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A Free Press Model.

The Free Press, when it called upon Lord Byng to interfere in the workings of responsible government in Canada by urging his excellency to ask for Mr. King's resignation, pointed to Sir Charles Metcalfe, governor-general of Canada from 1843 to 1847, as having furnished a lead which might well be copied by his excellency at Ottawa.

The Free Press urges that we study the administrations of these former representatives of the crown in Canada, and we would find that they had thought out for us and secured for us our form of government.

The Free Press was unfortunate in having included Sir Charles Metcalfe in its list. When he came to Canada in succession to Sir Charles Bagot, the members of the old "family compact" were submitting as gracefully as possible to their defeat. They were doing this openly, but in secret were keenly on the lookout for a leader who would become the spearhead of a movement to put them back in the position from which they had been ousted, and they found that leader in the Free Press' champion of today, Sir Charles Metcalfe.

It was the Baldwin-Lafontaine government that felt the force of Metcalfe's autocracy, and in protest they resigned office. Sir Charles Metcalfe ruled as absolute monarch without a government of any kind for nine months; he exercised prerogatives that were in excess of the power of the king. Following that he partially filled up the offices under the premiership of Hon. W. H. Draper and called for the general election of 1844, which was unparalleled in Canadian history for bribery and violence. The voice of the people was silenced in that election, and it was not until he retired in 1847 that the voters had a chance to declare their will. It is a matter of history that in 1848 Baldwin, Lafontaine and their Reformers colleagues swept both Upper and Lower Canada.

Just why does the Free Press point to Sir Charles Metcalfe as having furnished a lead that it would like to see carried into effect today?

Peace River.

What's the trouble in Peace River riding? The election took place last Thursday and here it is the following Wednesday and the returns are not all in yet.

Truth is that it would take fairly fast work to gather them in ten days or two weeks because Peace River is a land where spaces are great, where distance means a long distance, and transportation is primitive for the most part.

It sometimes takes such a thing as the holding up of election results to make us get our eyes off Ontario and look at the rest of the dominion. In Peace River there's a great deal to look at. It is a new inland empire in the making. Across the northern part of Alberta and British Columbia there is a great area where a few years ago only the more adventurous went. We didn't know much about it, but we do know more today.

The Peace River district contains 115,762 square miles, and that's more than the combined area of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It is three and a half times the size of Austria; more than seven times the size of Denmark, a country that supports a population of three and one-half million people. Peace River district is almost as large as Norway, and larger than New Zealand; from its area could be made a country the size of Greece, another to accommodate Bulgaria, and there would be enough left over to make Austria. So it's not difficult to understand that it is a serious business running around there gathering up election returns.

Not only is it great in size but farmers have found that its greatness extends to the crops. Already the government has experimental farms in operation and some of the official figures show Red Fife wheat 64 bushels to the acre, Marquis 69 and Huron 62; in oats Banner has gone as high as 153 and Tartar King 125. It is quite conceivable that with such figures as these to be totaled up the returning officer may have been too busy to put a "rush" sign on election returns.

The Peace river itself runs for a distance of 800 miles, and is navigable almost the entire distance. That's as far as from Toronto to Fredericton, N.B., or from Winnipeg to Calgary. In that country they have found gold and silver bearing gelsena, bituminous and anthracite coal, natural gas, tar and oil, gypsum and salt. There are unmeasured timber limits and sixteen varieties of fur-bearing animals.

We are given at times to speaking about the "last great west." The building up of Western Canada has barely been commenced. If Austria can support a population of six million, Peace River can double that figure. Railways, boats, settlers and hard work will tap a source of wealth the size of which we could not possibly estimate.

Faulty Procedure.

London ratepayers will be asked to vote \$75,000 for the erection of a new bridge on Ridout street. This bridge has been condemned for over four months, yet nothing has been done to remedy the defect, and nothing will be done until after the ratepayers sanction the construction of the new link on that road.

This may be quite a democratic way of doing business by giving taxpayers complete control

of the expenditure of money, but the method is faulty and obsolete.

The day the engineers condemned the bridge and named it as unsafe it ceased to be a bridge that was fit for use. It became a menace and power should be vested in the city council to deal with it at once as a case of public necessity. It was not sufficient that a speed limit of five miles per hour be imposed and that heavy trucks be kept off.

