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## LIBERALS AND THE GOVERNMENT

It is being charged against Hon. Mr. Meighen that his Government is a Conservative one, and that in inviting men of other political views to support it, he does so under false pretences. There has never been, as far as we are aware, any attempt on the part of Mr. Meighen, or anyone else, to deny the fact that the Government is preponderantly Conservative. Just how far those Liberals who have thrown in their lot with Premier Meighen have been deceived may be gathered from the following remarks made by Major Mowat, M. P., who spoke on behalf of himself and his fellow Liberal members at St. Mary's, Ont., a few days ago. He said:

"A statement has been made in the 'press, and I want to repudiate it. That Mr. Meighen has been trying to 'bring the Liberal Unionists into the 'fury fold. I can repudiate any such 'feelings on the part of Mr. Meighen. 'Since we lined up with the 'Conservative, 'there we have had nothing but 'cruelty and courtesy shown, and not 'a word said indicating a desire that 'we should change our ideas.

"There has been a little cocking 'and also some chucking, and the 'principal hon. in the city of Toronto, 'We went into this thing with those 'men to save Canada's honor. Do you 'suppose we are going to desert them 'just when the time has come that the 'victories of peace must be won the 'same as the victories of war? For 'my part I am going to follow Hon. Mr. 'Meighen, for the rest of this Parlia- 'ment at any rate."

Whatever the circumstances may be under which these Liberal members linked themselves up with the Government, no man who can read need be under any misapprehension as to what the Government stands for, for its programme and policies have been announced and published far and wide. On the other hand, no one knows just what the so-called Liberal party under Mr. Mackenzie King stands for, in fact the Meil and Em- phre declares that about the best way to ascertain this is to take note of what he is opposed to. Well, he is opposed to the inquiry the Government is now making as a means of obtaining data for the revising of the tariff.

"What we want in Canada," he says, "is not more inquiries." He would not commit the people as to their wishes in the matter of tariff revision, but would put an end to protection by his own fiat. We cannot wonder that he is against the idea of getting into touch with the people on the subject, for he must know well that the people would make short work of his proposal to strip home industry of the protection that has been afforded to it for the last forty years. The Toronto Globe, always against protection, notes with disapproval Mr. Meighen's remarks on the fiscal policy on which the Australian Government was recently returned to power. The aim of that policy is to protect and encourage and extend the industries of the Commonwealth. That must continue to be an object of tariff policy in this Dominion, and such tariff provisions as are made by Mr. King the other day are a warning to the producing and enterprising people of this country against taking any chances with such men. Canada has benefited greatly from the National Policy. To abandon that policy at this moment in the country's history would be in the highest degree disastrous. Everything now favors Canada except the talk of the restless exporters in free trade. These, however, will have no chance to do any harm.

SOME PROHIBITION MATTERS.

There is an old saying that when rogues fall out, honest men get a chance to come into their own. We are not suggesting that the men who have until recently been acting as sub-inspectors under the Prohibition Act, are rogues, for a minute, but they seem to have fallen out among themselves, and honest men will now perhaps get a chance of finding out some inside information in connection with the manner in which the enforcement of the Act has been carried out. When it comes to one inspector laying a trap to catch a fellow inspector in order to be able to report him to his chief, the average citizen is not apt to be very favorably impressed with the general degree of honesty of purpose of these men. An inspector who has no higher sense of esprit de corps than to deliberately entangle one of his fellows, cannot be expected to be very particular in his methods of procedure as far as the public is concerned, in the enforcement of the Act. It is alleged, and apparently with every semblance of truth, that conditions in

regard to the enforcement in this city are in a very bad shape. In this state of affairs to be wondered at when one comes to contemplate the lovely bunch who are charged with the work? Is it any wonder that Prohibition is regarded with contempt?

## THE FARMER'S MOTOR CAR.

A U. F. O. candidate says that agriculture loses \$110,000,000 a year on its farmstead. Are we farmers paying for automobiles with their losses?

