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WHAT WILL LIKELY OCCUR IN GOVT. OF PROVINCE

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person for whom Sir William Hearst will advise the Lieut. Governor to send. Mr. Dewart is clearly the person who should be summoned. This may, in the popular mind, give rise to questions. A natural inquiry would be, "Why not call up the leader of the U. F. O. party, they being most strongly represented in the House?" The answer is, that the only party other than the Conservatives, who on the date of the Election had a clearly recognized leader, and a recognized organization, was the Liberal party. The United Farmers, while the stronger in number, were not, on the date of the Election, organized under a recognized leader, and even if they select such before the resignation of Sir William Hearst and his Cabinet takes place, they would not thereby alter the fact that at the election it was not in the mind of any of the electors that any particular person elected as a supporter of such party was to lead a government party, if successful. It seems perfectly obvious that Sir William Hearst should and will advise that Mr. Dewart be summoned, and by the same token, it is beyond all question that His Honor will accept the advice of the presently existing Cabinet.

Then, if Mr. Dewart be called upon the next question arising, is, "What is Mr. Dewart's position and duty in the premises?" He will naturally ask a short but reasonable time to consider his own position in the matter, and what the possibilities are from his standpoint. It is obvious that he cannot form a government from members of his own party, for such government would be a hopeless minority, and could not command the confidence of the House for a moment; neither can he consider a coalition with the Conservative forces, for the two united would still constitute only a minority of the Assembly; neither can he with any consistency suggest to the party of United Farmers the advisability or possibility of forming a coalition of their forces and his own. The U. F. O. party is so much in majority over the Liberals, that for Mr. Dewart to suggest such a coalition would be the case of the tail wagging the dog. Therefore, while he is the proper party to be sent for, and to be given the opportunity, yet at the same time he is not the one to ultimately constitute a government; and his clear duty will be, after due consideration to report to the Lieutenant Governor or that he declines the task.

It will then be the duty of the Lieutenant-Governor to again consult Mr. Hearst and his Cabinet, for, as already stated, they are the constitutional advisors of the Crown until replaced by another Cabinet. And at this point, Mr. Hearst should clearly advise His Honor to send for such representative of the United Farmers as may have been selected by them as their leader, and intrust to him the duty of forming a Government. It has been stated in the alleged interview with His Honor from which quotation is made above, that His Honor claims that he may send for someone outside of the House. If the United Farmers select such a person as their leader, and responsible ministers advise such course, then His Honor is perfectly right in saying that he may send for such persons and it would be his constitutional duty so to do, whether the person so selected be a member of the Assembly or not.

The one so summoned and entrusted with the task of getting together a Cabinet would be clearly entitled to sufficient time to canvas the situation and consider his responsibility and duty in the matter. He would probably, and it would certainly be proper for him, to call together his entire following. This would be justified by the fact that they are not a closely constituted, and only recently organized unit. He will then find himself confronted by the fact that the U. F. O. party, even when taken as consisting of the U. F. O's, the Labor representatives, Socialists and Soldiers make up perhaps only a minority of the House, and would certainly have only a small majority over all other factions, and will find it necessary to form a coalition with someone. At this point will and should come the principal difficulty. It is stated that the United Farmers will not form a coalition with either Liberals or Conservatives as such, but may coalesce with certain individuals of either or both of such parties considered as individuals, and not as a party. It is inconceivable that members in high standing of either the Liberal or Conservative parties will enter into a coalition upon such terms. It is stated that the United Farmers will consider relationship with such members of the other party or parties as subscribe to the U. F. O. platform. This is not coalition, it is absorption, and is diametrically opposed to the very basis principle of coalition which is compromise. The various factions entering into a coalition will consider what points they have in common, upon what points they differ, and will agree to go ahead with such progress as they have in common, and leave in abeyance and allow to remain dormant those planks in the platforms of both upon which they are at variance; and it is hard to imagine that a coalition will be formed if the United Farmers adhere to their prin-

ciples as they are above understood to be.

If they do not succeed in forming a coalition with either the Liberals or Conservatives, their leader so summoned as above, should report to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor that he cannot undertake the task of constituting a Cabinet, and decline the Office.

The above is clearly the duty of the various parties or factions concerned. And if all these measures prove abortive, and a Government is not formed, it will then be necessary for the Lieut.-Governor, acting under the advice still of Mr. Hearst, who will be still the responsible advisor of the Crown, to order a new Election; and this will, almost certainly, be the result, unless the parties realize their responsibility, the absolute necessity of carrying on the Crown's business, and consent to some sort of a compromise, which will permit of a coalition as above stated.

The writer has endeavored to adhere strictly to the constitutional view of the circumstances, and it should be possible to arrive at both a legal and responsible result, if all will realize their constitutional responsibilities, and not indulge in party tactics, or begin sparring for a party advantage.

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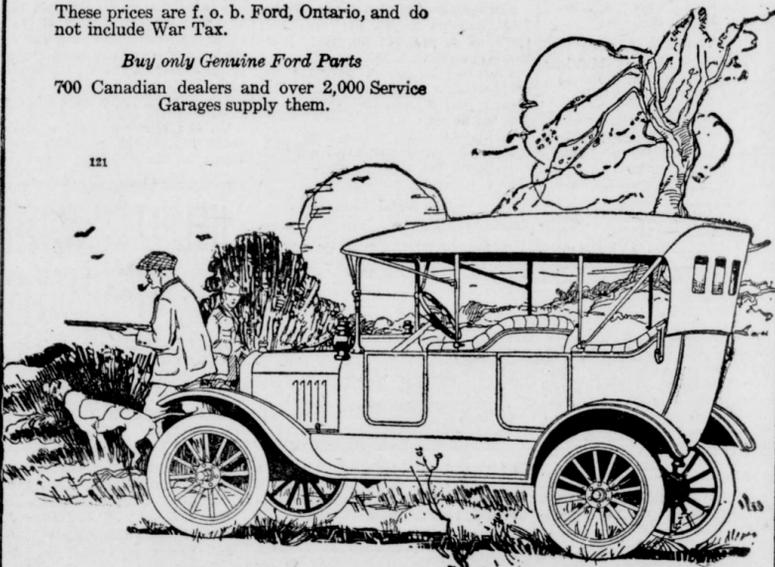
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