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THE NEXT STEP.

We have laid our case before the Duncan Commission and the results flowing from this enquiry by the Royal Commission now rest upon the knees of the gods. So far as the Commission is concerned, we have done our utmost with regard to our relations with the Dominion. When the Commission has reported and made its recommendations we shall then have the next incoming federal government to deal with.

In the interval, what more is there for us in the Maritimes to do? A great deal, truly. More than a year ago as the Maritime agitation began to gather force and to take definite form, two things became clear. The first was that, in the struggle to secure an equitable distribution of the fruits of the federal union, the leaders of the Maritime cause would have behind them a constantly growing and ever more formidable force in an aroused public opinion. The second was that, broadly speaking, the fight for Maritime betterment involved not one objective, but two. The first, as has become plain daily, is to secure justice so far as federal policies and enterprise are concerned, while the second is to see to it that the Maritimes do the utmost possible for themselves in the way of developing their resources and taking advantage of their possibilities.

It is obvious, of course, that if we get what we are asking for through the Duncan Commission and through our representatives at Ottawa, it will be then a much easier matter for us to proceed with Maritime development as far as that depends upon our own efforts. We have submitted that the next incoming government must adopt not only in principle but in actual practice, and with the least possible delay, the plan of carrying traffic of Canadian origin and through Canadian ports over Canadian railways; we are asking that the grain traffic hitherto diverted to American channels be recovered for the benefit of our own people; we are demanding justice in transportation with respect to the entrance of our products into the western Canadian markets; we are asking that our Maritime industries be given equality of opportunity with those elsewhere; we have been asking in the matter of immigration we have long suffered a form of injustice which cannot be continued.

When these and other matters are adjusted along equitable lines we shall not only feel a sense of relief and renewed energy and confidence, but in many practical ways the road to extensive development of Maritime opportunities, the expansion of old and the establishing of new industries, the enrichment of outside trade, and all that sort of thing, will become much easier.

... We come now to the fact that during the sessions of the Royal Commission, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan on more than one occasion asked witnesses who we were dealing with one topic or another what we in the Maritimes had tried to do for ourselves in connection with this or that enterprise or this or that contention. His questions were both fair and pertinent, and even before the appointment of the Commission we had frequently reminded ourselves that any improved relations with Ottawa, however valuable in themselves, must be supplemented by the utmost degree of self-help—and most aggressively and intelligently so supplemented.

The Commission having come and gone, it behooves us, without undue delay, to define the lines of self-help which we may follow with reasonable hope of success, and to organize for this work. We should do this at once, without waiting to learn the nature of the recommendations to be made by the Duncan Commission or the attitude of the next government and House of Commons towards them.

... Saint John needs port development, industrial expansion, a sane and equitable system of assessment and taxation, and should follow many other avenues of advance which are not only possible but which are open and inviting from the standpoint of reasonable foresight and enterprise.

The province—and the cities and the province at large should be working in close co-operation—needs a sharply revived agriculture, a new attitude toward immigration indicating real faith in its possibilities, a forest policy soundly based upon today's conditions, including the development of power sources and the change from the saw-mill days to the era of paper manufacture. Also it needs an energetic examination of the problem of manufacturing for export, the creation of a hardwood industry, modern prospecting on up-to-date lines as regards its mineral resources, aggressive advertising of its opportunities which are inviting to outside capital, real tourist enterprise, and, generally, a constructive attitude and policy worthy of a people having a real knowledge of their resources and having faith in themselves and in the future.

There are better times ahead, and we must be ready to take full advantage of the rising tide.

THE NEWSBOY.

Every now and again the humble and unobtrusive teller, who probably has no idea of his own importance, is dragged blushing from obscurity and allowed a moment in the spot-light. Kipling is fond of discovering heroism in the humble, somebody during the war sang the praises of the company cook—and who more worthy!—but it is left to the Kingston Standard to introduce the newspaper carrier boy as the "destroyer of isolation."

