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POLITICAL SITUATION TODAY.

The returning officer for Restigouche appears to have rejected the nomination papers of Hon. C. H. LaBelle and William D. Duncan, Independents, on the ground, as he alleges, that they were not prepared in accordance with the Act; but they were rejected after the returning officer closed his court; and Mr. LaBelle and Mr. Duncan are yet in the field. The candidates in the General Provincial Elections therefore number one hundred and seven. Of these, 25 are Opposition, 46 Government, 25 United Farmers, 4 Labor, and 6 Independents. Madawaska elected two Government candidates by acclamation, and for the forty-six seats remaining there are one hundred and five contestants. There were some interesting speeches made after the close of the nomination proceedings in several of the constituencies, notably in Kings, Queens, St. John and Albert; but in the majority of the counties the candidates and the committees quite properly directed their attention to organization work.

In the present "mixed" situation the current today, according to reports from various parts of the province, is running strongly against the Foster Government, and the feeling is undoubtedly gaining ground that the Foster Government has been unequal to its responsibilities to the people, seriously inefficient in the administration of some of the important departments, and even its friends admit that it has "camouflaged" very much beyond the limit. It is not an argument against the Government that the cost of administration has been higher since it came into power than before, notwithstanding the fact that the Foster party while in Opposition played itself—stupidly, it must be admitted—to carry on with less money, and more efficiently. As time proceeds, demands multiply, and the best disposed and most capable governments will find it impossible, and it would be imprudent, to go along at the old pace, or, as Mr. Foster promised, at a slower gait. We cannot "stand at ease" while other provinces are going ahead. We cannot do justice to our people and to our industries while we cling to old notions and operate in accordance with such conceptions. We must develop our resources, we must better our position; and the initial cost must be paid by the public treasury. Whatever the service we are maintaining, the cost is naturally increasing. It is not therefore criticism of the Foster Government, nor condemnation of it, merely because there has been an increase in the expenditures. They criticize and condemn the wanton waste: the vast expenditures from which the public are not getting reasonable results; the diversion of the people's money from the public services to the pockets of partizan friends who keep themselves closely in touch with the members of the Government. And in this view public opinion is not unreasonable, for the evidence of irregularities in the administration is at hand in all directions. Quite as important as the faithful collection, and business-like augmentation, of the revenue. The public services must have money, and more money. Education, agriculture, and public works demand it; and when it is not available, the burden is thrown directly upon the shoulders of the people, as, for instance, in the increase of teachers' salaries, in the maintenance of the hitherto called bye-roads, and in other services. In the fixing of our Crown Stumpage we have a notable instance of the inability of the Foster Government to satisfactorily carry on, to meet the situation at an important period in this era of general development. In declining to fix the stumpage at the market value, the Government has forced a loss of revenue upon the people of this province of at least a million dollars a year for the last three years. This was done wholly to enable the Foster party to retain power and the emoluments of office. The lumber interests held the balance of power in the Legislature, and as between his personal interests and personal ambitions and the people's interests Premier Foster and his colleagues in the Executive much preferred to be influenced in accordance with their personal comforts. It is not therefore unexpected that public opinion is today, on the eve of a general election, running strongly against a Government which has shown itself to be lamentably incapable. And this is the period in which public opinion has a direct influence. Saturday next is the People's Day.

FICTION AND FACTS
FOR UNITED FARMERS

WHEN THE WESTERN ORGANIZER "KNOWS US BETTER HE WILL REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOT EASILY TAKEN IN BY POLITICAL BUNCUMBE."—WHY THE FARMERS OF P. E. ISLAND DROPPED THE SO-CALLED UNITED FARMER SCHEME.

Charlottetown Examiner, Independent, Sept. 28th. Mr. R. J. McMillan, of Ontario, organizer of the United Farmers Party, is both surprised and disappointed at the antipathetic attitude adopted by the farmers of Carleton. When Mr. McMillan knows us better he will realize that we are not so easily taken in by political buncumbe as he evidently now imagines. When the United Farmers came to us with the assurance that it is a non-political movement destined to provide a new heaven and a new earth, we have a right to expect that its missionaries will speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Mr. McMillan disappointed us woefully at Carleton in this respect. He said little of nothing in behalf of the United Farmers Party that would encourage any thinking farmer to throw in his lot with it, and he said a great deal to mark him down as a common or garden agitator, not too particular about the arguments he uses. He pretended to be non-partisan yet devoted the greater part of his speech to an unjustifiable attack upon the Liberal and Conservative Parties. The points of his speech are as follows:

"CANADA IS TODAY THE WORST GOVERNED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BUSINESS WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED HONESTLY."

