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"AS YOU WERE"

The St. John Globe, when all the facts regarding the patriotic potato transaction had been laid bare, declared that Hon. James A. Murray should resign his seat in the legislature. The Globe said further:

"Unless political parties clean house after such exposure as the timber fraud and the potato scandal there can be no improvement in conditions which have made New Brunswick the by-word of Canadian politics."

Hon. James A. Murray did not resign. Yesterday he was re-elected leader of his party with 18 votes, "only a few dissenting voices from the St. John district." One of these dissenting votes was that of Mr. Tilley, who is thus reported by the Standard:

"Could we who sat in the House sit by idly and swallow the condemnation of our leaders when those leaders had brought the trouble on themselves. If we will want the same sort of leaders in the next election, get them, but there will be some of us among those missing under such leadership. The people want a change and the people will rule. The great mass of our citizens are watching the result of our work tonight, and they will decide the future of this party."

As the press was excluded from the evening meeting, at which the real fireworks were displayed, we have only the Standard's censored account of what really took place, but in open meeting in the morning it was Mr. Mercereau of Chatham who said:

"The Conservative party is as dead as Julius Caesar and it was killed from the inside. The sooner we throw over the old conceptions and adopt new ones, the sooner will the party."

But the reformers had no chance. Murray, Baxter, B. Frank Smith, and George B. Jones, the four men who figured so prominently in the revelations made in sworn evidence (including their own) before royal commissions, had the meeting well enough in hand to overcome the opposition of those who wanted a new party name, new leadership and a fighting chance before the people. It is the same old party (so far as yet) with the same leaders in the saddle. The Foster government has been given a longer lease of power, for the people will not trust the administration of their affairs to these other men. Mr. Tilley was absolutely right.

We may dismiss without comment the attempt at solemn vindication of himself by Mr. Murray, and the denunciation by Mr. Baxter of critics in his own party as well as of the press favorable to the present government, and refer them to their own evidence taken before royal commissions. That record stands.

One of the odd and unexpected features of last evening's secret and exclusive entertainment was the spectacular act of Mr. Potts, who responded to the crack of the stage manager's whip and proceeded to swallow himself. According to the Standard's censored report, Dr. Landry introduced a strong resolution deprecating certain speeches having a tendency "to wish to suppress the free use of the French language in this province," and Mr. Mercereau pointedly referred to "men like Potts, a member of the legislature, who had made speeches of an objectionable nature." Dr. Landry's resolution expressed disapprobation of all such speeches.

And Mr. Potts seconded the resolution.

But Mr. Potts did something more. According to the Standard's censored report:

"Mr. Potts, who said that he had unwillingly voted for the motion of censure, still maintained that under the leadership of those involved in that resolution it would be difficult for the present members to face their constituents and of this so condemned have ever profited of their conduct. Mr. Potts regretted that Mr. Murray is not now leader, but urged that the party secure one whom all could follow to victory."

It is difficult to glean from this report what may have been in the mind of Mr. Potts. He had voted unwillingly to censure Mr. Murray, but felt it would be difficult for opposition members to face their constituents if they failed to do so, or failed to repudiate Mr. Murray and the other leaders involved in the resolution of censure; yet he was sorry Mr. Murray had now resigned the leadership. Did he mean that he would like to see the party go on under Mr. Murray and get what they would deserve?

It is understood that the secret session in the Seamen's Institute was followed by a more secret secret session in the Standard office. The machine, having sent the delegates home, "soothed and sustained by an unflattering trust" in Murray, Baxter, Smith and Jones, was free to plan the next move. The Standard says the convention was the greatest on record. Let it go at that.

Will Mr. Tilley and Mr. Potts quit the party? How can they go on under leaders they know the people do not want? And Dr. Campbell, who was hurt by some remarks made by Mr. Baxter—who also supported the vote of censure in the house—what will be his attitude?

OPPOSITION PLATFORM.

