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Ministerial Bye-Elections.

The ministerial bye-elections for the House of Commons held in St. John, N. B., and Colchester, N. S., on Monday last, resulted in a splendid vindication of the policy of the National Liberal and Conservative Government. This was the first occasion afforded the Prime Minister, Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, to test public confidence in his administration, and the answer is an admirable tribute to his ability and popularity.

In St. John, where Honorable Mr. Wigmore, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, sought reelection, the result had never been in doubt, as the opposition to him was simply factious; but in Colchester matters were quite different. This is largely a rural constituency, and the Farmers party placed a strong and popular candidate in the field. He had served with no little success as an officer in the recent great war, and was likewise a farmer. He was also supposed to have support from the labor party. The contest was a most strenuous one; organization, canvassing and public meetings were kept at fever heat by both sides during the whole campaign. But when the ballots were counted Hon. Mr. McCurdy, Minister of Public Works, had about 1,500 majority. Hon. Mr. Wigmore had over 4,000 majority over his opponent in St. John and Albert, the Liberal losing his deposit.

Mr. McKenzie King and many of his followers have had much to say about submitting the Government's policy and conduct of public affairs to the electorate for endorsement. Here was a fair chance to test the strength of the Government's position, and the opposition offered was shattered to pieces. Probably there is no constituency in Canada where the Agrarian party would have a better chance to elect their candidate than in Colchester; but the result is utter defeat. It is to be hoped this triumph of the Government will not be without its effect on our agrarian friends.

As already stated, the results of these two ministerial elections are splendid triumphs for the Government, the Prime Minister and the successful Ministers. They are, one and all, deserving of the most cordial congratulations.

Prof. Skelton On Mr. Meighen

Professor O. D. Skelton, of Queen's University, author of the "Day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier," Sir Wilfrid's official biographer, and a life-long Liberal, writing in the Queen's Quarterly on the "Conservative Leadership," pays this striking tribute to the character and ability of Premier Meighen:

"Arthur Meighen well deserved promotion as his (Borden's) successor. Canadian politics cannot be the mere game of chance and grab and favor that reckless critics paint it when capacity and character find such quick and emphatic recognition. From his first days in Parliament Arthur Meighen made it clear that he had not merely ability but courage, ambition, and industry. No member of the House excelled, if any equalled him, in exorable critical faculty, in subtle analysis

and lucid summary, and above all in the power and the willingness to dig into a question until he had become absolute master of it in every detail. Heaven help the opponent who had trusted to rhetoric and sounding assertion, and had not made sure of his facts, if he was to be followed by the remorseless debater from Portage la Prairie. True, his speeches were always the advocate's brief; never the judge's summary, but in this he differed from three out of four members only in that his brief was more convincing or at least more difficult to answer. He has already given proof of high administrative capacity. His personal integrity is beyond question. He has audacity to conceive and backbone to carry through. Canadians of all parties and of none may take pride in the fact that the man who for years to come, whether in power or in opposition, is to have high and responsible place in Ottawa will hold his own in character and capacity with the political leaders of any other of the English-speaking peoples, whether Lloyd-George, Smuts, or Wilson.

Sound Advice

Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, has long since established a reputation for moderation and common-sense. A Labor Day message which the Minister penned, however, strikes such a commendable note of sanity that The Journal herewith reproduces it in full, hoping that it may have the widest possible circulation.

Throughout the past year industrial relations in Canada have been marked by considerable unrest. And yet it is no exaggeration to say that Canada has been relatively fortunate in this respect by comparison with all the other participants in the great war. The reason is not far to seek. It lies in the moderation and common sense which is characteristic of so many Canadian employers and labor leaders in their dealings with one another. With the whole world in a state of economic turmoil and in the face of the present world-wide scarcity of the necessities of life, it would be impossible that we should escape, in some measure, the truly terrible experiences through which the nations of Europe are now passing.

No one can foretell what difficulties may confront us in the future. But whatever the future may hold in store, we shall have supreme need of all the common sense we can bring to bear on the situation, avoiding the dictates of ultra-radicalism, on the one hand and ultra-conservatism on the other, and endeavoring by calm thought and temperate discussion to reach the decision in all cases which will be the fairest to all concerned.

If this spirit controls the councils of business and labor affairs I have no doubt as to the certainty of our industrial stability in the days that lie ahead and the attainment of a reasonable measure of satisfaction all around. Amidst the babel of voices making the air hideous with confusion, such a clear call to straight thinking is refreshing. And if Canadians only heed its advice only learn to spurn the extremist and the agitator, they can face the future confident and without fear.

Cabled advices received at Ottawa say that our King has been graciously pleased to appoint the Prime Minister of Canada a member of the Imperial Privy Council. The appointment confers on Mr. Meighen the title of Right Honorable.

A Savior of Society

The case of the London Daily Herald, convicted of practically receiving \$375,000 of Bolshevik money, is an interesting one. That newspaper and its editor, Mr. Lansbury, have professed to be champions of the poor proletariat, as again greedy capitalism; they have assumed to speak in the voice of honest labor; they posed in the role of saviors of society, and they have been quoted with continuous gusto in their comments on British affairs by papers like the Ottawa Citizen which seem to consider that a useful work can be done in the world by a policy of public grouch and promotion under one guise or another of class or social reform. But it turns out that the first newspaper in the world to be convicted of being bought by capital—or about to be bought when caught in the act—is the London Daily Herald, the self-constituted champion of the virtues of the discontented elements of society, and assailant of most other classes. Let us emphasize this: to the honor of the newspaper profession be it said there never has been any previous instance recorded in the history of the world of the influence of an important newspaper being bought illicitly by mere money. This wretched thing was reserved for a journal which sought to flourish by vilification of the existing order of society in order to overturn it and establish something else in its place, the lapped brains of the controllers of the paper did not know just what, but anyway something else. The debacle is an astonishing thing, but at the same time a useful spectacle in the moral it affords to distrust both the brains and the honesty of extremists of any kind.

