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## CANADA NEEDS POLITICAL STABILITY.

It is not expected that any official statement on the political situation will be given out by Premier King before the latter end of the week, but there is no doubt of the Premier's inclination to hang on, meet Parliament and take a chance of successful resistance of the inevitable challenge of the Conservatives to the confidence of the House. The general position taken by the Liberals is that a Government is an executive committee of Parliament and that whatever party commands the confidence of the majority of the members is entitled to power. To obtain this they obviously count on the support of the entire body of Progressives and Independents. On the other hand, the Conservatives, while admitting the grave difficulty that would confront Hon. Mr. Meighen, maintain that it is up to Premier King to resign. They say that he appealed to the country for an absolute majority, but got only a minority, and that with himself and eight of his Ministers defeated, the obligation of resignation is clearly imposed. There is no indication, however, that Premier King is in a resigning mood. He appears to place unwavering reliance on the support of the Progressives and Independents. Even the Liberals do not suggest that a Government under such conditions would be either stable or courageous, but it is believed by them that many of the newly elected members will not relish the idea of another election immediately and will therefore elect to see the Government through for one session at least.

But what does the country generally want? A Government tottering daily to its fall would not be good for the nation. Whatever the partisans want, the business men want stability of Government. No party has any right to propose any unnecessary extension of unstable Government. The overwhelming majority of the people of Canada voted for tariff stability and it is right that they should receive it.

## ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Results of yesterday's elections in the United States are of interest despite the fact that this is not the year of national elections in the neighboring republic and there were no international issues to be decided. The election of State Senator James J. Walker as Mayor of New York is a matter of interest, and also, of pleasure to Canadians because it marks the end of the Hearst regime in the metropolitan city. Hearst's guns were spiked when Senator Walker won the Democratic nomination and yesterday's smashing victory for the Democrats should put the quietus on Hearst. Canadian interest centered largely on New York yesterday, but there were other contests which were closely watched. In Detroit, for instance, the Ku Klux Klan issue dominated the election and the Klan candidate was beaten. Boston is to have a Republican mayor as a result of yesterday's voting. Boston is naturally a Democratic city, but the Democrats' votes were split between no less than seven candidates, the chief of whom were Fire Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn and Joseph H. O'Neill, a banker, who was brought out by the anti-Curley faction, in a successful attempt to out enough votes off Glynn to insure his defeat. Malcolm B. Nichols, a Republican, slipped in while the Democrats were busy killing off one another and thus Boston will have a Republican administration, which will be more or less of a novelty.

One of the most interesting State elections was that in New Jersey. There a Democrat running on a clean cut wet platform in the gubernatorial fight won from a Republican who had the backing of the Anti Saloon League. In order to do this the Democrat had to overturn a Republican plurality in that State in the last national elections of more than 400,000 for Coolidge, a showing that indicates a strong change in public sympathy. As a result of this big turnover the successful Democrat announces that as soon as he is inaugurated he will initiate a movement for modification of the

Volstead Act—the Prohibition law—by the United States Congress.

## PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

Whatever government is to hold of See at Ottawa, it is the imperative duty of Parliament to give its first attention to the finances of the country and to cut expenditures. The King Government preached economy and practised extravagance, preceding its appeal to the country by enormous appropriations for public works, most of which could easily have been deferred till a more favorable time, while some of them are not wanted at all. Under the late President Harding, and under President Coolidge, the national finances of the United States have been so regulated and expenditures have been so rigorously restricted that the people of the United States are enjoying the rare benefits of reduced taxation—with further reductions in prospect. The King Government undertook to lower the national debt of Canada and had not done it, points out the Montreal Gazette. The gross debt of the United States is five billion dollars less now than it was in 1919, whereas reductions made in the gross debt of Canada during the last five years have been more than offset by diminution of active assets, so that the net debt is greater by \$180,000,000—and the war has been over for seven years. The contrast between the financial position of Canada and that of the United States comes of a difference between the attitudes of the administrations. The budget director in the United States has had the effective encouragement of the President, and every branch of government has known that economies are required. Speaking to the "Business Organization of the Government" in June last, the President put the Government's policy clearly and concisely. He said that lower taxation was the end and lower expenditures the means. He said that lower taxation meant better business because money became available for investment that would otherwise be collected by the Government. "The direct beneficiaries," said the President, "are composed of those who file the 9,000,000 tax returns. The indirect beneficiaries are all the rest of the American people, who must make an indirect contribution to the payment of the enormous sum of more than \$10,000,000 every day in the year which goes out from the National Treasury. This is no more or less than a restriction upon the freedom of the people. This money has to be earned. Those who have earned it, instead of being able to retain it for their own benefit, must necessarily turn it over to the Government."

