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## KING CANNOT GET A MAJORITY

The dominating desire of the people in this election is the return of self-reliant government with an independent majority. The outstanding fact regarding the election is that Mackenzie King cannot secure such a majority. On Liberal concessions alone he is bound to have a smaller following than in the last Parliament. The Government concedes heavy losses in the Maritimes. It admits of no hope of retaining a solid Quebec. Nobody gives it a chance of enlarging its following in Ontario. Where, then, can it possibly procure a majority? Even the largest possible gains in the west cannot overcome the admitted losses in the east.

If Mackenzie King were returned to power it would be only by virtue of having the largest group. He admitted he was powerless during the last four years with a majority of one. He would be even more powerless in the next Parliament and more dependent than ever on the Progressives.

The whole hope of the Government is centered on the west. Recognizing the inevitability of losses in the east, Mackenzie King is going to lengths no leader in the course of Canadian politics has ever gone in order to purchase support in the west. He opened his campaign with announcements of Cabinet reorganization. He went to the prairies and told the people there that he would scrap that reorganization and give them all manner of cabinet representation if they would give him the votes he wants. He did not tell them whether in his opinion the completion of the Hudson's Bay Railway was a proper undertaking. He merely told them they could buy its completion with votes. For the purchase of support in British Columbia and Alberta he has unblushingly subordinated the Railway Commission to the purpose of party.

An evidence of the manner in which this shameless attempt at the wholesale purchase of the electorate is offending the public conscience. Witness the scathing comment of the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph, a newspaper that is not opposing the Government:

"Premier King, speaking here in

Quebec some ten days ago, was at pains to tell his audience that he was making the same declarations to them that he had just been making to the people of the Maritime Provinces. We have not heard, however, that he has told the prairie electors that he is making the same declarations to them as he made in Quebec. If he did so it would certainly cause much amazement to citizens of the Ancient Capital who have followed his western discourses through press despatches.

"Premier King did not tell Quebecers that he intends to complete the Hudson Bay Railway. But he has told Westerners so.  
"Premier King did not tell Quebecers that he intends to push forward his ideas of Senate reform as rapidly as possible. That is what he has told the West.

"Premier King did not tell Quebecers that, if re-elected, he will continue in a policy of tariff reductions. Yet he allowed it to be said in his presence and from the same platform by Premier Norris of Manitoba, one of his political friends.  
"Premier King did not tell Quebecers that his cabinet reorganization was only a stop-gap affair to ride him over the elections. Yet he has appealed to the West to elect four Liberals so he may give them portfolios; among them that of Immigration, which he has only just conferred upon Hon. Mr. Gordon of Peterborough.

"From the point of view of the ethics of public life, the Chronicle-Telegraph desires to register a firm protest against this collective bribery of the electorate, which would be bad enough in a private Member but is absolutely indefensible in a Prime Minister."

But even with this bribing of the western electorate it is patent that he cannot be returned with an independent majority. If he should be placed in a position through the result of the polling where he would have to attempt to carry on the government he would be entirely dependent on the support of the Progressive group. The experience of the last four years, during which, he admits himself, he was unable to tackle the problems pressing for solution, would be repeated and magnified. His utmost hope is of coming back with the largest group, a smaller group than he had in the last House of Commons.

If the country is to have a self-reliant and independent government during the next four or five years the one thing it must do is turn the King Government out of office. The best King can possibly do is to provide it with a more dependent and powerless administration than that of the last four years.

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## N. B. Liquor Board Profits to Show Big Reduction

Fredericton, N. B. Oct. 16—New Brunswick's revenue for the fiscal year ending October 31st, will suffer a reduction of at least \$150,000 as the result of a falling off in profits of the New Brunswick Liquor Commission, it was said today.

The audit of the commission's accounts which has been carried on in connection with an inventory of and checking up of the stock on hand by Richard Sullivan, of St. John and his assistants, is said to have revealed profits for the year up to about October 1st, of about \$300,000. Profits last year ran up to almost half a million dollars and inasmuch as there is only another month to go of the present fiscal year, it is estimated that this year's profits will probably be at least \$150,000 behind last year.

