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## Three Men's Records.

H. B. MORPHY of North Perth delivered a characteristic Meighen campaign speech in Sarina a few nights ago, in keeping with the general tone of the campaign, he launched into an abusive attack on Mackenzie King because he was absent from Canada at the time when the war was on. The member for North Perth, in the enthusiasm of the moment, and apparently feeling no responsibility for what he said, heard the evidence, passed verdict and judgment on Mackenzie King, all in two short minutes. He was a slacker and unfit to lead a Canadian political party now.

Mr. Morphy might urge, by way of justification, that he is not the only man who has thus spoken. This plea could stand, as originally never was one of Mr. Morphy's assets.

But let it slide at that. There we have the opinion of Mr. Morphy, and it is much the same as any other tub-thumper of the Meighen school.

LET us get back to facts. Suppose Mackenzie King had come to Canada as soon as the war was on, he would not have been a fighting-class man. He would, even under conscription, have been in class 5.

Lieut.-Col. John Bayne MacLean, in the last issue of MacLean's Magazine, deals with this very point, and with the criticism that has been leveled at the leader of the Liberal party regarding his war record. Col. MacLean writes:

"So rotten had been the Asquith Government's handling of the war that in 1915 if the Germans had pressed the attack the shortage of British and Canadian machine guns and of artillery munitions was so serious that authorities told me we could not have withstood them. We had only two or three shells per gun per day. It was not British, but Canadian and United States manufacturers who first relieved the situation, who first got their labor lined up for big production. British labor was not producing. The study and promotion of better understanding between employer and employee had been Mr. King's specialty. Mr. King worked to promote United States war production. He was one of the most valuable men in that field on this side. I have a strong prejudice against any eligible man who side-stepped military service—and there are many thousands of them—but common sense compels me to admit that Mr. King was far more useful combating enemy propaganda to keep back vital war supplies here than messing up a minor staff job overseas. Many men in England who did far less service were highly rewarded with hereditary and other honors."

Mr. Morphy, if he is a student of current political and national history, must be in touch with these facts. They are common knowledge. If he does not know the munitions situation, and the part Canada played in it, he is not fitted for public life.

TAKE it from another angle. While this back-stabbing member of North Perth is arraigning the leader of the Liberal party for his war record, why has he not a word to say about some of the glorious war records of his Conservative friends?

Did he have anything to say about De Witt Foster? Did he have anything to say about W. F. Garland, another Conservative member of the Ottawa House? These men have war records, so why was Mr. Morphy not fair enough to go right around?

This man Garland made \$9,000 out of the war in a few weeks.

Mackenzie King made nothing out of the war.

But let Sir Robert Borden give Garland's history. Here is the record of a Conservative member, who stayed in Canada all right! Sir Borden said (April 15, 1915):

"As far as the member for Carleton (W. F. Garland) is concerned, we already have alluded to the purchases by Mr. Powell. He (Mr. Garland) not only permitted, but encouraged and assisted that young man to make a contract with the government, under which, within a few weeks, he acquired a profit of \$9,000. I cannot for one moment give my sanction or approval to a transaction of that character, because, to say the least, it is bound to arouse a very grave suspicion, and a member of parliament, in respect of contracts with the government, ought to keep himself absolutely above suspicion. Therefore, in respect to the honorable member from Carleton (Mr. Garland), and in respect to the honorable member of King's, N. S. (Mr. Foster), I feel I owe it as a duty to the government of which I am the head, to the party of which, in



federal affairs, I am the leader, and to this house and to this country, to express, as I do here express, my very grave disapproval of their conduct in respect of the matters which have been under investigation by the public accounts committee."

Now, then, Mr. Morphy, you have the war records of three men, two of whom—fellow Conservatives—stayed at home and profiteered out of Canada's war agony until they were read out of the party by Sir Robert Borden. Since this "reading out" Foster has received a government job, and Garland is taken into the fold again.

The third man, Mr. Morphy, is Mr. King, the leader of the Liberal party. He was assisting to get production of war supplies in United States at a time when the having or not having of those supplies was a matter of life or death to the British army. And yet he rode the last man as a slacker, and maintain a dull and deadly silence about the other two, who were publicly denounced by your own political leader because they saw in Canada's hour of agony a chance to line their pockets with blood-money.