The retrenchment of the past four years in the United States, as stated by Mr. Coolidge, is almost without parallel in history. The motive was the relief of the people from a great burden of taxation, and the object has been achieved. And Mr. Coolidge reminded his hearers in the course of this address that economy in the cost of government is inseparable from tax reduction. "We cannot have the latter without the former. From some sources the statement has been made that this continuing drive for economy in Federal expenditures is hurting business. I have been unable to determine how reduction in taxes is injurious to business. "Each tax reduction has been followed by a revival of business. If there is one thing above all others that will stimulate business it is tax reductions. If the Government takes less, private business can have more. If constructive economy in Federal expenditure can be secured, it will be a stimulation to enterprise and investment."

Mr. Coolidge, moreover, does not rest content with what has been accomplished. There are yet, he says, wastes to be eliminated, and "I expect you to prosecute a campaign of relentless economy, not only in expenditures for 1925 but in the preparation of estimates for 1927. I am convinced that this way lies the welfare of the people of this country. Fidelity to our oaths of office admits of no other course. Wastrels, careless administrators of the Government substance, are out of place in the Federal service. They will not be tolerated."

Has anybody said anything like this to the heads of departments at Ottawa during the past four years? The country knows the answer. Had the King Government set an example for the guidance of the permanent service in this matter of administrative economy? The country knows the answer to that also. But there is a new Parliament and, in all likelihood, there is to be a new Ministry, and members of that Parliament and of the Government can do no better than look to the United States record of administrative retrenchment and, having done that, go and do likewise.

## WHAT OF IMMIGRATION?

In the press and on the hustings, the men who to-day play an influential part in the life of the Canadian people, in expressing their views on immigration, collectively state that with a greater addition of population and a better class of immigrant will come the relief of the heavy taxation that is pressing on the Dominion. This is viewing the situation from the wrong angle, remarks the Ottawa Journal. It is the heavy taxation which, directly

or indirectly, is keeping immigration on the decrease. Until Canada is made prosperous for those who meantime dwell within her borders, immigrants from other lands will not seek her shores.

Immigration or emigration needs no artificial guidance or expensive organization to excite the migratory instinct. Was it organized immigration propaganda that caused so great an inflow of humanity to the United States, to such an extent that barriers had to be set up to check it? The movement of surplus populations from one country to another is influenced and regulated by the flow of gold. The yellow metal organizes and commands the tides of humanity.

Complaints are made in some quarters that Canada is not fully advertised in Great Britain. Sir Arthur Currie, who has just returned from an extended visit overseas, complains that the people of Great Britain are still unimformed of the resources and possibilities of Canada. The people of Great Britain or of Europe generally may not know to the limit the resources and possibilities of Canada, but they are fully alive to the conditions at present affecting the welfare of our people.

Neither are they ignorant of what they meantime may have to contend with if they elected to come to Canada. The following is a paragraph taken from a Scottish paper:

"Officials of the Immigration Department in Canada, in explanation of the numerical decline, point to four factors. First, while free lands are still available in Western Canada, they are limited in extent, and at present are rather difficult of access. Second, the increase in the cost of ocean transportation. Third, since the war the immigrant has to witness a serious shrinkage in the value of his money when he lands in Canada from Europe. Fourth, families otherwise qualified have not the requisite money. For the average family, about \$100 is necessary to get to Canada and settle. For a family of five this sum would be used up in transportation costs alone."

What better authority or more trustworthy first-hand information can be had? It will carry conviction wherever read, but will it encourage emigration? One of the leading agriculturists in Britain, while on a visit to Canada this year, told the writer that emigration from Britain to Canada was hopeless, so long as the debt per capita in Canada kept increasing. There is no lack of knowledge in Britain about the conditions in Canada that count with worth while individuals who are in a position to emigrate. There is another thing.

