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Editorial

USING OUR FRANCHISE

We coloured folk should not fail to cast our vote in the Federal Election on Oct. 29th. When we remember how our people are disfranchised in the United States and especially in the South, we should be all the more anxious to use our privilege to vote in this country. No phase of our civilization serves better as a barometer of the intelligence of a people than the manner in which the citizens use their franchise. If our law-making bodies are composed of weak and incompetent men, it is our fault, not theirs. If the affairs of our country are mismanaged, primarily, it is the fault of the electors and not the fault of those who govern.

First of all we should give careful consideration of the issues involved and if possible to do so (pick from such a heterogeneous array of issues) we should choose those principles which are for the best interest for the whole country, for all the people. We should then cast our votes for the men who stand for these principles. But by all means we should vote. Instead of making any particular party the basis on which we choose our candidate we should choose him from the principles he advocates.

Another consideration which should guide us as a race is of course, group consideration. This ought not to HAVE to be a consideration, and all other things being equal, we would not advocate group consideration in casting our vote. But facts are facts and our government, provincial or Dominion, have given us very little consideration in the line of positions, aside from a few positions in post offices as letter carriers. Very few of the government plums are distributed among our group. Even such positions as porters, janitors or messengers are very rarely open to us. Still our government has many to offer.

It would seem advisable, therefore, that we as a group should bargain with the different parties for the best offer for employment for our people and if the platform of the party which makes us the most liberal offer coincides with our own views, most certainly we should BY ALL MEANS WORK FOR, AND CAST OUR VOTE FOR THAT PARTY'S CANDIDATE. If, for instance, a candidate promises to assist us in securing employment in the government in proportion to our numbers, this should, of course, have great weight with us in casting our vote, provided we have reasons

to believe in the integrity of the candidate.

It is said of SOME of us that in days of old our vote could be purchased for a few paltry dollars. As to that we cannot say. However, we feel certain that if such a custom ever existed among us, it is only a matter of ancient history. At present 95 per cent. of our people would consider it a gross insult to be offered money for their votes. For we are seeking now to advance the interest of our whole group rather than trying to reap individual gain. We have learned that as the interest of the group is furthered the interest of each individual member is made more secure.

Let us not forget to use our franchise in the coming election. Let us seek to vote for the best interest of the race.

OWEN SOUND

Sunday last the people here had an extraordinary treat in the visit of Rev. S. R. Drake, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wright and Mr. Montebaur of Windsor.

Mr. Montebaur spoke to a very attentive audience in the morning on "God and Science." Mrs. Wright gave an excellent and encouraging address to the Sunday School.

At 7 p.m. Rev. Wright brought us a message on "Prayer," what it is and how it is to be used. Supt. Drake was in charge of the services.

Mrs. LeBurtis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cromwell were visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Molock over Sunday on their return home from the summer cottage.

A surprise was sprung on Rev. and Mrs. Richardson when Mrs. Wright and Mrs. S. Johnson presented a gift on behalf of the members and friends it being their tenth wedding anniversary.

Rev. Richardson has been in charge of this work for three years.

The party left for Collingwood, the Eastern point of the Owen Sound circuit.

WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Jack Cooper and son and daughter of Collingwood are the guests of her daughters, Mrs. W. A. Cromwell and Mrs. Horace Marshall Jr.

Misses Daisy James and J. McDowell of Toronto, are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. James, Bain St.

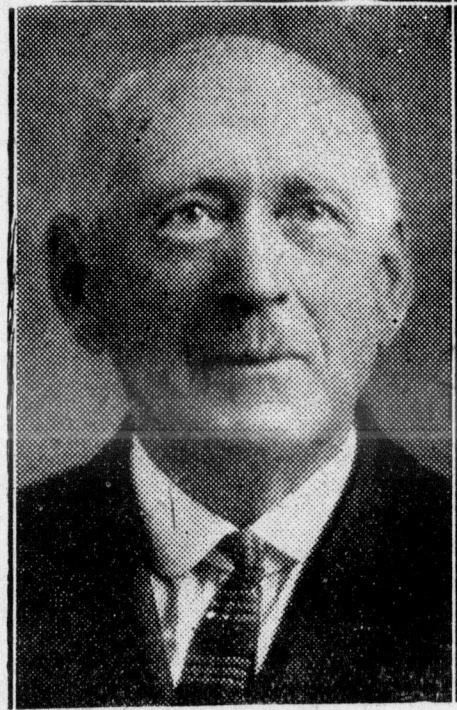
Mr. Perce Fuller of London spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. M. Taylor.

Mrs. Sadie Parker of Detroit spent a few days the guest of Mrs. Emery Wiley, New York.

Mrs. John Henderson, Ingersoll and daughters were visitors in town Tuesday and were entertained at Mrs. H. Morton's.

Mr. W. A. Cromwell is in Toronto, attending his medical office.

It is Time to Halt Extravagant Spending



A. KING HODGINS,
Liberal-Conservative Candidate

The King Government, during four years has increased the national debt by about \$200,000,000—one million for each week it has been in office.

It has utterly failed to reduce the scale of taxation, and lower totals under some heads merely reflect decreased commercial activity.

The Progressive candidate in East Middlesex at Thorndale: "No use talking of reducing taxes with the debt we have and the interest to meet. If you pile up national debt you can reduce taxes for a few years, and it seems to me that is the way taxes have been reduced during the last four years. We have added to our national indebtedness about \$1,000,000 a week. If you add that to the debt you can decrease taxes meantime,—but there is a day of reckoning coming."

What did the Progressives at Ottawa do to curb extravagant expenditure or initiate measures of economy? The King Government was able to carry on only with their support. Whatever convictions Progressives may have held respecting economy, they traded their legislative birthright for a mess of low-tariff pottage.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has pledged himself to curb with a strong hand extravagant expenditure at Ottawa. In his address at Springbank on August 19, he said:

"Give us economy. Cut out these expenditures in Europe, remove them in Paris and London and in Canada. If the next Government fails to do it, let the next Government be defeated. It will be unpopular to do it, but it must be done. We must cut expenditure, not by small portions, but by large amounts. It can be done and it will be done."

A VOTE FOR

A. KING HODGINS

Liberal-Conservative candidate in

EAST MIDDLESEX

is a vote for Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and a policy of economy, together with tariff stability, which will mean revival of business and improved railway traffic, reduced taxation and debt reduction.