Neither is it certain that the ratepayers have the decision in their own hands entirely. If they were to defeat the bylaw the council could still go ahead by placing the amount needed in the City of London Bill and have it approved by the legislature. The method that has been followed may claim a certain adherence to legality as its sanction, but it has been far too tardy in dealing with a known danger to the travelling public.

Paying the Price.

London city council is making application to the provincial legislature for amendments to the Housing Commission Act, under which the city erected forty-two houses on Pine Lawn and seventeen on Garfield avenue. The chief power asked is that the city may issue debentures without a vote of the ratepayers to make up the difference between the cost of the houses and the price at which they were sold. In selling houses under the cost of construction the local housing commission has already been exceeding the powers given to it. It also went first in advance of these powers in the first place by erecting houses for which there were no prospective purchasers.

The plan of issuing debentures to cover the losses already sustained, which amount to about \$75,000, is a step that should have been taken before. It is not good financing to keep on ignoring a known liability and making no provision for it.

It is difficult to see any good reason for the council's refusal to sanction advertising the thirteen houses that are now vacant. It is better to have tenants in them than to leave them empty in the hope of a sale, and the way to get tenants is to advertise for them.

There should be a definite policy of cleaning up the whole housing business as far as the city's share of it is concerned. There has been no loss on the houses where advances were secured from the housing commission fund by private individuals, but there has been a distinct loss on the city's efforts. When the legislature gives the city the powers it is now asking it should be the signal for starting a definite program of realizing as much as possible from the investment and making provision to spread the loss over a term of years. When this is done the books can be closed on an incident that has been a costly object lesson in exceeding the powers granted by the legislature.

Not Quite Clear Yet.

The Mail and Empire says West Middlesex may be opened for the prime minister and adds: "In the contest last week the plurality for J. C. Elliott was over 1,400, practically the same as was recorded in the 1921 election."

The campaign through which it has just passed must have left the Mail and Empire a little foggy, as West Middlesex was won by the Progressives in 1921, the late J. D. F. Drummond having secured a majority of 1,539.

His Leadership Not Disputed.

The St. Thomas Times-Journal says "many who supported Mr. King think the Liberal party should call a dominion-wide convention at once and decide on a new leader."

During his term at Ottawa and in the campaign just closed, Mr. King demonstrated his fitness for leadership. He has been resourceful and aggressive, honorable to his opponents, tolerant with those who differed with him. In the Liberal party and out of it Mr. King commands a greater prestige and more intimate friendships than he did four years ago.

The Liberal party does not want a new leader, nor does it need one. If a convention were called next week there would be only one name advanced—Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, and it would be cheered to the echo.

Note and Comment.

The excitement over elections has allowed Christmas to creep on unobserved—it's just seven weeks from Friday.

Heart beats are now recorded on phonographic records, specially designed of course for the sitting-room on Sunday evenings.

The Brandon Sun, after reading that the word "obey" had been deleted from the marriage ceremony, wants to know if it becomes retroactive.

Crown Attorney Lancaster in St. Catharines says Armenians there buy their wives, and a number of other husbands act as though they owned them.

Official was sent to prison for three years for stealing \$6,000 from the province of Nova Scotia. Two thousand dollars equals one year—a straight problem in simple arithmetic.

London this year departs from the ward system of electing aldermen, while Moose Jaw goes back to it. Like a Christmas necktie, if you don't like it you can change it.

The businessmen of Aylmer had a banquet and presentation to mark the departure of E. W. R. Hill, for thirty-three years with the Molsons Bank and the Bank of Montreal in that town. That is more than a news item because it speaks volumes for the relationship between Mr. Hill and the men whose business he transacted. It was a thoughtful act for the Aylmer citizens to pay this tangible compliment to a fellow townsman. It is such relationships that make business life worth-while.

Before and After

By ARK.

I notice how in several spots the cops are workin' mighty keen to find the youngsters who they be who cut up pranks on Halloween.

It's funny how they get so wild when they go rearin' round that night, and do things that they know darned well are sixteen fathoms off from right. But when they sniff the evenin' air why then there's just the deuce to pay, they never reckon later on they'll have to face a reckonin' day.

They pelt the cabbage at the door and lug the gates a block or two, and keep a-lookin' for six hours for all the mischief they can do.

It's different in a day or so when cops come thumpin' on the door, and say as how a youngster there he be the one they're lookin' for.

