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THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT.

For want of any original ideas of its own on so important a subject, The Telegraph yesterday reprinted some comments from the Ottawa Citizen, and the Toronto Globe, regarding the Borden Administration, such comments being to the effect that the country was tired of the Administration, and wanted a change. Our esteemed contemporary could scarcely have turned to two more unreliable sources for information of any value than the two quoted.

The quotation from The Citizen was written by its parliamentary correspondent, who writes what he is paid to write, that is not necessarily the facts, but such a version or perversion of them as will best suit his paper. To write otherwise would grossly cost him his job. It suits the policy of The Citizen to make it appear that the country is tired of the present regime; therefore those who employ must say so, whether it is a fact or not.

As for The Toronto Globe, that is about as reliable as a defective spring. What it says today, it will likely contradict tomorrow. It is only a few months ago that The Globe was holding up the Borden Government to the Canadian public as the only Government that could save the country. Now it is almost choking itself to get its former words back again. That has always been the way of The Globe. Ten years or more ago The Sun, which is now incorporated with The Telegraph, complained that it could not understand The Globe. "It was impossible to follow its curious eccentricities of policy, which made it say one thing one day and quite the opposite the next." The Hon. Charles Murphy, the Secretary of State, said the same thing. "The Globe," said he, "says something, and the next thing it does is to look for a soft place to fall," or words to that effect.

The plain facts are that no Government in Canada ever possessed to a fuller degree the confidence of the great majority of the country than does the Borden Administration today. It is true that it is somewhat handicapped as a consequence of the Prime Minister's prolonged absence through illness, but this is something that will very soon be rectified now. That some changes will be made in governmental circles is quite possible, but that the Administration is going to walk out because certain newspapers supporting the Opposition think it should, is not at all likely. Who would the people put in control under these circumstances? The party led by Mr. Mackenzie King, the gentleman who not only would not go to fight himself, but who did his level best to persuade every other young fellow not to go either? The party supported by Mr. A. B. Cope, the gentleman "who had not prepared himself to do any work of any value, and whose performance was in accordance with his preparation?" We think not.

What will probably happen in due course will be a return to the old system of government upon party lines, and the formation of a strong Liberal-Conservative Government which will include those Liberals who are now supporting the Union Government, and all others who hold broad and progressive views, and who are not prepared to follow Mr. Mackenzie King in his retrograde policies. A Government so composed would command the full and entire confidence of practically the whole of the electorate, and would give the country a wise, prudent and progressive administration of affairs, avoiding extremes one way or the other.

The Globe says there is a difference between "holding-on" and "carrying-on." There is, quite a difference. The Borden Administration is "carrying-on" to the complete satisfaction of the community. Mr. Mackenzie King is "holding-on" in the vain and forlorn hope that some fortuitous turn in fortune's wheel will give him a chance to grab the reins of office, and run the country—to the dogs.

MR. "PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON'S VIEWS.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, on his return to New York from Europe last week, was of course interviewed before he left the dock, and in the course of his remarks he is reported to have said that "leading business men there had informed him that England was now exporting only half of what she should, and that the exports of the 'United States had doubled. It is recognized," Mr. Johnson added, "that much of this advantage of the United States over England is due to the fact that this country is free from the handicap of liquor." It is impossible to read such stuff as this and keep a straight face, unless one inclines to adopt an attitude of pity for the mentality of a man who seems to be so utterly unable to grasp the real facts of the situation. England has just emerged from taking the leading part in the greatest war the world has ever known, and that part necessitated her devoting to it her entire energies for nearly five long years, to the entire exclusion of all other countries.

considerations. All that time every one of her industrial and manufacturing plants was engaged in turning out munitions of war and other things necessary to the successful carrying on of a campaign. Her ordinary commercial business went by the board; it had to. She had neither opportunity to manufacture commodities for export, nor ships to carry them overseas if they had been manufactured. All this time United States industries were forging ahead and new plants being put into operation, in an endeavor to meet the shortage in the supply of manufactured goods of all kinds that the temporary withdrawal of England, as one of the chief sources of that supply, had caused. The ordinary commerce of the United States did not suffer by reason of the war; on the other hand, it was enormously benefited. When the war, in which they had been engaged for a few weeks only, was over, the people of the United States were in the best condition possible to engage in a large export trade. Why wouldn't they be, with all their manufacturing plants keyed up to the highest pitch of production. England is only just beginning to recover herself. It takes time to reorganize and restore her industrial plants to their former condition, and although this is being accomplished as rapidly as possible, the task is as yet far from complete. Until it is completed, England's export trade is bound to suffer, though it is rapidly coming back to pre-war dimensions. That is the reason why the export trade of the United States is in a stronger better condition at the present time than is that of England. And yet that devil comes back over here, and says the reason is that England is handicapped by liquor! Malignant misrepresentation could not be carried to a greater extreme.

THE INCREASED TAXES.

During the late session, the Government increased the excise duties, as well as cut in half the minimum amount on which duties must be paid, they practically doubled the amount of taxes to be paid by incorporated and outside companies, actually doubled the wild land tax, very materially added to the license fees to trappers and others, and considerably increased many other fees. This action, we presume, is the outcome of the suggestions made by that eminent political economist, the Rev. Prof. Kierstead, who was employed to dig out some other sources of prospective revenue to help to retrieve the fortunes of the most extravagant and spendthrift government this province has ever known. What sum the reverend professor is to be paid for his valued services has not as yet appeared. His remuneration is probably covered by the additional \$500 in the item of Contingencies, Executive Council, which we notice is that amount more than was asked for and voted last year for the same purpose.

