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HOT SHOT FROM MURDOCH

"Thou shalt not prevent our friend from preying on his fellow man; neither shalt thou prohibit him from exploiting a nation's distress."

That the above motto was the motto of the Conservative government at Ottawa was the conclusion reached by Mr. James Murdoch, labor leader and member of the Board of Commerce, when he threw up the latter position in 1919. He said so last week, in accepting the Liberal nomination for South Toronto. Referring to his appointment to the Board of Commerce, he said:

"I went there to do my duty. I proposed to see that certain monopolies— you had them in 1919; you had them in 1920, and you've got them yet—and certain combines—you had them in 1919 and 1920 and you've got them yet; I can name the combines that are extorting money from the people of Canada—I proposed to see that these were curbed. But it was not to be."

Mr. Murdoch proceeded to tell why it was not to be, but first he gave a few instances. We quote from the Toronto Globe report of his speech:

"Mr. Murdoch instanced certain commodities that had come under notice of the board at that time, and which led him into a determination to fight the combines that existed, but he soon found that he would have to fight unaided. It was suggested to him, he said, by a certain venerable member of the then Dominion cabinet that the board confine its inquiries to tariff problems, a suggestion which he declined to accept. 'On December 19, 1919, I had occasion to call at the office of another venerable and long-time servant of Canada,' said Mr. Murdoch, 'on an entirely different matter. As I turned to leave, this gentleman asked me to sit down. He said that he wanted to discuss certain matters with me. For one hour and fifteen minutes I received the most gentle, quiet and kindly scolding any man in public office in Canada ever received. A scolding in nice, inoffensive language, but that led to but one thought: Thou shalt not. At the end of the time I told him: 'I don't propose to have you or any other person tell me my duties under a law written plainly for me to follow. I decline to accede to your suggestion that we do not do the things you say we must not do.'"

Asserting that the Board of Commerce Act and Trade Combinations Act were never intended to be carried out, Mr. Murdoch said that certain manufacturers refused to reply to questionnaires, and when they finally did so under protest the disclosures were "appalling." Nothing was done, however, and Mr. Murdoch adds:

"I finally gave the cabinet one week in which to decide to permit the Board of Commerce to do right or to get along without my services. There were two other meetings before June 24, and on that evening I resigned. With red blood in my veins I could not do otherwise than I did."

The government will have some difficulty in answering Mr. Murdoch. The exposure he makes is timely. He brings strength to the Liberal party and its cause. Here is his challenge in accepting the Liberal nomination in South Toronto:

"I prize above all things the opportunity that comes to me now, as your candidate, and in the time between this date and the 6th of December, to appeal to the jury of Canada, to give the facts and evidence in this matter to the people of Canada, to let them decide if they want to continue in office a government which has for its policy the motto: 'Hands off our friends! We don't care for the rest.'"

The farmer government of Ontario may spend money, but it also gets it. The Toronto Globe says: "An increase of almost 100 per cent in revenue is levied for the Ontario Department of Lands for the current fiscal year. Where, as Hon. Mr. Ferguson was successful in raising \$2,000,000 of revenue in his last year of office, the expected revenue this year is about \$4,000,000."

FOR UNITY OF ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLES

New York, Oct. 31.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the U. S., was guest of honor at the formal opening of the British war veterans club here on Saturday. He urged the veterans to put forth their efforts to preserve the unity of English speaking peoples.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Former President Wilson had practically recovered yesterday from a slight attack of indigestion which prevented him from receiving Marshal Foch on Saturday.

WILL LOSE JOBS UNLESS WORD SOON ARRIVES FROM OTTAWA

Toronto, Oct. 31.—More than 100 men, classed as temporary help and practically all returned soldiers, will be laid off at the various postal stations in Toronto and at the main post office within the next few days if word does not come from Ottawa to keep them at their posts.

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THE SONG OF SONGS.

(Rev. George Scott.)
The tide flows in across the sands,
And breaks against the broken shells;
As far as keener eye may reach
Unruffled peace and beauty dwells.

The tide flows in across the shore,
All day its troubled spirit croons,
Changeless its burden evermore
Of buried gems and gold doubloons.

All round the margin of the bay
The maple's queenly coronet
Sparkles upon the autumn day,
With priceless rubies all beset.

And lordly heralds stand and wait,
Their tabards all the cloth of gold,
Such majesty befits the state
Of kingly warriors true and bold.

While youthful pages stand a-ear,
To bear aloft the cloth of pall,
Broidered with gems and miniver,
With purple laces bound withal.

There's many a kingly crown beside,
And many an ancient banner gleams
In the woodland spaces wide,
For all who have the eyes to see.

