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## POLITICAL LETTER

Parliament has been in session two months, permitting of a fair test of the group system and of the sincerity and progressiveness of the new administration. The last election wrought many changes. A Liberal Cabinet succeeded a Conservative; a new party, the Progressives, are numerically an important factor; and there is a test of leadership of Messrs. King, Meighen and Crerar. It is a period demanding skilful leadership, decision in policy and firmness in administration. Has the two months' test justified the verdict of December? What progress has been made in implementing pledges? What policies have been formulated to meet national demands? What decision and activity have been evidenced to give confidence and courage to a people weary with five years' arm and three years of the aftermath of uncertainty and depression that inevitably ensued? These are the tests by which the new administration must be judged.

The new administration started badly in the indecision displayed by Hon. Mr. King in Cabinet construction. He proposed coalition with the Progressives at the expense of his Montreal following and then weakened at the crucial time, surrendered to Sir Lomer Gouin and left Mr. Crerar and his agrarian advisers in the lurch. This bred dissension in his Cabinet; and has made permanent discord and suspicion prevail where collective responsibility and co-operation is essential to parliamentary control, aggressive administration and effective solution of national problems. This has resulted in repudiation of ministerial policy, administrative stagnation and domestic broils, cabals and even revolt. The result has been that Mr. King has lost control of his party; his party control of Parliament; and parliament the confidence of the electorate. Party pledges are unredempted even repudiated and there has been a surrender to non-cooperative members and partisan desire.

Mr. King was pledged to an abdication of responsibility to the soldiers. Mr. King has repudiated this pledge. Mr. King was pledged to the elimination of company directors from the Cabinet Council. Mr. King repudiated this pledge. Mr. King was pledged to reduction in expenditure and taxation. Practically, expenditure has been increased; there is no evidence of possibility of lessening the tax burden. He repudiated the action of his Minister of Labour, Mr. Murdoch, and the party has rebelled against his Minister of Militia, Mr. Graham. No legislation of any importance has been forthcoming, no attempt has been made to reduce freight rates but rather there has been a clear inclination to shelve this problem; no redistribution bill has been prepared; and there has been no definite pronouncement of any issue. Strong leadership is essential at all times; doubly essential in periods of unrest; and in such a period as the present where to unrest is combined trade depression, industrial uncertainty, and agricultural dejection, we have a parliament

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that has proposed nothing, accomplished nothing and projected nothing. Leadership in the Government has disappeared; in fact it has not existed in the new administration. Hon. Mr. Meighen has crossed the floor of parliament; has but twenty-five per cent of parliamentary representatives behind him and yet retains for all practical purposes the parliamentary leadership. This is the most extraordinary feature of the present parliament. A new Government flushed with victory is almost invariably aggressive and confident; while the Opposition defeated and demoralized is dejected. Here is the strange spectacle of a leader and party following the most severe defeat in Canadian history, so confident in policy, so greatly led, that its influence, prestige and initiative it dominates where it represents but one quarter of the voting power. This is due in a great degree to Mr. Meighen's marvellous personality, and his ceaseless and his party policy and his party policy and out of power. He is his party's agent and that leadership does not compromise his principles to obtain temporary allies or a passing victory. He sees the policy he gave credit to in office; the policy he advocated to electors now accepted by both Liberals and Farmers, who won by criticism of what they must now accept. Mr. Meighen has accepted without demur an electronic verdict that retired him from office; that put in power one group, the Liberals, and a subsidiary party, the Farmer, with an interlocking directorate with the Liberals next in strength; and finds his justification in the adoption by his opponents of what he advocated and what they condemned.

There remains the Hon. T. A. Crerar and the Progressives. Mr. Crerar is a staunch Liberal partisan and his course has been one of co-operation with the Government even to the sacrifice of his party's principles. His party is restless and factious under his leadership. They view with suspicion his support of the Government; and this has been intensified by his ill-concealed opposition to the Wheat Board. He has failed to accomplish anything so far; and it is possible when he is faced with the decision to choose between politics and the grain business he will choose the latter. He would join openly with Mr. King but fears the certain disruption with his following and the retaliation which the prairie farmer would inflict. There may be capacity and initiative in the agrarian group but they have not been displayed so far.

So far Canada's administrative experiment has not been a success. This is due to the failure of the group system or inefficient government leadership. We have instability and stagnation where we should have decision and activity. There is no collective cabinet responsibility; there is an uncertainty in tenure of office; there is evasion, delay and repudiation; these are all here; and responsibility for these conditions must rest on the administration leadership, but primarily and specifically on leadership.

## P.E.I. POPULATION IS FALLING OFF

Census returns from Prince Edward Island

The population of Prince Edward Island has been steadily decreasing. In 1911 the population was 93,728, and in 1921 (at the taking of the last census) it was only 88,615—a decrease of 5,113. In 1901 the population was 103,259, and since then a period of twenty years, the total decrease has been 14,644. In 1891 the population was 109,978, in 1881 108,891.

"There is a little encouragement with respect to Charlottetown," says the Patriot. "In 1901 its population was 12,080; it was less in 1911, but in 1921 it was 12,347—an increase of 267 in twenty years, if such can be regarded as an encouraging sign of these progressive times."

"Hundreds of reasons may be advanced why we have lost our population to such a really alarming extent but the chief consideration is how are we going to remedy the matter? What is the solution of the problem? This country has been furnished with churches, schools, railroads, steamers and all that is necessary for the carrying on of our ordinary businesses, and for the education spiritually, morally and intellectually of the people.

"Here is a land flowing with milk and honey, beautiful in conformation, splendidly situated geographically, its climate unexcelled, its beauty known far and abroad, its soil unsurpassed in productivity, yet here is a country whose sons and daughters are leaving it by the thousands and then of thousands for other fields of endeavor. What is the matter? It is because we do not give our sons and daughters those chances in life to which they are justly entitled?"

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New York, May 8.—It has become known through one of New York's leading insurance brokers that the late Henry P. Davison carried \$2,000,000 in life insurance. The policies are spread over some twenty companies, the majority being written in 1917.

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