized foreign-born voters; for the power in brief to steal votes from Manitoba Liberals who are entitled to them and to give votes to men who are not entitled to them.

With the lines clearly drawn on such an issue a continuation of hostilities is to be expected. Least of all is it to be expected that the men who are fighting for their political lives and the rights of their constituents will be the men to offer peace. The appearance of Messrs. Roblin and Rogers at Ottawa lessens the chance of compromise, if any such chance existed before.

Unfortunately the shells drop mostly among the non-combatants. The supplies voted by Parliament have run out. The Opposition decline to void more. The civil servants were paid only part of the salaries due them last week, though compassion touched the Oppositionists a day or so later, and the balance was authorized. Or perhaps it was only a feeling that it was scarcely the proper thing to starve the stenographers when the belligerents were sure of their own salaries before they began the war.

But a continuation of the blockade will soon make itself felt far beyond the civil service. If supplies are refused work on public buildings must be stopped, and the whole governmental operations throughout the country must be suspended. That the Opposition will persist to such lengths is scarcely credible, but they declare their intention of doing so.

One avenue of expenditure of course will not be stopped—the sessional expenses. The speech-makers will see that the Hansard men are paid, and that the army of messengers, and other liveried dignitaries fall not in their station through the withholding of their wages. While the obstruction lasts the sessional expenses will keep on piling up at the rate of something like \$24,000 per day, at the minimum estimate.

Meantime the discharge of public business has ceased. The Land Act is held up. The bill for giving land grants to South African veterans is held up. The Hudson Bay railway project is held up. The Act to amend the Civil Service Act is held up. These are measures of importance. Some of them of transcending importance. The Land Act and the Hudson Bay Railway project are two of the most important matters to the West that were ever considered by Parliament. Their suspension means the suspension of two new factors in Western progress. Their enactment would mean giving a new impulse to the development of the West, and therefore to the progress of all Canada.

Suspension of these measures does not of course mean their ultimate abandonment, but it does mean that the benefits to be received from them are postponed indefinitely. It means that instead of these benefits being secured this year, they will not be felt for another twelve months—or more. Now it all, or one tenth, Opposition

members have said about the depressing effects of the financial shortage be true, Canada needs this new impulse now more than at any time in the past decade. Their position is therefore that while appreciating and even over-estimating the need of the stimulus they are deliberately preventing the stimulus being given.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mrs. Laurier recalls that twelve years ago some Kansas "soft" fall wheat was sent to the Peace River for seed. It arrived too late for fall sowing but was seeded the following spring, and produced a harvest of from 25 to 60 bushels per acre of "hard" wheat. Two years ago some of the progeny of this wheat was sent to Kansas for seed, and again produced "soft" wheat. The changes were explained by a Minneapolis miller as due to the difference in sunlight. The northern season providing from fifteen to eighteen hours of brilliant sunshine in an atmosphere free from humidity had transformed the "soft" wheat to hard, and the lesser sunlight and more humid atmosphere of Kansas caused it to revert again to the "soft" type. The millers of course prefer the "hard" variety and exhibit their preference in a movement to permit the importation of Western Canadian wheat for grinding in the Twentieth century. Moralizing on these experiments the miller drew the conclusion that the farther north wheat can be grown to maturity, the better will be the quality and the larger the yield. How far north wheat can be grown with reasonable assurance of maturing is yet a matter of conjecture and must remain more or less of an uncertainty for many years. But this much is clear—wherever the limit may be it is in Canada, and the farther north, the more superior wheat land Canada contains. The three Prairie Provinces contain some 37,000,000 acres of land. He would be a venturesome prophet who declared that the wheat belt of the west would be ultimately less than this.

THE ACCOMPLICE OR THE DUPE?

