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## Able Criticism New Reid Deal (cont. from p. 6)

enough in themselves, and more than enough, to give. We can give them the power, the waterside facilities, and the market. They have to go to Cape Breton for their coal, but they could not get a water power there; they have to go to Spain for their pyrites, and to the United States for their phosphate, but they could get neither water power nor coal in either of their places. They can bring their coal and their pyrites, and their phosphate to Bay of Islands at the cheapest conceivable rate, and with the power and the limestone which we can give them, without any of the extraordinary privileges which is contained in this Bill, they would have a franchise which would be big enough for any reputable company, and all that we ought to give. For that purpose would be prepared to support resolutions to assemble, if I may use the term, all the water powers which the Humber is capable of into one great power, but I should want first that the area over which the Company would have control should be strictly, and, if I may use the word, satisfactorily, defined; I should want the capital subscribed partially and paid up in part, so that we might know that we were dealing with a company worth dealing with; I should want to see that the vested rights of other persons were purchased by private arrangements with those persons, if possible, within a limited time; and I would be prepared to go even further and make some arrangement whereby vested rights which could not be purchased within a reasonable time should be arbitrated upon fairly; then I should like to see the fourth great principle, that after they had created their water power there should be adequate provision for the use of all surplus power by other persons who may wish to purchase it. There is no provision of this kind whatever in this contract in relation to the Humber area, although it finds a place there with regard to the Hamilton River. There ought to be a provision in this contract that the city of Bay of Islands, or whatever it may be called, and all the industries which may grow up there, shall have the right to acquire any surplus power which this Company may have from its work, at a price to be fixed by a fair board or commission. If those fundamental things were provided for, I for one, would give my assistance to put a fair contract through this House.

I would give the Company unlimited water powers; I would give them freedom from Customs Duties and all forms of taxation for twenty years; I would provide for a fair arbitration of all rights not acquired within a limited time by private sale; I would give them until the 1st January, 1917, to get their capital subscribed and the necessary portion of it paid up; and then I would provide, what you have not provided for in this bill—a lapse of that water power to this colony in case the Company did not carry on its industries after it had started. All that you are providing for here is that they shall begin in two years and finish the expenditure of five millions in five, and then they get a 99-year lease, renewable for ever. They can stop their industries when they please, sit down on their benches, and say to you: If you want the water power of the Humber for any other purpose, you will have to pay for it through the nose. You are putting this company in the position, if they fall by and by to carry on their industry through some new fertilizer being discovered or something of that sort, to hold up the water power of the Humber River and the development of the whole West Coast for ever, or until you buy them out, because you have got no clause providing for a lapse. If you look at what is happening in Ontario, what do you find there? In every case provision is made in their contracts that if the contracting Company ceases to operate satisfactorily within a given time, the property lapses to the Crown, and not only that, but all the permanent improvement which may be made in waterways also lapse, without payment, because they have become part and parcel of the waterways. The locks and the dams and all the other things that have created the power, lapse to the Crown in that country, without compensation, because the company has had its time, and if it fails it is not permitted to saddle the country either with non-development, non-continuance of its work, or with a big bill to buy them out. If there are any buildings or things of that sort which can be used, they are bought by the Government at a fair price. Such a clause as that ought to be the basis of any sensible scheme.

Now, I am satisfied that a little reflection will show us that some such scheme as I have outlined is possible, and is the proper one, and all that any reasonable man ought to ask. If Mr. Wilson's carbide industry is one-half as great as he says it is, all the capital that he needs can be got. If we give him any more than I have outlined, we are wasting the valuable

assets of this country, we are simply throwing pearls before these people. We will be going very far if we give them all the franchises which I have outlined, and even some of these would only be justifiable because of the importance of unifying the powers of that Coast and creating one power; otherwise one could not justify even as much as I have suggested here; but there can be no justification whatever for this contract as we have it before us to-day.

I can realize and sympathize with the desire of the Government to promote the prosperity of the country. The Premier has always been an optimist in this matter, and he has at ways, I believe, been sincere in the delusions under which he has labored. I don't believe that the Premier ever came down to this House and purposefully promoted anything which was fraudulent, but he has promoted some things that were so indefensible that if it were not for my abundant charity I would not say that, because the things themselves have failed by their own weight. And with this optimistic frame of mind which is so natural to him, and which to such a large extent has helped him to his success as a politician—because he has had the power to make other people dream the rosy dreams of his own overnight experience—he has fallen once more into the error of giving an ear to these propositions, which are ill-conceived, ill-digested, and indefensible in their present form; and nobody can probably feel it so keenly as he does when he thinks of it. The Government, probably for the first time in the history of the country, has had the courage of its own convictions in coming down here and accepting to a large extent the objections which were made upon this side of the House. Governments in the past have been too weak to listen to the voice of reason if it came from the other side. They have carried things through with what they thought was strength, but what was really only an exhibition of intellectual weakness. In this case I congratulate the Government upon having listened to the voice of protest and in many respects agreeing to desirable amendments. Now, I want to ask them still further, for the love of the country which we all acclaim, and which, I think, we all desire to serve, to take time, think the matter over, defer it, take some months, if you like, to properly consider every provision there is in it, and all the provisions that ought to be added to it; and even if it is necessary to come back in a special session of the House to adopt a finished measure, I for one am prepared to come back and serve without pay at any time, for I was never more firmly convinced of anything than I am at the present time that if we pass this bill in its present shape we will be participants of a tragedy in the development of this country.

## How the Weather Helps the Armies Of Britain

The weather has often served Britain well in times of war. We all know how the weather finished the destruction of the Armada, and served us when the French invaded Ireland, and there have been other times when a foe, anxious to raid these shores, found his work rendered difficult by bad weather.

A heavy thunderstorm at Crecy slackened the bow strings of the Genoese archers of the French, whereas the English kept their bows cased, and suffered nothing; and, to come to modern times, the Devons made their famous charge at Waggon Hill, Ladysmith, with a thunderstorm at their back.

It is only fitting that fog should have aided us at times. It was a heavy mist that allowed Marlborough to get his army across the Scheldt, although the enemy had gathered to dispute the passage. Anso was once well served by a fog, which enabled him to slip through a French fleet unobserved.

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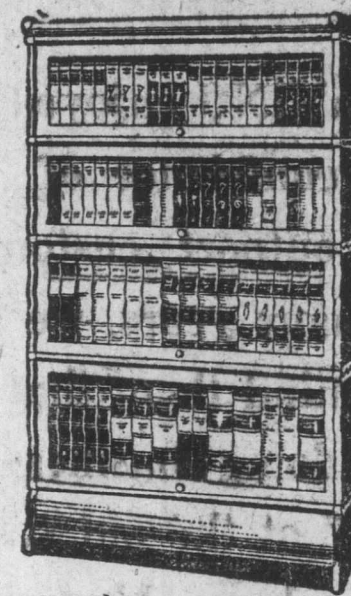
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