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MR. MEIGHEN'S CREED.

"More than any other country, Canada needs a protective system. She is a young country mostly undeveloped. She lies alongside a great big country tremendously developed. The United States has every advantage that Canada has and tremendous advantages besides. It surely follows, to the mind of every reasonable man, that to abandon the protective system in Canada would be simply to invite the absorption of Canadian industry in the far vaster industries of the United States. The principles of the protection of Canadian industry have been proclaimed by practically every statesman who has shouldered the responsibility of government in Canada. They are sound and they are right and the vast mass of the people of Canada know that they are sound and right."

—From Premier Meighen's Portage Speech.

MACKENZIE KING'S EXTRAVAGANCE CHARGES.

A favorite topic with Mr. Mackenzie King in his campaign speeches is the extravagance with which he charges the present Government. For instance in his opening speech of the campaign at Toronto a week or two ago, he said:

"Once come to believe that, wherever you find it more difficult to live and to do your full duty to those who are nearest and dearest to you, you are experiencing something of the effect of the increased cost of government, and you will realize wherein all those questions of finance, of trade, of transportation and of defence are of direct concern to you and wherein you are interested in putting out of office a government which has lost all true perspective in the matter of public expenditures, and returning to power a government pledged, above all else, to a reduction of the burdens of taxation through rigid economy and retrenchment and policies which have for their beginning and end the home and the well-being of the home."

Sentiments similar to these have been expressed at all his meetings since that time and are being repeated after the fashion of the parrot in the Liberal press and by less conspicuous followers on the platform. Mackenzie King himself was a member of the Laurier government, which was not distinguished for economy. Let us examine the record for purposes of comparison.

From 1868 to 1896, exactly 28 years, the expenditure increased per head \$32.26. When the Liberals came into power it was \$7.26. When the Liberals went out of power in 1911 it was \$12.26, after a period of fifteen years.

The principal items of increase since then have been the war, for which the government was not responsible, and the railway burden for which the Laurierites were responsible. As pointed out by Sir Henry Drayton in his last Budget speech, eliminating expenditures on account of the war, the consolidated fund charges amounted to \$141,900,000. In 1911 these charges were \$87,744,000. Considering the expenditures on account of a great new country in the way of public works and other undertakings and obligation, the increase is really a slight one and will compare more favorably with the increase that took place during the Laurier period in pre-war and normal times.

If we take into consideration the difference in the cost of materials and labor which enter into public works and nearly every kind of expenditure, the expenditures of today on account of Consolidated Fund are really less than they were in 1911.

It would be no justification for extravagance in government on the part of the Meighen administration, to say that the Laurier regime was extravagant. The Laurierites may not have been extravagant, but they were at least "good spenders" and they defended their liberality on the grounds that the country was growing and prosperous, and they believed in a free hand with money, going fast while the going was good. Nobody found much fault. The point is, however, that Mr. Mackenzie King, who was a member of the Laurier administration, is the last man who should preach to the people of this country "rigid economy and retrenchment" or to expect that the people will believe that he and his party would practice that in office any more than anything else they preach out of it.

INDOLENCE—AND INDIFFERENCE.

It is related of Dr. Samuel Johnson, that being once asked how he came to have made a blunder in his famous "Dictionary," replied "Ignorance, Sir, sheer ignorance." We question very much if he might not have been similarly asked, and this might have been the answer.

down to indolence, for whoever has lived long enough to look back over the neglected opportunities of life will not unlikely come to the conclusion that most of his blunders were caused by sheer indolence, or its twin brother, indifference. Sometimes one does not trouble to learn what is necessary to learn in order to do something or other properly; sometimes one has been disinclined to put forth proper effort to decide on one's course, leaving the consequences to Chance—or Fortune. If one professes to be an indolent, sometimes sheer indolence has led to the "side in the affairs of men" pass by unheeded. Anyway, the result is usually the same.