The opposition platform as a vote-catching device will not appeal very strongly to the people of this province. A lot of consideration is to be given to the farmer, but he has shown that he is quite able to take care of himself. The glad hand is also extended to labor, in the hope that the promise of a department of labor may win the support of the labor organizations. The policy of "introducing technical education in all public schools as far as possible" is the policy now being carried out by the Foster government. That relating to a survey of water powers is the policy now being carried out by the Foster government. The longest plank in the platform relates to harmony between the two races in the province, which members of the opposition party have done so much to disturb. A resolution relating to by-laws is inserted in the hope of creating prejudice in some sections of the province. The whole purpose of the platform is too transparent. It is not put forward in the interests of the province, but of a discredited party. Moreover, the finest platform ever framed would not appeal to the people of New Brunswick when they knew that upon it stood the men whose record as administrators is spread upon the records of royal commissions.

PITIFUL CASES.

A case just investigated by the agent of the Children's Aid Society is that of a woman with two young children living in three small rooms for which she pays eight dollars per month. There is almost no furniture, and behind the kitchen stove is a large hole in the floor through which the ground below may be seen. The husband of this woman has left the city and has not for a long time contributed anything to her support. She has in the past received assistance from the municipal authorities. She has now been warned to move or have her little furniture seized. Arrangements must therefore be made for her relief.

This is by no means a solitary case. Those who know, assert that the housing conditions in St. John are rapidly going from bad to worse. There are many tenements which should be closed, but that would merely mean turning families into the street with no hope of getting better shelter. There are also families who, because of extreme poverty, sickness or desertion are ill-fitted to face the rigors of the winter. Behind the bright lights and gay costumes and laughter of the most frequented streets are conditions such as wring the hearts of the few to whom the facts are known. There is need of more houses, but also of a very much larger and more sympathetic social welfare work.

In its list of pictures of statements in attendance at the tory convention the Standard uses that of Mr. Baxter, and under it the following:—"Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, prominent member of convention whose name was enthusiastically received when proposed for leader of the party." Another is the picture of Dr. Campbell, and under it the following:—"Dr. Campbell, M. L. A." Mr. Tilley also appears, as a "live wire," but Mr. Potts is omitted from the galaxy of stars.

Premier Foster, in St. Stephen, yesterday, again declared himself in favor of government ownership of water powers, and added that the report of the commission making the survey would soon be submitted to the government, after which measures would be taken to develop those powers. This is a very necessary progressive step of the highest importance to the province.

The Grand Trunk bill has passed its second reading in the Senate. The fight is now on and an Ottawa despatch intimates the bill is expected to pass its third reading, perhaps this week. One new senator has been appointed, and it is said another appointment will be made. It is interesting to note that Toronto is apparently as strong for the bill as Montreal is against it.

Hon. B. Frank Smith once more proclaimed himself yesterday to be the undying friend of the farmers. In spite of what they did to his candidate the other day he loves them still. There has seldom been a sadder case of unrequited affection.

It is an open secret that a number of influential men threatened to bolt if the opposition party did not get a new leader. They will doubtless keep their word.

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FARM AND CITY.

The hours of night bring calm repose upon the quiet farm; the weary husbandman there knows sweet slumber's fullest charm. Refreshed in spirit, brain and brawn, he rises, wearing bells when dippy roosters greet the dawn with idiotic yells. How different it is in town, where weary the people weep in vain the laborer lies down to a sleep of sleep. The streets are full of strident noise that jars the night's shades, and giddy girls and buoyant boys sing ragtime serenade. And hasty speedsters whiz along in whanging motor cars, and greet with yells and ribald songs the pale, disgusted stars. Belated plugs, with noisy hoofs, to stables gaily, and vagrant cats on metal ramps attempt a bughouse chant. To the man who needs his sleep becomes a ghastly wreck; and in the morn he cannot keep from muttering, "By heck! A night of sleep would soothe his soul, and heal life's sores and stings, but morning finds him in the hole, and he exclaims, 'By jings!'"

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

RIOTS OF 1937.

