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MR. BORDEN'S NAVAL POLICY.

The naval policy of Mr. Borden is being most heartily endorsed in every section of the Empire as furnishing a satisfactory solution to the best means of contributing to the defence of the Empire. It is also being highly praised in the United States newspapers where the importance of such a step to purely American interests is by no means overlooked. Even the Liberals in the House have no complaint to make, only that Mr. Borden should have offered to maintain the ships after they were built and go right along immediately with the construction of a Canadian navy at the same time. The development of the sentiment of loyalty these days is truly remarkable, particularly in some quarters, where it was never before suspected.

Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition in the British House of Commons, made a query yesterday which brought the following remarks from Premier Asquith, which were received with marked enthusiasm by the members present. "The Government," said the Premier, "fully recognized that it is both the desire and the duty of the House of Commons to give formal and authoritative expression to the universal feeling of warm appreciation and heartfelt gratitude which has been aroused in the Mother Country by the splendid patriotism and liberality displayed by her fellow-citizens and fellow-subjects in the Overseas Dominions. The Government, however, thinks it would be proper and only respectful to the Canadian people to defer taking such action until Premier Borden's proposal shall have come under consideration and discussion in the Canadian Parliament."

POLITICAL TEMPERANCE.

There are apparently many men who find the discussion of moral issues, such as temperance, a convenient means of rendering service to a political party. There was an example of this in the Kings County election in June last. It was believed that unless the Government candidates in that county—one of whom was a member of the Government—made a pronouncement in favor of prohibition they would have difficulty in being elected. How far this idea was correct is a matter of no moment. All that is necessary to say is that there were men supposedly engaged in the moral uplift of their brethren who thought so. Some of these had disagreed with the Premier on the matter of appointments in connection with the enforcement of the Liquor License Act. Later an organization, with which these same people are connected, sent out a circular letter asking candidates what action they would take if they were called upon as members of the Legislature to vote on the question of prohibition. No one will take serious objection to the sending out of such a circular, though many may believe that the members of the Local Legislature will be called upon to decide more important issues than prohibition, and that there are other qualifications to consider in choosing a representative than his views on this question. But when they were doing it the organization should have sent the circular to all. They claimed they did, but they have not yet been able to satisfy public opinion that in mailing the circulars to the Kings County candidates they deliberately held back those addressed to the Government candidates to give an opportunity to denounce them as anti-prohibitionists at Sunday evening meetings held in different parts of the county. It was a very nice little plot indeed, but it failed. Because the Premier refused to be taken by the throat and make improper appointments to important positions was the real reason for an act that would be discreditable to the meanest war heeler. Yet it was the means employed by some, at least, of those who profess to be supporters of a great moral movement, but whose general conduct is more that of notorious scoundrels trying to make capital for themselves at the expense of others.

Apparently the failure to secure the appointments sought in St. John, and to defeat the Government candidates in Kings County, have caused these gentlemen to exert themselves in other directions in their efforts to injure the Government. The recent attacks on Premier Fleming at Moncton because an official, after investigation, was dismissed from office, and the wild and untruthful statements that have been made by some of the creators who have discussed the question, totally misrepresenting the attitude of the Government on temperance, and ignoring altogether the wise and beneficent legislation placed on the statutes by the present Administration, furnishes conclusive evidence that it is neither the benefit the temperance cause, or the uplifting of humanity these gentlemen seek. They want the scalp of the Government because Mr. Fleming would not do their bidding but made his own selections of men for important positions. It is somewhat remarkable that those who are making this agitation have no word of condemnation for the old Government, which persistently turned down their complaints and requests for many years. It is the men who have listened to their arguments and acceded to all their requests likely to be beneficial to the community as a whole whom they now condemn. If this is not political temperance what is its other name?

AN EXPENSIVE TREASURY.

The Montreal Gazette, discussing the action of Finance Minister White in recommending the purchase of the guaranteed bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific, at par, rather than to permit their sale at a large discount, says:

"The Government proposes to itself purchase certain of the bond issues of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, thinking this will be better than making good to the company the difference between the face value of the securities and their issue price, as it is compelled to do under the foolish Laurier contract. The position, therefore, will presently be that the Government will own one-half of the road, from Moncton to Edmonton, will hold as owner some of the company's bonds, will be the creditor of the company to the extent of \$10,000,000 for money loaned, and will be bound as guarantor for much of the rest of the money spent on construction. It would not be a good thing for the Government to be responsible for the operation of such a property. There are many who would favor a proposition to take it over, however. Their number will be increased by this latest proposition, and if there is any hitch in carrying out the unfulfilled arrangements of the contract, they may become strong enough to compel action."

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific

was beyond doubt the most unbusinesslike arrangement ever entered into by any Government of Canada. From the statement made by the Gazette it will be readily deduced that the capital furnished by the gentlemen undertaking the construction of the railway was very small indeed. The Government, through its agents, gave and the construction of the most difficult section of the railway provided a large percentage of the money required to build the line from Moncton to Prince Rupert. The many scandals connected with the construction of that portion of the railroad, built at the public expense, is not the worst feature in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. The whole scheme is riddled with graft, and the way in which the company has done business with the late Government shows that the company and not the Government was master of the situation. Canada has paid dearly for being governed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier for sixteen years. The mismanagement, corruption and extravagance that has marked the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific is only one instance where the country has lost money, either through the incapacity or the downright dishonesty of those in charge of affairs.