The issue between the parties on the Election Bill is clearly drawn. The Government takes the stand that where abuses have been found they should be remedied, and that where abuses have not been found there is no necessity for any revision of the existing laws. The Opposition take the stand that unless there is interference where no abuses exist there must be no interference where they do exist. The Government propose that where voters' lists are prepared by the authorities in Alberta it is unnecessary, but that where they are prepared otherwise revision should be made by county judges. The Opposition demand that there shall be no revision of such lists by the judges unless revision is also made where the lists are prepared by municipal bodies. From demanding a revision by judges in the territory in which the bill applied they turned to demand that no revision at all be made in that territory unless it were made elsewhere. That they did not contemplate this change of ground is made clear from a remark of Mr. Foster, speaking on Tuesday night, after the Premier had accepted Mr. Roche's proposal. Mr. Foster said: "We are not to accept the concession. It was our principle laid down at the first, and we congratulate the right hon. gentleman on according to the justice and reasonableness of the demand which has been made in that respect." But the next morning a caucus was held, and in the afternoon

Mr. Borden definitely announced that the bill if amended in accordance with this proposal would not be allowed to pass. Clearer evidence could scarcely be desired that the purpose behind the shifting of scenes was to prevent the revision of the Manitoba lists by any officials and at any cost. Having repudiated one contention to gain the purpose there is every reason to suppose they would as readily abandon the second position.

SECESSION TALK IN ONTARIO.

Mr. Boyes, M.P. of Algoma, reminded the House the other day that a considerable movement for secession is under way in Northern Ontario. For years the settlers in these newer districts have been in a condition of perpetual complaint. In a country peculiarly difficult of settlement they have been unable to secure roads and bridges and the other primary necessities of settlement. In consequence their country has remained a wilderness while trainloads of desirable settlers have traversed it to reach the promise land of a wilderness where the continent have been exploited to provide funds for provincial enterprise in the older and thickly populated portions of the Province. This double-barrelled policy of denuding the country of its resources while maintaining a wilderness has taxed the patience of the settlers to the point of exhaustion, and during the past year a pronounced sentiment has developed in favor of seceding from Ontario and establishing a new Province.

PRACTISING VERSUS PREACHING.

Hon. F. Cochrane, Minister of Ontario, has expressed his views on the propriety of a non-partisan management of the civil service in this fashion: "Toronto, June 27th, 1905. 'Dear Mr. McNamara, You ask what is the policy of the Government with regard to the civil service. I am glad to hear that you are interested in the subject. The Government has a view to drawing from them every dollar that can be got. Practically all the un-owned land, timber and minerals of the Province lie in the northern districts. Those of the southern portion passed long since into private hands, and from their revenue can be derived only by indirect methods or direct levy. Such methods, whether direct or indirect, fall of course on the settler. It is the policy of the Government to acquire as heavily as possible the lands of the thickly settled counties. But beside this the northern districts are drained annually of money to carry on the business of the whole Province, by the levying of tribute on the men who undertake the development of their dormant resources.'"

THE RECORDS.

Replying to questions by Mr. Wilton McIntyre, M.P. for Strathcona, the Minister of the Interior a few days ago gave the following statistics of the areas of land disposed of previous to 1886, and since that time.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Area. Includes rows for Total acreage covered by home-steads, Total acreage covered by homesteads disposed of before the 30th June, 1886, etc.

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The Edmonton Journal feels the Bulletin's memory is defective. In saying what it can for the refusal of the Opposition to accept the judicial revision of provincially prepared voters' lists, the Journal says "the Bulletin forgets to mention that after Sir Wilfrid had expressed this willingness (to accept the proposal) he went on to argue that the acceptance of 'the clause would defeat the bill before the House.' With all deference, Sir Wilfrid argued nothing of the kind, and had he done so would have been talking manifest nonsense. Sir Wilfrid pointed out that after proposing the judicial revision Mr. Roche concluded by moving the absolute rejection of the clause which this proposal would have amended. If the clause were rejected according to Mr. Roche's motion, it certainly could not be amended according to Mr. Roche's proposal. The Government were prepared to accept the proposal, but could not do so until the motion was disposed of. If the motion carried the proposal could not be incorporated for the reason that the clause would be dead. If Mr. Roche wanted his proposal accepted, all he had to do was to withdraw his motion and substitute it with a motion to amend the clause along the line of the proposal, or allow some one else to do so. This Mr. Roche declined to do, and in declining put himself and his colleagues in the ludicrous position of blocking the adoption of their own suggestion.

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