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JUGGLING BY ELECTIONS

"A democratic up-to-the-bait" writes to The Ottawa Citizen, telling that the present method of holding by-elections revives, on a small scale, the abuses which prevailed long ago in general elections. "The system which prevailed 35 or 40 years ago was liable to abuses. The government, having in its hands the whole election machinery, manipulated it to suit its own purposes, to contribute to the success of ministers and their supporters. The election campaign, from dissolution to the return of the writs, usually extended from 70 to 100 days. This of itself, with the excitement and turmoil consequent thereon, was far from being a commendable feature. On receipt of the writ the returning officer fixed the dates of nomination, polling and declaration within the limits prescribed by the statute. The interval between dissolution and polling was practically divided into three periods. In the first period only writs were issued and rushed for the strongholds, the safe constituencies of government candidates. Many of these went by acclamation or by overwhelming majorities. These successes added éclat and prestige to the first period of the campaign. In the second period doubtful constituencies were attacked. One by one was government influence concentrated upon them; and too frequently the result bore testimony of the methods pursued. It is not infrequently happened that the government majority of the denouement was drawn from the denouement of the representative as avowed supporters. In the third period with the increased prestige and éclat which the government candidates of the opposition, sometimes capturing seats considered almost beyond hope. The writer gives the Liberals credit for introducing the system of holding all the general elections on one day, but says that the abuse has crept up again in the by-elections, both Conservative and Liberal governments having been guilty. The long delay in North Renfrew was a bad case, and another was the St. James Division of Montreal. No government ought to have the right to delay a by-election at its pleasure.

CHEAP DAILIES AND THE PEOPLE

There is one test of a newspaper that tells the tale of its usefulness; and the people take it to be the regular price for it? If they do the paper has a hold on them; they must have it and they do not begrudge the price. The World is in this class.
The newspaper owners of Ontario, outside of Toronto, were in session last week and passed very properly against the unfair competition of cheap dailies—some that were offered for fifty cents a year.
Seventy-five cents a year.
A dollar a year.
Two dollars a year.
These newspapers are not only cheap, but they all, or nearly all, have an other characteristic. They are all corporation-owned or owned and controlled by men interested in corporations. They are only in the newspaper business as an aid to their corporation ends.
But the newspaper public are discerning; they suspect and, for good reason, that a paper that is hung at their head for almost nothing looks to some other quarter to make up what it loses by selling the paper for one-fourth of what the whole paper costs. The "cheap" newspapers are, many of them, in fact all of them, bent on to do the defence work of the government with which their corporation owners are doing business.

THE PRESS OF CANADA IS BEING CORRUPTED LIKE THE PALLOT BOX

"THE PUBLIC HAD BETTER BE ON THE ALERT TO ASK THE NEWSPAPERS OF THIS COUNTRY WHO OWN THEM. CHEAPNESS IS NOT THE ISSUE, BUT OWNERSHIP MIGHT BE."

A NATIONAL FARMERS' CONGRESS

An annual congress of delegates from farmers' associations is the suggestion

made by W. L. Smith, editor of The Farmers' Sun. His article appears in the Ontario Agricultural College Review, and the subject is the farmers' transportation problem. Mr. Smith points out that a railway operating in Canada carries more than 100,000,000 bushels of grain a year to the coast, and that the cost of transportation is a heavy burden on the farmer. He suggests that the government should take steps to reduce this burden, and that the farmers should organize a national congress to discuss the matter.

Mr. Smith says that passenger rates are as high as they were fifty years ago, and freight rates not much reduced, yet great reductions have been made in the cost of the service to the farmer. "A freight train of to-day can haul three times the freight that a freight train of twenty years ago could haul at the same time, and at about one-seventh the price ruling thirty years ago; but absence of competition and failure by government to regulate the rates, have prevented the full benefit of the reduction in cost of transportation, and to-day charges for the service are out of proportion, almost to cost of the service and the returns received by producers for goods carried by rail."

Strong reasons for public control are given. The railways are not ordinary private enterprises. They are necessary monopolies to a large extent, and cannot, like mercantile concerns, be regulated by competition. These railway corporations are in a special sense a public utility, and the power of expropriating lands and other special privileges. The cost of building the railways has been borne largely by the taxpayers of the Dominion. Railway companies have received cash subsidies of \$100,000,000 and land subsidies of \$60,000,000 across. It is pointed out that the organization of the Railway Commission was largely due to the pressure of commercial and agricultural associations. Mr. Smith suggests that the latter should combine and appoint delegates to a national farmers' congress, at which further reforms could be advanced.