STREET RIGHTS.

The unfortunate pedestrian in these days of motor-driven vehicles seems to have few rights on the streets. They have all been arrogated by the man who manipulates the steering gear or the reins. To such an extent have things gone that almost every city in America is passing more stringent by-laws for the regulation of street traffic. Something has been done along these lines in St. John. In St. Paul, Minn., a new law has been passed, which though brief, possesses many excellent provisions which are adaptable to all communities. The law is as follows:

"Section 2. No person shall drive, operate, move, propel, or cause to be driven, operated, moved or propelled, any vehicle upon any street within the congested district heretofore defined at a speed greater than ten miles per hour, nor upon any other street, highway, boulevard or public road, in said city, at a speed greater than twenty miles per hour; provided, that within said congested district no person shall drive, operate or propel any vehicle whatever around any corner or curve into an intersecting street at a speed greater than five miles per hour. At all times when within the congested district the driver shall keep his vehicle under complete control, and to such extent that the same may be brought to a stop at any time within a distance of ten feet.

"Section 4. No person in charge of any vehicle shall permit the same to remain standing on any street within said congested district on which are located street car tracks for a longer period than twenty minutes, and upon such streets no vehicle shall be permitted to stand within forty feet of a street corner for a longer period than three minutes. (This section, however, does not apply to the loading or unloading vehicles, which may remain for such times as actually required to load or unload.)

"Section 5. (Clause 8.) That when any street railway car stops at any street crossing or regular stopping place in the City of St. Paul to receive or discharge passengers, it shall be unlawful for the driver or person in control of any vehicle as herein defined, travelling along the same street as said street railway car, to pass such a car without bringing said vehicle to a stop at last ten feet distant from the rear of said railway car.

"Section 7. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days for each offence."

Mr. Thomas has failed to explain how the Moncton Transcript deduced from his utterances that there had been an increase instead of a decrease in the number of licenses in St. John after three wards had voted no license. The facts are that there has been an increase in the other wards. His statement concerning his complaint about Inspector Jones is incomplete and to that extent incorrect. The complaint was laid before the Government and referred to the Provincial Secretary to deal with it. He found it to be frivolous and not sustained by evidence. This differs somewhat from the assertion of Mr. Thomas that the Government admitted that the Inspector was at fault. Regarding the Kings County election the Standard is quite willing to accept Mr. Thomas' statement that he was not in Kings County during the campaign, but would add that the mainspring of the trouble—when the wrongdoing took place, was in St. John and not in Kings County at all. It was at the headquarters of the organization in this city—among its higher and ruling officials that the plot originated and was carried out. Mr. Thomas has been given a fair hearing and has had every opportunity to explain his position, which he seems to have done to his own satisfaction, and now, so far as The Standard is concerned, the correspondence is at an end.

Current Comment

Back to the Land.
(Canadian Commonwealth.)
One of both of the Sydney dailies have very wisely been taking up the cry in respect to Cape Breton, "Back to the Land." Prices of farm produce are such as to make mixed farming highly profitable. Perhaps some of the land is run out, and to bring it up again seems a hard task. Some years ago in Western New York I was told that an English farmer bought the most rundown farm in his township. He ploughed and harrowed it and seeded it with red clover. That year's crop he cut down and left on the ground to rot. The second year's crop he did not cut at all. The third year he ploughed the crop under. The year following he had the best land for miles round.

Much Money for Equipment.

(Calgary Herald.)
Whatever capital politicians may attempt to make out of the great blockade in this part of the country they cannot accuse the C. P. R. of mismanagement in providing rolling stock. Forty-eight million dollars in one year spent on equipment alone is a very remarkable record for this continent.

Sir Richard's Awful Book.
(Kingston Standard.)
We very much regret to say it, but Sir Richard Cartwright's reputation is suffering more after his death than it did before.

Vancouver Province: Critics of Sir Richard Cartwright's Reminiscences think the book should have been named The Recollections of Sir Richard.

His Meaning.
(Washington Star.)
When a man says he has no political ambitions it generally means that he doesn't think he has any prospects worth considering.

Chance for Carrigan.
(Richmond News.)
Mr. Carrigan might possess the Sultan of Turkey,

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WEDDINGS
Banks-Day.
A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Banks, Central Hillside, Sunbury Co., N. B., on November 27th, 1912, when their son, George A., was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Day, of St. John, N. B. Rev. C. A. Bell performed the ceremony in the presence of a few invited guests. The bride was attired in a cream serge dress with satin trimmings and buttons and a pretty white lace waist. Miss Eva Banks, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, while Albert Brown of this place, was best man. The bridesmaid wore a brown cashmere costume with lace trimmings. Immediately after the marriage they were led to the dining room where a very dainty tea was served. The bride and groom received a number of very nice presents. The happy couple will reside in St. John.

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