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AT OTTAWA

Let us keep one fact clearly in mind in relation to the present deadlock at Ottawa. It is that Sir Robert Borden and the Conservative party are alone responsible for Canada's failure to do her full duty in the war. But for the manner in which the Borden-Nationalist government bungled everything, from horse contracts to recruiting in Quebec, the country today would not be threatened by divided councils in the face of a supreme crisis. There was no talk of coalition or national government when the patronage committee was the great engine of war. Having made a failure of the task committed to his care the prime minister has turned to the Liberals for help. They are patriotic enough to put the winning of the war first in their thoughts and aims, and their course will be decided by that rather than by any sympathy they may have for the Borden-Nationalist group of blunders who have openly confessed their failure and their inability to give leadership to the country.

It is by no means certain that the Liberal party will be divided, although differences of opinion in regard to conscription have arisen, just as they have arisen on the government side. The situation is admittedly serious, and contains the possibility of new party alignments, but until Sir Robert Borden brings down his proposals and these are fully considered, it is nothing short of disgraceful for the machine organs of the Tory party to assail Sir Wilfrid Laurier with the venom which is revealed in such articles as those appearing in the St. John Standard and Halifax Herald. They are prompted, not by patriotism, but by the lowest type of a vile partisanship.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Discussing woman suffrage in Toronto last week, Lady Ward, wife of the finance minister of New Zealand, said: "I can't imagine a condition of not having a vote. We've voted for so long that we just take it for granted."

Wherever woman suffrage has been adopted it has been retained. That should be the best answer to all sorts of objections on the part of men who are troubled by imaginary fions in the path of progress.

Of the convention of the National Council of Women in Winnipeg last week a telegraphic report says:

"The president, Mrs. F. H. Torrington of Toronto referred to the great responsibility which was facing the women of Canada because of the franchise which had been granted to five provinces. The pioneer women laboring under tremendous handicaps had laid the foundation of a great future for Canada, and it rested with the women of the present era to realize the ideal. War work and attendant problems had been the sum of the activities of women of Canada for three years, but none the less, they realized their responsibility to cleanse cosmopolitan Canada, morally, socially and politically."

"It is up to the women to remove the social sins and the social inequality that are a reproach to our people," said Mrs. Torrington. "My message to you, and I am willing to make it a prayer, is, let us go forward as one, sink all differences and untidily and from afar east and afar west sacrifice to the nation's welfare."

We are rather weary of being told of corrupt politics in Canada, and long for reform. What cleaner and healthier influence could be brought to bear than that of a group of sane and intelligent women in every electoral district, taking an earnest interest in public affairs? They might be divided by party lines, but each group would set its face against the worst practices in its party, and the net result would be an elevation of the general standard of political life. Fear is expressed by some that unscrupulous men would register and vote ignorant women, but that is merely a bogey put up to make prejudice more pronounced. Whatever affects the home and its inmates, and the lives and prospects of the children, is of quite as much concern to the woman as to the man, and she has an equal right to a voice in the legislation which makes conditions better or worse. Especially in relation to all matters affecting social welfare the women have a right to influence legislation and so protect the childhood and womanhood of the nation.

Woman suffrage is coming in New Brunswick, whether the legislature consents now or later.

It will be observed that a woman, the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for the province, has just been elected a member of the Alberta legislature. Does anyone pretend that her influence in the house will not be for good?

If this province can get back some of the money that went into the pockets of profiteers there is certainly room for it in the treasury.

Boston has taken kindly to the Killies. Let us hope that now this battalion may soon be brought up to full strength.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

The good name of the Conservative party of New Brunswick has been fed to the jackals.

In the provincial field, ever since Mr. J. K. Fleming began a career which cost him the premiership and sent him into private life, the party has gone from bad to worse. The hold-up of the lumbermen, the Southampton Railway steal, the taking of money "by compulsion" from a Valley Railway contractor, the stumpage frauds, the transactions with the Farm Settlement Board, the hold-up of the St. John liquor dealers—these are all fresh in the public mind. Now comes the astounding transaction in Valley Railway affairs revealed in the evidence of Mr. Cozzolino at the inquiry which has just been begun. And there are doubtless other revelations to follow.

