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Mr. Crerar's Fourth Party.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, former leader of the Progressive party at Ottawa, has found it necessary to come out in the open with a statement telling what he said behind closed doors regarding the formation of a new political party in Canada. There was a session of the Saskatchewan Progressives held at Regina, and it was there that Mr. Crerar unbuckled his soul in secret. Some person talked to the press afterward, so it became necessary for Mr. Crerar to tell in detail what he hoped had been unfolded in secret.

Mr. Crerar put the three political parties in Canada on parade and took the box seat in the reviewing station for himself.

The Liberals, he contended, had failed in their term of office to do the things that might have been expected; they had not gone as far in tariff reform as he desired, nor made a sufficient cut in expenditure to have an appreciable effect on taxation. He desired to see more definite action than he had noticed on the part of the present government.

When the Conservative troops marched past Mr. Crerar told the Regina gathering that he had no hope in them. His own words were: "The only important suggestion in the program of the Conservatives was an increase in the tariff if returned to power, and that this would only place additional burdens upon Western Canada and in no way improve conditions, but rather the reverse."

When Mr. Crerar analyzed the Progressive movement he spoke with less freedom. He said: "I pointed out that the Progressive party, for reasons which I need not give here, but which I gave to my fellow western members at the meeting, had failed to make any appreciable appeal to Eastern Canada."

Mr. Crerar's solution is that a new movement, national in its outlook, should feel its birth pangs in the west, and come forth bearing in its hands the solution for the railway situation, extension of markets, "a tariff based primarily on the needs of revenue rather than looking alone for the protection of industry," a new immigration policy, and a view that was national rather than sectional.

There is no new definite panacea in Mr. Crerar's statement; it is so general that he has committed himself to nothing at all. As far as his suggestion for the creation of a new party is concerned, it is as hopeless as his platform is vague. The one way any party can bring to pass the ideals it professes is to have the numerical strength to do it. If Mr. Crerar's fourth party were to have any chance of doing this it would have to supplant both Liberal and Conservative forces and also the Progressives, unless it saw in the latter some timber that might be salvaged for the new structure.

A party that struck root in the west, and found its strength there, though it might claim to have a national vision, would find itself gravitating toward the western viewpoint. If it did not, it could not muster volunteers from the west. A party that found anchorage and direction in the east alone would do exactly the same thing. Both would fail because neither would be able to look clean across from Atlantic to Pacific with that sympathetic interest necessary to the all-round development of Canada.

The premier had very pointed experience on this point. He tried to help western development, and to do so in a way that would work no injury on the east, but he found that he could secure support from the Progressives only when he was moving in their direction. When he came to the point where he considered it desirable to stop in the interests of the east the support of the west was withdrawn. Mr. Crerar's idea that he can take the Progressive vessel and cast it on another mold and make of it an image that has one eye turned toward the east and the other toward the west would result in a crossed vision. His plan does not look any more feasible since he brought it out in the open than it did to those with whom he discussed it in private.

The Vote on Saturday.

All the facts bearing on the hotel proposition in London have been fairly placed before the citizens. In any move of this character it is right that there should be the most thorough investigation before the people vote, that all questions be fairly answered, and that the electors feel certain that their interests have been safeguarded.

The taxpayers of London are not committing themselves to the expenditure of one dollar of public money. They are being asked to approve of two things. (1) The exchange of that section of the Federal square known as the McCormick site for the Richmond street property where the old Merchants Bank building is situated, and the land adjoining. The city is to receive \$25,000 in cash as the appraised difference in the value of the sites. (2) The sanctioning of an assessment of \$200,000 for a period of ten years on the hotel property. This is for general tax rate only, and for school rates the hotel will have no exemption.

The city at present secures a revenue of not over \$600 from the Federal square, and the carrying charges based on the purchase price of \$125,000 amount to \$7,500 per year in interest alone. The erection of the hotel will give the city in taxation alone around \$17,000 per year instead of a loss of \$7,500. That is entirely

apart from the increased value to other city property that will result from the completion of a modern hotel building. Replacing a loss with a revenue will be a good stroke of business.

