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NATIONAL INTERESTS AND POLITICAL CAPITAL

Conservative papers are freely boasting of the parliamentary opposition's intention to take advantage of the government's immediate need for money for the payment of salaries, regulation of expenses and outstanding bills by refusing to permit the voting of supply unless the government abandons its electoral reform legislation and its effort to connect the two.

Undoubtedly, under our constitution, the opposition has in its hands, to a certain extent, the power which the Conservative party proposes thus ungrudgingly to surrender. It cannot spend a dollar of public money until parliament has voted approval of the expenditure, and by taking advantage of their privilege of unlimited discussion of each item opposition members can delay its passage indefinitely.

Where the item is in itself undeniably an improvement upon the present, the opposition has no such contention. But there is no such contention in this case. The announced plan is to prevent the voting of even the money most urgently needed to carry on the regular business of the country until the government abandons an important public measure, one feature of which Conservatives fear will lessen the handicap under which Liberal candidates now labor in some provinces on account of iniquitously unfair laws.

We do not believe that Canadian business men, and Canadian wage-earners who know what it means when pay day is delayed, and patriotic Canadians generally who regard with proud position their country has won and has hitherto maintained in the world of commerce and finance will become such a party to a belief that any party can hope for public approval of an attempt to make political capital at such grievous national and domestic expense. And we do not believe that the Conservative opposition persists in this extraordinary and, on public grounds, wholly indefensible policy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government would be fully justified in securing by the unusual process of a Governor General's warrant the money necessary to meet their constitutional obligations, and then, without further effort at voting supply, to dissolve parliament and appeal to the people over the heads of their opposition, to give them warrant to go ahead with the nation's business.

CHEAP INSURANCE

The explanation made by the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters for the recent increase in the rates of the older members of the order is simple and convincing. But besides explaining the recent action of the executive it also betrays a weakness in the present methods of cheap insurance.

It is apparent that if any insurance needs rigid regulation which shall guarantee absolute security to the insured it is that form of insurance in which the small wage earner places his savings. But it is by no means an easy matter to regulate such insurances which shall offer effective protection fifty years hence. The success of a fraternal organization is largely determined by its growth and its growth is dependent upon conditions which cannot be accurately regulated nor positively foreseen.

The present effort of the government to provide, some form of cheap and absolutely guaranteed insurance. Such provision by the government would not of necessity exclude the activity of institutions offering special advantages to the small wage earners, but it would tend to establish a standard of cost for insurance and this offer the poor man a chance of escape from the discouraging and ambitious and hopeful fraternal organization on the one hand and the secure, but somewhat extravagant dividend-paying company on the other hand.

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THAT ALLEGED OVERDRAFT

The official statements made in the legislature yesterday by the Provincial Secretary in answer to questions regarding the alleged overdraft made by Hon. Dr. Fuglesby during his service as Attorney-General, and the Minister's statement as published in yesterday's Sun place in a rather ridiculous light those Conservative agitators who have been endeavoring to stir up a tea-pot tempest over this matter. As Attorney-General, Dr. Fuglesby was by law entitled to fees, such as a percentage on successions duties collected, traveling expenses, remuneration for extra-ordinary legal services, etc. In addition to his regular salary. Under the existing system of accounting these items were not included in the provincial expenditures for the years in which they were incurred, and the Attorney-General having done the extra work at his own expense and having put in his bill in regular form, was entitled at times to be allowed advances on account pending the definite settlement of his claim, which in some instances, as in the case of Dr. Fuglesby, required some time.

An instance of this is the fact that, though Dr. Fuglesby has been out of the provincial government a year or more, the province still owes him some \$7,000. If there is any ground for criticism in the fact that the government cannot spend a dollar of public money until parliament has voted approval of the expenditure, and by taking advantage of their privilege of unlimited discussion of each item opposition members can delay its passage indefinitely, where the item is in itself undeniably an improvement upon the present, the opposition has no such contention.

PORT DEVELOPMENT

The joint committee upon harbor improvement are entering upon their work with commendable energy, are going ahead a bit too rapidly, if anything. The matter in their hands is of the greatest importance, and the prudence in the handling of it their business to prepare a general plan for future progress, to lay a foundation upon which to build the port as it is to be. Any error of judgment in framing the plan would be of incalculably injurious effect later on. In the circumstances the committee should take nothing for granted; should be chary in accepting and endorsing hitherto prepared schemes; should rather begin at the bottom and work their way up, rather than upon the fact of the present port.

THE STATE AND THE AGED

The case against the granting of State pensions to the aged, will regard to the advantages of such a scheme, sociologists violently disagree, so notable a social reformer as General Booth taking the negative side, was lucidly presented to the National Conference of Charities and Correction in session at Richmond, Virginia, by Mr. Frederick Hoffman, the statistician of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He firmly holds that the agitation for State pensions in America is ill-founded, his contention being that the aged are many instances for their own support.

MORE FIGURES FOR MR. MAZ

A few days ago, commenting upon Hon. Mr. Maxwell's astounding statement that the sum total of federal contributions to the development of St. John was \$1,000,000, we pointed out that this amount was insufficient to cover any one of the three items which should have been included in this calculation—the interest on the terminal facilities, the cash already paid for dredging and the money voted this year to pay for work already done. We also pointed out that the actual figures of the time, that the I. C. R. works on the eastern side of the harbor accounted for about half a million of this amount. Since then we have secured the actual figures of this expenditure, as follows: Cost of I. C. R. dredging, \$284,936.50. Cost of freight shed additional, \$27,876.45.