And here and there among the rest,
For seen amid the brilliant throng,
The pine tree rears his plumed crest,
A royal minstrel he and strong.

But now upon the western sea
The golden sun was sinking low,
Reverently it seemed as he
From such content were loth to go.

The tide flowed in across the sands,
The shadows stole across the lands,
And kindly glimmer of the stars
No "BLUE RUIN."

(Halifax Echo.)

Just at the moment when the government's electioneering managers are preparing to placard the billboards and boardings throughout the Dominion with huge posters picturing the terrible woes that will befall the country and the ruin and disaster which face the industries in each community when the Liberals come into power, reports are coming from many quarters giving promise of an encouraging upward trend in employment and business. It is true that local conditions in many places are not satisfactory, and the immediate outlook is not as encouraging as might be desired. But it is distinctly encouraging to learn from reports compiled by the Industrial Editor of the Toronto Globe that a better feeling, based upon actual orders and business in sight is prevalent.

One of the brightest spots in manufacturing is in textiles, particularly cotton goods. Some companies report capacity operations and a healthy amount of future business. The clothing industry shows various signs, but on the whole there is fair activity and some promise of more employment.

Metal industries are laboring against odds. The building trade requirements will be at comparatively low ebb until next season. Buying is of a hand-to-mouth order for the most part. The medium and smaller sized plants are not more active than the larger concerns. The replies of three manufacturers to a query about business may be taken as fairly typical. One man said his plant would be occupied for three months with orders now on hand. A second executive said present business would not last longer than three weeks. A third said his plant was closed down.

Quite a number of manufacturers are producing for stock rather than for actual orders, actuated by hope concerning the business future and by a desire to keep their employees occupied and their producing organizations intact. On the whole, however, the industry is keeping a maximum number of workers engaged for three or four days a week, hoping for a tide over the next few months. Almost universally there is a feeling that the corner has been turned and that the coming of next spring will coincide with further definite improvement.

In his speech at Halifax Premier Meighen contended that the reason for business and industry being stagnant was that manufacturers were looking back on account of the uncertainty over the tariff, "uncertainty" which he claimed had been precipitated by the fact that the Liberals or the Farmers would lay rude hands upon the sacred temple of protection. The encouraging words of industry noted above are the answer to Mr. Meighen. If indeed any were required, Mr. Meighen knew perfectly well that the depression which had settled over the land was in no wise due to the cause which he assigned.

On the contrary, he believes, the restoration of confidence and the evidences of revival in business and industry may be ascribed to the growing feeling throughout the country of the certain defeat of his government, the restoration of the Laurier policy, which has brought peace, prosperity to all Canada. Sources are fighting against Mr. Meighen and his discredited government.

ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADER.

On the shoulders of a man well versed in provincial and municipal affairs the Ontario Liberal leadership mantle has fallen, says the Toronto Globe. Francis Wellington Hay, M.P.E., who has been chosen temporary leader, has made a success of his own business, which portends success in looking after the interests of his party and his province.

On the floor of the house or on the hustings his speeches have been known for what they contain rather than for oratorical delivery. He has a way of delivering cold, hard, uncolored facts with the force of a sledge hammer.

Hard-working and painstaking, Wellington Hay has climbed from the Littleton town council to head the Liberal party in Canada's banner province.

He is the first leader for a number of years who has not been a lawyer. In his home town, where he was born and raised, Mr. Hay is a grain dealer. As a young man he entered the town council, was mayor in 1903-04 and then took a four years' breathing spell before he contested North Perth as a candidate for the legislature. He was defeated, but in 1914 a second chance came and he made good use of it. In 1919, Mr. Hay was re-elected and appointed chief Liberal whip.

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CHIEF ELECTION FIGHT IN ONTARIO

Candidates Already in Nearly All Canada's Ridings.

Nomination Day is Three Weeks Away—The Line-up in the Various Provinces—Government, Liberal, Progressives, Independents and Labor.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—(Canadian Press)—With the official nomination day still three weeks away, the interest everywhere taken and the nature of the fight to be waged in the coming general election are shown by the array of candidates and labor men, who have accepted nominations. Of the 228 seats, there is practically no constituency where at least one candidate has not already been chosen and announced that he will stand for election.

Chief Fight in Ontario.

That Ontario will be the main fighting ground is evident from the fact that in the eighty-two constituencies practically all have two or three candidates named, and some have four. The number of candidates in the field for Ontario who have been nominated and announced that they would stand, according to press despatches to date is as follows: Government—71; Liberal—50; Progressive—65; Independent—12; Total—198.

