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### MR. KING'S PROSPECTS.

Writing of the Liberal fight against the Grand Trunk bill J. K. Munro says in Maclean's Magazine: "D. D. McKenzie distinguished himself by a speech which will ruin his chance of ever getting a job as a bookkeeper. That boy statesman, Mackenzie King, blew in from Prince Edward Island in time to evolve a school of finance of his own. He was laughed at by the Government, and blushed for his own followers. In justice to him it must be said he never turned a hair. He carries in his repertoire a sublime self-confidence that is sheer proof and blash proof, too."

The political writer of Maclean's Magazine thinks Sir Charles Fitzpatrick threw up the important post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and accepted the position of Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, in order to boost his relative, Hon. L. A. Taschereau, into the position of Premier of Quebec when Sir Lomer Gouin retires. And if the mantle of Sir Lomer is transferred to Mr. Taschereau, Maclean's correspondent believes it will be the signal for a revolt of Hon. Mr. Caron and the farmers which will change the whole political map of Quebec. He adds:

"If that happens, you somehow stop to wonder where Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King is going to get off at. Now Hon. Mr. King is a political accident. To be sure, he's more or less cosmopolitan. Born in Ontario, he grew up to work in the United States, was chosen leader by Quebec, and found a seat in Prince Edward Island. If travel is the great educator it claims to be, then Willie has at worst the rudiments of an education. But—he sat next to D. D. McKenzie during the latter half of the recent session and made the Cape Breton Highlander look like a statesman."

"Well, if Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is to cut any ice in what promises to be a patchwork Parliament, after the next election—he must have a solid Quebec behind him. And every movement in the Ancient Province is in the opposite direction. Lapointe and Caron are both able and more popular men than the Federal Liberal leader. The latter, though elected by Lapointe and his followers, will easily be gathered into camp by the conservative Liberals of Quebec. Then with Caron heading the more progressive Frenchmen in Provincial affairs, and Lapointe leading them at Ottawa, Mackenzie King can only hope to figure as a small and none too influential factor. If he doesn't get crowded back into private life it will be because a certain special providence is still taking an interest in his welfare."

### JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

Japan is bound to protect herself against the menace of Bolshevism with or without the co-operation of the United States, says Premier Hara of the eastern kingdom; and he attributes the "jealousies, hatreds and suspicions" among the Allied forces in Siberia to the machinations of the Bolsheviks. He denies the charge that Japan played one side against the other to work up an anti-American feeling among the Russians, and avers Japan has been as much a victim of this agitation as America has, and the whole thing is much deplored.

Japan's campaign in Siberia does not meet with united support of its people. The Japan Chronicle of Kobe wants to know more of the inner history of the adventure, and describes conditions in Siberia as appalling, "as bad in the parts that have not been invaded by the Bolshevik armies as anywhere else." It declares that the anti-Bolsheviks should be required to make peace so that relief work may be undertaken, and adds: "It is time that all useless hostilities were abandoned and only work done for our common humanity, and if there are any well-to-do hands who are irreconcilable there should be ropes enough supplied to hang them, whether they be Cossacks or Bolsheviks. Under the influence of economic pressure not amounting to a blockade, Russia has been reduced to a condition which staggers humanity, and Japan has at least an opportunity of showing a degree of enlightenment which is beginning to break in slowly upon the Allies. She has the opportunity of leading the way."

That Japan should strengthen her forces in Siberia is the opinion of the Tokyo Yamaichi, which believes domestic troubles and distance prevent England and France giving effective assistance to the anti-Bolsheviks. Moreover, it says, a state of disorder in Siberia means the invasion of the first line of Japan's national defence, and therefore it is necessary that Japan should maintain peace and order at least in the eastern part of Siberia.

The Tokyo Jiji is afraid Russia will become a second Balkans, and be the cause of further grave troubles in the

Orient and India. It holds that the renewal and revision of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance should establish a fundamental policy towards Russia, and that the first step towards co-operation in dealing with the Bolsheviks should be the pronouncement of Allied intentions in Russia.

