

Our Montreal Bureau pointed out this might be misunderstood in the Maritime and asked for confirmation. Accordingly the paragraph was killed and we secured from Regina a verbatim transcript of this passage, as follows:-

Regina, Sask., July 26.- Referring to his successor in office, Hon. Charles A. Dunning, former Minister of Railways, at his nominating convention said:

"He (Hon. W. A. Black) is a Maritime Province man and already the Maritime Province newspapers hail his advent as indicating the Conservative policy towards the National section known as the Intercolonial.

"That was one of my problems to start with. I believe it is correct to say that in the Maritimes there are a number of matters of importance. The first is being born, the second is a free ride on the Intercolonial, the third is marriage and the last is death. That is not to their discredit; it was a political railway from the start.

"It was not a very good way to run a railway and it piled up deficits year after year. The Liberals made the political mistake but not the mistake from the point of view of the public when they took it under the National, and the men employed there had the same conditions of work as all the other men.

"We reaped the fruits of it last October. We did not do very well there and we were told that one of the reasons was that we had taken away their railway. Mr. Black is the new minister. The Maritimes are being told day after day by the Tories that this means the interests of the Maritimes in their railway will be recognized.

"We have tried to convince them that it is in their interests that the railway should be a part of the Nationals and we believe it is correct still, and we stick to that policy. We will do better there on Sept. 14 than last October."

This is quoted in full because it illustrates two points, first, such a statement must be quoted and not summarised, and, second, to rob it of its context is to give it a very different value and meaning.

#### Beware of Libellous Matter

The heat of a political campaign provides no immunity for a newspaper against libel actions. Platform speeches are not privileged. Things are then said, charges then made, which are perhaps regretted after the campaign is over. Unless these have a very definite public interest they are better left out of the report.

#### WHEN IN DOUBT CUT IT OUT

and then if necessary refer the matter to Head Office by wire for decision. But every individual, public or private, who has been attacked in public, and a report of which has been carried on the Canadian Press wires, has the right to reply through The Canadian Press.

#### Scrutinise Source of News

Occasionally in a campaign political news is brought to a Canadian Press editor or correspondent with the request that it be put on the wires. Although the source may be impeccable the motive may be political, and this stuff must be watched closely. A piece of news thus originating with The Canadian Press is a very different affair to the same piece of news coming in routine fashion off a political platform.