This observation, by a Toronto contemporary, whether or not intended humorously, falls short of being clever. Even in a non-profitable, or possibly a bankrupt business, the purchase of an automobile might be justifiable and necessary, under certain circumstances. But to anyone who gives to the matter a second thought it must be apparent that the farmer's motor car is as much a part of his working equipment as his hayrack or a set of harness.

It would be surprising, as the London Free Press says, if the motor car had not achieved its present popularity with the farmers, when one considers the increased price of horses, their feed, harness and the vehicles they haul. Then the scarcity of competent farm labor has a strong bearing on the situation. With his car, the farmer may make a necessary trip to the nearest marketing centre and return to his work without serious loss of time, whether travelling light or with a load. Or another member of his family may take the wheel, and leave both the farmer and his horses on the land. The motor car eliminates the necessity of a driving horse, which costs as much as any other and is usually unsuitable for work ahead of the plow or binder. It does not have to be hurried, and it is always "hitched up." It brings the physician or the veterinary quickly in emergency, and cuts down expensive delays in waiting for machinery parts or other supplies in busy times such as harvest.

But aside from these and the many other points which might be brought forward on the side of utility, the automobile as a pleasure car is by no means indefensible. It cannot be denied that it has become a valuable feature in that community life so much to be desired if young people are to retain their interest in the farm. It is helping to solve the problem of the rural church and school. It permits the farmer, his wife or children to attend gatherings to which they would not think of going if the journey involved the use of horses tired by farm work. From other standpoint the investment in a sound one easily pays dividends. Possession of a motor car by a farmer is no indication of either wealth or extravagance.

## CARTE BLANCHE.

Sir Hamar Greenwood, defending the Irish Restoration of Order Bill in the British House of Commons recently, argued that it was not unreasonable to ask the House to give the Government carte blanche. That is a frank and accurate way of putting the situation. That is the effect of the Bill. It was right and proper that the House should scrutinize it very jealously. Suspensions and invasions of the ordinary law are thoroughly unpopular in our free democracy. They can only obtain the nation's consent if the justification is absolute. It cannot, we think, be questioned that the state of Ireland today is sufficient justification. Meanwhile we should not lose all sight of the hopes, however shadowy, of a return of sanity. Lately, when lawlessness and crime had reached their summit, the Roman Catholic Church has been moved to denounce assassins. The Freeman's Journal has pleaded for a truce. A rather nebulous depiction of southern Irishmen has been received by the Prime Minister. It would be easy to make too much of all this. It would also be easy to make too little.

## WHAT NEXT?

Toronto Globe: "In stating that the Liberal policy is tariff reform, not free trade, Mr. King gets after one of the calculated deceptions of the new Toryism. No Canadian Government in our time will be able to finance the country's needs without substantial tariff taxes. Free trade is not an issue in Canadian politics." What will the Globe say next? The "eccentricity" of which Hon. Charles Murphy some years ago accused The Globe, seems to be still very much in evidence.

The Liberal Toronto Globe's statement that "free trade is not an issue in Canadian politics" is enough to drive the editor of a local contemporary to dry drink.—Ottawa Journal.

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Too Much for the Poets.  
(Toronto Globe.)

The gentlemen of the Imperial Press Conference can now make allowance for the eminent Englishman who, coming to the Falls with the object of putting his feelings into verse, could compose only two lines:

"Oh, Niagara! Niagara!  
That art a dagger."

(A Clean Town.)

The Council, the municipal officers and members of our merchants and citizens are trying to make Acton the neatest, cleanest, most attractive town in Ontario. Won't you all help? Make a resolution that you will hereafter cease that little careless habit of dropping the envelopes of your letters, the wrappings of your papers, the empty candy and fruit bags and those cigarette wrappers on the streets. Pick up occasionally what the other fellow drops, and he'll begin to feel mean and do it himself or not drop it.

## Much to Charm.

(Toronto Globe.)