And when they say you are the kid who bust a window up next block, and likewise at the kitchen door you heaved a great and jagged rock. You pulled the gate from off the fence and swiped the barber's pole as well, you took the grocer's cart and bench and heaved 'em both inside his well.

It's then your heart goes bang and bang and smites your ribs with fearful thud, 'tis then you wish you'd stayed to home and ducked for apples in a tub.

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The Once-Over

A reckless motorist here showed lamentable judgment when, with about 7,000 other cars to choose from, he picked out a police car driven by a motorcycle officer to sideswipe.

Seven, 'tis said, is the perfect number. Wherefore, we content that Sid Little rolled up a perfect score in Thursday's voting. The official count gives him 7,777 votes.

FATHER GANDER RHYMES.

By Simple Simon.

There was a man in our town
And he was wondrous wise.
He bet on the election with
Used to be the in every community
But when the votes were counted up
With all his might and main
He registered a solemn vow
He'd never bet again.

REJECTED INTERVIEWS.

The veteran race horse trainer was found seated on a bale of hay at the Queen's park stables. "Is it true," we asked him, "that you have been associated with horses so long that you can speak the equine language?" "Neigh! Neigh!" he replied hoarsely. "Please go away and don't nag me any more about it."

The city editor rejected the story on the ground that it was too racy.

At Springbank zoo is a little red fox in a wire enclosure. In the next enclosure, separately only by a wire mesh, are a flock of fat ducks. No wonder that fox wears a wistful expression. Or maybe it's a wishful look.

ADVICE TO PERSPIRING REPORTERS.

In writing allegedly humorous paragraphs for the third column, don't get the idea that they are the only funny things on the editorial page. Why not read the editorials?

LITTLE STORIES FOR BEDTIME.

Mamma, I want to go to Springbank to see the animals. Don't be ridiculous, child. It's night time and the animals are all in bed. Oh no, they're not, mother, the owls and the coons stay up all night. Daddy told me. Well he ought to know. He stays out late enough at night. Maybe that's what makes him so cranky. Is he cross tonight, mamma? Yes, he's growling away there in his den just because mother bought a little hat with the money he'd saved to buy new golf clubs. But, mamma, I do want to go and see a bear. All right, dear. Toodle in and take a look at your daddy, and then come right back to bed.

Isn't It the Truth?

Famous downs: Touch down; young whippers; \$1 down.

In the old days "pay dirt" referred to gold-bearing soil, not to the drama.

Another general ad to longevity is the fact that the good die young.

Peace is that interval between elections when it is safe to denounce intolerance.

All right; just wait until the cold winds begin to blow up under these balloon pants.

A man never realizes just what "dumbness" means until he is driving on a country road and meets a cow.

If your children never lie to you, it just shows that the influence of example has been over-estimated.

They call it "civilized warfare," but the most modern of private killings isn't called civilized murder.

"Hallucinations?" said the man who doesn't read advertisements. "I think he was on one of the debt commissions."

You can't really make your own future, but you marry a sensible woman and let nature take its course.

Russian propaganda will be effective whenever she offers proof that everybody is happy, free and prosperous.

Even if China should become a Christian nation, it would profit her little. There are few heathen nations left to frisk.

Correct this sentence: "I really prefer," said the romantic young thing, "to marry a widower who has settled down in life."

Lighter Vein

BROADCASTER.

Mrs. Torker (sighing)—Alf, one half of the world doesn't know how the other half suffers.
Mrs. Caustic—Well, cheer up, my dear; it isn't your fault.