So many different agencies in Great Britain and in other countries in Europe, representing the separate provinces and the railway and steamboat companies of Canada, confuse the mind and retard the decision of the valuable class of intending emigrant. The lack of co-ordination arouses the suspicion that it is not the settler's welfare alone that is inspiring the zeal on their behalf.

The practical immigration policy for Canada must start with co-ordination of effort, instead of the duplication of effort, that meantime exists among Federal and Provincial Governments and railway companies. The Federal Government should supervise the entire system of bringing immigrants into the country. There should be no such overlapping of immigration agencies and propaganda effort as there is now between the railways and Federal and Provincial Governments. The real function of the Provincial Governments should be to direct the immigrants to the proper districts and to assist them in practical ways to become established, but there should be only one universal agency at work overseas, controlled entirely by the Federal Government.

Agnes MacPhail is the only woman in the House of Commons. And to this, it has been, cruelly perhaps, added, this about averages things out with the Senate.

Finance Minister Ki-Yo had a hopeless job with the French people, anyhow. He could not make them enjoy being taxed.

Sometimes one is given to wonder if that "solidity" with which Quebec votes in Federal elections is of the heart—or the head.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the result of the election was great, whatever the result was.

There is a saying that as Ottawa goes, so goes the country. Then one-half of Ottawa isn't speaking to the other half.

Perhaps scientists some day will be able to isolate the germs of insomnia and of sleeping sickness, and cross them.

"Where in my wandering boy to-night?" sighed the mother. "And where is my car?" sighed the father.

Well, here's hoping we may have a little weather to cheer for in November.

Street Lights for Forest Hill. The City Council has decided to install two or three street lights on the Forest Hill road above the railway crossing. These lights have been requested by the residents of that district and will be installed under the direction of the city engineer.

## Among the Mountains

From the pen of Michael Hargadon of Montreal, a true and authentic poet, comes this pretty volume, *Among the Mountains*, containing seven beautiful poems on the Canadian Rockies. Titles of the poems are: Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Emerald Lake, Glacier, Waterfall, Camp Song. Each poem is successful in the thing which it presents.

What better description, for instance, could be given of Lake Louise than the following stanza, taken at random from the poem of that name: "In oval framing of the fairest hue And best designed that the maker knew, This lake is God's best picture; that is why He hung it on the mountains at the sky! He wished it near that sometimes he might show The saints above his masterpiece below."

Here is the concluding stanza from a poem on Banff:

There is no grander place to live: And when through death we go, It would be sweet if we could come To dwell in the luxuries of earth With all the luxuries of earth.

What more than Banff would one require To make a paradise? A poem on a waterfall contains these lines:

Never old your music ringing Since the earth was planned, Moving always to the swining In the Great Conductor's hand.

Pleasant too does the poet recall other topographical charms of the Canadian Rockies, and the names have with them an alluring music peculiarly their own. There is a high literary and poetic quality in the work. The pictures in the book are beautifully colored and the binding and printing are excellently done. *Among the Mountains* makes an appropriate gift for Christmas or indeed any other time. It will be treasured by all people who love the Canadian Rockies, or indeed any mountain scenery.

## JUDGING CONTESTS AT WINTER FAIR

New Brunswick Figured in Cattle, Sheep and Swine Competitions.

Amherst, Nov. 3.—New Brunswick figured prominently in the judging competition for beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and swine. The championship awards were carried off by Nova Scotia teams.

The results for the neighboring province were as follows: First, Chatham, second, Johnville; third, Westmorland, fourth, Killam's Mills; fifth, Harvey; sixth, Rosersville; seventh, Hoyt; eighth, Botaford; ninth, Melrose; tenth, Millville, and eleventh, Stanley.

The competition in these events was extremely close, but unfortunately the results from the other provinces have not been secured, although Nova Scotia won the leading trophies for the day.

Nearly 6,000 people were present at the Maritime Winter Fair for the second day. With the great part of the attendance coming in the evening hours, the new arena was filled to capacity with those who were interested in the horse show. Without exception it was the largest crowd in the building since the inception of the Maritime Winter Fair over a score of years ago.

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