Does Mr. McMillan really expect us to swallow this, does he really maintain that Soviet Russia is better governed than Canada? If so, then he is a Bolshevik, nothing less.

2. THAT FOURTEEN YEARS AGO ALL IT TOOK TO RUN THE COUNTRY WAS \$43,000,000. WHEREAS, TODAY THE CIVIL SERVICE ALONE AMOUNTS TO \$130,000,000.

The facts are that fourteen years ago the cost to run the country was over \$53,000,000, or just about double what Mr. McMillan said it was.

3. Mr. McMillan complained that there were 14,480 superannuated civil servants and implied that the United

IMMIGRATION.

The statement by the Hon. J. A. Calder that Canadian immigration is better in quality than ever before is more satisfactory than the promise of a flood of unsorted settlers would be. Mr. Calder has returned to Canada after a visit to Great Britain, during which he visited, with few exceptions, all the Canadian immigration agencies there. He believes the organization which the Canadian Government has established in the British Isles to be a good one, and it is, apparently, carrying out effectively the policy of the Immigration Department. As the Montreal Gazette says, no great movement of new settlers is yet taking place, largely because of shipping difficulties, but partly because of the instructions received by the Canadian overseas agents to restrict immigration to the classes and numbers actually required in Canada. Economic conditions in Great Britain are still unsettled and the trend of emigration will depend largely upon the solution of the existing difficulties there. Mr. Calder does not think that immigration from the British Isles in large volume is to be looked for until the lapse of a year or more, when shipping congestion will have relaxed. This is a not unreasonable expectation, as it is one which the Dominion can afford to accept with complacency. The growth of Canada depends upon reasonably rapid progress in the acquisition in new citizens by immigration, but such progress is not to be attained by means of a policy which looks to numbers only, or to numbers chiefly. Only by the rigid application of a policy which will ensure to this country a good class of settlers can sound advancement be made. In this respect some serious mistakes have been made in the past, mistakes which ought not to be repeated, and for the repetition of which there is neither reason nor excuse. Above all else and before all else, the doors of the Dominion should be closed against the agitator, whether he be of British or any other origin, and the Department of Immigration and Colonization cannot be too zealous in the maintenance of such an embargo. Not a few of the most mischievous and active socialists who are preaching communistic doctrines in Canada are men who came to the Dominion from Great Britain, to the great advantage of the land they left. The immigration regulations should bar out of this country men who are unwilling to observe and uphold Canadian institutions and Canadian laws.

A "ONE-HOUSE" GOVERNMENT.

Hon. P. J. Veniot gave the assurance to his friends that he would be unopposed in Gloucester. Provincial Secretary-Treasurer Robert Murray and the "big" lumbermen intended to get an acclamation in Northumberland. There were to be ten uncontested seats; and the announcement was to be made to do service in creating a belief that the Government is already practically sustained. But things have not worked out in accordance with the advice of the interested members of Government. The Minister of Public Works is having the run of his life in Gloucester, with the possibility that he may lose at least two of his colleagues. And in Northumberland the signs point to the defeat of the Government ticket in its entirety. The Minister of Agriculture, in Victoria, is preparing to meet defeat as generously as it is possible for a gentleman of his temperament and his pretensions to meet defeat. And the Minister of Lands and Mines, in Moncton, is now wondering why it was that he permitted himself to accept a portfolio in this Government. Apparently the records are to show that the Foster party was a one-house Government—Government for but one Legislative term.

President Wilson intends to take an active part in the national campaign next month, which will see the end of the debates. He is to write letters and issue statements dealing with the League of Nations. He will be kept busy if he means all that is said against the instrument which he is credited with making part of the peace treaty. Its political enemies have made it the subject of special and persistent attack; and they have a lot of arguments on their side.