No more flagrant example of the cause of indolence or indifference could possibly be found than was apparent in Monday's polling. Less than one-third of the total voting population of this province had sufficient interest in the decision of the most important question that has ever confronted them; and of this one-third, one-third again apparently didn't care whether their personal liberty was taken away from them or not. That is to say that only about one-ninth of the adults in the province cared enough for their personal rights to make any fight to preserve them. It is a good thing that our forefathers were not so supine, or we would never have had any Magna Charta, Bill of Rights nor Habeas Corpus Act.

Whether the failure to go to the polls in the case of two-thirds of the people of the province arose from sheer indolence or just indifference, the result is the same. We presume it was a case of "What's Everybody's business is Nobody's business" which sums up in two short words the basic fault of democracy.

A RECREATION AND AN OBSESSION.

A short time ago a woman in one of the Western States sued for a divorce from her husband on the ground that he was neglecting her for golf. This unusual case was followed by a similar one the other day when a Brooklyn woman appealed to the courts for a separation from her spouse, naming his automobile as the co-respondent. She claimed that he spent so much time tinkering upon his car that he neglected his business and ignored her.

Whether we may be said about the validity of the cause of the uneasy wife in the first instance, any man who drives his own car, or at least any man who has come to be closely associated with men who are their own chauffeurs, will realize that this is a case where sympathy on the part of a wife who has taken a man for better or for worse is called for, rather than the extreme course that she has taken.

A man may play golf for the fun of it. He may become obsessed of the game, but responsible for the obsession in every case is the sport that he derives from playing it. When a wife finds that her husband can have a better time apart from her company than he can with her, it is perhaps time to think of a permanent separation.

A man drives a car for the enjoyment he gets out of it, but he doesn't tinker it in sport. He does that because he is worried about it, because he fears that for some derangement of its "innards" it will cease to move or it will ditch him, or something like that. This eternal fiddling around the mechanism of a motor car becomes with some men a disease. They can't help it any more than a person can help it sticking his tongue in a cavity in a tooth or a housekeeper can resist a bargain sale.

They are all the time listening for odd sounds and when they detect one or fancy that they do, they begin to paw around the machinery. They get out and get under and turn this nut and that with a monkey wrench. They tighten or loosen the transmission, or they shift the mixture. There are so many devices to look after that they don't know where to stop. There is the carburetor to be adjusted, the distributor to be tried, the magneto, and the battery to be tinkered with, and the endless wires, plugs and valves to do things to.

This is no fun for them, and there is probably no need of it. A man may put in a whole afternoon trying to get a carburetor to going right and still love his wife just as devotedly as he did when he came across to the motor with the marriage fee. It is the mild form of frenzy from which he is suffering that impels him to the seeming neglect. If he could be convinced that there was nothing the matter with his machine he would help his wife in, jump in himself, and speed joyously away.

Falsely no good wife who has a husband suffering in this fashion would try to cut him off. Not at least until she has done all in her power to effect a cure.

THE CONFERENCE ON IRELAND

The representatives of the British government and the Irish people met yesterday in conference to consider the problems of government that have been productive of strife between the two nations for so many years. The conference is likely to be prolonged and at times may seem to be approaching a deadlock, but in the end the most conservative opinion is that an agreement will be reached.

The British government is apparently willing to go to any lengths short of absolute separation and by convention to meet the King's ministers, De Valera, the Irish leader, has virtually yielded that demand.

The question of the division of Ireland will apparently be the most difficult obstacle to surmount, but it is unthinkable that the two people would insist on going to war over Ulster. Accusations of bad faith relative to the armistice threaten to cause some friction, but neither side will be likely to permit them to wreck the negotiations.

The convening of the British and Irish delegates is an epochal event. Modern history has witnessed none where the issues at stake were more momentous.