WAR, RED WAR

The rupture of diplomatic relations between Russia and Japan unquestionably means war. That which has long been feared has come at last. All those energies which have hitherto been devoted to its avoidance will now be devoted to the restriction of its area to the nations most immediately and seriously concerned.

But the consideration once it is impossible to say how far it may extend. The interests involved are numerous and vital and affect so many of the nations of the world that almost despite themselves one or more may be drawn in for their own self-protection or to arrest developments which are menacing their political aims and ambitions. The dread of this will during the continuance of hostilities hang like a pull over the nations, demanding eternal vigilance and absolute preparedness for any contingency.

In no case will there be more acute tension than in the British Empire, and in no case more than in the colonies more so than in Canada. War of immediate trade concern is not great yet as that of some other countries, as a matter of future expansion the preservation of the open door in Northern China becomes a momentous question. In this respect it is as intimate as that of the United States. If the Pacific is to rival the Atlantic as one of the commercial highways of the world, no nation will profit more from it than Canada, providing, as it will, the natural outlet for the vast fields and mines lying unexploited in the West.

Apart from her position as an integral part of the empire, Canada has special reason to watch the progress of this conflict with keen attention, nor will it be possible to avoid a sympathetic feeling for the cause which holds with it such great possibilities for her.

There will be much speculation as to the chances of Britain being involved as an active participant. A few months ago such an issue would have been more readily anticipated. The conclusion of the British-Japanese treaty was hailed at the time as a masterly counterstroke to the Russian advance in alliance between Russia and France and as restoring the supremacy of Britain in the eastern seas. Had the conditions then existing remained unaltered, the United Kingdom could not have been unmoved the naval triumph of Russia over Japan, nor France remained a passive spectator of a war which threatened to curtail the fighting strength of her only European ally. That these alternatives no longer operate as they then did is due wholly to the recent growth of friendship culminating in the arbitration treaty between the United Kingdom and the French Republic and in the sympathetic attitude which has replaced the estrangement that had so long prevailed.

It has been distinctly stated that Great Britain has made it unmistakably plain to Japan that under no circumstances will she interfere unless in the contingency contemplated in the treaty, and that France has made a similar intimation to Russia. That Britain and France have been unitedly striving for peace is certain, and there is no reason to doubt that a mutual understanding prevails between them as regards their future conduct. Of course does not mean that the sympathies of the British people and the Imperial government are not now enlisted on the side of Japan. It would be futile to deny that a Japanese victory would mean much for British interests in the East, both direct and indirect. That was a significant remark of the British envoy to Japan when in a recent speech he quoted the legend engraved on the historic sword—on one side "Slow to draw me," and on the other "Nor should I save with honor." Military honor is a tradition in Japan, and the chivalry of the middle ages holds up no nobler examples than have been given by her nobles during the ancient regime.

Admiration cannot but be felt for the courage and determination which Japan has exhibited and has now

SOME UNPROVIDED-FOR VETERANS



Mr. Davis: Well Captain, what is it, another little timber grant? The "Car": No sir, but in Vance's Dunk Bole been talking things over 'n wonderin' if I couldn't turn a kind of old Veterans' land grant afore the smash comes.

divert public attention from the investigation into the Assessment Department. Ald. Frank Woods says he placed names illegally on the assessment rolls at the instance of a minister of the Government. This goes to indicate that he will claim immunity from the law on the ground that he was merely performing a religious exercise.

CANADA PERMANENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION

The pre-eminent position of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation among the loaning institutions of the country, and its title to a position in the front rank of the great financial institutions for which Canada has a world-wide reputation, are clearly demonstrated by the report of its directors and balance sheet for 1903. The corporation, which was incorporated in 1901, has a capital of \$1,000,000, and a reserve fund of \$250,000. Its assets, which include real estate, mortgages, and other securities, are valued at \$1,750,000. The corporation has a long and successful record, and its position in the financial world is well established.

PROTECTION A WICKEDNESS

J. W. Brough spoke in the Grand Opera House, yesterday, on the religious, financial and social aspects of the protection question. He said free trade in Europe was a means of alleviating the misery of the land, and that still, he contended that a free trade empire was feasible and desirable. He said that the protection of the land was a wickedness, and that the land should be free to the people.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT

The February meeting of the Toronto District of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was held in the Church, Wilson Avenue, on Thursday, at 10.30 a.m.

CURED PAINFUL IRREGULARITIES

Strong Testimony From a Lady Resident of Clarkson, Proving That Remedies