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## THE POLITICAL GAME IN YORK.

The political organization of the United Farmers in York is seeking to deprive at least fifty per cent. of the voters of representation in the Legislature. They demand that Fredericton, the capital of the province, with its ten thousand people be not given representation; further, they insist that the interests of North and South Devon, Marysville and McAdam, with their industries and enterprise, must be ignored. This deliberate defiance of established rights, or of established practice, is one of the features of the election campaign now in progress. It shows the extremes to which unreasonable ambition will go in efforts to serve purposes that are wholly selfish. In all this there is an absolute disregard for the public welfare, a contemptuous defiance of the principles of Representative Government, and a callous indifference to, if it is not the first movement in an attack on, the time-honored institutions of our country. So far as the situation in York is concerned, it is without parallel in history.

The intelligent and the loyal farmers of York are not responsible for the movement which has precipitated this shocking condition of affairs, nor are they taking part in the political activities of the organization. They have been reared in a healthy environment, in which the spirit of loyalty to the institutions of the country predominated, and they are not now to be separated from the sound principles inculcated down through the ages and upon which grandfather, father and son found themselves enthusiastically united under the party system of Government for the whole people. It is undeniable that the United Farmers' organization is the product of the wealthy wheat speculators of the West, who are seeking for purposes of their own to get control of Government; and already we have evidence from the West that in their operations or their dealings with the farmers the latter have been placed in the yoke of oppression. That is the natural result of a selfish monopoly. It is the local politicians upon whom these Western influences operated in the East—men reported to them to be politically ambitious, men who have been seeking nominations by their political parties and who were not disposed to await their turn; and to these ambitious men was entrusted the work of organizing the local fields, pleading the necessity of co-operation, getting together, to promote the interests of the industry and the interests of the individual farmer—and co-operation for business purposes is an attractive proposition. It is a sound proposition if faithfully and sincerely developed. But with imprudent swiftness the political scheme was launched by the men ambitious for public life, aided by those of their supporters who had been brought into the organization to ensure a majority; and, through manipulation, it took on the political class game as of first importance, as intended from the outset, although the intention was then disguised. Very many farmers were deceived; others now wish they had not participated and are pulling out, satisfied that it is their duty to do so. The deception practiced has become too apparent.

It is suggestive that Foster Government speakers in this county are appealing, "Well, if you won't vote for the Foster Government, then, for heaven's sake, vote for the Farmers' ticket." The principles of Representative Government are as naive to such men. "Tear down the Conservative party in this county at any cost; that is our ambition, and we look to you as a Farmers' party, led by men who were formerly with us in ranks, and who are yet with us in heart, to tear down." What a humiliating position for any party of men to resort to! In such a position the Foster party again make it clear that they miserably lack respect for public intelligence.

## NOW A MORIBUND GOVERNMENT.

While the Foster Government Press are professing to take encouragement from what they see and hear of the progress of the election campaign throughout the province, it is well known that the members of the Government and their campaign managers are fearing a landslide against their

## Give Us Business Plan, Say the Farmers of P. E. I., Not the Political Game

THE SPEECH OF THE WESTERN ORGANIZER OF THE UNITED FARMERS REJECTED BY THE FARMERS OF THE ISLAND AS THE SPEECH OF AN AGITATOR WITH ALL THE OLD SLANDERS, AND THE FALSEHOODS LONG SINCE EXPOSED.—FARMERS WANT BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, NOT A DECEPTIVE POLITICAL TRAP.

[Charlottetown Guardian, Sept. 29.] In yesterday's issue we published a report of the United Farmers' meeting at Cardigan. Although the farmers of this province have not shown any great enthusiasm over the particular brand of organization that has taken hold of sections of Ontario and the West, yet they had very properly looked forward to a more complete and more far-reaching amalgamation of our agricultural interests than now exists among us. The Cardigan meeting was a disappointment. This province is almost exclusively agricultural, industry, commerce and labor in all its ramifications are so closely allied with our agriculture that they could not exist without it. For this simple, vital reason all these are not only ready but anxious to throw in their lot with and to assist any movement that promises to strengthen the hands and improve the condition of the farmer. Any attempt to antagonize these will assuredly fail.

In Ontario, and particularly in the West, there are large labor interests—farm laborers, industrial laborers, laborers in all kinds of employment—to whom class appeals are as milk to babes and who can be "agitated" into any prescribed union for almost any prescribed purpose.

