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SHALL THE MARITIME PROVINCES SECEDE FROM CANADA?

Recent developments at Ottawa have emphasized the absolute necessity of the formation of a Maritime Province Party. The usefulness of Liberal-Conservative, Farmer and Progressive, so far as the Atlantic Provinces are concerned, has certainly passed. We have been steeped in politics so long in Eastern Canada that our condition is pitiable. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island remind us of three boys quarrelling over an apple. The bigger Provinces, watching the scrap, have secured the apple, while the Atlantic Provinces remain separated by prejudices, still fighting for the apple which has already been eaten by Ontario and the west. Men go to Ottawa, not to represent their constituency, but to become voting machines for their party. This applies to Liberal, Conservative, Farmer and Progressive alike. If the Maritime Province members irrespective of politics, would unite at the present time and demand Maritime rights from the King government, something could be accomplished worth while. If the leaders of both parties would come out boldly and demand what is due the Atlantic Provinces then there would be some hope for the future. As it is, the Provinces by the sea are being hopelessly side-tracked. We have lost our bank; we are losing our industries; insurance companies like leeches, suck us dry and invest little or no money in our securities or our real estate—the whole situation points one way and one way only. Unless the tide turns; unless those in authority exhibit a few atoms of fairness and decency, then Eastern Canada will be forced to secede from the Dominion of Canada. Before Confederation the Maritime Provinces were prosperous, but the federation of Provinces of widely divergent interests, has proved a failure so far as the Atlantic Provinces are concerned. Our natural markets in the New England States, yet we are shut up from them. Ontario, Quebec and the West look upon the Maritime Provinces as a dandy place in which to sell but a very bad place in which to buy goods. We are a dumping ground for Upper Canadian products of all descriptions. If we have an industry, which is successful, some big concern from Ontario, comes and buys it up with the result that Maritime wheels cease to turn.

The Tribune is all "fed up" on conditions and it is time for a change. The Maritime Provinces want to know just where they fit, otherwise drastic measures will need to be resorted to. The time demands men of courage at Ottawa who will throw party affiliations to the winds and who will stand shoulder to shoulder in an effort to save what remains of our beloved Provinces by the sea.

Who will be the Moses who will lead the Maritime Provinces out of the wilderness?—Sackville Tribune.

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SOME ECONOMIES BEING EFFECTED

The estimated expenditure of Canada for the current year as placed at \$427,511,235.73. Huge as this sum is, especially when viewed by pre-war standards, it is still \$51,660,156.17 less than last year's expenditure. This looks like a decided attempt in some lines to cut down expenses. There are, however, yet the supplementary estimates to come and as the country generally knows these items have a reputation of running up into a very respectable number of millions and many an expense shifted off the main list finds in the last hours of Parliament a place in this final end of the country's budget.

Among the decreases this year are \$3,600,000 for soldiers Land Settlement, \$2,711,500 for Soldier Civil Re-establishment. The amount set aside for railway expenditure the next fiscal year is \$75,631,469, as against \$91,674,555, for the present fiscal year. These are among the evidences that the financial situation of the country has begun to show some signs of amelioration.

The estimates for Immigration and Colonization have been increased from \$1,316,490 to \$3,386,190. There is abundant evidence of the need for a greater population and the greater need in these Maritime Provinces of retaining what population we have.

Economy is decidedly apparent in the estimates on Public Buildings account, and if all accounts should be pared as closely as these are the country would undoubtedly have a big surplus to show at the end of the fiscal year.

One or two sporadic proposals have been made to the effect that members reduce their indemnities. This suggestion does not appear likely to be followed. It is not in human nature for a man to voluntarily reduce his income when some one else has to provide the salary. The private citizen may be obliged to do so in his own calling or occupation, but that is a horse of another color. The saving would not total much more than \$200,000 at 25% reduction and would of course cut a small figure in a total expenditure of about \$500,000,000. There are doubtless ways to save a few millions and ways which private citizens might attempt but they are not ways which politicians of any stripe are likely to adopt.