A PYRRHIC VICTORY

The election of Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill as a member of the Cabinet has cost the Asquith government one seat and a loss of 2,700 votes in another. As Mr. Churchill is personally strong and in the confidence of the British public, the opposition to the Liberal government is not so much diminished as it appears. It is particularly interesting to the outer Empire that the dominant issue of the election, as in the light in Wolverhampton the other day, was tariff reform, and in both the building showed a heavy defeat for the government majority. Undoubtedly the protective and preferential idea is greatly increasing in force and extent in Great Britain. If the United States should stand on this large question the fiscal complexion of the Old Country may be changed at the next general election.

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STREET CAR FENDERS

Surply the evidence and the verdict at the coroner's inquest into the shocking death of little Lizzie Howe on Winslow street last week will lead the city council to take prompt action to improve, so far as existing conditions allow, the efficiency of the fenders on their street cars. Those are not in use, except on the few cars of large size, even of little value except to offer their victim the amiable choice of having his brains dashed out or his body crushed. The fenders are rolled over one or two before the wheels go him. There must be available some protective arrangement which will serve as an cushion for the rail level in moments of emergency and which would be so constructed as to receive without injury and hold safely till the car stops any person thrown into it.

SUCCESSFUL INDUSTRIAL LEADERS

The recent informal gathering of the leading manufacturers of St. John and British Columbia are not the only men it is not necessary to discount the credit of the responsibility of the development of the winter port business, not yet to underestimate the credit of our distributive trade, but to enter into reasonable assurance that there is good reason for the contentment of our permanent prosperity will be determined more largely by our ability to enter into competition with other communities and countries in the original production of useful commodities.

In view of the fact it is unfortunate that there should be any very general consent to the belief that conditions here are unfavorable for successful manufacturing. To what extent such a belief exists it is difficult to determine; but that it does exist and does produce a harmful effect is perfectly plain to anyone acquainted with the facts of the situation. Moreover, it is impossible to contradict effectively such an impression by rhetoric. Fortunately, however, we do not need to rely upon a public agency. The enterprises of the city are a sufficient answer. Unfortunately these enterprises are not sufficiently numerous or of sufficient variety to give a fair picture of the city's resources. But if they did, they cannot reasonably justify such a belief. The fact remains that they did not, and that it is the government's intention, when the new act was applied, to throw the burden of the loss of the industry upon the individual and his official statement that he was perfectly willing to have a clause inserted in the act providing that they themselves should be responsible for the loss of the industry.

As the dispute stands, the government holds determinedly to its contentment. The institutions ever which they are admirably prepared to defend. The government had the statute and control. That is the fact and the purpose of the federal clauses in the Aylesworth bill, and in the interests of honest political opinion and will not recede from this position. But regarding the detailed working out of the bill, the government is in no way bound. It is in the hands of the individual and his official statement that he was perfectly willing to have a clause inserted in the act providing that they themselves should be responsible for the loss of the industry.

FOUNDED ON A ROCK

The statement that the Maritime Provinces had stood the recent financial depression better than any other section of North America, coming from a man well qualified to speak with authority as Mr. E. B. Kessen, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, is ground for just pride on the part of all of us down here by the sea. We are proud of the fact that we are characterized rather by caution than by enterprise; we have not been realising upon our resources as rapidly as the people in the farther west have; but what we have built is well built. We have seen that our foundations were sound and not overladen, so when the storm came and beat upon our house of commerce and industry it stood, while many more pretentious structures shook and many fell.

A DUAL MISREPRESENTATION

Mr. W. F. Hatheway, loyal partisan that he is, comes to the defense, in a letter published in the Review, of Mr. Maxwell's assertion that the Dominion government has so far contributed only \$411,000 to the improvement of the harbor. He attempts to prove this statement correct. Mr. Hatheway reports Mr. Maxwell as limiting his calculation from "1900 to March, 1907," thus removing from the account the \$2,000 expended by the government on the eastern side of the harbor in connection with the Intercolonial berth. In this Mr. Hatheway is doubly wrong, for Mr. Maxwell's speech as taken down by the official reporter of the legislature, who quoted the honorable gentleman's remarks on this point as follows: "The sum of money expended by the Dominion government on the development of the port of St. John was \$411,000, which was nothing like the amount expended by the citizens themselves."

POLITICS AND PROGRESS

Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, M. P. P., in his speech at the Manufacturers' dinner "Thursday night, made a plea for united action on the part of the citizens for fuller recognition of Sir John's claim for the Dominion government. "Politics," he is reported as saying, "should be sunk when the welfare of the city was being considered." We shall take occasion later on to remind Mr. Hatheway of this statement, which, within reasonable limitations, we cordially approve. There have been occasions unquestionably when issues at stake between the two political parties in Canada have been such as to demand a decision from the people on principle, have been of such

intrinsic or general importance that no man could justify himself if allowed the thought of the individual advantage to himself or to the constituency in which he resided to influence the true expression of his conviction. Such conditions are not obtainable, but no Canadian with open eyes and common sense can contend that there are any such issues dividing Liberals and Conservatives today. Differences of opinion even on matters of policy are trivial. Today the dominant and practically the only question definitely at issue between the Liberal government and the Conservative opposition is their respective ability to give this growing Dominion honest and progressive government, and in deciding this question, no voter, though giving full and fair consideration to the comparative records in general of the two parties, can reasonably ignore the attitude of each toward the interests in which he is most intimately concerned as judged by their general policy, past performance and specified plans for the future.

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On the face of this there is certainly no evidence of fraudulent intention. Possibly some Conservatives, distrustful of anything Liberal, may suspect such intention. But even these cannot deny that there is at least equal chance of fraud in the Conservative interest under the existing system which the Aylesworth bill proposes to remedy.

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