It is an open question whether President Hanna's announcement that the Canadian National Railways showed a credit balance of \$47,331 on its working for the month of August will cause most surprise or gratification. Certainly no one expected such a result; and it is earnestly to be hoped that it is the forerunner of a new era, when deficits will be the exception and not the rule. The President's announcement is a large step in the direction of the economic health that has been effected. If this is the case, people may well ask why these economies were not practiced before.

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A BIT OF VERSE

The World is Waiting.
The world is waiting for the man
Who'll gladly do the needful thing;
It has high reward to pay
To him who is content to stay
Upon the job, and labor on
Until he knows his work is done.

The world is seeking hard to find
The worker with a cheerful mind;
It wants a youth of pluck and skill;
Who'll use his brain, and work until
The finished task at last he sees
Before he wants to be at ease.

The world has high reward to give
To him who does not want to live
As one who merely drifts along,
And fears to breast the current strong;
It wants a youth of sparkling eye,
Who sees a goal and dares to try.

The world pays well for men of brain
And honest toil and taking pains;
'Twill lift above the common lot
Of "didn'ts" and "forgot,"
The man who, in a time of need,
Can well be trusted with the deed.

The world is waiting for the man
Who'll look ahead and think and plan
And feel no matter what his post,
That he is where he's needed most,
And boy, it might as well be you.
—Anonymous.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Tariff Humber.
Mr. King says he is fighting on the Laurier tariff. He is fighting on nothing of the kind. The Laurier tariff has averaged two and a half per cent; Mr. King assails a tariff that is but 22 per cent. The Laurier tariff kept duties on agricultural implements higher than those duties are today. Mr. King would make farm implements free. The Laurier tariff maintained at least as high a tariff as exists today on wearing apparel and footwear and on other articles of general consumption. Mr. King's platform says that duties on all these articles should be "substantially decreased."

The plain truth is that Mr. King is fighting on a tariff platform as different from the Laurier tariff as night is from day. When he claims otherwise he is insinuating public understanding and taking indecent leave with the truth.

A feature of the disarmament conference might be an address by some German official on "How it Feels to Be Disarmed and Prosperous." Under the treaty Germany is not allowed to have an army or navy; consequently it can use its money to pay debts. France has a million soldiers, many of them on the border, watching the Germans work and make money. Poland has 600,000 men under arms on the eastern border and is making steady progress toward bankruptcy. Meanwhile, Germany has accumulated another billion in gold marks; \$250,000,000 in our money, and is ready to pay another installment on its war indemnity. A month ago it offered to advance 240,000,000 gold marks to France and Belgium to prevent unpleasantness over Great Britain's action in draining the reparations commission of gold due to Belgium on the excuse that it had to have the money.—New Orleans Item.

Sudden Affluence.
Prompted by recent scandals, a movement has been started to "clean up" moving picture shows in quite a new fashion. It is not objectionable that that would be removed, but those of objectionable actors. The fact that some of the heroes of the movies have not been all that they should be in private life appears to have caused

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

The Park Ave. News.

Editor: Latest Food News! The Hinds are still in the lead in the big feud between the Hinds and the Jommies on account of Sid Hunt Little brother Bert unimpugning Little Dottie Jommies doll carriage wife she was wearing \$4 dolls supposed to be twins but not looking any relation, making one doll nose ped and the other doll stop saying Mamma when you speak it in the stomach. Intriguing Fucks About Intriguing People. Sam Orom says money never worries him and once he used a \$1 bill for a book marker till he got ready to spend it.

Pome by Skinny Martin.
And Not If It Rains.

I looked at the sun as it set in the West
Thinking "G" was a be-witful site,
I could stand here watching it all day long
But alas it only does this at night."

Sincerely, Mr. Charles (Pete) Stinking got 4 colored post cards from 4 different places last week and has his going around feeling very popular. Mr. Arlie Alexander almost gave a watermelon party in his back yard last Saturday but he couldn't quite make his mother see the necessity of it. Miss Mary Watkins and Miss Lorettor Mincer are mad and don't talk to each other in public, but they make up for it by talking about each other in private.