There are sufficient guarantees that the hotel project will proceed after the citizens have given a favorable answer to the two bylaws. These have been carefully attended to. There will be no exchange of properties until.

(1) The local subscription of twenty-five per cent of the hotel stock has been met.

(2) Until there is assurance from a bond or trust company, approved of by the local committee, that the Lynch Construction Company has furnished ample security for the depositing of its seventy-five per cent of the cost of construction.

(3) Until the tenant of the building has committed himself to the furnishing of the hotel throughout, with no lien notes against his earnings, and has produced his bond for the carrying out of such plan.

Ratepayers should have no hesitation in expressing approval of the two bylaws. It is a straight business proposal with enough merit to warrant its hearty approval by the voters.

Fight To a Finish.

Usually a squabble between a banker and the men with whom he does business is a purely local affair, yet the rumpus between the combination of German bankers and Dr. Edmund Stinnes has been great enough to interest an audience in every continent.

Herr Hugo Stinnes up to the time of the war was one of the crowd. The war made him, and the aftermath that ruined thousands of others made Hugo Stinnes greater than ever. A situation that meant panic and ruin to others spelled prosperity and domination to him. The hunger and privation of his own people meant to him cheap labor and plenty of it. His hand touched coal, iron, steel, shipping, textiles and banking, and invaded the fields of films, flour and motor cars. Stinnes was the industrial and financial dictator of Germany.

He died, and as the banking powers turned from the perfumery honors they paid his grave they met to plan their own re-establishment as the dictators of finance in Germany. Such a policy is not banking as we know it, but it is the policy in Germany. Today his son, Dr. Edmund Stinnes, offers shares in the motor car works in lieu of wages, and appeals to the government for a loan of what his father would have called a trifle—\$25,000 to pay pressing bills and carry on.

Had his father lived he might have saved the structure he had built, but it is doubtful. A business that was built on inflation of currency is bound to sag when money becomes standardized, and it takes a financial giant to take up the drift.

The Manchester Guardian sees in the situation a straight fight to a finish for the dictatorship of Germany—the industrial monopolists vs. the banking interests. The financial plotters couldn't put the bridle on the father, but it looks as though they would soon have a whole set of harness on the son.

Note and Comment.

No mean man ever makes the discovery that he is mean.

Home-brewing, according to statistics, has outdistanced home-cooking.

Get out and vote for the hotel bylaws before you start out on your Saturday trip.

Despite the best efforts of the shooters Chicago's population is now over three million.

The average man is troubled now and then by mosquitoes and the politician by misquotes.

The fact that oysters are scarce this season provides the season's alibi for the usual shortage of them in the soup.

Long Island man is demonstrating a gas tank that will not explode. What is needed is one that won't get empty.

The city council of Berlin may raise dog tax from \$10 to \$15 to pay deficits on the opera houses. The bark of the dog will pay for the snarl of the villain.

An Indian near Ancaster brewed beer that was 26 per cent alcohol, and the braves from Hamilton have surrounded his wigwam lest he escape with the secret.

Up Bruce way the Conservatives have nominated a monument manufacturer for their candidate, and of course Mr. Meighen will welcome this brother to the ranks.

Ottawa Journal commends police there for catching burglars, and adds "more power to their elbows." Is that how it's done? Use their elbows to poke the burglars in the ribs.

Three doctors were nominated by the Conservatives in East Lambton, but all withdrew. Why should any doctor, with a good practice, desire to leave it for a seat in the ranks of the opposition?

A member of the British K. K. K. had a rough time at the hands of the Canadian K. K. K. at a Woodstock meeting. Apparently the British organization can't claim connection with the Canadian.

