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STUMP ORATORY VS. STATESMANSHIP

When Mr. Mackenzie King spoke at the Imperial Theatre a few weeks ago, it was generally admitted that he made a fair campaign speech, flowery and flamboyant and all that sort of thing, that takes very well with and sounds convincing enough to, an audience that knows no better, but which has really "nothing to it," as the saying is. That sort of thing is very much in Mr. King's line; he has a very good command of language, and so talks well, but that is not quite all that the people want in a man who aspires to be Prime Minister of Canada. To be able to talk well is no doubt a useful accomplishment, but Canada wants a man who can do things, not merely talk about them, at the head of affairs.

Mr. King has been making quite a lot of speeches in different parts of the country since he spoke here, but he seems never to have succeeded in getting out of the rut he was wallowing in while here. People who have been looking for some pronouncement respecting any constructive policies he might have had in mind, have looked in vain, for none have been forthcoming.

For instance, he has talked a lot about the tariff, but with all his talking, has any one ever been able to understand, or even find out, what his tariff policy really is, or what he will do about it should he ever become Leader of the Government? He has talked Free Trade in some parts of Canada, Tariff for Revenue in others, moderate Protection in yet others again. The Liberal party has a definite platform which it is pledged to carry out if ever returned to power; but Mr. King now says he regards this merely as a chart of general directions, and whatever policy he might adopt would be along lines suggested by his advisers. Those of the latter who have most influence with him therefore may be expected to dictate what he shall do. In view of the fact that hardly any two of his chief supporters think alike either on the tariff or any other public question, their advice is likely to be somewhat variegated in character.

Then again there is the railway question, regarding which the platform is silent. Mr. King himself says that public ownership should be given a fair trial; the Toronto Globe endorses this view. On the other hand, Sir Lomer Gouin and most other prominent Quebec Liberals, are dead against public ownership, and would turn the National Railways over to the C. P. R. for operation if they had their way.

Then again there is the Mercantile Marine, in regard to which there has no policy except one of adverse criticism. Yet in 1919 the Liberal Convention condemned the Government for not providing more Canadian tonnage, and as soon as it did provide this extra tonnage, Mr. King and his friends condemn the Government even more strongly than they did before, for doing so. Some of the Liberal party supporters are advising that this mercantile marine be sold to private interests, even if it has to be done at a financial loss.

Another question which must necessarily take a prominent place in public affairs for the next few years at any rate, is that of the returned soldiers. When asked his views on this subject, all Mr. King can be got to say is that he would advise the appointment of a Parliamentary Committee to look into it. Is he so ignorant that he does not know that there has been a standing Parliamentary Committee on this subject for the last four years, which has dealt very fully with soldier matters and all its recommendations have been accepted without question by the House?

And so it is with everything else; Mr. King has not a single, solitary constructive policy on any subject. He is a fluent chatterer, and a versatile critic, but he has shown no sign of statesmanship, not even of an elementary type. Is this the sort of man Canadians want to see at the head of their Government? We should say not.

WHERE WILL THE REVENUE COME FROM?

It is just as well for the electors to bear in mind that if by any mischance the Meighen Government should not be sustained—and Sir John Macdonald declared that an election was as uncertain as a horse-race—the Government that will take its place will be a combination of the King-Crerar parties, with Mr. Crerar in command, because the support of his faction will be needed to provide the Liberal party with a majority sufficiently big to enable it to carry on.

Mr. Crerar is an avowed Free Trader, and when confronted with the question as to how he would make up the loss in the revenue which would be sustained if any considerable reduction were to be made in the present tariff duties, protests that he would make up this loss by economy and other taxes. What kind of taxes? Whom would he tax, and how? Could he increase the Income Tax, now as high as any similar tax anywhere? Could he restore the Corporation Tax? Could he increase the Corporation Tax? He knows that he could do none of these things.

Nor could he economize more than is being done. He could not, for example, economize on the national debt. He could not economize on pensions. Nor on re-establishment. Nor on land settlement. Nor on the fixed charges on our railways. He could not, in truth, take last year's estimates and eliminate ten million dollars from them. Nor even five.

