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THE PRIMARIES

The Liberal primaries tonight should be attended by all earnest and thoughtful members of the party. There can be no doubt that a great number of thinking Conservatives are looking to the Liberal party in this crisis to secure a better government for Canada. They pay no attention at all to the silly charge that the Liberals do not desire to win the war, knowing that the charge is made in the hope that enough people can be got to believe it to give the pro-fitters another term in office. The very best men of the Liberal party should interest themselves deeply in the coming campaign, in order that it may be conducted in the cleanest and most honorable manner, and thus command the support of many who are utterly weary of the Borden government and its grossly partisan methods. The beginning of political success is at the primaries.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

A committee appointed by the provincial government has begun preliminary work, looking to the preparation of a report and recommendation on the question of vocational education in New Brunswick, to be submitted to the next session of the legislature. The members of the committee serve without remuneration. The secretary, Mr. Fletcher Peacock, will, however, give his whole time to the work, being released by the board of education for that purpose. He has special qualifications for the task of making the necessary provincial survey, and is also familiar with what is being done in other provinces and states. The province of Nova Scotia spends a large amount of money each year on vocational education. Its fine technical college in Halifax is supplemented by evening technical schools in half a dozen towns. New Brunswick has neither a college nor any evening schools at all comparable with those in Nova Scotia. Indeed, with the possible exception of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick is the most backward of all the provinces in these respects. There are two aspects of vocational education to be considered. To provide a technical college is to make provision for those who can afford a college course, and to provide evening classes is to aid young men and women who have left school and gone to work, but there is also the question of providing in the course of instruction in the public schools for more practical training of those pupils who must leave school at an early age. When we remember that but a small percentage of pupils remain in school until the eighth grade we realize at once the folly of teaching the outgoing majority subjects that will be of no practical use, instead of giving them instruction of a more practical and useful nature.

The Dominion government long since should have placed funds at the disposal of the provinces, as urged by its own commission on technical education. Were that done, in the case of New Brunswick, it would perhaps solve our problem of providing a technical college; and the province would be free to go on with the development of continuation schools, vocational evening classes, and such other changes as are necessary to make the education of boys and girls more practical and more closely related to the work in which they will engage after leaving school to earn a livelihood.

New Brunswick may not be able to make a large expenditure at the outset, but there is no reason and no excuse for not making a good beginning. The amazing efficiency of Germany in the war is due to the fact that she more than any other nation trains her children for efficiency; and, after the war is over, the keen industrial and commercial competition between nations will bring most profit to those best equipped.

Of course, in our own case, other reforms than the adoption of a better vocational training system are needed. We must have compulsory attendance at school, with medical inspection, and school buildings must be so designed and equipped as to give the best service. Where in St. John, for example, could proper accommodation be provided for technical evening schools? The committee on vocational education will have to consider many questions and make many enquiries. It should have the hearty sympathy and support of manufacturers and business men generally, as well as of the people of the rural communities.

The organization of a Laurier Club in Lancaster proves that the man who preferred defeat in 1912 rather than link himself up with Bourassa and Lavergne, and whose whole political life has been devoted to the cause of Canadian unity and to the support of democratic principles, has many warm friends and admirers in this part of the Dominion.

In the United States they are not looking for opportunities to disfranchise loyal citizens. Quite the contrary. The Borden Commercial says:—"The Department of Labor approves the bill offered by Sen. Calder of New York, providing for the naturalization in three months of approximately 600,000 aliens who have signified their intentions of becoming American citizens, but who otherwise must wait two years before full action is possible in their cases. Under this bill also foreign-born soldiers in the service of the United States would be naturalized. About half of the 600,000 would be liable for military service under the terms of the pending alien draft bill."

Argentina, Peru, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Paraguay are all said to be on the verge of severing relations with Germany. South America has been exploited by Germany for years in regard to trade matters, and has entertained hopes of making the southern continent her base of operations in the work of Germanizing the world. As she stands revealed today, the republics of the south turn from her and toward their real friends, the United States and Britain.

"Three years of party government in a time like the present war, when the government should have been national since the first war session, cannot be lived down by the Conservative party," says the Ottawa Citizen. "The government stands condemned during that three years for failing to give the least in any single measure towards democratic national service in the place of private profit-making out of the war."

The Conservative press is still pretending to believe there may be a union government, but a Winnipeg despatch says:—"Hon. Robert Rogers arrived in Winnipeg yesterday and last night held a meeting attended by all-known Conservatives who are usually active in political campaigns. It was arranged that a caucus of the Conservative workers in the three Winnipeg seats be held on Friday." And the Hon Robert has "the real dope."

A party contest is to precede the formation of a national government in Canada. The defeat of the Borden government is necessary before a national administration in the truest sense can be formed. The talk of a union government is merely a Conservative device to create if possible a division in the Liberal party. The Liberal primaries will be held in St. John this evening. They ought to be well attended.

The Canadian said, can take less whenever they choose. To prevent losses, however, the gradual squeezing process is still adhered to and the enemy forced backward here and there in accordance with a well defined plan. A general attack would be attended by much heavier loss because every house is a fortress.

The hearty personal effort of all friends of prohibition would be of great effect for good just now. The law-breakers should be given a severe lesson, and every man's and woman's hand should be against them. Whoever can give the inspector or the police a hint should do so, in the public interest.