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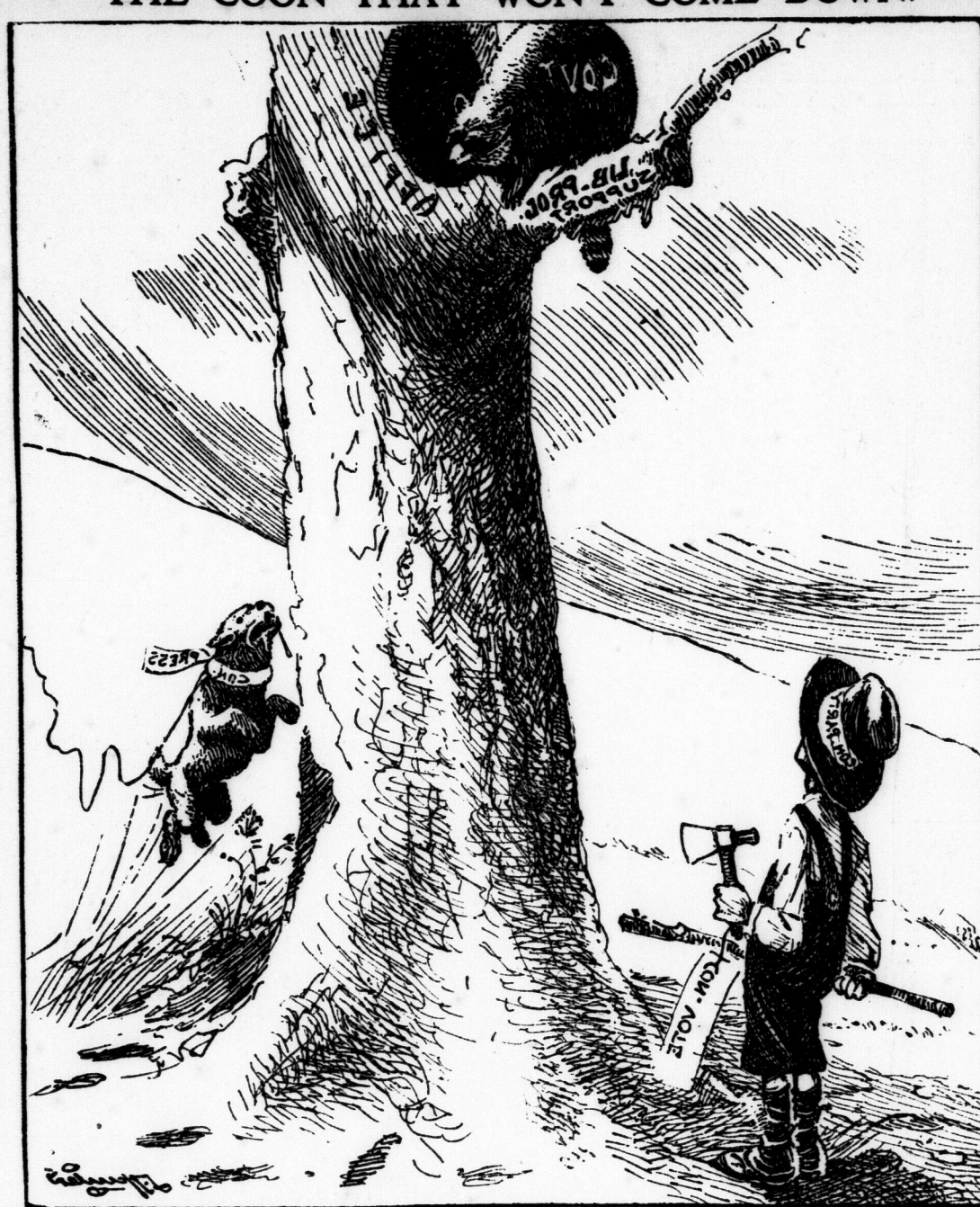
Mrs. Snyder—You're downright stingy! Why, Mr. Botts gave Madge a checkbook of her very own.
Mr. Snyder—So he told me, but it was on a bank where he has no account.

DISTINCTION.

"I think your boy will become a very distinguished man if he lives long enough."

"Yes? What do you think he will be distinguished for?"
"Longevity—if he lives long enough."

THE COON THAT WON'T COME DOWN.



"He won't come down, and I haven't got an axe that'll cut him down."

Sod-Buster Is Critical

By SOD BUSTER.

WILTON GROVE, Nov. 2.—Did it ever occur to you that the talk about election time changes in its methods, and yet in the main substance is the same old thing? It next vote comes along in the near future, as is likely by present appearances.

SOD BUSTER.

Wilton Grove, Nov. 2.

To The Editor

Wife's Property Rights.

Editor of The Advertiser:—Sir,—Re property rights of women in Ontario. Does the wife of a deceased husband share in the real estate only, or can she claim a share of the chattels, bonds, stocks or money in bank as well?

Thanking you in advance for any information you can furnish in the columns of your valuable paper, I am, yours very truly, T. W. D. Where a husband dies without a will, and there are children, the wife receives one-third of the entire estate and the children the remainder. Where there are no children, the wife gets the entire estate if it is not in excess of \$1,000; if it exceeds \$1,000, she is entitled to one-half of the amount in excess of \$1,000.—Editor Advertiser.