### THE SUGAR UPLIFT.

With 11,000,000 cases of "flu" reported in Japan and prohibition rampant in this country, the advance in the price of sugar might cause uneasiness, if it is true, as a distinguished British physician asserted, that fatalities from influenza in England during the last epidemic were more properly attributable to shortage of sugar than to the vacation of demon rum, who had been busy charging high explosives for the edification and instruction of Jerry. The only consolation is that the thunderbolts of Attorney-General Palmer have had lesser effects upon the ambition of sugar to climb into the higher circles of life than the exhortations of "That man O'Connors," of Halifax. In the United States they have sugar at 25 cents and in some places as high as 30 cents. Which is not a reason why this country should regret having encouraged refining, even though some sugar refining companies in Canada have apparently made more money than was necessary.

Shortage of the sugar crop is given as one reason of the advance in price. But the British Government has issued a White Paper which estimates the world's production of sugar during 1919 at 96.3 per cent. of the average yield during the five years preceding the war—a very small drop. The United States had a very big crop of beet root sugar. To encourage the United States sugar growing industry, apparently, or for political reasons, Attorney-General Palmer allowed a price of 17 cents per pound wholesale on the Louisiana crop, and proposed a price of 12 cents for imported sugar. The Cuban interests, seeing Louisiana getting 17 cents, naturally asked higher prices. Mr. George Zabriske, chairman of the Sugar Equalization Board, declares that the Board could have bought the entire Cuban crop of 4,000,000 tons last August at 6 1/2 cents per pound, but President Wilson refused to sanction the purchase. Mr. Zabriske predicts that sugar prices will fall when Government control is lifted, but meanwhile he is powerless to stop "the worst orgy of profiteering from which the country has so far suffered." It is stated that the reason sugar prices in Canada have not advanced the same as in the States is that Canadian refiners were able to buy considerable supplies before the Cuban interests realized that the American situation gave them an opportunity to jump up prices.

Increased demand is also given as an excuse for increased prices. It is argued that prohibition has greatly increased the consumption of sweets, as the old toper takes to sugar as a means of securing a fermentation which has an internal effect similar to booze. It is also argued that high wages have increased the consumption of sugar. But a New York paper says the statistics of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce show there has been a decrease in the amount of sugar consumed in the States, from 89 pounds per capita in 1914 to 82 pounds per capita in 1919.

The Senior British Trade Commissioner in Australia, in a report discussing the effect of the war upon that country, states that: "The secondary industries have received great stimulus and it has been demonstrated that a wide range of articles can be successfully manufactured in Australia which formerly were imported. Opportunity will no doubt be taken of the forthcoming tariff revision to protect as many of the secondary industries as possible. . . . The natural resources and potential wealth of Australia are so vast and her people so virile and enterprising that it is only reasonable that with the development of her resources and expansion of population, manufacturing industries on a large scale should be successfully carried on."

Acting Secretary to the United States Department of Commerce, Mr. Edwin F. Sweet, has issued a statement expressing the conviction that if any surplus production of American farms and factories is to be advantageously sold, as is necessary to keep the people of the United States well employed at fair wages, foreign markets must be developed and maintained. He favors energetic competition with Great Britain and other nations in the foreign markets of the world.

The Times says The Standard is doing its best to advertise Hon. Mackenzie King's meeting this week. And most of this advertising is free, too. The Times is not extending any great

amount of free advertising to the new leader. No doubt it has reason. The more people who go to hear one of the Boy Orators' inconclusive speeches, the fewer votes the Liberal Party will poll in this constituency.

The Times: "The Standard has discovered that there is no room for Liberal Party Principles in Canada." The sorry condition of the Liberal Party would indicate that its principles had outgrown their welcome. If it ever had any principles, if the Times would plunge its muckrake into comparatively recent history it might dredge up some interesting examples of how the Liberal Party when in power applied its favorite principle of helping its friends at the expense of the public.

