

—The— Constitutional Crisis

The constitutional issue is pure political buncombe, designed to divert attention from the King Government's administration of the Customs Department, upon which issue it was ignominiously defeated in the House of Commons.

Here are the vital stubborn facts:

- 1 In September, 1925, Mr. King was granted dissolution by His Excellency Lord Byng, on the representation that he must be given a chance to secure a clear working majority. He stated at Richmond Hill that if such a majority was not forthcoming, he would not attempt to carry on.
- 2 In the old Parliament thus dissolved there had been 234 members, of whom 117 were Liberals, 66 were Progressives or Independents and 51 were Conservatives.
- 3 In the new Parliament, elected in October, 1925, Mr. Meighen had by far the largest group—almost half the total membership of the House. Out of 245 seats the Conservatives had 116, the Liberals 101, the Progressives 24, Labour 2, and Independents 2.
- 4 Instead of immediately resigning, as he should have done in view of the ground upon which he had been granted dissolution, Mr. King asked for and was granted leave to carry on, on the assurance that he would leave the fate of his administration to Parliament itself.
- 5 On Friday, June 25th, three separate motions by so-called independents, in support of which Mr. King's Government marshalled its last ounce of strength, were decisively defeated and the original motion of censure, to which the foregoing had been moved in amendment, was still awaiting decision in Parliament when Mr. King asked His Excellency for dissolution on Monday, June 28th.
- 6 To have granted Mr. King a dissolution under such circumstances would have been a direct denial of the right of Parliament to pass upon the vote of censure then pending.
- 7 Following Mr. King's resignation, Parliament by a majority of 10 did actually adopt a direct vote of censure on the King Government, and declared it unworthy of confidence or office.
- 8 It was Mr. King's refusal to follow British precedent in co-operating with the incoming administration to pass supplies and complete the sessional programme that left Mr. Meighen no alternative but to ask for dissolution.
- 9 Mr. Meighen followed the same course as that adopted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911, when he saw that it was impossible to carry on and abruptly dissolved Parliament.
- 10 If His Excellency had recalled Mr. King to office, he would have done so in the very face of Parliament's vote of censure.
- 11 Under Mr. King's interpretation of the constitution a Premier need never resign, but could demand dissolution after dissolution, despite the verdict of Parliament or the electorate, and the Governor General must perforce accept his advice.

This is the story. It calls for no comment—it speaks for itself!

The Conservative Party stands solid as a rock for sound British constitutional practice, the maintenance of the British connection, and the right of Canada to enjoy the blessings of stable Government.

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And avoid another Election!

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WALKERTON.

Train Derailed

On Tuesday afternoon the south-bound Owen Sound-Palmerston C.N. R. train was derailed between Chesley and Tara. It is understood that, although the locomotive did not leave the track, the baggage car and coaches were derailed. While the passengers were given quite a fright, no one was injured. It is said that about one hundred feet of track was torn up. An auxiliary train came up from Palmerston for the passengers, and immediate steps taken to repair the damage.

Decamped From Shelter

A young girl about seventeen years of age took French leave on Tuesday evening last from the Children's Shelter, where she has recently been a ward. The girl after making a pretense of going to bed took advantage of the matron being engaged in another part of the house and though all doors were locked, made her getaway out of the rear of the institution. Her escape was shortly afterwards discovered, and although the police were at once informed, her whereabouts is still a mystery. As her conduct has in the past not been the best, it is probable that should

she be apprehended, she will receive a term in the reformatory or industrial school.

Partnership Dissolved

Last week it became known that the partnership of Erdman and Bell, the local automobile dealers and garage owners, had been dissolved, by mutual consent. These young men had carried on business here for four years. For half of that time the firm was located in the present stand of George Scott & Son. During the past two years their business was conducted on Durham Street, near the West End Bridge. It is understood that Mr. Erdman intends to locate in

Windsor. The business will be conducted by Mr. Victor M. Bell, who will endeavor to look after the requirements of the many customers.

Inspector's Car Damaged

While the new Dodge coupe of P. S. Inspector McCool was being refilled with gas in front of the Dominion Well Supply Co.'s garage here about six o'clock on Monday night, it was crashed into by a Ford touring car driven by Mr. Hesch, insurance agent of Hanover, the latter of whom was looking around at the time and didn't notice the local bus. The impact knocked the McCool car up onto the curb, tearing off a front

hub cap and badly scratching the front fender. The Hanoveronian, whose car also lost a hub cap, settled for the damages to the Walkerton bus.

CALRSRUHE

(Intended for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schelhas and sons, Lorenze and Harold, of Allegan, Mich., and Mrs. Albert Schelhas and son, Herbert, of Preston, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Montag last week.

Mr. and Mrs. X. Poechman were visitors in Owen Sound last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Montag, Miss Elvira Montag, Miss Weishar and Mr. Waechter of Formosa spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hundt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Karges and sons, of Waterloo, spent the week end with relatives here.

Mrs. Dan Drum of Saskatchewan is spending some time with Mrs. John Ries and friends here.

Miss Florence Poechman, of Teeswater, is spending her vacation at her home here.

Master Cletus and Frances Schwan of Owen Sound are holidaying with Master Basil Poechman.