No. Mr. Crerar, with all the new taxation that he could possibly devise—and there is a limit to taxation in a country such as Canada—could not make up one-fourth of the revenue he would destroy. Deficits, deficits of tens of millions, deficits which would run this country into financial chaos, if not into financial ruin, would be the only result.

Can the Canadian people, with heads just above the financial waters, risk such a peril? Can they afford to gamble with a party motivated by visionaries, and with a policy that would inevitably bring ruin? Can they afford to abandon a well-tested course for a tack in the night over an uncharted sea?

This, after all, is the one great, vital, transcendent issue of this campaign. It is the one solemn consideration which should govern the electors when they mark their ballots on December 6th.

Remember, it is not alone Big Business that would suffer from a policy of Free Trade. The whole country would share in the loss. The small merchant, the small manufacturer, the corner store, the modest business man, the professional man, the farmer and the laborer—all would go down in the smash. The catastrophe that faddists and visionaries and fanatics have visited upon North Dakota would be ours; Canadians would become hewers of wood and drawers of water, for the rich, protected United States.

THE MISREPRESENTATIONS OF THE GLOBE

The Globe is doing its best to fix on the Government the blame for the traffic going to Portland to the same extent this year as it did in the past. It knows that the Liberal Government is responsible for the present state of affairs, and tries to draw a red herring across the trail, by yelling Portland! Portland! The Telegraph knows the truth of the matter. It cannot forget the election of 1904.

The Hon. Mr. Baxter in his speech at Carleton last night gave a clear and correct statement of the situation. The Grand Trunk today is operated by a Committee of Management consisting of five persons, two appointed by the Grand Trunk, two by the Government, and these four have chosen a fifth. This committee is to act until the ownership of the Grand Trunk is vested in the Government. In the meantime they are trustees, and must operate the road as such, while carefully safeguarding the Governments' interests under the award. The Globe says the word trustee is purely a legal term. Legal terms in this country are binding. They are not mere scraps of paper. The draughtsmanship of the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific was found to be so faulty that it cost the present Government \$5,000,000 to implement to pay the amount the G. T. P. received from the sale of its first mortgage bonds. This was a "legal" agreement effected by the Laurier Government. Somebody said that if you throw enough mud, some is bound to stick. This seems to be the Globe's attitude in this case. To the people of St. John, Portland has been, and rightly so, like a red rag to a bull. Laurier is responsible for this more than any other man in Canada. Laurier made Portland. As a G. Blair and the Telegraph predicted in 1904. The Meighen Government is trying to right the wrong done to St. John in 1903. As soon as the Meighen Government straightens out the railways mess left to it by the blunders of the Liberal Government, St. John and Halifax will come into their own, and not until then.

The death of Lord Mount Stephen yesterday removes a man who spent the most active part of his life in helping forward the development of this country. To his efforts, in conjunction with those of the late Lord Strathcona and Mr. James J. Hill, Canada is largely indebted for the existence of the C. P. R., the railway which opened up half a continent to civilization. Born in Scotland in humble circumstances, on coming to this country when a young man, he speedily showed that aptitude for business which leads to success, a goal which he duly reached, while still in the prime of life. Besides the C. P. R., he was closely connected with the Bank of Montreal, with both of which institutions his name will ever be linked.

Fredericton Cleaner:—"According to the St. John morning organ of the defunct Liberal party, 'Dr. Eroderick and Mr. McLellan, the Liberal' candidates, were given a great reception at Fairville. But is this beyond expectation? Was it 'not to be expected?'"



Notes by The Office Boy

The efforts being used to prove that Paris was not in St. John on the day little Sadie Maahay was done to death, reminds me of another alibi story I know heard. In that case a colored individual was asked if he knew the meaning of the word alibi. That he came pretty near knowing may be seen by his answer, which was: "Dat's provin' you was prayin' most in whar you wasn't, in order to show dat you wasn't at the crap game whar you was."

Within four months now Babe Ruth will have to begin bating out home runs against another prosperous vaudeville season.