Now, in view of all that has been accomplished, can it not be said of Mr. Kierstead, as it was of Mr. A. B. Cope, "that he had not prepared himself to do any work of any value and that his performance was in accordance with his preparation?" How much expert knowledge did it require to suggest a simple expedient as increasing the amount of taxes already imposed as a means of producing a larger revenue? If Mr. Kierstead has any sense of humor at all, he must have laughed in his sleeve, and considered how in the world he was going to make a sufficient showing to earn his money. The most juvenile young lady stenographer could easily have made these valuable suggestions.

THE OLYMPIC VICTORY.

Canadians, the Dominion over, have every reason to feel proud that a team representing this country should have won the Olympic Hockey Tournament at Antwerp on Monday, defeating the representatives of all other nations, including a strong team from the United States. To the Falcon team from Winnipeg belong the honors, and they worthily upheld the credit of the country they represented. The final game was fought out with the representatives of Sweden, who were down to play the afternoon representatives last night in a contest for second honors, it appearing that under Olympic Rules second honors do not fall to the defeated team in the final, but that team is compelled to beat all the others a second time to win even second place.

Hockey may almost be described as the Canadian national game; certainly we have in this country some of the most talented exponents of it that the world possesses. In the countries of Northern Europe, where, during the winter months, ice is as plentiful as it is in this country, hockey also flourishes, and there are some pretty accomplished players to be found among the youth of those countries. It, however, a feather in the cap of Canada that her representatives could hold their own against all comers.

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the play for second honors, last night, the Swedish team, which was beaten by the Canadians on Monday, was again beaten by the American team last night. Tonight the Americans must meet the Czech team, to decide which is to be entitled to second place.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

In another column will be found a communication from an ex-teacher on the subject of teachers' pensions, and most people will, we imagine, be inclined to feel, with the writer, that the teachers are not getting quite a fair deal. There is a good deal of justice in the complaint that the Government, while not too hard up to double the indemnities of the members of the Legislature and thus incurring an annual expenditure of \$48,000, could not afford the money to double the pensions of ex-teachers. The sum of \$1,000 was not considered by the Government too much to recompense legislators for their five or six weeks' attendance in Fredericton each session, but it thinks \$400 is quite sufficient pension for an ex-teacher to live on for a whole year. Not any, or scarcely any, of these ex-teachers have other means of livelihood after they have reached the age when they are too old to teach; the salaries they received while teaching were barely enough for them to live on and made saving anything out of the question. It is a sorry condition of affairs, that, whatever else there may be money sufficient for, the Government has never had enough to do justice to the teachers. The Government presented them with its hearty sympathy, and let it go at that.

The one time of all others when a prompt and efficient telephone service is needed is when a fire is "on." With one of the worst fires St. John has known in recent years blazing away last night and early this morning, the telephone service was useless. Had the fire taken place in the telephone building, such a condition of affairs would be excusable; otherwise there is no excuse whatever. And the Telephone Company is asking for leave to increase its charges!

If the Legislature would only spread over its entire session that fever for work which it shows on the day of prorogation!

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

St. John, N. B., April 28, 1920.

The Editor The Daily Standard:

Dear Sir:—I read with much longer Premier Foster proposes to submit to the intolerable insolence of the Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief liquor inspector and others, and considerably increased many other fees. This action, we presume, is the outcome of the suggestions made by that eminent political economist, the Rev. Prof. Kierstead, who was employed to dig out some other sources of prospective revenue to help to retrieve the fortunes of the most extravagant and spendthrift government this province has ever known. What sum the reverend professor is to be paid for his valued services has not as yet appeared. His remuneration is probably covered by the additional \$500 in the item of Contingencies, Executive Council, which we notice is that amount more than was asked for and voted last year for the same purpose.

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THE EXPLOSION.

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His Mother (upstairs) Clarents!

Boy Mama?

Mother, Ahnt you finished your breakfast yet?

Boy, No mam I stut started hardly. This is only my 14th backweek cake.

Ack 3

Scene, the same.

Mother, Hey, Clarents, for mornsey cakes was are you doing down there? holding a competition with yourself to see who can eat the most, or wat?

Boy, Im almost half throo now. Im eating my 45th backweek cake already.

Ack 4

Scene, the same.

Mother, Now Clarents, this is too much, Im getting tired of this.

Boy, Im almost tired of it myself, Im eating my 92 backweek cake now.

Ack 5

Scene, the same.

Mother, My goodness, was that farse explosion? My goodness I must run down and see. My goodness, Clarents has blew up! O well it serves him rite, I always told him not to eat so much.

The End.

and we will not dispute it, but not one of those men are dependent on this \$500 for their living. All of them are men of means, lawyers, merchants, lumbermen, manufacturers, etc., with big incomes who go to Fredericton for a few weeks in the dull time of the year, where they spend a few hours each day telling "what a good boy am I" story. Possibly they will be eight or ten weeks in Fredericton and on. If they did less talking and more work they could get through in four or five weeks. That rate would make big pay for teachers who have to increase their pensions, but the money can't be found for this purpose. It is too much of a burden on the province, but to raise \$25,000 extra as an indemnity to the 46 M. L. A.'s is easy. Meanwhile teachers will get the sympathy of the Legislature, the M. L. A.'s will get the cash.

Do the people of the province realize that the teachers' pensions are as low as \$125; that they have to teach 35 years to earn this meagre sum; that women have to be 55 and men 60 before they can draw it? Generous it is not?

In conclusion let me say sincerely that the writer does not want to deprive the 46 of their hard earned money, when they can find \$25,000 to reward themselves, why not find \$3,000 extra for teachers' pensions? Thanking you Mr. Editor for your space, I am,

Yours truly,

EX-TEACHER.

April 24, 1920.

(We have taken the liberty of changing the non-descript adopted by the writer of the above, in his own interest. That which we used might afford some clue to his identity, and he would not want to lose his position.—Ed.)

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