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TIME FOR A CHANGE

It has been clearly shown during the present session of the legislature that the Fleming government is too costly a luxury for this province. With a revenue twice as large as that of fifteen years ago, and half as large as that of which was at the disposal of the former government in its last year, Mr. Fleming has not only expended every dollar but admits a deficit of \$40,000. Is so great an expenditure justified by the results? What has this government to show in justification? The public services of the province have not benefited in anything like proportion equal to that of the increase in expenditure. The government has fed its favorites and starved the public services. The money spent by the public works department has not improved the public works as should have been. Too much went to the "bosses" and not enough for actual improvement work. Not only so, but supporters of the government in the house have been more intimately associated with matters relating to contracts for supplies than they should have been. There is no doubt in the minds of the people that there will be another deficit this year. Not only so, but the provincial debt continues to increase. These economists are really spendthrifts of a reckless sort. When called upon to face the fact, and confronted with the evidence, they seek to divert attention by making an attack on the old government, with which the people dealt in 1908. That government is no longer on trial, however, and the people are neither blinded nor deceived. That which must be settled in the coming elections is the question whether the people want a continuation of deficits and increasing debt, with public services starved for the benefit of political partisans, or whether they want a new deal and a government that will give the province the benefit of the increased revenue.

VOTE THE TICKET

Only three more clear days intervene before the citizens are called upon to decide by their votes whether the commission plan of government shall be inaugurated in St. John by its friends or by those, some of whom are opposed to it and none of whom work actively to have the new system adopted. That is really the issue to be decided. The question of special candidates is a matter of minor importance. As the Times pointed out yesterday, the way to defeat the commission candidates, Messrs. Schofield, Allingham, Agar and Allan would be to split the vote in favor of this or that of the opposing candidates. But the way to make the commission plan produce the best results is to choose as commissioners these four men, who studied it, approved it, and labored for its adoption. They will be under an obligation to make it a success. It would be unfortunate if the new system of city government were placed in the hands of those who favored the continuance of former methods. Vote the whole ticket.

TUBERCULOSIS

The government of Nova Scotia established a sanatorium for consumptives, at Kentville, in 1904, and there is now a bill before the legislature to give assistance to municipalities which desire to establish local institutions for victims of tuberculosis. It is also provided that the sanatorium at Kentville will be enlarged. In moving the second reading of the bill, Hon. Mr. Armstrong said that the first great step in combating tuberculosis is to provide suitable homes for the poor who are afflicted with the disease. Such institutions should be founded at different points of the province, and should be largely built and maintained at the expense of the municipalities. The speaker said that statistics proved that more people die of tuberculosis than of any other disease. In Canada the death toll is about 15,000 per year, and in the United States 3,000 per day. It is estimated that the number of deaths from this disease in Ontario each year is over 2,500 of the average age of 30 years. In Nova Scotia 220 to the 100,000 die annually of this disease, and 50 per cent are under 20 years of age, and a very large percentage under forty-five. There is thus a great loss to the province through the death of so many persons at a comparatively early age. Continuing, Mr. Armstrong said that, where organized efforts had been made to combat the spread of the disease, the death rate had been reduced 40 to 50 per cent. He quoted from a report of the Commission on Consumption to show that in Germany, where strong steps had been taken to fight the disease, the death rate from tuberculosis had been reduced 62.12 per cent, while in England had reduced her death rate from the same disease 80 per cent. On the other hand, Ireland, which up to two years ago had taken no action, showed an increasing death rate from tuberculosis of 16 per cent in 20 years, and in Newfoundland where no action had been taken the death rate had increased more rapidly than in Ireland. Reports from hospitals and sanitariums showed that inpatient cases were cured in some instances to the extent of 80 per cent. The report went further and pointed out that since the greatest known cause of the spread of the disease was the advanced cases in the community, therefore sanitariums should be established to limit the spread by removing infection from families and the community, by affording the patient a chance for recovery, and adjusting the patients to adopt methods that would prevent them from being factors in spreading the disease.

In St. John a hundred or more persons afflicted with tuberculosis are denied the privilege, even the most advanced cases, of finding shelter in a sanitarium. There is a deadlock over the question of a site. Every advanced case is a dangerous source of infection. How much longer will the citizens permit this condition of affairs to continue?

Vote the whole commission ticket next Tuesday. Give the new system of city government a fair trial.

The slaughter of game on the north shore does not disturb the Fleming government. The old government is to blame, of course.

There has been a quick response to the appeal for funds for the victims of the Titanic disaster. Universal sympathy has been aroused by this calamity.