"Babe" Ruth, of baseball fame, had a fall-out with the manager of the New York Yankees. He was fined \$5,000 and suspended. On going home he was met by a mob at the station that he could hardly get to a taxi. When he got to his house there were photographers there and an army of reporters. His trouble got columns of notice in all the papers of the country. And all because he can knock out home runs. Apparently it pays to be able to do one thing particularly well.

John Henry's Easy

He's always fussin' with his car, and spinkin' on some trinkets too, he falls for everything they've got and bites at everything that's new.

John Henry drove his car around, it was a bright and shiny thing, he'd jockeyed some four thousand miles since when he got the car this spring. I never seen the like of him puttin' nick-nacks on his car, he had so many that I can't just tell you what they really are.

But first of all he got a horn, some fellow blew in town one day—John Henry listened to his tale and to the guff he had to say. The horn it is a monstrous thing, it's made to shout at those afar, but they just grin and holler out here comes John Henry and his car.

Another agent come along explaining how he had a trap, that made the gas flow easy like as now and then it took a nap. So he bought one and blowed as how the time had surely come to pass when he would ride for fifty miles upon a quarter's worth of gas.

John Henry read about some juice that chased the carbon from the back, and if it wasn't what they said they'd gladly ship his ducats back.

And so John Henry stripped his coin and bought a full five-gallon crock, he boastin' how a thimbleful would make his engine stop its knock. Next week he bought some patent soap, some chap he came unto his door. John Henry said that now his oil would run ten thousand miles or more.

John Henry drives around at night, he's always gettin' something new, now he has headlights on his car, and one is red, the other blue, and round behind and at the side he has more lights to shed their ray, his chariot the folks allow looks like a bloom-in' circus day.

I never seen the like of him for spendin' money on his hack, a Turkish rug upon the floor and silken curtains side and back. And every agent comin' in what has some new gewgaw to sell, he asks the first man that he meets just where does this John Henry dwell.—ARK.

25 Years Ago Today

The old Methodist church at Lambeth was sold by public auction to the people of the Glendale apartment for \$230, and will be moved and remodeled as a place of worship at Glendale. C. B. Heyd, M.P., was tendered and accepted the Liberal nomination for South Brant Reformers.

Judge Falconbridge is named as one of the judges in the East Elgin election trial on Tuesday. Judge Osler will in all probability be the other judge.

Sir Charles Tupper arrived at Westville, N.S., from Sydney, and was met by a crowd of citizens and escorted to his hotel. He afterward met many of the Conservative leaders in conference. John Pearce, Robert Robertson and John Adams, who came to London with the old boys' contingent, left for Chicago yesterday morning.

When Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edwards of Oxford street went to the C. P. R. station to say farewell to friends they were greatly surprised to find there a parcel from the late Pte. Ernest Mullins of the South African contingent. It contained a number of choice ostrich feathers, and had been intended as a Christmas gift, but had in some way been detained over ten months in transit.

Rev. John G. Paton, who has labored as a missionary in the South Sea Islands for more than forty years, was in London yesterday, speaking in First Presbyterian church in the morning and afternoon, and at St. Andrew's in the evening.

Blondin's Daring Feat

THE river of Bobby Leach to swim Niagara. The feat below the falls prompted a reader of The Advertiser to inquire when it was that Blondin walked over the falls on a tight rope and if it were true that he carried a man on his back.

It was 65 years ago that Blondin performed the daredevil feat at Niagara, and the man he carried on his back was Harry McColcord, who for some years was Blondin's manager and assistant in circus work in several countries. McColcord got \$1,000 for his share in the performance.

The rope, although drawn as tight as possible by a windlass worked by 16 horses on the American side, sagged 50 feet in the middle, where it was only 27 feet above the water. For 60 feet of its length, too, it swayed in the wind and the draught from the falls with a play from side to side of 50 feet.

