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TO PREVENT SAW OFFS.

Major Hugh Clark, Centre Bruce, who is making an honest and earnest effort to remove "saw-offs" from the list of political expedients, is finding out how difficult it is to remedy an evil which the Government is disposed to retain. His proposal is to increase the time for filing petitions from 21 to 60 days, and make the deposit forfeitable in case the petition is not brought to trial. The objection raised by the Attorney-General is that all petitions go to trial and the bill would therefore be valueless. Every one knows what that trial is. There is an arrangement made that the trial shall be transferred from the local place of trial to Toronto, and when that is announced every one knows it is a saw-off. The court meets and with due solemnity goes through the farce of hearing solicitors say they have no evidence to offer and then deciding to dismiss the petition. The court knows it's a saw-off and that its duty is to report the case to the Speaker; but it winks at the evasion of the law. Major Clark is, therefore, up against the condition that that farce is a trial and as such releases the deposit of the petitioners. He will have to amend it in some way to prevent that farce from nullifying his bill, and he may depend upon it that the legal committee will give him but little assistance in removing loopholes.

The Attorney-General has admitted the truth of Major Clark's assertion that the worst election cases do not go to trial, while very frequently the cleanest ones do. He knows the law is being abused by being used as a party weapon, but he pleads that he is powerless to prevent it.

The saw-off scandal has done a great deal to demoralize our politics and it is pitiful to hear the admission that it cannot be remedied. No one is going to be misled by that admission. It can be remedied if an earnest attempt is made, but we need not expect an earnest attempt from men who have profited by the manipulation of election protests.

Major Clark gives plenty of time to file petitions. The petitioner has sixty days in which to find out whether corrupt practices prevailed or not. If he knows that they did, he risks nothing in filing his petition, for the deposit of \$1,000 is only a small portion of what the trial will cost. In the past few years men who conducted clean elections have been unseated, because the law is so rigid. Under the amendment proposed by Major Clark only the most corrupt elections will go to trial. That is what this province wants, and that is the way to purify our election campaigns.

A POLICY FOR ALL CANADIANS.

Mr. R. L. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party, has laid down a transportation policy which means much to the people of Canada. He has declared emphatically in favor of the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Georgian Bay, the Northwest Territories and the Pacific Ocean, but in doing so he has stipulated that independent and competent advice from transportation experts shall govern the action of the Conservative party in carrying out this great work. He provides for the development of every link in the great transportation chain and lays down the following objects and considerations as in the best interests of the country:

(a) To develop and extend the Government system of railways, and to free the management thereof from party political control or interference.

(b) To secure absolute and thorough control of rates and traffic facilities in return for reasonable public aid to railway construction or improvement.

(c) To improve and extend our canal system, to develop our lake and river routes, and to equip thoroughly our national ports on the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence and the seaboard.

(d) To perfect a system of elevator warehousing and terminal facilities.

(e) To secure, under Government control and direction, or where expedient under Government ownership, common hauling or running facilities where one railway can usefully accommodate several systems, and thus to ensure to the public more economic carriage and efficient service.

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1. The immediate construction and control by the Dominion of such lines of railway in the west of the Pacific as the enormous importance and increasing development of the great western country require.

2. The extension of the Intercolonial Railway to the Georgian Bay and thence to Winnipeg, and the extension and improvement in the Province of Quebec and in the Maritime Provinces of the Government system of railways.

3. The development and improvement of our canal and inland waterways and the thorough and efficient equipment of our national ports and terminals on the Atlantic and Pacific as well as on the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes.

4. The thorough examination, exploration and survey of the country between Quebec and Winnipeg, with a view to the future construction of such lines of railway as may be found in the public interest.

NOT AFRAID OF THE LADIES.

Montreal Star.
Mr. Osler, M. P. says that more harm is done by bad cooking than by cigarettes. There is no woman suffrage in Mr. Osler's constituency.

LETTER BOX

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT.

Editor of The Planet:
I have never taken any active part in municipal affairs until during the past few weeks. I have been interesting myself in reference to the paving of Park street. But in that short time, by keeping my eyes and ears open, and also by reasoning upon both direct and circumstantial evidence as it was presented to me, I have become fully convinced that there are many things being done for the benefit of the population of the city which engaged will not stand the light of a very close investigation, and with your permission I will endeavor to explain to the people of Chatham, as concisely as possible, my reasons for making such an assertion.