The Montreal Witness suggests proportional representation as a solution of the problem that now confronts some of the provinces. In British Columbia the Liberals have no representation at all in the legislature. In Prince Edward Island they have only two. In Alberta the Conservatives have only five, and similar conditions prevail in Saskatchewan. Of course there are more Liberals in British Columbia than the complexion of the legislature would suggest, and the like is true of the Conservatives in Alberta; but because one party or the other has a majority in all or most of the constituencies, the other party is without spokesmen in the legislature. Hence, the plea of the Witness for proportional representation.

The Montreal Shareholder has an interesting article on the increased cost of living. It points out that there is a continued advance not only in Canada but in Great Britain, where, since 1906, the increase has been 18.5 per cent. A like condition exists in continental Europe, while in the United States the matter has become so serious that President Taft suggests a world's congress to discuss the question from every standpoint and, if possible, find a solution. In Japan the cost of living has increased more rapidly than in any other country. The Shareholder points out that this problem is one of the most important of the day, and that it weighs more heavily upon those which have a high tariff. In its opinion, the removal of tariff barriers would be one of the greatest factors in preventing the increase.

The infinite pathos of the latest ocean tragedy grows upon the mind the more one reflects upon the character of that great company of people upon whose grave no hand may lay the wreath of remembrance. There were men of affairs, men of genius, men of wealth, women who were leaders in society, whole families coming with high hopes to new homes in America, people of different nationalities and of all stations in life, thrown together on this voyage which was to bring them to the very end of life's journey. How many homes will never be the same again. How many great projects will miss a guiding hand. How many young lives of much promise will never find fruition in this world. How many hearts will be wrung with sorrow inconsolable, and to how many will the moan of the sea be forever a requiem above the graves of those they loved and lost.

C. P. R. in Nova Scotia

(Yarmouth Times.) The C. P. R. is already carrying on improvements along the line. About \$300,000 will be expended on the Bear River bridge. The material is at hand for the extension of the wharf recently constructed here. It will be enlarged by several hundred feet, making one of the finest wharves along the water front. A trestle bridge is to be constructed from the corner of the Burrill Johnson works to the new wharf. The prospects are that the water front will be busy this summer.

A rumor comes from Boston and New York that the Eastern Steamship Company may operate the steamers running between Yarmouth and Boston and Digby and Boston, the St. John-Digby service remaining in the hands of those who now control it.

New Sardine Town

(St. Andrews Beacon.) An idea of a new town in the making may be had from the work that is now going on at the new sardine plant at Chatham.

A few weeks ago the locality was a stretch of woods and beach, without a building of any kind upon it. Today it is a hive of industry, with shacks and boarding houses and other evidences of human occupation scattered everywhere.

About 200 men are employed just now upon the works—concrete men, carpenters and laborers. More carpenters are advertised for.

The footings for the main factory building, 180 x 75 feet, are now well advanced, and the ground is being laid out for the canning works, office and other buildings. The C. P. R. is laying a spur track about half a mile in length to the works, connecting it with the main line near Chamcook station.

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The crazy vehicle went bumping over the uneven pavement.

"This is enough to drive a man to drink," growled the passenger inside.

"Yeah," said the cabdriver, "most of the fellows that hire it think it's good enough for that. Any particular place you was wishin' to stop at right now, sir?"

The restaurant manager stood behind the cashier's desk, wearing his stock-trading smile for each customer. An old gentleman came up.

"I notice," said he, "that you advertise that you make your own pies."

"Yes, sir," answered the manager, proudly, "we do."

"Will you permit me to offer a suggestion?"

"Certainly, sir, certainly. We should be most happy to hear you."

"Well, then, let some one else make 'em."

A REMEDY.

Tom Brown was very white of face and red of eyes.

"Hello, old man," asked his friend, Jack Smith, "what's the matter with you?"

Brown sighed deeply as he replied:

"Inasmuch, old chap, I haven't slept for a solid hour for nearly a week. Didn't close my eyes at all for the last two nights."

"Humph!" said Jack, "it can soon put that right for you."

A gleam of hope shone for a moment in the other's jackal-like eyes.

"How?" he asked.

"Go in for boxing my boy," was Smith's advice. "When I first started taking lessons my eyes weren't open for a week!"

SLICK STRANGER DOES CAMPO-BELLINO.

St. Andrews Beacon.—A slick rural stranger, Campobello recently. He came in there with everybody's name in his mouth, with an ingratiating smile and the glad hand for all whom he met, announced that he was going to open one of the summer cottages; hired carpenters and plumbers to put the house in shape; and when he had gone the length of his tether, he slipped out as quietly as he came, but not until he had given the banks on the coast man and some Eastport men to cash cheques for him. It was only when the cheques were returned by the banks on Tuesday last that the island people discovered that they had been cleverly duped.

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