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### The Stomach of the Free Press.

The Free Press, taking its lead from the Mail and Empire of Wednesday, used an editorial on Thursday about the attitude of Mr. Sparks of Ottawa, a former Liberal, who is out to do all he can to defeat the King government. The Free Press thought it worth while to use black face type on the following statement of Mr. Sparks: "I have reached the conclusion, after a great deal of thought, that the whole industrial future of Canada is threatened by the return of the King government."

Despatches in the last two days give evidence about the way in which the industrial future of the country is being threatened by the King government. One is:

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Exports of Canadian products during the twelve months ended August 31 last were valued at \$1,130,753,557. This is an increase over the preceding twelve months of \$70,648,075.

Another points in the same direction:

Hamilton, Sept. 30.—Officials of the Canadian Cottons Limited have been instructed by the head office of the company in Montreal to put the local plant, which employs 800 hands, on full-time work until further notice. While the Hamilton executives of the company were not inclined to discuss the reasons underlying this order, they stated that it was obvious that improving times are being reflected by increased business for Canadian Cottons. The company makes muslin yarn for knitting factories, and the local plant has not been running on full time for some months.

The reports of Massey-Harris Company operations in the last four years show:

1921, loss ..... \$1,456,000  
1922, loss ..... 643,000  
1923, loss ..... 409,578  
1924, profit ..... \$7,711

It's a thankless business trying to paint a blue ruin picture when the evidence is pointing in the opposite direction. The Free Press knows very well that conditions are very good in Canada, and it is only because there is an election on that it refuses to come right out in the open and say so.

We are not seeking to put words in the mouth of the Free Press that it never uttered. There was a time, on the 20th day of June, 1923, that it gloried in the way this country was going ahead. Here is the way it gave voice to its exuberance:

"Today we are having glorious summer weather, the country never appeared more beautiful, the grain is jumping ahead, the farmers are smiling and that old optimistic air is returning."

"Anyone who is in the dumps these days should have his stomach examined by a medical expert. Not only are the prospects good for fine crops all over Canada, but there are no sound grounds for anyone being pessimistic in regard to the Dominion, Canada has what the world needs and nothing can keep the Dominion back."

"Where is there a country in the world where conditions are as good as in Canada, and where is there any spot as happy a situation as Western Ontario? Let us look ahead and up, not back and down."

The Free Press was not in consultation then with the political prophets: there had been no instructions given to pull down the blinds and rumble around in the dark. The paper was trying then to give joyous interpretation to what it saw ahead. There were no political censors standing at the editor's elbow ready to cry out, tut, tut, that won't do."

Then there were "no sound grounds for anyone being pessimistic in regard to the Dominion." What's more, if there were a pessimist around, or one who was "in the dumps," he would have his stomach examined by a medical expert. The Free Press would not tolerate room at all. If such a person were located he would be taken by the scuff of the neck and hustled right off to the doctor, because there must be something wrong with his stomach. There was nothing wrong with the country because "Canada has what the world needs, and nothing can keep the Dominion back."

And the Free Press was chanting its little song of "Everything's Fine" when the King government was just getting down to business in Ottawa. The Massey-Harris Company was going at a loss, and today at a profit. Our trade balance then was \$165,300,000, today it is over \$300,000,000. Our trade balance with United States was \$700,000,000, against \$75,000,000 according to the returns. There is more employment in Canada today than when the Free Press found it for such high hope; not half as many went from Canada last year as in the year when the joyful Free Press was clapping its hands and calling for another bass drum and tom-toms to play in its prosperity band.

So what's come over that poor old paper? Simply this—an election is on—Hon. Arthur Meighen has said that things are very bad indeed, and there can be no joy in the land. So, obedient to orders, the Free Press no longer lifts for the stomach pump for those who are in the dumps; it has swallowed its own prescription, pump and all.

### W. D. Euler For North Waterloo.

When W. D. Euler of North Waterloo spoke the house of commons he was always given attentive hearing; very seldom was there interruption from any source. The reason was that Mr. Euler generally had something to

say. He was never regarded as a partizan who sought merely the glorification of party, nor did it make much difference to him whether his views ran along on the same rails as those of the government he supported.

Much the same spirit ran through his nomination speech at Kitchener. On the eve of an election he was prepared to follow the same course that he had mapped out for himself after he had been entrusted with the confidence of the electors. He was at times critical of the government's method of senate reform, and he was not convinced that the King ministry had gone far enough in securing co-operation between the C. P. R. and C. N. R. to eliminate duplication of service.

