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DISHONEST METHODS

Practically speaking, the proclamation issued a few days ago by the Manitoba government regarding provision for fuller and fairer voters lists is of little value, save as a confession by Mr. Roblin and his colleagues that they can no longer defend the method of making the lists in Manitoba and that there is immediate need of improvement.

The judges will not find that this permission amounts to very much. The act explicitly declares that the revision of the lists must be finally completed by the first of July, and the timetables prepared by the courts of revision by the government and announced in a proclamation issued some time ago, are so arranged that with the necessary time for travelling they will allow of but few adjournments.

No one will deny the assertion made by the Free Press that the plain demands of justice are that the judges should have the right to adjourn not only from time to time, but also from place to place, and that the right should not be cut off on July 1, but should continue as long as necessary.

Since the Conservative Government in Ottawa began their work of obstruction in the House of Commons it has frequently been pointed out by leading journals in Canada that even if the Roblin government were willing to give the judges these powers, it could not be done by a provincial order-in-council.

As the Sun has said before, the Dominion government, for its own credit, cannot afford not to make this provision for proper judicial revision of the lists. Without successive good deals there cannot be a full and fair expression at the polls of the will of the electors of Manitoba.

LAW REFORM

Lawyers, to their credit, have been chiefly responsible for the persistent demand for law reform in most civilized countries for many years.

The average citizen of peaceful disposition and small possessions is not in a position to fully appreciate and value the demands of the case. But it does not require a highly trained intelligence to recognize the fact that the agitation for law reform is more frequent than the actual attempt to reach such an end.

It is apparent that wholesale readjustments would be revolutionary and were hence impossible. To examine the pedigree of every possession would place a shambolic blot upon many an escutcheon. To demand that legal possession should be based upon absolute rights would gravely disturb the complexion and content of the well-favored of the world.

That it is generally admitted that the law reform that is most needed is a statement of existing legislation which shall be removed, and that the original intention shall be expressed beyond the possibility of doubt or technical quibble, is an indication of the way in which reform may best be effected.

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THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

It is well, perhaps, that the happenings of each day leave the average man little time wherein to reflect upon the imperfections of the established order of things.

There are some rare moments when even the most prosaic man breaks the bondage of dull routine and dreams of better conditions and institutions. To secure the administration of the affairs of the province we have in the course of time evolved certain methods and institutions.

Politicians and political parties get, in all probability, about all they deserve. But it is a fair question to ask whether the present institutions of government are those best calculated to give effect to the will of the people.

So long as such a condition exists it will not greatly matter whether the party holds power; we will always discover that the aggressive work demands special knowledge and earnest application, will not be done.

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THE SEAMEN'S MISSION The laying of the corner stone of the new building in course of erection for the use of the Seamen's Mission marks a new stage in the development of the very necessary and very worthy work.

CANADA'S CENTURY

For years it has been held before the eyes of Canadian optimists that the greatest glory of New York is the development of a national transportation system, handling Canadian trade through Canadian channels.

THE PEACE-MAKERS In the days of old before the people ruled or had the desire to rule, when democracy was not yet a disturbing dream, kings are reported to have made war, but not peace.

THE PROVINCE AND THE MONEY MARKET The provincial Conservative press, on the strength of self-congratulatory interviews, issued by Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming, have been giving great praise to the Government for its notable reversal of last year's London loan on terms more favorable than those secured by Premier Robinson's 5 per cent. loan.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS The crop reports which come from the Canadian west must be gratifying to people all over Canada.

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