

his chattering since he came out. One would have thought that Liberal leaders would indignantly protest and they did, but instead of standing by their party in the ignominious plight that the Borden government had pushed them into they threw up their hands and cried, "Kamerad, Kamerad!" like trapped Germans on the battlefields in Flanders. Who would have thought a couple of months ago that Liberal leaders such as Cartell, Rowell, Fielding, McLean, et al, would kiss the hands of those who smote their party with a political club similar to that which was used by President Kruger in South Africa on the English and is constantly being used by petty tyrants in the South American republics?"

Referring to the meeting in Sydney of the A. M. W. Association a Cape Breton paper says:—"A noteworthy fact in connection with the meetings held during the week was the marked sobriety among the miners and the absence of anything like disorder at any of the meetings."

Why "noteworthy"? Was it expected that the miners would conduct themselves like hooligans? True, the new society has eliminated from its objects the fostering of thrift, industry and sobriety, but surely it was not thought that this elimination was equivalent to an intention that its members could get full as fiddlers and paint Sydney red and no questions asked. They surely did not think they could kick up any old caper in Sydney and be immune from the consequences! Did the newspaper think they might set the cops at defiance and exclaim, "Touch us if you dare. If you do the executive of the A. M. W. will give your mayor twenty-four hours to apologize and pay damages, or else all the miners in Nova Scotia will be commanded to go idle two days a week if you don't?" Levity aside, some papers by the way they write lead country people to imagine that good behaviour on the part of miners is the exception, something "noteworthy," the exception and not the rule. There was a meeting of ministers in New Glasgow a few weeks ago. There were four times as many as there were delegates of the A. M. W. in Sydney. Many newspapers took notice of the meeting, and yet not one of them recorded it as remarkable that they all kept sober and behaved themselves. Why was their good behaviour not commended? Simply because people expected they would behave becomingly. The P. W. A., the union which the A. M. W. has superseded, had conferences in Halifax and other towns for thirty-five years, and in that time no newspaper expressed wonderment that every jack man of them could make his exit from the city or town without the aid of a friendly arm, a charity ambulance, or a borrowed wheelbarrow. Though the injunction as to sobriety has been deleted from the constitution, the papers had no right to think that a precipitate fall was sure to follow.

Commenting on an Ottawa despatch to the Herald which claimed that Murray's statement had the approval of many of the leading Liberals in Nova Scotia the Eastern Chronicle utters this timely warning and caution to "ca canny":

"In connection with this extract from the Herald we may state that if Mr. Sinclair approves of the extraordinary debacle of some Liberals he has carefully concealed his approval from his political

friends in Guysborough and Antigonish. We believe that the Herald misrepresents Mr. Sinclair. However, if there is any taint of the apostasy of other politicians clinging to Mr. Sinclair the wholesome loyalty of the Atlantic winds in Guysborough and on the highlands of Antigonish will send it glimmering.

If true concerning Hon R. M. MacGregor it may have serious consequences to his party in this county, to himself and others. So far there is not a breath of suspicion of disloyalty to his party against Mr. E. M. MacDonald. His friends expect him to run in this county as a straight Liberal. In the contest sure to come where will Hon. R. M. MacGregor stand? Behind E. M. MacDonald, Liberal, or behind Mr. Alex. McGregor, Conservative, and supporter of Hon. A. K. McLean?"

I am so pleased with the foregoing extracts that I can heartily say "Carry on, carry on."

The Halifax Herald calls upon its readers to beware of sudden conversions, and yet it may be hard to pick out from among the sudden political conversions of the past ten or more days a more sudden and startling one than that of the editor of the Herald himself. Why, in an issue ten days ago he had an article so effusively laudatory of Premier Murray that the poor chap blushed as the boys shouted, "The Halifax Herald on Murray." The Herald declared Murray to be the most amiable of gentlemen. Go easy. Murray has been known to "get mad," and when in that mood to be as obstinate as D. D., or to use a pet phrase, "as they make them." Some hope he got mad when he read the threatening resolutions concocted by fellows on whose heads he had heaped—at least tried to—coals of fire! The Record joins in the hope. If he keeps in a proper mad mood till the 17th November then the demand of the A. M. W. will be fittingly answered.

THE TWO RESOLUTIONS.

(Sydney Post.)

Two rather sensational developments occurred yesterday afternoon, one, the calling for the dismissal of New Waterford officials and the other the despatch of a telegram to Fuel Controller McGrath asking him to come immediately to Nova Scotia. The telegram to the fuel controller was in the form of the following resolution:

"Whereas, a condition exists in Cape Breton county which prevents the production of coal and the development of coal areas and tends to increase the price of coal;

"And whereas details of this condition show that coal areas of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company are bounded and broken by coal areas of the Dominion Coal Company thus preventing the development and the fullest production, greatly increasing the cost thereof and working a hardship on working men;

"And whereas full information concerning these conditions are in possession of the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia, now in general convention at Sydney;

"Therefore resolved that this convention instruct its secretary to immediately communicate with the fuel controller of Canada acquainting him with these conditions and request him with a view towards materially increasing coal production to come to Nova Scotia or send a representative and use what in-

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