Apples, potatoes or onions peeled in your own kitchen by experts, apples and potatoes 1 cent apiece, onions 2 cents apiece. If strong. The Law Davis and Ed Wernick Peeling Co. (Avertisement.)

Weather. Unknown.

THE LAUGH LINE

Willie Boys.
A man I hate
Is James Fitzgibbon,
He wears his wrist watch
On a ribbon.
(Pats and Knocks.)

A dink I hate
Is Percy Tarm.
He hangs a cane
On his left arm.

The Belated Story.
Two Late for Last Week—A baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Trodahl on Wednesday last—Door County News.

It Can't Be Done.
"I think I can make a new man of my husband," said the doctor.
"Go to it, doctor," replied the wife of the sick man. "We have been married ten years and that's more than I have been able to do."

DISCOVERED TRUE REMEDY FOR SYSTEMATIC CATARRH

A bad case of Catarrh is not an easy thing to treat, and a remedy that makes good deserves great credit. Catarrhose certainly fixed up Chas. H. Webb, who writes from Woodstock: "For a number of years I was troubled with Systematic Catarrh. Nothing helped me very much. I used Catarrhose Inhaler and got relief. To build up my system I used Perrozone. This combination can't be beaten. They made me well." Your case may also be bad, but Catarrhose will do for you what it did for Mr. Webb. Two months' treatment, \$1.00; small size, 50c. Dealers, or the Catarrhose Co., Montreal.

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Sentences Imposed in Queens Co. Court

Justice McKeown Metes Sentences Commensurate With the Crimes.

Gagetown, N. B., Oct. 10.—The sessions of the Queens County Court which have lasted throughout the week, concluded on Saturday afternoon, with the imposition of sentences by His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown. These were heard with dispatch, by quite a well-filled courtroom.

In the case of the King vs. Isaac Jones, of Chipman, charged with breaking his wife, Mary Allen, who since died, His Honor, stating that had kept in mind the recommendation to mercy brought in by the petit jury, supposed a sentence of two years in the Dorchester Jail, but for the small children, who will be cared for by relatives.

Considerable excitement was caused when William and Allan Taylor were sentenced, having been found guilty of killing a bull belonging to Shiel Corey, of Brunswick, and stealing carcasses to sell. His Honor sentenced William Taylor to four years, and Allan Taylor to two and a half years in the Dorchester Jail. They had evidently expected such a stiff sentence, protested loudly to the court that crime had been committed by some of their neighbors. His Honor remarked that it was rather late to raise a sentence, and had they taken out in the civil case of Wm. H. Chambers of St. Martin, against Harry H. M. an action to recover \$100 wages, he would be due the plaintiff, Mr. Chambers was awarded \$100. Mr. Mott pay the costs in addition.

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Players' Share Hits A New High Record

\$292,522.33 to be Divided Between Those Participating in the 1921 Series.

New York, Oct. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The players participating in the 1921 world series will divide \$292,522.33, a new high record for the players' share. Under the rules played after today's game, the total of the series. The increased capacity and higher admission charged for the new high total.

While today's attendance and receipts were slightly below those of Friday's game, the official figures of \$26,768 paid admissions for a total of \$116,754. Of this amount the advisory board collected \$17,513.10; players, \$5,944.54, and the club owners \$33,296.36.

The best previous figures for players' total share were those of \$191,900, set by the Cincinnati Reds and Pittsburgh Pirates in 1920, when the players' pool amounted to \$260,349.66. While the best series has not as yet evolved, the players' share of the total receipts will be slightly above \$200,000.

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The two St. Louis teams as third each percent share will split \$29,252.33.

The four umpires' remuneration to be provided from the advisory board fund upon a basis of a sum equal to the winning and one losing player are combined and divided into four equal parts.

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