November 7, 1937, witnessed the culmination of a season of trouble in Montreal in which conditions were serious and rebellious. All summer conditions had been growing more dangerous in Lower Canada, and feeling was running very high. The first blow in the drama was struck in Montreal on Nov. 7, between the members of the Doric Club, supporters of the government, and the Sons of Liberty, as the Patriotic party called itself. There was a clash between the two parties that day and some stone throwing in St. James street, St. Francis Xavier street and also in Notre Dame street in the heart of the city. The news of the affair spread rapidly and in a short time a crowd had collected ready for anything that might happen. Repeated struggles between the two factions occurred and the offices of "The Vanguard," a patriotic journal, were assailed, the type scattered around and the presses smashed. So violent did the fight become that it became necessary to summon the troops under Colonel Maitland to parade the streets and maintain order. Warrants were at once issued by the authorities for the arrest of Papineau, Nelson, O'Connell and Morin, four of the leaders in the agitation then in the province, but these men had hidden themselves securely at the first sign of the fighting. Two other warrants for arrests were given to Captain Mouton to be served. These men were residents of St. Jean d'Orville. They were captured by the military powers but as the captain was bringing his men to Montreal along the Chambly road, this open outbreak occurred in spite of a mandate that had been issued only a few days before by Mr. Stannus, Archbishop of Quebec, urging the people to be calm and to obey all properly constituted authorities. It was the beginning of an upheaval in Montreal which ended a few weeks later in the city being placed under martial law.

FALLEN LEAVES.

I cherish Autumn as my oldest friend—I came into this splendid world with him. Some year, when all his pagant is at end, I, too, may see the splendid world grow dim.

I love his red suns lamping misty days. His frost-set leaves and glittering great-starred eyes; How, as a child, I loved the drifted ways.

When one walked ankle-deep amid the leaves! Then, my light footsteps, like the very wind, Ran scudding through their restless, amber drifts—until that now I find A pleasant voice in place of his warning lifts.

If more it warns—or grieves, I cannot know; But, ankle-deep amid the fallen leaves, I stay my feet, or onward swiftly go. While round me ancient necromancy weaves.

A voice! It is from far, and yet is near; "Hush, hush—!" It rises, chills away, is still; A voice once passing sweet, now grown austere.

As age had made it querulous and shrill! A voice of many—out of other-time, When happy sighs breathed through Summer boughs, With twittering bird-note and cicada's din.

None such bare forest-rattlers now can rouse! "Hush, hush—!" I hear the gathering sound repeat: It is command, with sharp monition silent; For all that sound I hear my own heart beat—

It is to me the message has been sent! "Hush, hush—and heed!" the hoarse surrurs runs. I heed, No more young heart did Your word I heed, O fallen myrindoms! The race of man as the race of leaves! —Edith M. Thomas.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

One for Two. Embarrassed Young Man—"Have you got any cradles?" Shopman—"Yes, sir." Young Man (becoming still more embarrassed)—"In cases where—when it wasn't just—just what you expected you know—and—and you have to buy cradles, you know, is it customary to buy two cradles or—or one cradle big enough for both of 'em?"

His Reputation. Willie had swallowed a penny and his mother was in a state of much alarm. "Helen!" she called to her sister in the next room, "send for a doctor; Willie has swallowed a penny!" The terrified and frightened boy looked up imploringly. "No, mamma," he interposed, "send for the minister." "The minister?" asked his mother in

credulously. "Did you say the minister?" "Yes. Because papa says our minister can get money out of anybody."

Acquiring Polish.

"Frances," said the little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came downstairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. Now go back and come downstairs like a lady."

Frances retired and after a few moments re-entered the parlor. "Did you hear me come downstairs this time, mamma?" "No, dear; I was glad you came down quietly. Now, don't ever let me have to tell you again not to come down noisily. Now these ladies here you managed to come down like a lady the second time, when the first time you made so much noise."

To the last time I slid down the banisters," explained Frances—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Knocker.