Mr. R. J. McMillan, of Seaford, Ont., who was the chief spokesman at the meeting and who has been sent to "organize" our farmers, made a serious mistake when he imagined this was the class of men he was addressing at Cardigan; and his audience must have been shocked and disappointed with the tone he adopted in trying to lead them into the paths of political righteousness supposed to be followed by the United Farmers of Ontario. His speech was the speech of an agitator; his repetition of old slanders long since exposed as falsehoods, his exaggerated misrepresenta-

tion of facts known to his hearers, and his scurrilous abuse of prominent public men and existing institutions all fell far below what a gathering of intelligent farmers in this province would expect from a trustworthy man. His flat contradiction of a statement made by Mr. J. A. McDonald, and his bullying remark that he would not allow any man to say his statements were exaggerated, gave his hearers a pretty accurate idea of his reliability. He had made a statement with reference to the expenditure of Canada's money in the fourteen years ago, as stated by Mr. McDonald, that the expenditure of Canada fourteen years ago was \$33,277,641, not \$43,000,000, as stated by Mr. McMillan.

The old chestnut that the "Liberals have skinned you from the feet up and the Conservatives from the head down" was poor bait with which to lure the farmers of this province into being skinned by Mr. Crean, the head of the United Farmers, who receives a princely salary for keeping them "united," after Mr. McMillan has "united" them at so much per month or by the job. Mr. McMillan came to our farmers loaded with the superheated exaggerations and misrepresentations heard only from the professional agitator and found only in the literature of Bolshevism. He stamped Colchester county with the same stuff in the forests of the United Farmers' candidate, and he is credited with having contributed largely to the defeat of that candidate. Maritime Province farmers will be repelled, not caught, by the inconclusive logic of the agitator, and the farmers of this province, we feel assured, view with suspicion any attempt to act class against class.

## REFUSED TO TALK

Boston, Oct. 4.—Admitting receipt of \$50,000 from Charles Ponzi as settlement of a loan of \$200, Joseph Daniels, a furniture dealer, today refused to tell a referee in bankruptcy who is inquiring into Ponzi's affairs, what had become of the money.

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## JAPS BITTER OVER U. S. RESTRICTIONS

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Tokyo, Oct. 5.—Arrangements have been made by the standing committee of the opposition of the House of Peers for a general meeting to be held on October 11 to discuss the anti-Japanese movement in California. It has been decided to request the presence of Mahano Hanibara, vice foreign minister, to make a detailed report on negotiations with the United States relative to California.

## Cleveland Scores Two In the Second

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Ebbets' Field, Brooklyn, Oct. 5.—Some twenty-five thousand fans, the edge of whose enthusiasm was not dulled by the White Sox baseball scandal, filled all stands in Ebbets' Field today and saw the Cleveland team, pennant winners of the American League, and the Brooklyn, champions of the National League, do battle in the first of this year's world's series. The weather cleared early and a warm sun and brisk breeze dried out the moisture in the playing field, made sudden by the night's thunder storm. Cleveland rules favorites in the betting at odds of 6 to 5. The batteries were: For Cleveland, Coveleskie and O'Neill; for Brooklyn, Marquard and Krueger.

First Inning.  
Cleveland—Evans went out, Olson to Koney; Wamoy flied out to Wheat, who had to come in fast to make the catch; Spawer fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Brooklyn—Olson flied to Wood on the first pitched ball. Johnston struck out. Sewell threw out Griffith at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Second Inning.  
Cleveland—Burns sent up a high fly behind Koney, who picked up the ball and threw it into left. Burns scoring. Olson threw out Gardner at first. Wood walked. Marquard tried to catch Wood off first. Sewell singled into right. Wood going to third. Wood scored on O'Neill's double to left field. Sewell going to third.

## FRANCE TO TREAT WITH GERMANY

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Paris, Oct. 5.—France is ready to resume the direct economic negotiations with Germany which were interrupted last March, it was stated at the Foreign Office today.

These negotiations would have in view the reaching of a final plan for settlement of reparations problem. The negotiations, it was explained, must be conducted within the limits of the principles outlined in the treaty of Versailles.

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Mr. R. B. Hanson	Municipal Taxation	Nov. 10
Mr. P. J. Hughes	On the Nature and Forms of the Governing Bodies of Canada	Nov. 24

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