It is understood that Mr. Sullivan's final report to the Government regarding his investigation of affairs of the Commission will not be made until the November meeting.

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## Partridge / re To Be Examined

Specimens of partridge are to be taken this season and forwarded for examination by a committee of the International Game Association, appointed a year ago to investigate the story that an epidemic over all the eastern continent had tremendously reduced the number of partridge. One of the large United States universities is to assist in the investigation with its research department. One story was that blue lice infected the birds and killed them.

The open season for partridge in New Brunswick will open on Tuesday, Oct. 28, continuing until Nov. 10th. This short season was adopted as a measure of protection to this game bird the most important which New Brunswick has. The scarcity, which seemed to be general last autumn, brought about the action and reports so far this fall indicate that conditions are about the same.

Until the legal hunting season opens only observation can be used to tell the number of the partridge. Reports received so far by the Department of Lands and Mines indicate that they are scarce in the greater part of the province.

## School Children May Honor Memory of Late Bonar Law

A suggestion has been received from Richibucto, on Sept. 17 by the Committee in charge of the memorial service and unveiling of the cairn to the memory of the late Hon. Bonar Law, that the committee arrange with the School Trustees of Rexton and vicinity for annual observance of the date by the children. The suggestion added that it would be a good thing to make the date the occasion for a half holiday and to have the school children assemble at the memorial cairn and engage in patriotic exercises during which particular reference be made to the life of the late Bonar Law.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, of Saint John, who was chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the erection and unveiling of the cairn to Law's memory stated that the committee greatly appreciated the suggestion and that they considered the idea a very worthy one. He intimated the committee would make some move in the matter.

**DR. TAYLOR'S COMPLAINT.**  
Dr. F. R. Taylor has ample reason for his complaint of the socialist tendency of much modern legislation. Also, he is doing the right thing in directing the attention of law students to their opportunities and responsibilities. A much wider audience, however, must be got to give heed to Dr. Taylor's warning words before there can be hope even of checking the tendency which he deplores. This is an age of fads. All over the world noisy minorities are winning public and political support for well meaning but far too often undesirable projects for bettering social and business conditions. The tendency is not confined to one country or one class among the people. Rich and poor contribute their hundreds to the ever growing multitude of reformers, advocating all kinds and sorts of reforms. It is almost an impossible task to sift the good from the bad, the practical from the impractical, and so the busy world accepts far too many of them and passes them to legislatures who answer the demand with laws, far too many of them useless or positively harmful, and all of them expensive. What we call public opinion is responsible for the tendencies which Dr. Taylor deplores, but public opinion itself appears to be afflicted with a deadly and fearfully contagious disease. Instead of standing out against fads and notions its whole effort today appears to be to get behind every new fad and boost it as a life saver. The church, the law, business, the press, the worker and loafer, are all susceptible to this modern disease, and to that sus-

ceptibility is to be attributed the amazing growth of the evil of which Dr. Taylor so forcefully complains.

## WHEN EDITORS TELL THE TRUTH

Only a short time ago the editor of a paper in India grew tired of being called a liar, and announced that he would tell the truth in his next issue, which accordingly contained the following items:

"John Benin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Beeville last Monday"

"John Coyle, our groceryman is doing poor business. How can he expect to do much?"

"David Conkey died at his home on Tuesday. The doctor gave it out as heart trouble. Whiskey killed him."

"Married—Miss Sylvia Rhodes and James Collins, last Saturday at the Baptist Parsonage, by the Rev. Gordon. The bride is a very ordinary girl who doesn't know any more about cooking than a jack-rabbit and never helped her mother three

days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks at home all his life and is not worth shucks. It will be a hard life.

## RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN CONGRATULATES C. E. FISH

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 1, 1925, C. E. Fish, Esq., Newcastle, N. B.

Dear Mr. Fish:  
I am writing merely to express a word of congratulation on your nomination as candidate in the district of Northumberland. With the mutual support of our friends in this riding we look forward with confident hope to victory for you. We shall all be glad to welcome you in the next House.

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