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Ignoring Plain Facts.

The Brandon Sun makes the charge that the King government has done nothing toward effecting economy. It also says: "One of the promises of the last election which has never even been considered was economy in government administration."

During the heat of a federal election it is possible to make allowance for some forms of exaggeration, but when exaggeration blinks at facts and stumbles over figures that it will not recognize it is time to call a halt. The statement of the Brandon Sun is as false as any could be, and as intentionally misleading as it would be possible to imagine.

On April 30, 1925, the number of employees in the civil service was 38,062. The following table shows how the size of the service grew in recent years, and how it is being reduced by the King government.

1913-14	29,135	1918-19	43,492
1914-15	31,748	1919-20	50,307
1915-16	32,721	1920-21	41,641
1916-17	35,611	1921-22	41,094
1917-18	43,378	Jan. 1, 1924	38,062

There is a straight reduction there of 3,032, with an annual saving of \$2,750,000 per year over the condition with which the government was confronted when it took office.

In the department of national defence the number of employees in 1922 and 1925 is as follows:

1922	4,396
1925	4,293

DECREASE 663

In the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the records show this:

1921, December 31	1,676
1924, December 31	986

DECREASE 690

The expense of this department shown on the same basis is:

1921-22	\$3,527,579
1924-25	1,999,872

DECREASE \$1,527,699

So in these three departments, where the Brandon Sun charges that promises of economy have never even been considered, there have been the following reductions in personnel since the advent of the King government:

Civil service	3,032
National defence	663
Mounted police	690

TOTAL DECREASE 4,385

As a result of these reductions the people have to pay less for these services to the following extent than they did when the King government took office:

Civil service	\$2,750,000
National defence	750,000
Mounted police	1,527,698

TOTAL DECREASE \$5,027,698

But that is not the field in which the greatest reduction of expenditure has been registered. The figures quoted here are taken from official documents, and give the total disbursements for the year 1921-22, when Mr. Meighen and his associates framed the fiscal policy, as compared with the record of the King government:

1921-22, Meighen	\$484,000,000
1922-23, King	434,000,000
1923-24, King	376,000,000
1924-25, King	350,000,000

The decrease in 1924-25 from 1921-22 is \$114,000,000. Placing this debt on a per capita basis it means that the Canadian people have been taxed as follows:

1922	\$51.77
1923	47.50
1924	39.36
1925	37.51

The prime minister, speaking in the commons on April 30, 1925 (Hansard report), said:

"In other words, the per capita pressure of taxation is one-fourth less this year than it was under the preceding administration; or if I may put the matter in another way, for every dollar the Canadian paid in taxation in 1921, when my hon. friend was in office, he is paying today 75 cents. The present government is collecting in 1925 about \$75,000,000 less in taxation than 1921."

There is nothing private about these figures. They are all public records produced on the floor of the house at Ottawa, and as such were available to the Brandon Sun or any other paper. Figures such as those quoted above are stubborn things to overcome, and the Brandon paper's desire to ignore them is evidence that it is putting up a blind fight in a hopeless cause.

United States Is Right.

United States Secretary of State Kellogg has asked the American consul in London to cancel the passport he issued to Shapurji Saklatvala, communist member of the British parliament, who had intended visiting United States. After securing his passport Saklatvala commenced to talk, and the point of his remarks was that he intended to carry on propaganda for communism and revolution in United States. United States was willing to allow him to enter the country, but it objected to him taking freedom of license, and there is nothing wrong with such a course. The cry has already been raised that free speech has been endangered, but the greatest menace to free speech, free institutions and freedom itself comes from the propaganda Saklatvala preaches. If he were seeking to convert Britain or United States to communism, and

doing it by constitutional means, there could be no objection. If he sought to create public opinion to elect candidates to parliament in sufficient numbers to give effect to communism, that would still be legal.

But Saklatvala and all his ilk preach revolution; they urge people to prepare, organize and be ready for the day when they will use force to upset present parliamentary institutions, break down our social customs and take possession of industry. That is plain, unadulterated revolution, and just as formidable a challenge to the authority of the state as though a foreign invader bombarded the coast to make way for the landing of an invading army.