What is the matter with the better men of the Conservative party that they remain silent in the face of these shocking revelations? Is it that the whole party is honeycombed with what the Globe describes as rottenness and corruption? Or is it that they put party before country and would rather see the province looted than openly to denounce men of their own party? One or the other of these alternatives they must accept, whether they relish it or not; and the country is taking note of their silence. Some have, it is true, spoken very plainly in private, but that alone will not convince the people of their sincerity. They should not only repudiate publicly all responsibility for and sympathy with the transactions which have shamed the country and sent the late government down to deserved defeat. A conspiracy of silence in this crisis in the affairs of the province, which would soon have been bankrupt had not the exposures been made and the government defeated, will but do the Conservative party greater injury. The attitude of the St. John Standard was never less defensible than at the present time. Deliberate suppression of the sworn testimony is the best evidence that it fears to have its readers know the truth. The truth has been placed on the record, however, and the net result of the Standard's course is another proof that it is not a newspaper but the organ of those who stand for the most sinister influences in the political life of the province.

What is the measure of patriotism? Is it to be found in loud professions of patriotism? If so there are some fine patriots at Fredericton. But, if the term implies disinterested and honorable service, there must be something more than appeals to the flag, praise of the men at the front, and resolutions introduced for partisan purposes. So far as the Conservative party in this province is concerned, its accepted leaders must be repudiated before its patriotic assurances will carry weight with thoughtful people.

When we turn from the arena of provincial to that of federal politics the conditions are not flattering to the Conservative party. Anybody who knows how federal government contracts and patronage are manipulated does not need to be told that a change is needed. Behind professions of the deepest devotion to the cause of Canada and the Empire there are doing which continually place ill-gotten gains in the pockets of those who toil not, neither do they spin.

Whether we look at New Brunswick, or Manitoba, or British Columbia, or wherever the Conservative party has in recent years had the opportunity to serve Canada, we find that it has secreted the profits. The facts have been revealed. They cannot be hidged. Inquiry after inquiry has shown conditions which prove the Conservative party to be associated with grafters who would fatten themselves upon the country even while the country bleeds at every pore. So far as New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia are concerned their career has been brought to an inglorious end. The next change should be at Ottawa.

It seems quite clear to Hon. Mr. Baxter that the finances of New Brunswick are in fine shape. How would it do for the government to present neatly engrossed copies of his speech to the bondholders when they clamor for their share of the increased interest on the increased debt? Would that satisfy them? It is to be feared that neither the debt nor the deficit can thus cheerfully be whittled down the wind.

It would be interesting if, after all, we should get daylight saving by way of Ottawa.

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Lady lecturer on woman's rights, waxing warm: "Where would man be if it had not been for woman?"
After a pause, and looking round the hall—"I repeat, 'Where would man be if it had not been for woman?'"
Voice from the gallery—"In the Garden of Eden, ma'am!"

A lady who was riding in an omnibus was much disturbed by the persistent snuffing of a boy sitting next to her. At last she could stand it no longer. "Have you a handkerchief?" she asked in her most appealing tones.
"Yes," said the boy, "but I don't lend it to strangers!"

A collector called at Mr. Smith's. "Is Mr. Smith in?" he asked.
"Yes, he's in all right," Mrs. Smith answered in an odd defiant tone.
"I can see I see him," asked the collector.
"No, you can't," said Mrs. Smith.
"But why not, pray, if he's in?"
"Because he's in for six months, that's why not."

"Now, then," said Tommy's mother, "that's the last straw. I'm going to whip you for that." "Oh, mamma," pleaded Tommy, "let's compromise this thing." "What?" "Just call it quits, ma'am. I'll use my influence with pa to get you that new dress you want."

"I see they've invented another automatic machine that takes the place of a man," remarked Miss Peppery. "But they'll never invent a machine that can take the place of a woman." "Oh, I don't know," replied Knox, "there's the phonograph."

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London, June 7.—Whether it is the purpose of the British commander to make a new attack on the Prussian lines in Belgium north of the present Arras front or to continue the drive at Douai is of course known only to the highest military authorities, but newspaper men are permitted to surmise and comment on the situation much more openly than was the case a year ago, for instance, during the Somme advance. The general belief among observers here is that an attack through Belgium is possible, although difficult.

British troops, however, have never yet been known to falter before difficulties, and recent news of repeated attacks on the Belgium seacoast is interpreted by many as beginning of an offensive in that direction. The official report on Saturday that naval aviators and seaplanes had attacked the Prussian bases at Zebruggen, Ostend and Bruges, dropping several tons of explosives, gives color to the supposition. For several days Berlin also has been telling of increased activity from the North Sea to Ypres, and of very intense artillery firing in the Wytschaete bend, south of Ypres.

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