Every year our Mayor and Aldermen are elected to practice the economy they preach in their pre-election addresses. And every year instead of economy, we find them going on more taxes until the man who earns his living by manual labor finds that if he owns his home, his taxes and his insurance are a good deal more than the value of his property, and if he is a landlord, he cannot get a rent that will return a medium interest over his taxes, insurance and repairs. We are to-day the most highly taxed city in Ontario, in what is generally called general taxes, leaving out street paving. On Park street we are now paying about 30 mills on the dollar, on full value assessment. This means that the city will

require the full value of the property, in about 30 years, for expenses. Now no one objects to paying for necessities. But what we do object to is the manner in which additional taxes are forced upon the people by those economical aldermen in the interests of contractors and corporations.

Almost every one now knows of the different ways in which a city can be run. A petition for a pavement requires two-thirds of the owners. But the law also provides that a majority signing against the pavement defeats the petition for a pavement. This on the face of it looks fair and square. But here is where the Board of Works and the contractors and corporations get in their fine work. We are all aware that there are a great many Esau's, men who will count a sparrow in the hand worth more than whole flocks of ostriches in the desert. Or a few dollars now as better than hundreds to be paid in future taxes.

To illustrate all the above I will state exactly what has occurred on Park street.

The Asphalt Block Co., of Walkerville, after about two months canvassing by the Frost and the ex-Alderman Burrows, succeeded in securing 38 signatures to a petition for an asphalt block pavement on Park street, but it required 54 names before the Council could act upon it and go to work. To remedy this defect and, apparently to the satisfaction of the Frost and the Asphalt Block Co., and regardless of the feelings of the people of Park street on the matter, the Council took initiative proceedings for a pavement on Park street, wording it precisely similar to the asphalt block petition.

The result of the petition was that the Council did not feel able to pay for a pavement, or that could not see why the people who live on Park street, over seven-eighths of whom make their living by hard labor and seldom have a prospect of a better state of affairs, and therefore do not believe that they should mortgage their property for a pavement for the use of everyone but themselves; to send in a petition signed by over one-half the owners. This was done. This petition had to be in the hands of the Clerk on the 6th of March. It contained 51 names, nearly two-thirds instead of the half as required. The 6th of March was Council night and, of course, the petition could not be acted upon for two weeks—till the next Council night. Before the Clerk could complete his investigation of the ownership, etc., of the petitioners, Mr. Frost had his man Friday, who, as far as I have been able to discover, never spoke a word of truth on Park street, in fact, I never before knew of such a continuous liar (I mean the statement), rushing round telling the petitioners against the pavement that I, who started the petition, was a fraud working to defeat the Asphalt Block in the interest of the Bitulithic pavement, or as he called it, buttermilk pavement. I was then, as now, entirely opposed to paving Park street for the above reasons. It is said that Tom Piper was kicked out of hell for lying. When that man Friday goes there the Devil will give him a box of matches, a can of kerosene, a sack of sulphur, and a barrel of asphalt, and tell him to go a long way off and start a hell of his own.

Excuse the digression. He succeeded by this means in taking off several names; some of them put their names on again. However, when the city clerk read the petition, he said the petitioners could do nothing, but the law says that names can be taken off by application to the County Judge, but none can be put on by him. It was nine or ten days to Council meeting, but nothing was done. At the meeting the clerk announced that he had found the petition against the initiative for a pavement on Park street sufficiently signed. And it is just here the council showed their hand. Previous to this, two of them and the Mayor went on a pleasure excursion to Washington, Baltimore and elsewhere at the immediate expense of the Asphalt Block Co., but the Co. felt certain of Park street just then and Park St. would have to pay for the trip. Now it was not necessary to get the support of these men. They were already doing more than their position called for in the Asphalt interests. Then why did they not take some of the people who would have to pay for the pavement—Mr. Witherpoon, Mr. McLaren, Mr. McConock, Mr. Macon, Mr. Cuckey, Mr. Merril, or other old residents; oh no, kissing goes by favor.

At every council discussion of pavements, you always hear them use the expression, "We want to give the people what they want," while they don't mean a word of it. Some of the council are all in favor of one kind of pavement, others are general in their friendship, as long as it results in some one GETTING THE CONTRACTS. When the clerk announced that petition against the pavement was sufficiently signed, did the chairman accept the statement as a fact, and move that the initiative proceedings be annulled? No, but it did the uncompleted petitions of St. Clair St. and Victoria Ave. were postponed for two days. The following evening some one had TIPPED a walk to the asphalt block people to get a move on and get some names for the Judge to ratify on. And on Tuesday evening the man of SAVORY reputation was rushing from house to house of working men trying to BRIBE them to take their names off the petition. He failed with some, but he succeeded in getting others to go before the Judge and take their names off. A large manufacturer succeeded in getting a poor old colored woman to take her name off. When I called on her with the petition against the pavement, she thanked God that some one had taken it in hand to save her from losing her home as she could hardly pay her present taxes.

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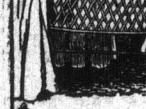
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