United States is justified in closing its gates to one who, under guise of a government passport, seeks to create a condition that would challenge the government's authority to rule the country.

Something Left Over.

"For Sale." Such is the sign on Headley, the London home of the late Sir Adam Beck. There is no good reason why such an announcement should not be made, for it is simply carrying out the process of winding up an estate. Yet it strikes the passer-by as just a little more important than such a sign on other property.

Pedestrians cross the road to look at it; drivers slow up a little to see what it says. Headley was and is a notable home, well kept always, a place which Londoners pointed out to visitors. It means that the home of the late Sir Adam will pass into other hands; his personal possessions will become the property of those to whom they were bequeathed. It is well to have lived and wrought so that when this inevitable process of distribution has run its course there shall remain something on which no "For Sale" sign shall make its appearance.

Sir Adam left such legacies. During his life he had developed for the people of Ontario a far vaster estate than he built for himself. The great hydro-electric enterprise remains—it is solvent and profitable, and has within it the genius for further expansion. The Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Byron is carrying on its work as it did when Sir Adam was present. Yes, it is well worth having lived to be able to pass on tangible and intangible evidence of one's existence after the mills of legal procedure have ground their grist.

Help This Work Along.

The effort being made by the London chamber of commerce in conjunction with other cities on the Windsor to Niagara highway to sell American tourists the idea of "Ontario in October" is a good stroke of business. The tourist traffic has brought millions of American money to Canada this season that would not have found its way here in any other manner. Proper publicity will do much to extending this season and keeping the flow of money in this direction.

"October in Ontario" is a happy description of a glorious season. It tells of days with a sharp tang of invigorating air, of a riot of glorious coloring in the trees. Hotel and tourist accommodation is not so crowded as in the summer, nor is traffic so dense. Ontario has something worth while to offer. Londoners can help in this plan by sending to the chambers of commerce names of U.S. residents to whom descriptive literature can be forwarded.

Note and Comment.

The law of averages will see to it that as the weather grows cooler the political campaign will get hotter.

Florida literature says "When you come to Florida keep your eyes open." The real estate gentry will look after your pockets.

In many banks target practice is now part of the day's work. So beware the hand that deftly tosses out the money, for it can do a nasty job with a sawed-off shotgun.

An elephant went on the rampage in Arkansas, seized a car that tried to pass it, turned it over and sat on it. A good many people have felt like doing the same thing.

Kingston had to call off the horse races because it rained so hard on fair day, but the directors received \$1,000 rain insurance, which will be listed in the treasurer's books with the liquid assets.

A government milk tester near Bright was mistaken for a murderer whom the police are seeking. The government should protect such employees by providing them with a coat-of-arms, the central figure in which would be a brindle cow.

Among the big events of the day comes the announcement that two Toronto men, after long study, research work carried on abroad, endless thought and intensive application, have discovered a new method of putting a permanent wave in ladies' hair.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, when in London, made the statement that only one Liberal would be returned in Ontario west of Toronto. At a meeting in Lindsay yesterday he predicted that "King and his party would be completely annihilated on October 29." And it was the same Mr. Guthrie who predicted that the Liberals would sweep the country in 1911.

Recent trips to the far north in aeroplane and steamer have been failures. The idea of a man on foot tramping over that far Arctic region looks more hopeless still, but it is being done by Major T. L. Burwash, who is making a one-man trip over the whole northern coast line to determine what natural resources are there. For months he will be lost to the world, and hopes at best to reach the northwest coast line of Hudson Bay next fall, and there find a Hudson Bay Company steamer bound for Montreal. Walking, the primitive method of locomotion, will probably succeed where more modern usages would fail.

Greetings To Him

'Tis good to meet a wholesome jay who looks you squarely in the eye and tells you of the things he holds, likewise explains the how and why.

