

THAT ALNWICK RAILWAY

The Chatham World has the following to say, in the issue of the 9th:—

An Alnwick subscriber wants to know if, remembering the fact that Mr. Morrissy got the bridge for Newcastle, at a cost of half a million dollars, it would not be wise to vote for him and see if he wouldn't get the Alnwick railway built.

Mr. Morrissy might have built the railway for Alnwick instead of the bridge for Newcastle, but chose the latter. He was Minister of Public Works and could incur any indebtedness for such purposes. The Newcastle-Tracadie railway was chartered, it was authorized by law, and the half million that was spent on the bridge, might have been spent on it.

Mr. Morrissy was Minister of Public Works and could build what he liked. He liked to build the bridge and did so.

But Mr. Morrissy will not be Minister of Public Works nor anything else in the Government of Canada if he should be elected, and will have no power to build either bridges or railways, nor will he have any influence with the Government. Mr. Meighen is Premier, and will be Premier for the next five years, and Mr. Baxter is his New Brunswick colleague, and Mr. Morrissy will have no influence whatever if he should be in parliament.

But Mr. McCurdy, if elected, will have much influence with the Government. Mr. Baxter will listen when he presses for the Alnwick railway, Mr. McCurdy's brother the Minister of Public

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So if the politics of Alnwick is the railway, as our correspondent states, the parish will vote solid for McCurdy.

WHO IS THE FRIEND OF LABOR?

Mr. Calvin Lawrence, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, and one of the best known labor leaders in Canada has been appointed by the Government as a member of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

This is in line with the Government's policy, maintained from its inception, to give Labor its rightful share in the government of the country.

No other Ministry since Confederation has gone as far in this direction. In fifteen years, for example, the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier failed to appoint a single representative of Labor to any important administrative post in the country. Even at a time when Mr. Mackenzie King was in the Laurier Ministry, and despite that gentleman's professions of friendship for the working classes, Labor was completely ignored in the selection of administrative heads.

Sir Robert Borden effected a change. He was the first Canadian statesman to realize that Labor must have its share in the realm of government; and he carried his realization into effect by calling to his cabinet the Hon. Gideon Robertson the first leader of Labor to enter a Canadian Government. His policy has been maintained by Mr. Meighen.

Under the circumstances, which leader in this fight is Labor going to stand by?

Mr. Mackenzie King, who ignored Labor when in office, and whose strike-breaking activities for Rockefeller were denounced by Labor's representative on the

United States Board?

OR
Mr. T. A. Crerar, opposed to the eight hour day, to old age pensions and unemployment insurance?

OR
Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who has always believed in Labor being given its legitimate share in the government of the country, and who once more gives practical demonstration of his belief by the appointment of Mr. Lawrence to one of the highest administrative posts in the country?

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HONESTY AND DECENCY IN PUBLIC LIFE

At this crisis in the country's history, it is pitiful to hear some men express the cynical view that, although Crerar and King talk Free Trade and lower Tariff, they would not put either in operation if they got into office. There could be no more dangerous talk than that. It strikes at the roots of honesty and decency in public life; it amounts to a denial of principle in politics; it is an acceptance of the detestable doctrine of bluff. The question we ask seriously is: if public men are not to be taken at their face value are not to be judged by their public utterances and the platforms solemnly adopted at representative conventions of the parties they lead how in the name of heaven can people arrive at proper conclusion?

Men who laugh and say politics is only a game and politicians do not mean what they say, are not worthy citizens. They would not take the same attitude in their business relationships. Why then do they laugh and sneer about politics, particularly when the issues at stake so greatly affect the whole business interests of the country? The sooner that sort of loose talk,—which we strongly suspect springs from inability, sloth or inertia—is frowned upon, the better for the country as a whole and for all political parties. There is only one true gauge by which to test political leaders, and that is by the mandate given to them by their parties. Their public utterances should clarify, but not qualify. It is not Mr. Crerar or Mr. King who is on trial; it is the Party and the Party principles of each as laid down in the Party Platforms, that are before the public for judgment.

When McCurdy takes hold, you can't shake him off. This is the kind of representative Northumberland wants a Ottawa.

The Meighen Government and the Returned Soldier

The Meighen Government has not been remiss in its duty to the gallant men who sacrificed so much for the cause of liberty. No other country has dealt so generously with its returned men and with the dependants of those who lost their lives on active service.

Problems of re-establishment were varied and complex. The Government had on the signing of the armistice the duty of returning from overseas nearly 275,000 men and previous to the fateful November 11, 1918, sixty-five thousand of all ranks had been returned. A total of 338,000 were repatriated. There were as well many thousands who had not yet gone overseas, but who were in the army and who were under the necessity of finding their way back into civilian employment.

What became of all these? A few figures are enlightening.

SOLDIER LAND SETTLEMENT (July 31, 1921)	
Number of applications from returned soldiers....	60,827
Number accepted as qualified to farm.....	43,765
Number settled on land.....	26,701
Amount of financial assistance granted.....	\$84,727,243

SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT (December, 1920)	
Number of men treated in hospitals.....	108,061
Number of men passed for vocational training....	50,521
Number of men placed in employment.....	109,493
Cost of re-establishment services.....	\$102,000,000

PENSIONS (December, 1920)	
Number of pensions in force.....	73,620
Amount of pensions paid to end of 1920.....	\$81,659,636
Liability for current year.....	\$33,000,000
Number of individuals benefiting.....	127,997

WAR SERVICE GRATUITIES (December, 1920)	
Total amount paid.....	\$164,000,000
RETURNED SOLDIERS' INSURANCE (August 31, 1921)	
Amount in force.....	\$13,377,500
Death claims.....	379,000
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (June 30, 1921)	
Returned soldiers placed in Civil Service positions.....	31,333
DEPENDENTS RETURNED	
Number of dependents returned from overseas....	47,000
Cost approximately.....	2,295,500
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF CANADA (December, 1920)	
Number of Placements Effected.....	600,000
Placements in Casual Employment (additional).....	100,000

These figures are convincing and must give pause to those who are quick to criticize any isolated instances of what appear to be neglect or injustice.

What reason have returned men to think that they will receive better treatment at the hands of MacKenzie King, enemy of conscription and leader of the Liberal Party, by virtue of that enmity? He can obtain power only by means of the same "solid Quebec bloc." Have the soldiers who looked to Meighen for their support during the war thought of that? Can they expect anything more of the Farmers' Party?

Meighen Filled the Ranks--King Would Have Thinned Them