That is just what he is and in a sense we have always known it, but the title is apt and one of which he may well be proud. Hot or cold, wet or dry, in the early hours of the morning and just before the press starts in the afternoon, crowds of the destroyers of isolation may be seen competing for places in the queue and even descending to the destruction of each other's features to pass the time. But personal grudges are sunk the moment the machine begins turning out its constant stream of the world's news, and the "chance" messages to break the isolation in which we live, all unconscious of the fact until something occurs to deprive us of our medium of contact, the newspaper.

The Kingston Standard says:

Advertising is the great time-saver in our economic life. But for its producer and prospect would come into contact tardily, if at all. The latter would waste time and effort with the undesirable before groping his way to what he wanted, perhaps losing patience and contenting himself as best he could with the unsatisfactory. As we progress, co-operation extends and increases, and newspaper advertising is a stupendous example of co-operation. The man who first said that it pays to advertise, was given little heed; but the same has been said millions of times since, in one form or another, and now more and more it is accepted as a truism. In the advertising columns business has found the chief market place of the country.

And the newboy, fresh from his morning encounter with his business competitors, is the last human agency to distribute the modern force. All honor to the newboy.

Saint John has once been half wiped out by fire. Yesterday the little village of St. Come de Kennebec was mopped and serene, but today it is a mass of smouldering ruins haunted by the former inhabitants who search vainly for any trace of their property which may have eluded the flames. The other day Mr. Lytle, in reporting on housing conditions, touched on the fire hazard incident to dilapidation of the friends of the light-fingered who got the purse to try to get the victim interested in the natural scenery. The man's mind is fixed on his loss, especially if he is familiar with financial stress. The racial who got away with the sympathizers who try to set the victim thinking about something else instead of getting the help of a policeman to recover his property and land the thief in jail. It may, however, seem to the directors of the Liberal machine to be at least worth trying to fool the Canadian people, whose thumbs are turned downward in favor of leaving the man's mind to its own devices, and breaking the laws of Canada and robbing its revenue, are now that they are down in their luck, a very sensitive lot of gentlemen, the people are being asked to forget the monstrous adventure in crime and politics that has cost them millions of dollars in the way of taxation. They are being asked not simply to forgive the most unfaithful stewards they ever served a country under responsible government, but to give their confidence once more to the same band of politicians.

MR. KING AND THE PEOPLE (Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph)

Three times, in short, did Mr. King deliberately choose a speedy trial by Parliament in preference to a jury trial by the electorate, and then, after the evidence had been heard, after the case had been argued, and after his last line of defence had collapsed, he suddenly sought to escape the judgment of the court and to reopen the whole case before a jury. If the Stevens amendment had passed with the King administration in office, as it passed a few days afterwards, it is clear that it would have found itself in a most disadvantageous position, and, therefore, his demand for a dissolution, made when he had no right to one, was prompted primarily by the desire to escape censure, but mainly by the determination to cling to office improperly, that he had consistently manifested since the inconclusive elections of October, 1925.

THE LOSS OF REVENUE (La Patrie)

Let those who affect to believe that the Customs scandal is of no importance put their hands in their own pockets and tell us how much they are willing to turn over to the public treasury to make up for the millions fled from it by the smugglers. Let those who incline to the belief that the question of the tariff is only an old-see-saw, look into the matter of the permanency of their employment and see whether tomorrow or soon they will not be forced to leave the country owing to the factory at which they earn their living closing its doors.

A Memory. (Anon)

A long, hot, July afternoon, And we two drifting in a white canoe; Telling among the lily pads, to crown a half forgotten snatch of old love tune— The channel and the sky a sapphire blue; We filled the boat with lilies, floating through— Their spicy scent midsummer's careless boon. Dear—have the endless years been good to you?

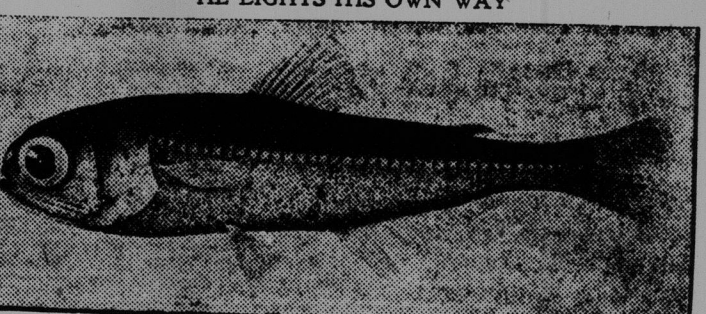
"Pull Devil, Pull Baker"



—From Yorkshire Evening News.