A neighbor stopped me yesterday and said he was an independent now, he'd quit his politics for good, he didn't care who won or how. He'd risen to a broader field where he would stand aloof and pure, some other folks could save the land, prescribing any kind of cure.

You've met with chaps the same as that, you've heard them speak their little piece, they'd let the business run itself or sell to the king of Greece.

They reckon how that politics it is a slimy game to play, and so they'll turn their thoughts about to planting Cobblers spuds next May. There may be something in their view of campin' on a lofty hill, but if they don't concern themselves, it's certain sure that others will.

If all would pull their garments in and cry out politics unclean, the chance of good and honest laws would grow at once alarmingly lean.

For it would open up the gate for crooks to prey upon the land, and crook their finger after while to call another robber band.

It's pleasant now to meet a chap who holla a bit and bubbles hot, who's got a notion in his head if you agree with it or not. But he's convinced that this is right, he's certain sure how that is wrong, and so he thumps upon your desk and trumpets out his little song.

I like to hear a jay like that, I'll gladly shake his horny palm, and whack him joyful on the back and greet him as a fellowman. It's good to meet with such a chap who looks you squarely in the eye, and stands upon his own hind legs to holler what he thinks and why.—ARK.

25 Years Ago Today

(From The Advertiser, Sept. 18, 1900)

Richard Croker, New York, bets \$100,000 that William Jennings Bryan will be the next president of the United States. Many others are following in his footsteps and placing money on the Democratic candidate.

Editorial paragraph: "Big Wind" is the title by which Sir Charles Tupper is known to the Indians.

Dr. Tremblay is appointed professor of English literature and history at Western university. His appointment is most popular. His father, W. N. Tremblay, Q.C., resides at Montreal. Sir Richard Cartwright arrives in London to speak at big political gathering in the Grand Opera house. He is the guest of Mr. C. S. Hyman.

The cement walks about the Normal school have been laid.

A firm of Hamilton lawyers has written to City Engineer Graydon asking him what action he took to secure a cessation of undue noises on the street railway here. The Hamilton lawyers are after the Hamilton railway.

Six carloads of livestock went from the Western Fair here to the Southern Fair at Brantford.

W. E. Saunders complained to the water commissioners regarding the presence of poison ivy at Springbank park. The commissioners promised to have it removed.

City council, with Mayor Rumball presiding, decided to try filtration scheme for disposal of city sewage.

Ald. Barnard and Ald. Brener asked the council for information as to the rights of the street railway company to shut cars into Thames street and withdraw cars from Horton street line when the Western Fair was in progress, without the permission of the council.

Mr. Harry Stewart, the popular wine clerk at the City hotel, narrowly escaped serious injury when he was struck by a street car yesterday.

Editorial Opinion

YES WE WILL—NO WE WON'T.

(From the Brantford Expositor)

A TOURIST party which has just gone over the route of the Hudson Bay railroad found it to be in rather a rickety condition, particularly the last 100 miles, where practically nothing has been done to save the line, and it is going from bad to worse. From a total investment of \$20,000,000, almost nothing has been gleaned. Apparently the question which now confronts the country is whether to lose this huge sum, or go on to a finish and possibly lose a good deal more. It is an awkward dilemma, and one regarding which neither of the party leaders seems disposed to talk very much for fear of wounding western sensibilities.

REGULATING ALIENISTS.

(From the Madison Courier)

THE scandalous situation caused by the employment of alienists in murder cases has been taken notice of by the American Bar Association.

Leading lawyers and judges agree that if it is not downright dishonest, it is contrary to public policy, to allow prosecution and defence to hire rival corps of alienists to give conflicting testimony in court. In the last few years there have been many obvious miscarriages of justice due to these battles of alienists. Wherefore the bar association put itself on record, at its recent convention, as in favor of legislation that would forbid the testimony of alienists in criminal cases except when they are appointed by the court and receive "ordinary and reasonable compensation," paid by the state.

This is mere common sense. The sooner it is recognized by state legislatures, and turned into appropriate legislation, the better it will be for American justice.

REVIVING AN OLD STORY.