CHANGING TIMES

A writer in the "Christian Century" is struck with the changed attitude in many parts of England towards the Sabbath. "Since the war," says this writer, "many thousands of men who were in France have carried back to their native land the Continental conception of the Lord's day. Nowhere is this more manifest than in England. The London County Council recently voted 74 to 47 to allow games in the public parks on Sunday, something unheard of in England. The Dean of Exeter recently gave permission to the choir boys to play cricket after the church services, an action which aroused much discussion, it being argued by the Christian forces generally that the complete secularization of Sunday would result in large transportation demands and the enforced labor of many working people"—(Presbyterian Witness).

THE WRONG KIND

Efficiency was the god of German autocracy, and in the end its undoing. Speaking to the Rotary Club the other day, Rev. W. A. Cameron declared that it is the idealist and the visionary who climbs the pinnacles of great achievement, and that he usually has to carry the practical man like a weight upon his back. It is sometimes charged against the schools of Ontario—and probably charged without foundation—that they are turning out boys and girls who cannot figure as accurately or write as legibly as those of the olden days. But are they turning out more idealists; more visionaries, more seekers after the glenn? Curiously enough, they are seldom judged by that standard. And yet what Mr. Cameron says is true.—Toronto Star.

NO GERMANIZING

A cleat the French have not destroyed the machinery in the Ruhr mines nor pumped the shafts full of water.—(Boston Transcript.)

EUROPE'S PROBLEMS AFFECT US

American farmers who complain because of the unsatisfactory state of their industry and, at the same time, insist that their country have nothing to do with attempts to solve Europe's problems are likely to keep on complaining if Washington keeps on heeding their insistence. As an Ontario paper says, "the depression in agriculture on this continent is largely due to the fact that Europe has not money to buy our surplus products". Prosperity will not return to the world in abundant measure until European affairs are brought back to normal, and to restore normal conditions in Europe is the task of all the nations.—Sydney Record.

CHURCH WORKERS' FOLLY

That mild form of flirtation with the devil, the holding of raffles and lotteries, by good Christian church people, has been banned in Vancouver. The church benefit by means of raffle or lottery has developed into a nuisance and a menace. There are too many churches and preachers struggling to make material ends meet, and theatrical competition among them has led to loss of Christian power and influence. If, in their efforts to keep their different churches afloat, the fund raisers cannot succeed without the bunco games they so frequently resort to they should report failure and let the heathen rejoice.—(Port Alberni News.)

A FARMER VIEW

Any one who heard or has since read Mr. Forke's address must have been impressed by its revelation of his understanding of the vital weakness of the policy underlying most of the governmental measures designed to build up this Dominion. Mr. Forke is a believer in prevention rather than cure. He cannot see logic in a policy that raises tariff walls to shut out the necessities of thousands of miles to protect trade agreements. He cannot accept without question an immigration policy that takes no account of the utility of bringing in new immigrants when those already tilling the soil are leaving it in discouragement, and he has scant patience with those who defend a tariff policy that allows combines to flourish, and then creates machinery to curb them.—(The Farmer's Sun.)

On Thursday night the girls hockey team will play the Bridgetown seniors. The only handicaps which the boys have will be the facts that they must dress in feminine attire and use only one hand with the sticks.

INGRAM B. WHEELLOCK

Many Attend Funeral Services at Chestnut Street Church.

Impressive funeral services for Ingram B. Wheellock were held from Chestnut Street M. E. Church on Friday afternoon, when many relatives and friends were in attendance to pay their last respects.

Rev. Charles H. Draper, pastor of Congress Street M. E. Church, officiated. There was special organ music by Walter Richards, organist of Chestnut Street M. E. Church, the numbers including Chopin's funeral march. Mrs. Franklin Wilkins, the contralto, beautifully rendered Tennyson's Crossing the Bar, and other appropriate selections. There was a profusion of floral tributes and cut flowers. The pall bearers were Benj. L. Donnell, Fred Small, John Saunders and Boardman Skillings. The burial was at Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Wheellock died at his late residence on Saturday afternoon as the result of two shocks, the end coming quite suddenly. He was born in Niagara Falls, N. S., Nov. 4th, 1852. He came to Portland 47 years ago and was prominent in the real estate business here. He is survived by three sons: Fred and Horace of Gilman, Vt.; Walter, of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Swanton, of Portland, also by one sister, Mrs. Samuel Hooper, of Lawrence, Mass.

