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THE COMING ELECTION

That there will be an election at an early date is now openly announced and advocated by the Conservative press throughout the country. At this writing the official announcement has not been made, but the date is slated for June 28.

Hon. "Bob" Rogers, Minister of Public Works, is the real leader of the government in this crisis, while Premier Borden is, his friends hope, a rather unwilling follower. Honest Conservatives in this country and all over Canada are shamed by the course the government is taking, while even the rankest partisan newspapers are apologetic. The St. John Standard in a head-line says the Liberal majority in the Senate is the sole reason for an appeal to the people. In this regard it must be borne in mind that when not in session the Senate has as little power over the doings of the government as the King of the Canibal Islands, and the Senate need not be called to sit again until midwinter. Meanwhile the government is free to do as it pleases in spite of that body.

Only one other reason for an election is advanced. That is that the government is handicapped by Liberal opposition. This reason is as untenable as the first, for the Liberals have no power to obstruct the government until parliament meets again.

During the session just ended the government passed all its measures with very little criticism from the Opposition, while in its vote of money to assist in carrying on the war the Liberals to a man gave them heartiest support.

The real reason why an election is to be held in June is that the government, frightened by the revelations of the Public Accounts Committee, knows "that only the fringe of the rascality has been touched" and that when the truth comes out their return to power will be impossible. Tory graft proved in New Brunswick, Tory scandals coming out in Manitoba, and Tory crookedness being revealed in British Columbia, is regarded by Rogers and his followers as the handwriting on the wall. Hence an election. They hope to screen the whole hideous mess with the folds of the Union Jack and take the desperate plunge.

The government will fail in its purpose. The Liberals do not want an election. Patriotic Canadians of all classes, creeds and politics do not want an election. The government's action is paramount to a vote of want of confidence in itself.

Thrown unwillingly into a contest, the Liberals will nevertheless fight, as only Liberals in opposition can, and they will go into battle to win.

THE PRESS AND THE N. T. R.

For the edification of The Observer The Press this week prints a half column pointing out that the Grand Trunk Pacific com-

pany refuses to take over the N. T. R. east of Winnipeg. Under a hard and fast agreement with the Liberal government it was made impossible for the G.T.P. to refuse to operate the N. T. R. But the road must needs be built to a certain high standard—the highest modern engineering could construct. This was necessary to hold the agreement. What did the Borden government do for its dear friends, the magnates controlling the G. T. P.? Soon as they came into power they declared the Liberals had wasted \$40,000,000 in constructing the N. T. R. to too high a standard, and forthwith began reducing that standard, degrading the road, and making the loop-hole through which the G. T. P. could escape its obligation.

The Tory government is alone responsible for the failure of the G. T. P. to operate the N. T. R., and the Press knows it, and what few people in Canada do not know it will have it forcibly impressed on them in the next few weeks.

The Observer criticized The Press for its assertion that "forty millions were squandered" in building the N. T. R. Will not The Press explain how and where? Can it also explain on what grounds the G. T. P. refuses to operate the road? Has the Tory government no power to compel it to? Or, would the government rather operate the road themselves during an election campaign as a scheme for catching votes almost as good as "waving the old flag?"

An attempt was made on the part of the provincial government press to convey the impression that Mr. Carvell and his associate counsel before the Royal Commission sought to get large fees from the government in connection with the Dugal inquiry. Facts have now been brought out in the legislature in reply to questions asked by Mr. Dugal. After Mr. Carvell and his friends learned that bills had been sent in by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Teed, they also submitted bills, since obviously they had as much claim to remuneration as the champions and defenders of Mr. Fleming. As a matter of fact the government ordered their payment of \$1,000 to Mr. Teed, but afterwards rescinded that order. The attempt of the government press to make capital out of this affair is about as successful as their attempts to glorify Mr. Fleming. Times.

It has been discovered that some of the patriotic potatoes were sold in Cuba for \$1.55 per barrel. B. Frank Smith paid \$1.10 per barrel for these potatoes and to this must be added 21c. freight, 31c. for sorting and packing, 32c. for the barrel, the cost of insurance, handling and loading in schooner, and freight to Havana. When the story of these patriotic potatoes is fully revealed it will make very interesting reading for the people of New Brunswick, and will be a fine commentary on the provincial government idea of patriotism and benevolence.

The Press has again announced the political death of F. B. Carvell, M. P. Of course in this case the wish is father to the thought. And we still write M. P. after Mr. Carvell's name. Is the animus of The Press excited by the fact that Carvell is responsible for that one J. K. Fleming is no longer addressed as "Premier," or even M. L. A.? Was it wrong that Carvell and Dugal exposed that plunder picnic?