The Imperial Press delegates, many of whom are visiting Canada for the first time, will see the country to advantage in a season of bountiful growth in every province. They have already travelled through the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. They should be interested in the highly developed industry and agriculture of Ontario, and in the wonders of Hydro-electric, to which they are being introduced at Niagara. They will find the Prairies reaping a golden harvest, and in British Columbia will pass to another new world. The tour cannot but be profitable to the delegates, and it will be of advantage to Canada that so many trained observers from other British countries, whose business it is to keep their eyes and ears open and report their observations, will view the Dominion under conditions so favorable.

## A BIT OF VERSE

GOOD NIGHT.

The sun has sunk behind the hills.  
The shadows o'er the landscape creep;  
A driver rounds the woodland dells,  
And nature folds her arms to sleep;  
Good night—good night!

The chattering jay has ceased his din—  
The noisy robin sings no more—  
The crow, his mountain haunt within,  
Droops 'mid the forest surly roar;  
Good night—good night!

The sunlight clouds float dim and pale,  
The dew is falling soft and still;  
The mist hangs trembling o'er the vale,  
And silence broods o'er yonder mill;  
Good night—good night!

The rose so ruddy in the light,  
Bonds on its stem all rayless now,  
And by its side the lily white  
A sister shadow, seems to bow;  
Good night—good night!

The bat may wheel on silent wing—  
The fox his guilty vials keep—  
The hawk and the dove sing;  
But love and innocence will sleep;  
Good night—good night!

## THE LAUGH LINE

Safe-Guarding Himself.

The Justice of the Peace—Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?—  
The Bridegroom—I do.  
The Justice—Then I pronounce you man and wife. And, remember, you asked me to do this. Don't ever blame me.

Household Economics.  
"Josh," said Farmer Cornstossel to his son, "I wish, if you don't mind, you'd cut off to yourself instead of with the summer boarders."  
"Isn't my society good enough for them?"

Most Praiseworthy.  
"Oh, Mr. Mark, please buy a ticket to our entertainment. It is for a most worthy cause, I assure you."  
"Certainly, Mrs. Clatter. And what is that cause?"  
"Paying the expenses of the entertainment we gave last week for a worthy cause."

Power of Suggestion.  
The critic seemed struck with the picture. "This snowstorm painting is very fine, indeed," he said to the artist. "It almost makes me feel cold to look at it!"

"Yes, it must be realistic," admitted the other. "A fellow got into my studio one day in my absence, looked at the picture, and unconsciously put my fur overcoat on before he went out."  
Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.



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Thats easy, choose the one you like best, sed pop, and ma sed, Well that sounds very brite, but its not, because I cant decide which one I like best, thats just it. And she put them both on to show pop, and pop sed, Well, the first one is not so bad, and neither is the 2nd.

Is that all the help you can give me, with one do you prefer? sed ma.

Well, I dont know, try them on agin, sed pop. With ma did, and pop sed, Theyre both very nice, very nice, with one do you prefer yourself?

Thats wat Im trying to find out, my goodness, Willyam, youre about as much assistance as nothing at all, Benny could do better than that, sed ma, and pop sed, Thats a clever deer, lets leave it to Benny, out of the mouths of babes and Bennies there cometh much wisdom, as the saying is.

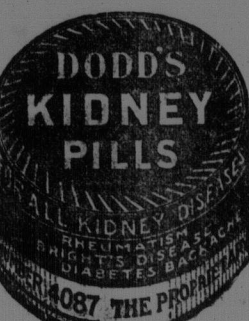
Keep the red one with the green things on it, ma, I sed. Well now that just wat Ive bin thinking all along, that child has perfect taste, sed ma, my do you prefer that one, Benny?

Because red and green is the official colors of our baseball team and I can tell the fellows you got a green and red hat because I was elected captain, I sed.

Haw haw, sed pop luffing and ma took the black one with the white things on it and put the other one back in the box and made me take it back to the store, about 3 blocks.

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