"We have an old family knocker on our front door."

"We have one inside."—Baltimore American.

He Heard the Truth.

Little Eleanor gazed long and thoughtfully at the young man who was calling on her grown-up sister Kate. "May I climb up on your knee, Mr. Greene?"

"Yes, of course, dear," smiled the young man, who wanted to make a bit with the family. "Want to pull my hair, eh?"

"No; I want to see if I can find that word 'What world' asked the puzzled visitor. 'I heard our Kate say this morning that if ever a man had the word 'idiot' written all over his face, it was you.'"

THE PARTNERSHIP MUST BE A REAL ONE

(Canadian Finance.)

In the discussions which have resulted have occurred so frequently of late it has been persistently urged by labor representatives that labor is no longer a commodity. It is asserted by these men that the employee must be recognized by the employer as a partner and treated as such—in the distribution of profits. Much as the employer would like to see such a mutually beneficial combination as an industrial partnership, he is, nevertheless, somewhat doubtful of the intention of the worker in this respect. Recent events have justified his doubts to a considerable degree. Partnership is the relation which subsists between two or more persons carrying on a business in common with a view to profit. The fundamental test of such a relation is the recognition of a community of interest. Having these basic requirements in mind, the employer is dubious as to the extent of the employee's readiness to assume not only the benefits but also the responsibilities of partnership in industry. It is well understood that one-sided bargains are un sound and reactionary in effect, and there is room for doubt whether labor's present demand for partnership is not just one-sided as the autocratic methods of industrial magnates were in days gone by.

A good partner would not attempt to wreck the partnership business—but labor organizations have in innumerable instances, by "direct action" methods, imperilled the very existence of the industries in which they claim to be partners. A real partner is not the type of man who takes as much out of the partnership as he can possibly get, without regard to the effect of his action may financially embarrass the concern and perhaps lead to insolvency, neither does he do as little as possible in return for the reward which he expects. Many labor men work on the principle that might is right and assert that the employee should do as little as possible for as much as possible. These conditions are not such as should be expected in a proper partnership.

When the employee is ready to accept partnership in its entirety, the employer will be ready to consent to such an arrangement. Such a condition would mean the substitution of co-operation for industrial warfare; the recognition of a community of interest; the regard for the rights of capital as well as of labor; the adjustment of wages to the cost of the earning power of the concern, and the creation of that spirit of comradeship which marks a true partnership.

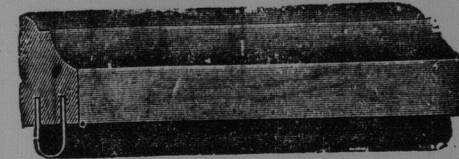
ACRES OF ROSES.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

During the last of May and the first of June there is an immense current of roses in a district of Bulgaria that is without parallel in the rest of the world. Here, at this time, hours before sunrise, groups of young maidens and boys, all dressed in beautiful, bright colored native costumes, daily scatter with songs through acres upon acres of rose plantations to gather the opened buds, while still wet with the early dew. With the melodious nightingales fitting between the gayly attired maids, dotting here and there the spreading sweep of rose-blossoms, it makes, indeed, the author of the "Near East" assures us, a captivating sight.

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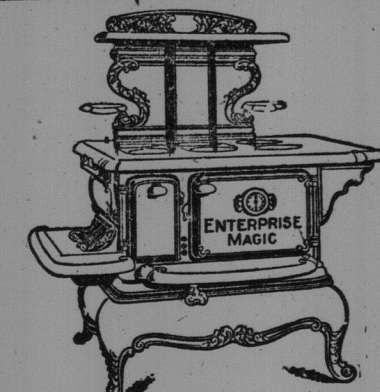
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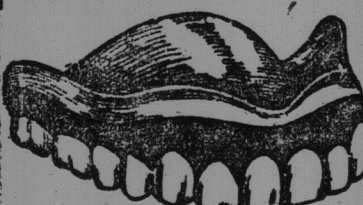
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