25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Nov. 4, 1900.

The annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Fraser; vice-presidents, Miss Jarvis, Mrs. I. N. Williams, Mrs. Jewell, Miss Loughey, Mrs. Owen, Miss Yeates; recording secretary, Miss F. Fraser; corresponding secretary, Miss Treblecock; treasurer, Miss McGuffin; general secretary, Miss Kirkpatrick; press correspondent, Miss Hopkin. Roosevelt, during the past eight weeks, has visited 24 states, 567 towns and delivered 673 speeches. Some is changing its street car system from horse service to electric.

The city coal dealers held a meeting on Saturday evening and decided to reduce the price of coal from \$7 to \$6.50 per ton. Pres. Evans, Duff, Barrett and Collins, B company, men returning from Africa will be banquetted at the Dominion house tonight by their friends.

Anniversary services were held at Askin street church yesterday, Rev. J. W. Holmes preaching in the morning and Rev. S. J. Allen in the evening. Pie J. J. Brierley of the Canadian Mounted Rifles arrived home from S. Africa yesterday.

WALLACEBURG FARMER SUCCEUMBS TO ILLNESS

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallaceburg, Nov. 3.—The death took place on Monday night of Thos. Murphy at his home on Robert street, following a long illness. He was born beside the Snye, where he was a successful farmer. He retired to Wallaceburg fifteen years ago. He is aged 62, and is survived by his widow; four sons, Bernard and Lee, of Wallaceburg; Henry, Jerome, and one daughter, Miss Emma, at home; two brothers and two sisters, William, of Sarnia, George, of the Snye, and two sisters, Mrs. Taber, of Wyandotte, Mich., and Mrs. Turner, of Michigan. The funeral takes place on Thursday morning from the late residence to the church of Our Lady of Help, and services will be conducted by the Rev. Father J. Brennan. Interment will take place in

KING MUST CARRY ON, IS OPINION OF CABINET

Ministers of Government Hold Brief Session at Ottawa.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—There was not, it was learned today, a single dissenting voice among the members of the cabinet yesterday afternoon to carry on and meet parliament in due course. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that not only is the government in position to carry on successfully, but that to refrain from doing so would be to evince a lack of courage, and would plunge the country in chaos. It is recognized in Liberal circles not only that the government can continue, but that it is its bounden duty to do so.

Council was not long in reaching its decision. After a brief sitting the premier left, accompanied by Hon. Messrs. Graham Murphy, Macdonald and Robb, and it is understood that he and those of his colleagues betook themselves to Rideau Hall for a brief conference with the governor-general.

The almost complete declination of the Progressives' part was a feature of the recent election. Should Robert Forke decide to continue leader of the group of that name, he will have but a handful behind him, several of whom are not amenable to party discipline, or at least have not evidenced such amenability in the past.

Among the rumors now afloat is one to the effect that Robert Forke of Brandon, Man., and Alfred Speakman of Red Deer, Alta., may have an opportunity of entering the cabinet.

Arctic Police To Hear Radio

Christmas Greetings To Be Broadcast To "Mounties."

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa Nov. 3.—Arrangements for special radio messages, including Christmas and New Year greetings to mounted police posts in the Arctic have been made by the radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The Westinghouse Company's broadcasting station at Pittsburgh, will carry transmissions addressed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard time, Nov. 21, December 31, January 16, and February 20.

OIL-ELECTRIC CAR BETTERS TRAIN TIME TO WINNIPEG

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—The new Canadian National Railway oil-electric car bettered by nine hours the time of the ordinary steam train between Winnipeg and Montreal, when it arrived here last night in a trifle more than 30 hours. During the entire journey from Montreal, 1,372 miles, an average speed of 46 miles an hour was maintained. No engine trouble was reported.

ELECTION ROW TAKES 3 LIVES IN KENTUCKY

Four Others Wounded in Fight—Over Forty Shots Fired.

Associated Press Despatch.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3.—Three men were reported killed in election fights in Kentucky late today.

Reports from Harlan said William Gilbert and a man named Maples killed each other, and Whitesburg despatches said George Bates was killed and four others wounded near there in a row in which 40 shots were exchanged.

Suffered for 15 years with constipation—Kellogg's ALL-BRAN brings relief in 3 weeks

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Yours truly,

W. T. WILLIAMS.

(Address on request).

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