The people of Canada owe it to the vigilance of the Liberals that the new war vote of \$100,000,000 will be expended under the supervision of a non-partisan commission, if the Borden government really makes up its mind to appoint such a commission. The Liberals heartily approve of the war vote, but they do not want any of the money to go the way



some of the former vote went, in purchasing horses, drugs, binoculars and other supplies.

Among the crimes of which Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., has been guilty are the elimination of Mr. J. K. Flemming from provincial politics, the exposure of Mr. Pinder and his retirement from the public works committee at Fredericton, the exposure of grafting operations in connection with the military supplies at Ottawa, and various other activities which have brought him the much dreaded condemnation of the St. John Standard, and that other exponent of political purity, the Fredericton Gleaner.

The Telegram says: "Where does Sir Robert Borden keep his ears? If Sir Robert Borden's ear is to the ground, Sir Robert should know that from Halifax to Vancouver Conservatives are protesting that they do not want an election, and vow that they will either vote Liberal or not vote at all if an election is brought on."

Outside of the handful whose Ministerial terms may be lengthened by a war election, every man in Canada, irrespective of party allegiance, is ashamed of the disregard it shows for Canadian and Imperial interests.

The Maritime Baptist says "It is not too much to say that the recent disclosures before the Public Accounts Committee at Ottawa revealed a state of affairs which is a disgrace to our public life."

An attempt to blame the Opposition for a premature election is an encouraging assurance that no special pride is felt in that project.

Liberals at the front for Britain are not taking lessons in patriotism from Conservative editors at home fighting for Borden.

Laurier and Prosperity went out together. The electors will soon have a chance to bring them back.

With the Tories partyism has triumphed over patriotism.

A Vain Boast

The news that the men of the Army Service Corps, who recently left St. John have been safely landed in England, and the fact that the very large steamship trade of St. John and Halifax with the Mother Country has been carried on and is still being on without interruption is the best possible evidence of the folly of the boast of the Germans that they would isolate the United Kingdom, destroy her trade and cut off her supplies. Indeed, not only have the steamship lines running to ports on the west coast of Britain continued their service, but thousands and scores of thousands of men have been transported across the English Channel, and wounded soldiers and refugees have crossed from the continent to Britain, with very little difficulty and very limited casualties due to German submarine warfare. There was a fear when the Germans made their great threat, and when news came from day to day of the tor-

pedoing of British vessels, that it might really be possible for the submarines to inflict great damage, but subsequent events have shown that as soon as the British were well on their guard the amount of such damage rapidly decreased. The submarine warfare has had no important effect upon the fortunes of the war. The like will be true of the war raid upon England, if the Germans should finally decide to attempt such an exploit.—St. John Times.

Swine Devour Body of Boy

Caribou, Me., April 29.—The body of 14 year old Joseph Pooler son of Joseph Pooler of Washburn, was found in a pig pen in the basement of his father's barn Wednesday, literally devoured by the swine. The flesh had been torn away and consumed by the animals and nothing but the skeleton remained.

An investigation is being conducted by Dr. W. S. Boone of Presque Isle, the medical examiner, and Coroner Floyd Smith, of Caribou.

Because of a domestic disagreement Saturday, young Pooler left his home. He did not go far, however, and remained about the neighborhood until Sunday night. He is then supposed to have taken a blanket and climbed the scaffolding to the hay mow to sleep.

According to indications the lad fell through the loose poles in the scaffolding to the basement. He may have been killed by the fall, or at least rendered unconscious. While lying there the swine attacked his prostrate body and commenced tearing the flesh.

Amherst Pianos vs. Minnie P. Adney

This case was tried before Judge Barry without a jury at the circuit court on Tuesday last. It was interesting on account of the defendant trying her own case without the assistance of counsel. W. P. Jones, Esq., appeared for the plaintiff company. The Amherst Company seized two pianos under a writ of replevin from Mrs. Adney, and this case was to determine whether they had a right to the possession of them or not. Before the action commenced the company tendered Mrs. Adney with \$150.00, the amount due her for commissions, etc., which she did not accept. In the counterclaim she claimed \$300.00 for damages against the company for seizing several other pianos and \$500.00 damages for malicious prosecution.

Before the trial was concluded the judges suggested that the parties had better agree to a settlement as follows: Mrs. Adney to have her \$150.00, the company to have the pianos, and the claims for damages for the seizing of the pianos and the malicious prosecution be dismissed. No cost on either side.

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