Mr. Lansbury endeavors to defend himself by declaring that it was another director of the Herald, then outside of England, who agreed to take the money, and Mr. Lansbury asserts that he did not know about it. We guess that if the secret had not been revealed, Mr. Lansbury would have swallowed the bribe with as much avidity as his fellow director; and he showed that he had no objection to the principle himself when after the proof of the fact, but evidently before he realized what public opinion would be, he asked the readers of the Herald to decide whether the Herald should take the money. And this, you will observe, was after having, prior to the revelation, violently denounced every body who would so much as suggest that the Herald could take Bolshevik money, and calling Mr. Lloyd George a liar because the premier of his country had intimated that something of the kind was going on.

So here you have in the case of the London Daily Herald a combination of pharisaism, hypocrisy and dishonesty, all in the name of virtue and lofty humanitarianism on the surface; but beneath the virtue and the humanitarianism, an alliance with Bolshevism. Illuminative, this of the character both of the Bolsheviks and the Lansburys, and of the likelihood that Bolshevik money is being used freely to stir up trouble everywhere in the world.—Ottawa Journal.

Pulman Berths

Hotel accommodation is not the only problem of the tourist, according to the reports of those who have travelled of late, and complaints are being made that it is impossible to book even an upper berth twenty-four hours ahead. "Nothing at all for forty-eight hours and no lowers free until Tuesday evening," stated the clerk at one of the city railway stations in answer to enquiries for berths to New York yesterday afternoon. Railway officials state that such a state of affairs at the end of the vacation season is not unusual, but admit that passenger traffic this year has been unusually heavy. The young man who has settled some distance from home now takes the opportunity of bringing his wife and kiddies for the postponed visit home, and there are many family reunions now the boys are back from overseas.

High wages have enabled some to take long journeys who never were able before to afford the luxury of travel, and this is a favorable way of spending.

Local and Other Items

Paris advices indicate that the National Assembly, which will select a successor to President Deschanel, will meet to-morrow afternoon.

The gross earnings of the C. N. R. for the week ending Sept. 14th show a \$2,372,906 increase, \$303,231 over the corresponding period a year ago.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been dissolved and a general election has been ordered. Oct. 2nd will be nomination day and polling will be a week later.

Hilton Belyea of St. John won the single scull championship of the Maritime Provinces in Court-enay Bay Monday afternoon, defeating Michael Shea, champion of the New England States by more than six lengths.

At Pemberville, Ohio, on the 14th, inst., air mail pilot Walter Stevens and mechanic Russell Thomas, both of Cleveland, were burned to death at 3 o'clock to-day when their plane caught fire at an altitude of 500 feet.

Heavy shipments of apples are being made from Halifax this season. The Furness liner Lexington, which sailed for London Saturday carries 14,000 barrels. This is the largest shipment of the season.

An earthquake shock was experienced at Comrie, County of Perth, Scotland, Monday morning of last week. The inhabitants were awakened when their beds and furniture were shaken by the shock. A dull, rumbling sound accompanied the tremor.

Property of Germans to the value thereafter of £9,000,000 is to be retained by the South African Government as a loan, repayable in 30 years. This intention of the government was announced recently in the South African House of Assembly by Premier General Smuts.

While Thomas Gray was engaged at Manilla, Ont., on the 15th inst. in cleaning out a well, in some unaccountable way a hook became unfastened allowing a heavily laden bucket to fall 35 feet back into the well, fracturing Gray's skull and killing him instantly. He is survived by a wife and family.

A London despatch of the 15th says: Another Dickens landmark is to be destroyed, the house where Bill Sikes met his death, as described in "Oliver Twist." It stands in a court on Jacob's Island, Bermondsey, and is being used now as a stable. The house was identified by the finding of some old plans of Bermondsey dated 1855, on one of which was marked "Bill Sikes' house."

The new Government of Mexico has placed an order with the Prince Rupert Drydock Co., for the construction of 37 ships, mostly oil tankers. The contracts have been placed into the hands of the Canadian Minister of Marine for endorsement, the Company applying for the Government guarantee on such orders as provided for in the aid to shipping legislation passed at last session of Parliament.

The direct exchange of parcel mails between Canada and France, which was interrupted during the war, owing to the lack of a regular steamship service, has now been resumed. The service from France to Canada will be performed by steamers of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., sailing direct to Havre. The first direct despatch will be made by the steamship Scotian, scheduled to sail from Montreal on October 24.

J. A. Mackelvie, editor of the Vermont, B. C. News, at a convention representing Yale federal constituency was chosen as the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the riding. Hon. Martin Burrell was the former member. The United Farmers will meet at Vernon Sept. 24th to consider placing a candidate in the field, and a soldier candidate is also spoken of. The Labor party has offered the nomination to Tom Richardson, former Labor member for White Haven, England.

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