Mr. Morphy, have you anything to say?

## Just Nerve.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie was speaking at Amherstburg a few days ago, and according to reports in Meighen papers, used these words:

"There was none of the high-standing Liberals behind Mr. King. The best of the Liberal party were supporting the premier."

The modesty of the minister of militia is a wonderful thing to behold.

All he says of himself is that he represents the best of the Liberals.

If Hon. Hugh Guthrie had not scammed over to the Meighen camp, he would today have the opposition of that party. Surely he expects no person to believe that he is still a Liberal, supporting the Meighen party.

This government he now supports is the same government that brought a machine-made candidate, Mr. A. T. Kelly-Evans, to that riding to beat Hugh Guthrie.

It is the same government that mixed politics and war to the extent of trying to pitchfork this man Kelly-Evans into command of the 153rd Wellington Battalion after it had been organized by Col. Craig.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie seems to forget very quickly the treatment that he was accorded by this same group, now headed by Hon. Arthur Meighen.

They did not recognize him as a Liberal who had come to the assistance of the Union Government for the duration of the war.

They did not, at the conclusion of the war, come to him, thank him, and give him the opportunity of returning to the party that had elected him year after year in South Wellington.

During his stay in the Meighen camp Hon. Hugh Guthrie received cabinet rank, European trips and all the accoutrements of office and rank that had not previously been his because Sir Wilfrid Laurier could never see the makings of a cabinet minister in him.

And now he parades this country, the apologist and the disciple of those interests he so vehemently denounced as grafters and plunderers, and plumes himself with the idea that the best of the Liberals are now supporting the Meighen Government.

Mr. Guthrie, the people of the country are laughing at you.

## In West Kent.

It should be remembered that A. B. McColg, in West Kent, took a decided stand in a matter that was of very vital importance to the farmer, viz., the standardization of farm implements. Some progress has been made in that work, but much remains to be done.

It means that certain standards must be maintained in the manufacture of agricultural implements, so a farmer can get his repairs quickly and at a better price, for by standardizing them they can be turned out in quantities at a lower price.

The makers of implements have made some concessions, but they will fight much progress in this line, as they claim their rights and peculiar styles of manufacture are being interfered with.

Mr. McColg took a leading part in this work, and he is prepared to go back to Ottawa and render the same good service again.

## LITTLE 'TISERS

It is well said that those who pay for war should pray for peace.

Some of that Meighen campaign fund will be needed to pay for lost election deposits.

Our stock market editor has not yet been able to publish the 1921 quotation for votes.

It's one thing to declare war on the home-brew business, but quite another to put a quietus on the yearly crop of dandelions.

With so many candidates in every riding now it's a bit hard on the babies who must all be kissed and tickled under the chin.

A pumpkin weighing 100 pounds was raised in Indiana. All of which goes to show that there are still some awful lars left in Indiana.

The "Own Your Home" campaign has a big field to cultivate in United States, where over 50 per cent of the 24,000,000 families were living in rented houses in 1920.

France may be accused of being too exacting in her demands on Germany. Still it is well for the rest of us to remember that France has to live next door to Germany.

The Prince of Wales may be having a fine time in India. But after reading of the mutinies there we're glad our job calls for nothing worse than slaughtering Tories with a stubby pencil.

Surgeons advocate the movie as a means of teaching how operations are performed. Now, then, let's watch and see the scramble of movie stars to playing leading parts in a sawbones scene where they cut off a leg.

One-half the graduates of women's colleges never marry, according to insurance report figures. Quite simple. The dear girls go to school, get educated and enlightened to the point where they see the folly of the move.

Speaking of increases, here we have this untold, unknown, last-minute cabinet of Meighen costing the Dominion \$299,000 per year, against a cost under Sir Wilfrid Laurier of \$142,500. The increase is 164 per cent.

There's a whole heap of rubbish written about self-made men. Behind many of them is a patient wife, who has darned his socks, sewed buttons on his shirt, and put patches on his

pants, fed him and nursed him, and put up with all his whims and nonsense. But you never hear much about her.

