

INTEGRITY OF BRITISH JUSTICE ENVIED BY MANY COUNTRIES—VISCOUNT CAVE

All Wise Men Will Encourage Voluntary Co-Operation Which Will Make For the Strength of the British Empire.

No one wishes to impose further bonds on any part of the King's Dominion; but all wise men will encourage that tendency towards voluntary co-operation which will make for the strength of the British Empire, which means in the highest sense the welfare of the world.

THE PRESENT NEED FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

It is clear that proportional representation would help to increase confidence in representative institutions; and as that confidence is being shaken by election results on existing lines, it is in the national interest that proportional representation should meet with greater support.

The increasing adoption of the proportional representation method of election in democratic countries is a distinct sign of the times. The single member constituency, the block vote, and other "majority" methods of election serve their purpose sufficiently well in the past when parliaments were engaged in dealing only with the general rights of the people, as for example in religious beliefs, the right to trial by jury, and other questions which affected all classes equally.

But now that our legislators are increasingly giving consideration to economic questions, to the adjustment of differences between capital and labor, between rich and poor, it is conceivable that governments which operated equitably enough when universal rights only were concerned, might not operate fairly where there is a conflict between particular interests.

In view of the labor classes of the Free World, it would appear as though industrial and political issues were destined to be more closely interwoven in the future. The quickening of our legislatures are composed at present, fitted to deal with these questions in a properly sympathetic manner, but they are not so fitted to deal with the more complex questions of the future.

At the last general election in the United Kingdom the Labor party polled in contested constituencies 2,292,162 votes. This entitled them to 129 seats in respect to the contested constituencies, but the total number of seats obtained, both contested and uncontested, was 59. The unrepresentative character of the present system is brought out by the fact that the total number of seats obtained, both contested and uncontested, was 59.

Next time I did not ask any questions. Nor did a million others. I joined up in a sudden, frantic, inexplicable fit of patriotism; and I stood by that pack for two excellent reasons—until the war was over. In the first place, it was nearly impossible to do anything else, and in the second it would have been equally impossible to do anything else.

When a friend of mine, who sits at board meetings and confers with the golden-haired, asked a certain general were the men were coming from to fight the next war, the general said: "Why, we'll get some men left from the last war!"

Of those who did not support the above resolution, many frankly adopted a policy of opportunism. They contended that the injustices of the present electoral system, which has so long operated against them, were now likely to swing in their favor and, to put it plainly, as a consequence they in their turn were likely in the future to receive more parliamentary representation than they were justly entitled to.

But such an argument is double-edged. The immediate system of election under which a few thousand extra votes could suddenly swing them into power could just as readily swing them out again.

In 1917, when the term of office for one-half of the Senators had expired, Labor, though polling 43 per cent. of the vote, did not elect a single representative, and lost its majority of members. Under a system of proportional representation the Labor party would have elected 21 members and would have retained a majority of the seats.

It is not the purpose of this article to discuss proportional representation in detail. It will be sufficient to say that it is quite workable and that it gives the fairest justice to all contending parties. Both these assertions are proved by the recent provincial elections in Manitoba, where the representatives for Winnipeg were elected under the system. The test was the most severe that has so far been made in any country. Forty-one candidates contested 48 seats, and over 47,000 valid ballots were cast.

The accuracy of the counting process was fully conceded both by the candidates and their agents and by the press. The candidates representing the two wings of the Labor party polled 45 per cent. of first-choice votes and elected four of the 19 members. The Labor party might conceivably have elected a fifth member had it not been for the fact that on some 5,000 of the ballots on which Labor candidates were marked as first choice, the second and further preferences, owing to a temporary political situation, were marked for other than Labor candidates.

A witness in the Western Labor at Calgary in his honor last week by R. B. Bennett, K.C., and the members of the Bar Association of Alberta.

From Many Sources.

In the 'eighties, "Today" wrote thus:—"A number of ignorant people have caught up the term bourgeois or middle class, which they have heard is used in the works of German and French Socialists. Not having read the works they do not know that the word is used to designate a certain school of economics and not to mark a distinction between manual and brain workers."

The entire Soviet propaganda exhibits complete indifference to truth. For example, the Bolshevik Press has published literally thousands of reports of foreign revolutions which had no foundation.

The Prince of Wales "always feels happy among Americans." And it pleases them. A young boy had 100 situations in a year. Another seeker after records, we suppose.

A lady stood before a wonderful nude figure in the National Gallery in London. "Mr. Whistler, don't you think that picture is indecent?" she asked. "No, madam," replied the master, "but I think your remark is."

"The new world will only be the old world modified, matured, and, we hope, amended; but still a world of conflict, of strenuous effort, of justly often of a constant struggle against evil and dangerous forces, against materialism, selfishness and greed."

"It is not a sad commentary upon our social system that when all the world requires goods, food, clothes and houses the people who are willing and anxious to provide these things are prevented from doing so."

The National Hotel at Geneva has been purchased as a home for the League of Nations.

The great test of any community today is whether its people are citizens or subjects.

"It is the urban civilization of Europe which is threatened. The peasantry will survive and multiply."—H. N. Brailsford.

"The country realizes its independence and is economically in a position to dictate to the town."—H. N. Brailsford.

"Goland has damned a flood which might have submerged civilization. Let us be grateful to her."—Lord Abernethy.

"Ugahart never faltered in his belief that, above all things, knowledge is the power which will bring the reign of justice and peace in the world."—J. H. Harley.

"Power, pursued for its own sake eludes the seeker and destroys his faith."—The Round Table.

"Industrial neurosthenia played an important part in every illness which befel a worker, whether due to accident or disease. Such a worker required confidence in the future to enable him to resist the onset of the illness or to enable him to recover."—Professor Collis.

Excess is not art and freedom is not lawlessness.

ITALIAN DELEGATION ALSO BRINGS UNFAVORABLE REPORT FROM RUSSIA

Communists Numbering One-tenth of Population Control Political and Economic Machine—A Warning to Italy.

The report of the mission recently sent to Russia by the Italian General Confederation of Labor has just been made public. It is an impressive document, more significant as coming from men who originally sympathized with the revolution.

The report constitutes an inexorable criticism of the Bolshevik regime. It shows that if the peasants have derived more advantage than damage from the change, this is only because, in the countryside, the Bolsheviks have failed to make their self-supply. In the towns, workers are worse off than before the revolution.

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Next year's convention of the Trades and Labor Congress will be held in Winnipeg, that city being the victor in the recent election.

Riverdale Veterans May Have Co-operative Store.

Comrade Sergt-Major J. McNamee presided at the regular meeting of Riverdale Branch G.W.V.A. last week.

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CONTEST FOR ALL OFFICES IN DISTRICT 26.

The U.M.W. district officers election which takes place on December 2 promises to be very keenly contested. Already nine nominations for Vice-President have been received with the mainland locals to be heard from.

Four nominations for president have been received. Three Glace Bay men are mentioned. George Bagnell, Andrew Irwin and Robert Baxter. The present president, Daniel Livingstone, of Westville, has been nominated for the office of president and international board member.

Although no nominations have been received for the position of district secretary, The Gazette learns from a reliable source that Kent Foster, of Springhill, and at present a member of the U.M.W. wage scale committee, will oppose J. B. McLachlan, of Glace Bay, for the office.

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