Mr. Euler, as chairman of the railway committee of the house, has an intimate knowledge of what has taken place, and on that knowledge bases the statement that the railway situation is more important than the tariff. He fails to see where the Canadian National Railways can get fair consideration from Mr. Meighen. He puts it this way:

"I would like to believe that Mr. Meighen is still a friend of our railways. It was he who figured largely in the taking over of these roads. I believe at heart he is friendly to public ownership. But he has such a feeling of intense hostility toward Mr. King that in order to direct a blow at the premier he is willing to have its force partly fall on our railways if only thereby he can injure the prime minister."

Mr. Euler points out that while Mr. Meighen has been criticizing the King government for allowing Sir Henry Thornton to spend so much on equipping the road, the Conservatives spent \$300,000,000 as against the Liberals' \$200,000,000. He sees in Mr. Meighen's attitude now a move to hamstring the Nationals so they cannot compete with the C. P. R. Coming to the Scribner property in Paris, a deal denounced by Mr. Meighen, Mr. Euler sees in it a good stroke of business whereby the C. N. R. get on the "front street of Europe for business" and secure their premises rent free. Petty criticism about gulf links for the C. N. R. has come to the front in many of Mr. Meighen's speeches. Mr. Euler knows what the cost was, and he also knows the revenue that came from it, and his deduction is that it was good business because "this year the whole enterprise produced a handsome profit."

Mr. Euler is Liberal in thought with a strong dash of independent thought in his make-up. He has represented his riding well—none could have done better. North Waterloo would do itself and the country at large a good service by re-turning him by a very substantial majority.

### The Season Is Here.

Right at the outset of the hunting season attention is directed to a tragedy in the Quebec woods, where the father of twelve children was shot and killed in mistake for a moose by two friends with whom he was hunting.

The trouble with much of the fall hunting is that it is done by men who have had little experience in the woods or with firearms. It is never recorded where one woodsman shoots another in mistake for a wild animal. That comes as the result of habit and knowledge. Those who have not these traits should see that they make up for them with a rare amount of discretion.

### No Fear of U. S. Courts.

United States government has made a drive on warring Chinese factions, chiefly in New York, Boston, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Chicago and Pittsburg. In New York alone 1,200 members of the Hip Sing and the On Leongs were gathered in, and 265 who could not prove their citizenship were deported.

Meanwhile the leaders of these tongs met in session together and agreed to issue orders to their followers to cease killing each other on the public highways. The Springfield Union sees in the deportation proceedings the strongest move United States can make, and adds:

"This is the most effective way to deal with the tong problem and other forms of lawlessness among the Chinese. Chinese criminals have little fear of the courts, but they have a wholesome fear of deportation."

The Springfield paper only scratches the surface when it says that Chinese criminals fear deportation, but do not fear the courts of United States. The obvious thing is to ask why they fear being sent out of the country more than they do staying in it and being dealt with by the courts.

An able jurist in United States only a few weeks ago addressed a bar association and pointed to the astounding total of 150,000 unpunished murderers running at large in that country. The Chinese are probably as quick to become aware of that condition as any other race. If Chinese criminals have little fear of the courts, then the criminals of other nationalities probably entertain the same view.

It may be a very heroic gesture for Uncle Sam to round up 265 Chinese for deportation, but it is highly superficial unless he couples with it a regeneration of his courts to the point where Chinese or any other brand of criminals will fear them.

### Note and Comment.

Mayor Wenige secured the 1926 convention of bicycle dealers for London. Meetings like this help to keep the wheels going round.

City of London has 34,900 names on the voters' list for October 29. Just how those 900 Tories came there will never be known.

Mr. Rockefeller wrote a poem, and after the Arkansas Gazette read it the remark was made that it was well that he went into the oil business.

Two men held at Windsor are charged with plotting to rob a bank. When arrests are made prior to the act, the burgling business has fallen on bad days.

A maker of shoes announces that "Business feet are essential to a business head." Still there have been some very successful men who hollered "Get off my corn."

### On Bill's Farm

*I used to think he knew a heap until I saw his place one day, saw-thistles wrestled with his oats, and burdocks battled with his hay.*

When I lived on concession ten there was a neighbor close at hand, who always criticized and scoffed and blew his horn to beat the band. His name was Bill and he was sure most every time you talked to him, to heave a brickbat there and there and hit some neighbor on the shin.

He always knew just what to do, and likewise how it should be done, and him that differed much with Bill he classed him as a shiftless bum.

Bill he could run the township too, and show the school board how to work, yes he could run a parliament and strip the britches from the Turk. He knew just what the matter was when we had crops that petered out, and he could tell just what to do if fever touched a Yorkshire snout.