Isn't it about time we had a new generation of writers who could do something except smash national figures, who are gone and unable to talk back? Now we have Queen Victoria passed along as a pro-German autocrat, Kitchener as a back-stabber, and King Edward as a spineless pacifist. If this keeps up where are our children going to get their national inspiration and ideals?

This is from the Tory Chatham Planet, in reference to Mackenzie King:

"His courage during the present campaign also displays the smallness of his vision, changing his policy to suit the peculiar sympathies of the various audiences he addresses."

Will the Planet go ahead and print in parallel columns an instance of what it changes here? If it cannot do this, will it have the decency to apologize for its slander?

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 43—HEAVY HANDS.

You've seen heavy hands. Lots of people have them, both men and women.

A heavy hand is one which is large, with considerable of the bony structure indicated, as a rule. That means often large knuckles and a certain squareness of construction.

You see them most often on people who are accustomed to doing heavy work with their hands, though you can tell it quite easily from the hand which has become enlarged and toughened through hard work. Heavy hands are born, not made.

You see them on those accustomed to hard work, not as a result, but as a cause. It's because people with such hands have a natural aptitude, mentally and physically, toward hard physical work. They like it.

It indicates a certain practicality of nature and a tendency to come to decisions through reasoning rather than desire or whim.

Such people generally think more quickly than they act, but when they act they do so with decision. Their characters are marked to a considerable degree by aggressiveness and ruggedness, both mental and physical. Perhaps they control it well, but you'll always find in them also a tendency to dominate others, a desire to control others; and, too, a certain lack of sympathy or rather, keenness of sympathy. Mentally, they find it a little difficult to put themselves in others' boots. They look upon the people around them objectively rather than subjectively.

Tomorrow—Sense of Form.

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## TO THE EDITOR

WELCOMES SUGGESTIONS.

Editor Advertiser:

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Lush's letter that appeared in this morning's Advertiser, I am in a position to state that any designs of new university buildings that have been published to date are quite tentative and provisional. The university administration welcomes criticism in regard to its building program, and is ready to receive suggestions of a constructive character. Yours very truly,

W. SHERWOOD FOX,

Dean of the Faculty of Arts,

Western University, Nov. 23, 1921.

## STENOGRAPHERS NOT INCLUDED.

Editor Advertiser:

Sir,—I read in your paper a few days ago that the government had set the minimum scale of wages for girls employed as clerks and factory help. Would you kindly inform me through the columns of your paper if this scale also applies to stenographers and office girls? Thanking you in advance, I remain,

A. STENOGRAPHER.

Answer.—Although there have been eight orders issued by the minimum wage board, none of them have included stenographers. Order No. 6, which applies to stores, governs the selling force, and includes cashiers, parcelers, messengers and other employees working with the saleswomen, and not on the office or operative staffs.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY  
Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest,  
As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1896.

NOV. 24, 1896.  
The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Bible Society was held in the town hall, Ailsa Craig, on Wednesday evening, when addresses were given by Rev. J. Orme, agent of the society, and the resident ministers.

The anniversary sermons of the Walkerton Methodist Church were preached on Sunday last by the pastor, Rev. D. A. Moir. A free-will offering of \$300 towards the liquidation of the church debt was placed on the plates.

The trustees and scholars of London West school were all pleased yesterday when Mr. W. H. Liddicott, head master, resumed teaching after his recent illness.

On Monday evening, Dec. 14, the King Street Methodist Church choir, under the leadership of Mr. Fred Rossiter, will give a concert in which some of the best local talent will take part.

A meeting of the Organized Charities Society was held in the city hall yesterday, President J. S. Pearce in the chair. Among those present were Rev. R. Johnston, H. E. Gates, A. B. Cox, F. W. Matthews, John Beardsall, Mrs. Tilley, Miss Graydon and Secretary Sanders.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of London was held in the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, the moderator, M. P. Talling, presiding. A call was answered by Rev. D. J. Fraser, B.A., of Montreal.

The Southern Congregationalists gave a literary and musical concert in their new school room last evening. Mr. John Cameron acted as chairman. The program was carried out by the following artists: Solos by Miss Raymond, Mr. Soper, Mr. Matthews, Miss Fowler and Mr. D. B. Rolison, Windsor, is celebrating the 40th anniversary of his appointment as mail clerk on the Grand Trunk Railway.

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