In the death of Mr. Wheellock the city loses one of its well known residents, a man whose memory will always be respected. His private life was singularly free from reproach and his long career furnished a fine example of sturdy uprightness, of integrity and earnestness of purpose. "Outlook" please copy.

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DEEP BROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Woodworth left here on Saturday last for Middleton. They expect to spend the month of March with their daughter, Mrs. R. Beals.

Mrs. Marguerite Page left here on Tuesday for a short visit with relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Neva Marsters, of Digby, spent the week-end, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jane Marsters.

We are sorry to note Mrs. G. L. Benson and daughter Elsie have been quite ill. Dr. Campbell in attendance.

Mrs. Norman Sills has recently returned from Boston where she has been spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Walker. She was accompanied by her two daughters, Dorothy and Laura. They will spend the Summer here.

At a circuit meeting of the Baptist Churches of Smith's Cove, Deep Brook and Clementsport, held at Deep Brook March 6th, it was unanimously voted to locate the new parsonage at Deep Brook. It was voted to purchase the property of James R. Dimars. This property is centrally located and consists of an attractive cottage of seven rooms with small stable. With a few slight changes and the addition of furnace and bathroom, it will make an attractive parsonage. A committee of two from each church were appointed to attend to the necessary work. Mr. W. M. Cossaboom and Mrs. Smith, of Smith's Cove; J. M. Nichols and Mrs. E. V. Hutchinson, of Deep Brook, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Harlow, of Clementsport.

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ORGANIZE TO BRING SETTLERS

Payzant, Canning; W. D. Withrow, Wolfville; Mayor D. W. Murray, Hantsport; Leslie Wiltshire, Windsor; H. M. Chase and W. E. Porter, Kentville.

The local representative, Mr. Vinton Lloyd, in endorsing the resolution, mentioned in particular the necessity of more advertising of Nova Scotia and especially of the Annapolis Valley, the problem of keeping the Nova Scotia boys home, the necessity of a higher state of cultivation, the growing of more vegetables and the growing of Alfalfa in the Valley.

It was asked by Premier Armstrong what is going to be the result when a number of immigrants come to a small community and settle, will those who sell have a place to settle, thereby increasing the population? In the Bridgetown district it was pointed out that a number of farmers would retire when they sold their large farms and in this way would make a demand for town properties, and that there are a lot of large farms that can be sub-divided and in this way increase the population. The people of Bridgetown are optimistic and public spirited they are willing and anxious to co-operate with the government in every way to help bring about the spirit and desire for good citizens to come and settle in the Annapolis Valley. The question of over-production came up, it was decided that there was not an over-production, but that if the farmers of the Valley would produce in quantities that would permit shipments of car lots they would find a ready market and could compete with carload lots of vegetable that were coming into Halifax every week from Ontario.

Action was at once taken by Premier Armstrong who wired to Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, urging Nova Scotia's interest in regard to the settlement of the men referred to above and in reply the minister stated that the fullest opportunity would be given Nova Scotia to absorb Anglo-Indian officer settlers. He also asked details about number the Province could take and the kind of farms available for these. The Federal Government recently sent to India, Col. Innes, a native of Kentville, who will capably represent the interests of Nova Scotia.

Our Bridgetown delegate attended a meeting held after dinner in Mr. Geo. Graham's private car. The meeting dealt with the subject of tourists, Mr. G. F. Pearson, proprietor of "The Chronicle", was the chief speaker, and gave the delegation a good many strong points of advice to think over. There will be a large gathering at Kentville on March 19th, where all the towns of Nova Scotia will be represented, to go into the tourist subject thoroughly.

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A baby has been born at New York with a complete set of teeth. Seeing that chewing, in one form or another, is the main business in the world today, it is gratifying to note that the new generation will be equipped to get into the game right from the drop of the hat.—(Manitoba Free Press.)

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We are sorry to is a number on the colds and la grippe.