To hear him talk you'd think how Bill was rated up outlandish high, that he was cultured to the ears, a real important sort of guy.

I mind I took a chance one day to go and see if Bill was home, I had an itch in my mind, a strong desire sat in my dome. For surely he would have a place where things were bred like apple pie, so I dropped in to where Bill lived just when I was a-passin' by.

The burdock wrestled with the hay, saw-thistles smote upon his oats, his brindle cows was thin and weak, about the size of billygoats. His horse was thin as it could be, its ribs ranged like a washboard too, his speckled hens had scaly legs, his pigs they were a wicked crew.

But I've met other folks like Bill who belch out wisdom from their pores, they talk so much they haven't time to stay at home to do their chores.—ARK. (Copyright)

### 25 Years Ago Today

(From The Advertiser, Oct. 2, 1900.)

Police Constable Palmerston has discovered who it was stole the horse of Mr. J. Campbell of Lawrence Station from Sheldon Thursday night, and expects to land him in a day or two.

An advertisement says: Some snappy bargains at the Runlins, Gray, Carrie Co., Dundas street. Boys' two-garment suits, neat and dresy, \$2.50. Children's shoes, 35 cents a pair. Rubbers, strictly guaranteed, 65 cents a pair. Dress shirts, with cuffs attached, \$1.

Ald. Brener gave notice of motion in the city council session last night to have a bylaw prepared and submitted at the next election to abolish the hospital trust and place Victoria hospital under the direct supervision of the city council.

A new G. T. R. timetable will go into effect at the beginning of next week. In connection with this matter, Messrs. Lynch and Costello, the trainmasters at Stratford, are in the city meeting Superintendent Egan and Assistant-Superintendent Begg.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw of Westminster will leave today for Glasgow, where he will take a theological course in the university.

Mr. Thomas H. Hill, son of Thomas Hill, Tecumseh avenue, who left for West Africa as a missionary seven years ago, is returning with his wife to England owing to sickness. They will come here in the spring to visit Mr. Hill's parents.

The police want an owner for a Dominion bicycle found in the alleyway behind the mattress factory on York street. The wheel has been in the alley since Saturday. Who is the owner?

Joe Gans of Baltimore and George McFadden of New York fought a 10-round draw at Denver, Colorado, last night.

### Editorial Opinion

#### THE HOME-COMING.

(From the Guelph Mercury)

AMONG the immigrants entering Canada from the United States for the four months ending July 31, there are 12,170 classified as Canadians returning to their homeland—after having been for six or more months resident over the border—for reasons satisfactory to themselves.

The news is certainly good to Canadians. Perhaps they are coming back to record their votes where they think they will do most good, and they may be bringing home some U. S. money to spend here which will also give cause for considerable rejoicing. However, the fact is they have come, and there are prospects of them staying, seeing that business conditions are on the mend.

Since April, 1923, 55,945 Canadians are reported as having returned to Canada, to remain permanently. This is all quite encouraging, and shows that industrial conditions are sufficiently improved to promise work for those who may have been compelled temporarily to change their places of abode, but preferred to retain their citizenship under the British flag.

#### A LLOYD GEORGE STORY.

(From the Hamilton Herald)

WHEN David Lloyd George, ex-British premier was a young country solicitor in Wales, he was riding home in his dog-cart one day and came upon a little Welsh girl trudging along so wearily that he offered her a ride. She accepted silently, but all the way along, although he tried to engage her in conversation, she could not get her to say anything more than a timid "Yes" or "No."

Some days afterward the girl's mother happened to meet Lloyd George, and said to him, smilingly, "Do you remember that my little girl rode home with you a short time ago? Well, when she got home she said, 'Mamma, I rode home from school with Mr. Lloyd George, the lawyer, and he kept talking to me, and I didn't know whatever to do, for you know Mr. Lloyd George charges when you talk with him, and I hadn't any money.'"