When he was fairly over the water Blondin had to pause for a rest. McColcord alighted and stood on the rope with his hands on Blondin's shoulders. He then climbed on his shoulders and the trip was started again. McColcord's description was:

"The rope was comparatively steady until we reached the center, where there were no guy lines. We had made about ten feet on this when Blondin tottered in an effort to walk straight, the balance pole going furiously up and down. He had lost his balance. In that awful moment his advice most forcibly impressed itself upon me, and I strictly followed it, resting passively and nimbly upon his shoulders, to stay or fall with him as might happen. Discipline rose superior to instinct. Unable to regain his balance, he ran along the rope, the impetus keeping us up, his pole thrashing madly up and down for 50 feet, when we reached the first guy line and it snapped, but with wonderful agility he ran for the next and, on reaching it, gave me the order, 'Get down quick.'"

"Again I mounted his back and in a few minutes we walked up the incline of the rope to the land. It seemed like a lifetime, but it was just 45 minutes."

EAST OXFORD GIRL IS KILLED BY AUTO

Edna Dukes Run Down On Highway by American Tourist.

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, Sept. 3.—Edna Dukes, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dukes, second concession of East Oxford, was instantly killed shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon on the provincial highway, a mile east of Woodstock, when she was struck by a car driven by Raymond F. Montgomery of Schenectady, N.Y.

The girl was returning from Bonds Corners school, and with her brother had been given a ride in a car driven by H. Gibson of Orangeville. After alighting from Gibson's car, the children waited for an eastbound car to pass, and, thinking the road was clear, the girl ran across, being struck by the American tourist, which was following the first car. The girl was instantly killed and the accident reported to city police by Montgomery, who with his wife and mother, was travelling eastward, will be present for the inquest. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for tomorrow night.

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LABOR IN FAVOR OF SOVIET TRADE

Congress Backs Resumption and Improvement of Russian Relations.

Canadian Press Despatch
Ottawa, Sept. 3.—"The resumption and improvement of trade relations with Russia" was advocated in a resolution passed by the trades and labor congress today after a brief debate. The second clause in the resolution committed the executive of the congress to exert all efforts to secure whatever orders came from Russia to Canada for industries employing union labor.

The only dissenting opinion in the convention was that of T. Buck, Toronto, who was strongly in favor of direct assistance to Russia. Canadian labor should adopt the same attitude in this matter as had been taken by the British labor party, he said.

The congress convention will continue tomorrow, when the election of officers and executive will take place. It is not expected that there will be any radical changes in the leadership of the congress. The Communist representation is not as large this year as it was at the convention in London, Ont., last year, when it was unable to secure control of the executive offices.

HOPE STILL LIVES FOR LOST FLYERS

Guard Ships Aid in Search For Missing Non-Stop Airmen.

Associated Press Despatch
Honolulu, Sept. 3.—Perfect weather today gave every aid to the searchers for the missing navy seaplane PN-9 No. 1, but commander John Rodgers and his four co-aviators remained lost. The seaplane was forced down through a shortage of gasoline during a storm during Tuesday afternoon, while en route from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor, Oahu, on an attempted non-stop flight. Lieutenant-Commander Millington

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B. McComb, of the Pearl Harbor air station, reiterated today that the searchers had by no means given up hope of finding the five fliers and their plane, which, if it survived the shock of lightning, is believed still afloat. Large sections of the Pacific Ocean on which the aviators may be hidden, still are to be explored, navy men declared.

All of the guard ships which had remained at their stations in expectation of the attempt of the PB-1 to make a non-stop Hawaiian flight, were ordered late today to proceed to the searching area and join in the hunt for the missing seaplane and its crew.

PATENAUE DECISION WILL SOON BE KNOWN

Negotiations On Way To Launch E. L. Patenaude On Federal Career.

Canadian Press Despatch
Quebec, Sept. 3.—Whether or not Hon. E. L. Patenaude, M.L.A., will desert provincial politics for the federal field will be announced at the end of this week.

Inquiries at Conservative headquarters for this district regarding the rumored candidature of Mr. Patenaude in one of the federal seats elicited an admission that negotiations in that direction are going forward and that the question will be decided one way or another by the end of this week.

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