The richest man in the world was born without a cent in his pocket.

Farmers did not favor pensions and superannuation. In this Mr. McMillan is diametrically opposed to the Leader of the United Farmers, Hon. Mr. Crerar, who, in the debate on the Pension Bill said: "I think there is an obligation resting upon the Government to give a measure of care to them [the retired civil servants]. If I have any criticism to offer it is that the Government might very well have been a little more generous in dealing with those classes that are referred to—I believe in a permanent pension system. Mr. Speaker, in the public service... We find today that the most successful business corporations who employ large numbers of men are adopting a pension system. And why are they doing it? They frankly put it on the basis of service—on the basis of dollars and cents if you like, for their business."

4. Mr. McMillan said:—"Take now the Colchester County election. Of all the disgraceful elections ever held that was the limit. It took from \$20,000 to \$25,000 worth of whiskey and money to win the election. We asked Mr. McCurdy to sign an agreement that there would be no booze nor money spent and he wouldn't do it. If you allow men to buy their way into Parliament they will certainly sell you when they get there."

We wired Mr. McCurdy the substance of this charge and were favored with the following reply:—"No such agreement was ever presented to me, moreover, through the newspapers of Colchester and personally I specially requested all my supporters and friends to avoid personalities and strictly observe the provisions of the Election Act. I was not in the county with a campaign of slander and falsehood which, when the voters were charged, was sent by the editors of Colchester. The statements of the party mentioned in your message are quite in keeping with the positive utterances of the source are not entitled to any consideration."

We may leave it here in the meantime, as we have shown (1) that Mr. McMillan is preaching Bolshevism; (2) that he is wholly inaccurate in his statistics; (3) that he is preaching a policy diametrically opposed to common sense, and (4) that his allegations have been categorically denied.

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The Stock Market

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.]
New York, Oct. 4 (Wall Street).—The indefinite trend of prices at the opening of today's stock market resulted mainly from profit taking in the recently strong rally. Great Northern and Northern Pacific soon lost 1½ points and 1¼ points, respectively, and other transcontinentals and grangers made fractional recessions. These were offset in a measure by moderate pressure in Canadian Pacific, Reading, B. and O. and Pere Marquette. Among industrials, oils and sugars were under further pressure with motors, steels and coppers.

The Quotations.
(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons)

New York, Oct. 4.—The market quotations today:

American Sugar	102½
American Smelting	60½
American Sunbeam	88½
American Car Foundry	133½
American Can	33½
American Locomotive	55
American Tel. & Tel.	98
American Wool	52
Anacosta	50
Atchafalpa	85½
Bethel Steel B.	68½
Baldwin Locomotive	110½
Baltimore & Ohio	47½
Canadian Pacific	128
Central Leather	44
Clute	80½
Erie	26½
General Motors	15½
International Copper	133½
Kennecott Copper	104
Kelly Springfield	70½
Lehigh Valley	21½
Lackawanna Steel	61
Maxwell common	42½
Maxwell Petroleum	154½
Milwaukee Steel	37½
Miss. Pacific	39½
Norfolk & Western	102
Norfolk	95½
Reading	75½
Republic Iron & Steel	75½
Rock Island	40½
Studebaker	55½
St. Paul	40½
Southern Railway	99½
Texas Oil	49
United States Steel	86½
Union Pacific	60½
Westinghouse	42½
White Overland	108
Famous Players	70
St. Louis San Francisco	119
Haskell Barker	68½
Pan American Oil	57½
Ann. Int. Corp.	70

The Montreal Market.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.]
Montreal, Oct. 4.—The local stock exchange was fairly strong at its opening this morning and a few fractional gains were made from Saturday's closing prices, during the first half hour. A sharp rally came at 10:30 and 11:00, and the market was steady at 11:15 and 11:30 respectively.

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Shawinigan common	118½
Shawinigan 1919	118½
Shawinigan 1920	118½
Shawinigan 1921	118½
Shawinigan 1922	118½
Shawinigan 1923	118½
Shawinigan 1924	118½
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Shawinigan 1928	118½
Shawinigan 1929	118½
Shawinigan 1930	118½

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