(From the Kitchener Record)

MR. E. M. TROWERN, former secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, again voices an old canard which was exploded long ago. He says he is informed that it costs 62½ per cent to collect the income tax.

Last session, Mr. R. W. Broadner, the head of the income tax department, issued a detailed statement showing that the expense of collecting the tax ranged between 2 and 3 per cent.

As a matter of fact, most of the income tax offices are undermanned and many of the employees are miserably underpaid.

THEN THE AGE.

Teacher—"Keep on counting, Charles. Now, what comes after seven?"

Charles—"Seven, eight, nine ten—ten—"

Teacher—"Yes, what comes after ten?"

Charles—"Jack, Queen and King."

ONTARIO'S APPLE CROP IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Growers Confer With Government For Assistance in Marketing.

PLANS CONSIDERED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Sept. 17.—Representative fruit growers of the province today conferred with Premier G. Howard Ferguson and Hon. John S. Martin, minister of agriculture, on the marketing of the greatest apple crop in the history of Ontario. The conference was upon the invitation of the government, which is prepared this year to assist the apple growers to dispose of their crops to the best advantage.

Plans of marketing assistance are under consideration.

The crop this year in Ontario is remarkable both for quantity and quality. It is favored, too, from a marketing standpoint, by the fact that the British Columbia crop is largely a failure, and the Nova Scotia crop rather below its usual standard.

The government's assistance in marketing will be largely one of propaganda through its London office, paying the way over overseas for a favorable reception of the fruit. A campaign will also be waged in this province to induce its citizens to eat their own apples.

Grain Is Placed At 390,000,000

Canadian Press Despatch.

Edmonton, Sept. 17.—An estimate of between 380,000,000 and 390,000,000 bushels of Canada's grain crop this year was made by President E. W. Beatty of the C.P.R., who is visiting the city today, in an interview with the Journal. His estimate was made as the result of re-surveys by the company's crop correspondents.

SASKATCHEWAN TO RUN COARSE GRAIN POOLS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sept. 17.—Decision to operate the Saskatchewan coarse grain pools was reached at a meeting of the directors of the Saskatchewan wheat pool in the Regina headquarters yesterday.

The new pools cover oats, barley, flax and— and the initial payment on these grains will be: Oats, 2 c.w., 34 cents; barley, 3 c.w., 50 cents; rye, 2 c.w., 70 cents; flax, 1 c.w., \$1.50.

LABOR ADVOCATES LEVY ON CAPITAL

Candidates Will Be Asked To Subscribe To Winnipeg Platform.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Sept. 17.—A capital levy for the extinction of the war debt, nationalization of the Canadian banking system, abolition of the senate, and removal of taxes from the necessities of life are among the planks to which Labor candidates contesting the federal election will be asked to subscribe. The manifesto was drawn up by the Manitoba branch of the Independent Labor party, and has been endorsed by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre Winnipeg in the last federal parliament.

HOLIDAY IN CANADA'S MOUNTAIN PLAYGROUNDS

The glories of Jasper National Park cannot be overdone. This mighty playground of 4,400 square miles offers more to do and greater sights to see than any similar area in the world. It is a scenic paradise unspoiled by the hand of man, with colossal mountains, evergreen slopes, flower-strewn passes, mirror-like heights and torrential rivers.

Excellent accommodation for the tourist is provided at Jasper Park Lodge. Rustic in design, beautifully appointed with broad verandas and high-class cuisine, this delightful and thoroughly modern resort accommodates 350 persons. Rates, \$6.00 per day up, American plan. In the fresh mountain air of Jasper, one takes special zest in hiking, riding, golfing, playing tennis or enjoying the delightful motor trips to nearby glaciers, lakes and waterfalls.

The transcontinental trains of the Canadian National leave Toronto daily for Western Canada. They are all steel and equipped for the luxurious comfort of the tourist.

Any Canadian National agent will furnish illustrated booklets, tourist rates and such information as will help you to plan your trip to the great vacation playground of the west.

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