Referring to the prospect of Argentina taking an active part in the war, an exchange says: "Argentina is a very considerable country. She has held surplus of wheat, much beef, plenty of money and can put a very considerable number of trained men into the field."

Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Irish convention, which adjourned from Belfast to Cork, and is now sitting in the latter city, says:—"The convention has made me hope as I never hoped before that I shall live to see a change of heart out of which a new Ireland will be born."

Toronto Globe:—"Twenty leading flag makers in the United States have been arranged by the government on a charge of combining to make 800 per cent. profit on flags. There is nothing unusual in making a profit out of the flag. Politicians in Canada do it right along."

The number of British vessels sunk by submarines last week was the smallest since February. This is even better news than that of the successful British drive east of Ypres.

The Imperial Munitions Board is ready to accept offers for the construction of a smaller type of vessel than formerly stipulated. Why are we not laying down more vessels in New Brunswick shipyards?

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin made a disloyal speech at St. Paul. There is now a demand that he be expelled from the senate. The American people are not disposed to encourage traitors.

The Council for Social Service of the Church of England has declared for Dominion-wide prohibition.

APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES

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THE FOOL

(By Robert Service.)
"But it isn't playing the game," he said, And he slammed his books away; "The Latin and Greek I've got in my head. Will do for a commoner day." "Rubbish!" I cried. "The bugle's call isn't for lads from school." "Dye think he would listen? Oh, not at all!" So I called him a fool, a fool. Now there's his dog by his empty bed, And the flute he used to play, And his favorite hat— but Dick he's dead. Somewhere in France they say— Dick with his rapture of song and sun, Dick of the yellow hair, Dicky whose life had begun, Carried off cold out there.

Look at his prizes all in a row, Surely a hint of fame; Now he's finished with nothing to show— Doesn't it seem a shame? Look from the window! All you see Was to be his one day, Forest and furrow, lawn and lea, And he goes and chucks it away.

Throws it away to die in the dark, In any single measure towards democratic national service in the place of private profit-making out of the war."

Oh, the cup of my grief's how blind was I! Will Glory of England ever die? So long as we've lads like him! So long as we've fond and fearless fools, Who, spurning fortune and fame, Turn out to be the rallying cry of their schools, Intent on playing the game?

A fool! Ah, no He was more than wise; His was the proudest part. He died with the glory of faith in his eyes And the glory of love in his heart. And though there's never a grave to tell Now a cross to mark his fall, Thank God! we know that he "batted well!" In the last great game of all!

LIGHTER VEIN

Too Much Waste of Effort. Eliza Ann didn't like the place. The people were awfully refined, frightfully polite, and did things in "style," but Eliza was not content.

"Please, 'm," she said one morning, "I wish to give notice." "Indeed!" exclaimed the mistress, in surprise and dismay. "And what for, pray? Aren't you well treated?" "Oh, I've nothing to complain of in that way," confessed the maid, frankly, "but—when I wait at the table there is too much changing of the plates for the amount of food we have."

Had Been at the "Front." The hobo knocked at the back door and the woman of the house appeared. "Lady," he said, "I was at the front—"

"You poor man!" she exclaimed. One of war's victims. Wait till I get you story, and you shall tell me your story. You were in the trenches, you say?"

"Not in the trenches. I was at the front."

"Don't try to talk with your mouth full. Take your time. What deed of heroism did you do?"

"Why I knocked, but I couldn't make anybody hear, so I came around to the back."



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OTTAWA ENGINEER ASKED TO HELP REPLAN SALONIKA

OTTAWA, Sept. 26.—Thos. H. Mawson, a noted English town-planner, well known in Canada, has called on Mr. Cauchon, consulting engineer of Ottawa, requesting that he collaborate with him immediately in the replanning of Salonika, the commission for which has just been awarded him by the Greek Premier Venizelos.

V. C. FOR A SMACK CAPTAIN

The Victoria Cross has been bestowed by King George on a Joseph Watt, R. N. R., owner of a fishing smack, for heroic conduct during the action in the Straits of Otranto on May 15 this year, when the allied drift line was attacked by Austrian light cruisers.

LLOYD GEORGE BACK FROM WEST FRONT

London, Sept. 27.—Premier Lloyd George, accompanied by General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the imperial staff, left London for France on Monday night. He had a conference with the French premier on Tuesday, and afterwards visited Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig at British headquarters in France. He returned to London last night.

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RED DEER LIBERALS

Red Deer, Alta., Sept. 26.—The Liberals of Red Deer riding have made arrangements for the holding of a convention to nominate a federal candidate on Thursday, September 27. An invitation has been sent to the sitting member, Dr. Michael Clark, asking his views upon the political questions of the day. Dr. Clark indicated some time ago that he would not be a candidate again.

EXCHEQUER COURT

In the exchequer court yesterday, the expiration case of the King vs. Vase Company, Ltd.; the King vs. Allison; the King vs. the Prudential Trust Company, and the King vs. the Petrie Manufacturing Company, Ltd., were continued, and evidence and argument of counsel was concluded and Sir Walter Cassels, who presided, reserved judgment.

NOTED HORSEMAN DEAD

The death of G. B. Hayward of Ashland, one of the province's substantial business men and horseman, occurred suddenly Saturday.

Isn't This True?

When you "feel mean"—dull, tired, nervous, bad digestion, no appetite—

Don't you find out, afterwards, that your bowels were not acting freely and naturally?

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