Queer Quirks of Nature

HE LIGHTS HIS OWN WAY



His brilliant phosphorescent spots have given him the name of Lantern Fish.

By AUSTIN H. CLARK

LANTERN fishes are common in all tropics and temperate seas. In the deep water. Some kinds come up to the surface on calm nights and can be easily caught in tow-nets, but other kinds always stay far beneath the surface.

Lantern fishes are delicate little things, sooty black or dark brown in color with brilliant phosphorescent spots like little electric lights along the sides of the lower part of the body and on the head, and sometimes a big one on the nose.

In a dark room the glow of the little lantern fish swimming in a glass bowl produces a most curious effect.

The one shown in the picture is three and one-half inches in length and was captured among the Hawaiian Islands.

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The Political Fray

Conservative Liberal
TREATING 'EM ROUGH (Manitoba Free Press)

When a man discovers that his pocket is being picked, it is vain for him to try to get the thief out of the pocket. The Conservative party, were not put into effect last autumn and have not yet been put into effect. How is the country getting along? If the arguments used from the Conservative platform last September and October were put into effect, Canada today would be standing still. Farmers would be leaving the farms, factories would be shutting their doors, banks would be failing, not a carpenter would be swinging a hammer. Have these things come to pass? Every Canadian knows that they have not. The Conservative party, who have not yet been put into effect, are doing more business, the insurance companies are doing more business, more buildings are going up from one end of Canada to the other.

THE CONSTITUTION (Manitoba Free Press)

The controversy in Canada turns upon the question whether the Governor-General can exercise a discretion that is barred to the King. The legal technical prerogatives of King and Governor-General are the same. The King does not exercise discretion. The whole point at issue in Canada is whether the Governor-General of Canada has the power to exercise a discretion in this respect that the King does not. It is the contention of those who hold that the Governor-General's recent course was unconstitutional, that his power of exercising a discretion denied to the King lapsed all the British nations was accepted by the Imperial Conference of 1917 as the future governing principle of the Empire. It is difficult to see how any Canadian, who is not content to see this country reduced to the role of a colony, can hold any other view.

TARIFF THE ISSUE (Edmonton Bulletin)

It would suit the purposes of the Meighen Government "right down to the ground" if public attention could be diverted and public opinion divided on the issue of whether or not the Governor-General made a mistake. An election fought out on that issue would be more likely to leave the Meighen Government in power when the voting the question of whether Canada is to be governed in the interests of the public or for the benefit of the highest interests which Mr. Meighen represents. Western electors can leave it to Parliament to safeguard itself against infringement of its rights and functions at the hands of a Governor-General, and fix their attention on the question of the most fitting kind of a tariff under which the West ever did or ever can prosper.

Just Fun

NEVER put off tomorrow what you can put over today.

"YOUR cousin refused to recognize me at the grocer's last night. Think I'm not his equal, I suppose."

"Ridiculous! Of course you are. Why, he is nothing but a conceited idiot!"

SIGN ON SODA FOUNTAIN

"It's a matter of opinion. They boys bring your peaches here—we have the cream."

"MADAM, you lost your thumb in a big trolley for its return?"

"No, I did, he replied; 'I could not bear it.'"

"Then why on earth do you offer your thumb for its return?"

"I like to please my wife."

"Well, that may be but \$100 is sure to get the dog back."

"I think not," he answered, "unless some one saw me bury it in the garden."

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

"Does your new novel end happily?"

"Yes, it does. The hero marries."

"—Le Journal Amusant, Paris."

THAT'S JUST IT

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PSYCH A GINCH

NEW YORK—For summer relaxation, Moses Finkelstein, 14 years old, and a senior at Syracuse University, is spending his vacation attending the summer school at Columbia University where, with classmates twice and thrice his age, he is studying "Contemporary Psychology," which is an intensive investigation—get this—of the introspective, the behavioristic and psychoanalytic types. All of which, according to Moses, is very easy except that it does take quite a little time for reading and research.

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