There are many seats where all parties have not yet held their conventions and where further nominations are certain. Quebec, according to the despatches, practically its full quota of sixty-four Liberal candidates already named. There is only an occasional constituency formerly represented by a Liberal which has not again put forward a Liberal candidate.

In this regard there are fewer changes in Quebec than in any other province. Twenty government candidates have been nominated in Quebec to date, four Progressives and half a dozen who have announced that they will run as independents.

For the sixteen Nova Scotia seats there are sixteen Liberals nominated, fourteen government supporters, five Progressives and two Labor candidates.

New Brunswick.

New Brunswick, with eleven members to elect, already has eight government supporters, seven Liberals and three Progressives in the field.

Manitoba, which elected fifteen members to the House, has nine government supporters, five Liberals, ten Progressives and three who are running under the title of independent.

British Columbia for her thirteen seats has twelve government supporters, thirteen Liberals, two Progressives and three independents in the field.

Prince Edward Island has four seats of government and Liberal candidates, one Progressive and one independent. Saskatchewan, with sixteen seats, has eight government supporters, six Liberals and eleven Progressives in the field.

Alberta, with twelve seats, has eight government supporters, four Liberals, six Progressives and four independents nominated.

For the Ontario Territory, which returns one member, has both a Liberal and government supporter in the field.

In this list labor men and independents are grouped.

Oppose Meighen.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—Premier Meighen will have an opponent from the Liberal ranks in the federal constituency of Portage la Prairie, it was said last night by J. A. Knott, head of the Liberals of Manitoba, known as the "Knott wing." Mr. Knott also said that a candidate would be nominated in Macdonald, in both these constituencies it was decided last week not to run a candidate, but Mr. Knott said these decisions were not reached by the majority of Liberals in the constituency.

NINE DEATHS SO FAR IN WOODS OF NEW YORK STATE

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 31.—Nine persons have been killed and nine injured as the result of hunting accidents in the state although the hunting season is less than a month old, so the conservation commission made known last night.

The cause of most of the accidents was said to have been due to carelessness.

HARD COAL FIND IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Oct. 31.—What is believed to be an extensive deposit of hard coal has recently been discovered at Latchford, in northern Ontario, about twenty-five miles northwest of Sudbury. Development work is under way. It is said a twelve foot vein has been uncovered.

REV. DR. WALLACE ACCEPTS CALL

Montreal, Oct. 31.—An invitation to Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, pastor of Westmount Baptist church, to the pastorate of Rutland Place Baptist church, Baltimore, Md., has been accepted. Rev. Dr. Wallace was born in Nova Scotia and graduated at Acadia. For five years he was pastor of Bloor street Baptist church, Toronto.

NEW REVOLUTION: THE PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY TENDERS RESIGNATION

Buenos Aires, Oct. 31.—A despatch to La Nación from Asuncion says that President Gonzalez of Paraguay has handed his resignation to Dr. Felix Paiva, the vice-president, owing to a revolutionary movement by the followers of ex-President Schaerer. The revolutionists are reported to have the support of all the troops in the capital and country districts.

PARDON 300 YEARS OLD.

A free pardon granted by James I. to a man named Richard Humphrey, who killed his father in 1609, and bearing the second great seal of that monarch, has been discovered at the bottom of an ancient chest, and has been placed in a glass case and fixed to the tomb of the Humphrey family in Hethendon church, Essex, England. The vellum was taken to the British Museum for translation from the original Latin. The translator reports that the story it revealed was that the young man was preparing to

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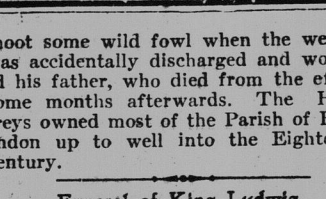


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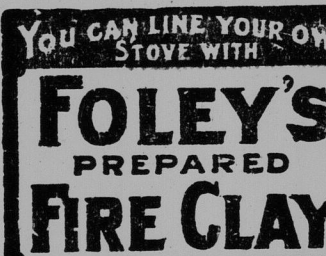


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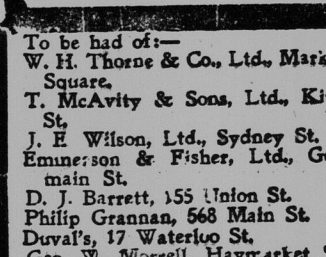
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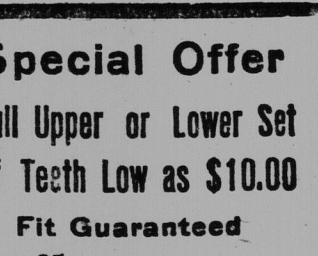
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