A wife has been fined \$5 for whipping her husband on the street. Another example of the fact that the places for a woman's activities is in the home.

One of our chaps who hasn't long been married, started in to smoke. He showed his wife what he could do. However she asked him to stop smoking 'for my sake.' The only answer she could get from him was that he was not smoking 'for her sake' at all.

Pop asked one of the city pastors about how many members he had in his church. 'About 1000,' said the pastor, '200 who attend the services and 800 who don't.'

The girl across the way says its easy enough to believe that there is a shortage of men, when you are what some girls get tied up to.

Uncle Dick showed me a photo of one of his 'nieces' yesterday and asked me if I wanted a sweetheart. She was a snap-up sort of a girl, about 16 I should say, and was sitting on horseback, looking fine. And then the mean thing wouldn't give me her name and address!

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Chance for the Reds.
(Hamilton Herald.)
The Soviet Government at Moscow has issued an appeal for financial aid to the workers of the world. It wants a hundred million dollars. Now is the chance for our local Reds to show their sincerity by chipping in and helping the crippled Soviet machine to run.

Our Fame Abroad.
(Hamilton Herald.)
Dave Loughnan, Progressive candidate in Ottawa, is having rather hard luck with his election sensations. Flayed by the inbred aroused by the discovery of his friendillard that the Roridan Company had paid its taxes with promissory notes, Mr. Loughnan began digging for something rich in the way of tax scandals and unearthed what he thought were two prizes. Prompely he revealed what he had discovered. The Cookshut Plow Company had given promissory notes to the amount of over \$700,000 for its taxes, and the Steel Company of Canada had done the same to the extent of a million. But, alas for Dave's hopes of glory and reward! sharply and promptly come denials from the managers of both these corporations. They assert that they have paid their taxes to the Government in cash. David must start digging again.

A Pertinent Enquiry.
(Edmonton Journal.)
Mr. Crerar is still trying to convince his auditors that they should pay no attention to the proceedings that were taken in connection with the grain commission simply because, as he alleges, the commission was instituted from political motives. Take the following from the report of his address at Basswood, Manitoba:
Mr. Crerar said that the injunction of the grain enquiry commission had only been brought about when it seemed to become evident that its purposes were merely political. The United Grain Growers, with their \$6,000 shareholders, did not intend to become the political football of a discredited party.

What would be thought of the president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association if, after that body had been similarly accused, he used Mr. Crerar's language? Would not the average elector have replied to him that it was for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to clear itself regardless of the motives of its accusers?

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Wise Lad.
Mr. Jones saw a small boy carrying a big bundle of newspapers under his arm. He felt sorry for the youngster, and said, "Don't all those papers make you tired, my lad?" "No," replied the lad; "I don't read them."

Room For One More.
Harold ran back from the lion in the museum. "Don't be afraid, dear," grandmother said; "that lion is stuffed."

A BIT OF VERSE

THE TRAIL THAT IS ALWAYS NEW.

There's a whisper down the field where the year has shot her yield,
And the ricks stand grey to the sun, Singing: 'Over then, come over, for the bee has quit the clover,
And your English summer's done.' You have heard the beat of the off-shore wind,
And the thrush of the deep-sea rain; You have heard the song—how long, how long,
Pull out on the trail again!

Ha! done with the tents of Shem, dear lass,
We've seen the seasons through, And it's time to turn on the old trail, Our own trail, the out trail,
Pull out, pull out, on the long trail, The trail that is always new.
It's north you may run to the time-ringed sun,
Or south to the blind Horn's haze,
Or east all the way into Mississippi Bay,
Or west to the Golden Gate.
When the blunder bluffs hold good, good, dear lass,
And the wildest tales are true, And the men bulk big on the old trail, our own trail, the out trail,
And life runs large on the long trail, the trail that is always new.

Fly forward, O my heart, from the foreland to the start—
We're steaming all too slow, And it's twenty thousand mile to our little lazy isle,
Where the trumpet orchids blow! You have heard the call of the off-shore wind,
And voice of the deep-sea rain, You have heard the song—how long—how long?
Pull out on the trail again!
—Rudyard Kipling.

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