Considering the affront put upon Premier Foster by the local Liberal machine it is probably not surprising that the good Times has discovered a horror of any kind of a machine. But when a certain expeditious off-voting aspect who had sufficient ability to run the local Liberal machine was on the job the Times was always on the forefront of the band wagon.

### WHAT THEY SAY

**The Cure For Unrest.**  
 (Toronto Mail and Empire.)  
 Whether it is by bonuses, wage increases, a share of profits, or by giving their employees free insurance, the principle of allowing those who produce wealth a larger percentage of their product is the sure cure for Bolshevism and the spirit of unrest.

**A Disgrace to Humanity.**  
 (Toronto Globe.)  
 The Montreal municipal strikes left even the hospitals without heat or water. The need for compulsory arbitration and anti-strike agreements between public authorities and employees in vital public services has seldom been more clearly and cruelly illustrated. The situation in Montreal is a disgrace to humanity. It may be the turn of any other city tomorrow.

**"Safe and Sound."**  
 (Exchange New York.)  
 The will of John Mitchell, the noted labor leader, indicated that his personal estate was valued at almost \$250,000.

**Monocle Man Perhaps.**  
 (Punch.)  
 We are pleased to see that the government appeal for economy is bearing fruit. A gentleman was seen in the West End last week wearing only one spat.

**A Serpent's Nest.**  
 (Workmaster Telegram.)  
 "Not an American, but an internationalist," said the leader of a Bolshevik Sunday school, in describing himself, at Lawrence City Marshal O'Brien did not know what an internationalist was, but he broke up the school and sent the forty-five boys and girls home. Warnings have been handed out to the manager and teachers of that Sunday school, but they forgot and proceeded to teach the children from a primer designed by the reds and filled with bomb ideas. Revolutionary hymns are sung at the sessions. That internationalist man said he was graduated from Brown University, Providence, but he is in sympathy with Bolshevism and must live up to his sympathies.

### A BIT OF FUN

**Descended From 'Arry.**  
 "Yes," said Hawkins, who had purchased some old silver at auction, "this is the old Hawkins family plate." "Indeed," said his guest, "but surely this is an 'A' engraved on it." "Is it?" O'heries, of course. The original Hawkins were English you know."

**Answer Him That, Now!**  
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 Pay (astonished)—An' what would I shave th'?

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And after suppr pop started to smook a segar with his feet up, and I sed, its pritty equivalent weather we bin havin, aint it, pop?

Yes—wat? Wat kind? sed pop.  
 Equivalent, I sed.

O well, if you say so, sed pop. And he kep on smooking with his feet up, and I quick looked at my list of words agen, saying I got 2 holes in my new stockings alreddy, pop, they sertainy are jocular stockings.

For the love of mud, sed pop.

Sht? I sed, and pop sed, Wat kind of stockings did you mention?

Jocular, I sed.

I thawt you did, and now Im almost sure of it, sed pop. Meening he wouldnt of bleeve me if he hadent of herd me twice, and he kep on smooking with his feet up, and I looked at the list agen, saying How do I look, pop, do I look a little epistolary?

Wat the doose? sed pop taking his feet down.  
 I feel a little epistolary tonite, I sed.

Have you the faintest idee of wat youve bin tawking about for the last 5 minits? sed pop, and I sed, No sir, and pop sed, Have you bin swallowin the dictionary? and I sed, No sir, jest copying parts of it.

Very well, if you use another word that you dont know the meening of Ill give you a cupple of love taps with my slipper and send you to bed, sed pop.

And he kep on smooking with his feet down, and I started to use a sentence with categorical in it and then changed my mind and dident.

get out o' my way with that cockle-tub o'yourn, I can't swing round—Passing Show.

**Conclusive Proof.**  
 A man's devotion to his family is proved before breakfast with the furnace even more conclusively than in the glow of the evening lamp.

**Not Called For.**  
 Mother to small son in restaurant: "Come on, Peter, say your grace!"  
 "But, mummy dear, we've got to pay for it!"

**Something Missing.**  
 "This catalogue is no good," said a man visiting the Art Museum. "There aren't any prices in it."  
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