#### "HIS MASTER'S VOICE."

(From the Brantford Expositor)

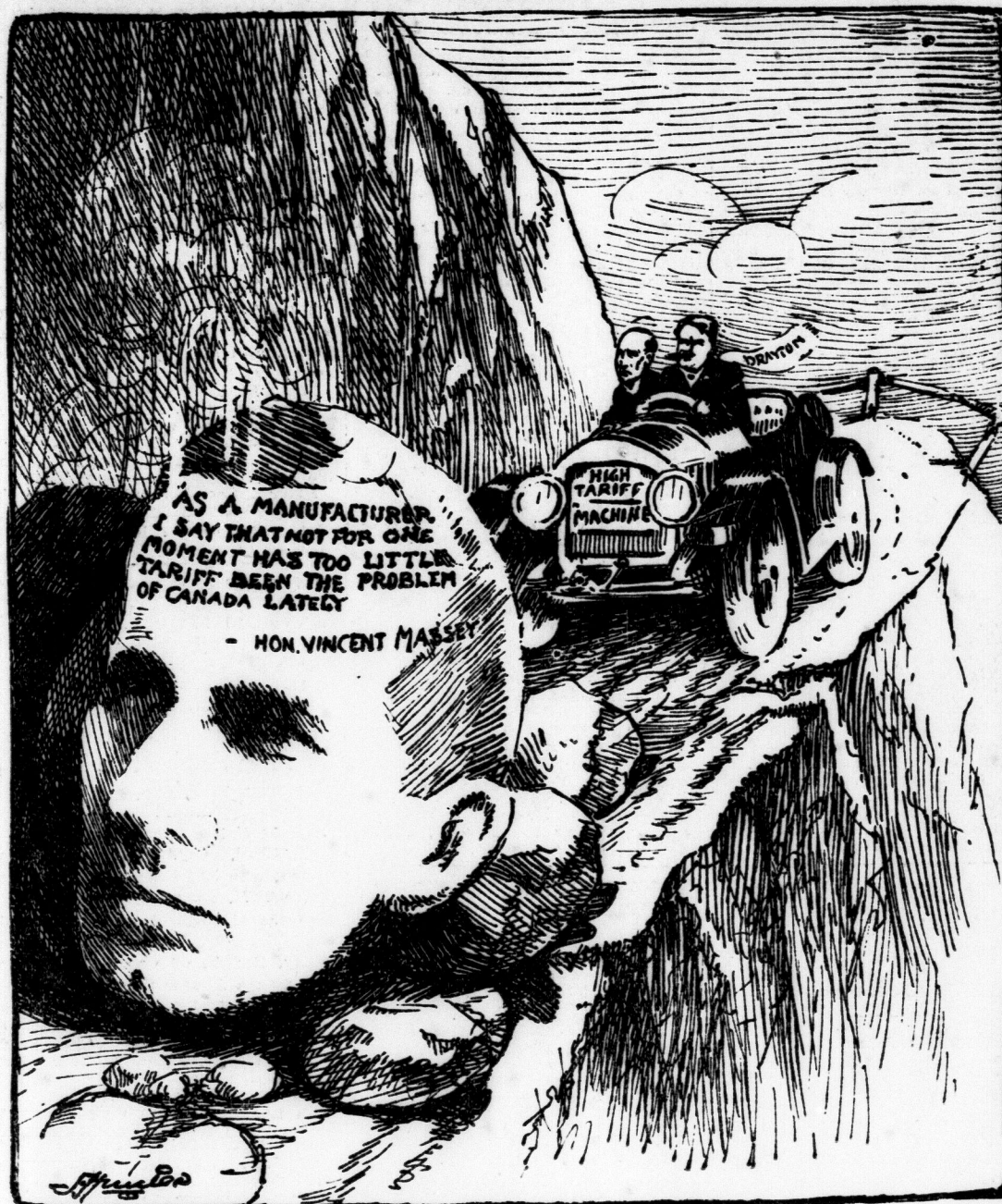
ATTENTION is being directed by some of the Liberal newspapers to the fact that Mr. R. B. Bennett, who is now contesting West Calgary in the Conservative interest, while a member of the house of commons, some years ago, dubbed Mr. Meighen, his present leader, "a gramophone of Mackenzie and Mann," at the same time giving that firm a very bad reputation. Now, in the whirlwind of time, Mr. Bennett has become a gramophone for Mr. Meighen.

#### TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

(From the St. Thomas Times-Journal)

THERE are so many aspirants for Conservative nominations in Toronto that in several ridings there may be more than one Tory candidate. In the northwest riding there is a regular revolt against the candidature of T. L. Church, and a new Conservative association is being formed to nominate John R. MacNicol, whom Mr. Church beat in convention.

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#### SURPRISE PARTY.

Glencoe, Oct. 1.—A surprise party was held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aldred, when Mr. Bert Clark was made the recipient of a handsome wicker rocker presented by the employees and staff of the Fletcher Mfg. Co. Mr. Ernest Smith read a short address, and Mr. Arnold Aldred made the presentation. Mr. Clark replied briefly, but feelingly. His marriage to Miss Edna McKee, daughter of Mrs. John McKee of Glencoe, took place Wednesday. They will spend their honeymoon in Woodstock and points east.

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