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THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN.

From the amount of attention that the press supporting the Government has devoted to the prospects of the Opposition in the present campaign, it is evident that they do not like the outlook. "There is a reason." It is a recognized fact that all old campaigners will testify to, that before every election there is always perceptible a certain undercurrent of feeling, from which the probable results can be pretty accurately judged. In 1896 it was felt that the Laurier party was in a bad way, and the same feeling was apparent in each succeeding year till 1914, when the general impression was that it would be ousted. In 1908, although the Hon. Provincial Government party felt themselves safe, public opinion indicated that the time had come for a change, and a change there was. In 1912 it was felt that the Provincial Opposition had no chance at all, and the result of the polling bore this out very emphatically. In 1917 the feeling in the province was about equally divided, and the results again proved the accuracy of the forecast. This time there is an unmistakable feeling abroad that the Foster Administration is doomed. It is to be met with in every part of the province. Mr. Foster and his colleagues are being measured by the public according to the standard they themselves set, and are being found wanting. A careful and exhaustive analysis of public opinion in the different constituencies indicates that the followers of Mr. Foster in the next Legislature will not exceed seventeen in number, the other thirty-one seats being divided between the Opposition and the Farmers, with labor perhaps claiming a couple. It is no wonder that the Premier and his friends are looking worried, and that his newspapers are decrying the Opposition chances. They know what the Government is "up against," and that the outlook is serious for them. Some of their oldest supporters are taking cover and will not be found running again. Dr. Smith, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Lorne, of Westmorland, all gone; Mr. Dugal, from Madawaska, likewise; Mr. Robert Murray refused nomination in Northumberland, where the Government party dare not call a convention, because if they did they would be compelled to nominate him, which they are determined not to do. Mr. Currie, of Restigouche, Premier Foster's choice for Speaker, will not pass the muster again; and tried men in Albert refuse to come out, and so it goes. Every straw is showing which way the wind blows, and it is not blowing in a direction to suit the Government.

SOME FOSTER GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES.

Constitutional Government as apprehensively understood by the Foster Administration seems to consist of keeping seats in the Legislature which would in all probability be occupied by members politically opposed to them, empty, and filling those that would likely be occupied by members of their own party as soon as possible after a vacancy has occurred. For four sessions the County of Carleton was deprived of one-third of its proper representation, because the Government knew that if they made any attempt to fill it, a supporter of the Opposition would undoubtedly be returned. But as soon as Mr. Robert's seat became vacant, through his acceptance of a ministerial portfolio, a by-election was called without delay to give him his seat again. The denial of its proper representation to Carleton County is about as small a piece of business as it was possible for Premier Foster to be guilty of, and he lost the opportunity of this life to show that he could be a big man politically if occasion arose. The electors of Carleton will probably remember this little incident as a-forethought from today.

Then again there is the manner in which they have dealt with the voters' lists. These are prepared at the public expense, and should be as free and available to all parties alike. But when they came to be prepared for by the Opposition managers, it was found that there was not a single copy available for any one but Government agents, and the consequent result is that the Opposition party at their own expense have been compelled to have copies made by typewriter before their workers have been able to do anything at all. If this sort of business is in accord with Liberal principles, Liberalism must have changed very materially in recent times.

Liberalism as it is known and acted upon in England has been responsible for practically all the ills which afflict the franchise. In this province when the Opposition proposed to extend the franchise to women the Foster Government was the notable. The market

for new cars, as a whole, has fallen away considerably. Some companies have large orders on hand, and propose keeping up their programs, but others have felt the slump considerably. This is only to be expected, because with gasoline so high, the initial cost of cars so high, and the increasing cost of maintenance—the cost of a winner's heating is sufficient to shut off many luxuries—the absorptive capacity of the United States and Canada could not continue at two and a half million cars per annum. There are now in use one car for every three or four families, or nearly seven million altogether. Some automobile manufacturers claim that the saturation point cannot be reached, unless there are about thirty million cars on this Continent. That would be one for every family, and two or three for every. That talk is foolish. The cost of operating a car, allowing for depreciation, is \$400 or \$500 a year, at the very least, and the man with a growing family, in those days of enormous housing costs, clothing and food supplies, usually finds better use for the money. The sharp reduction in the price of the Ford recognizes the new conditions, and may be a lesson to other large producers. All sorts of commodities are being artificially held up in price to enable holders to liquidate without loss, before cheaper goods come along and compel reductions.

THE LABOR CONGRESS.

Canadian Labor as an organized element of the community is well removed from ultra-radicalism, and anarchism finds very few sympathizers within its ranks. The dangerous doctrines that have penetrated to a varying extent the Labor bodies of other countries have not attracted any considerable sections of Canadian Labor. Those who, from observing Labor tendencies in the Old Country and elsewhere, may be inclined to fear that orderly government and established institutions in Canada require protection from Canadian Labor will find reassurance by following the policies and sentiments of the main Labor organizations.

Various questions were before the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress at Windsor last week which would have given extremists a chance to assert themselves had they been present in any force. But there were few of them, and what few efforts they did make received discouraging receptions. The proceedings of the Congress were reported closely by the press services, and there was little if anything in the reports to prejudice Labor in the eyes of the public. It was not possible for conservative people to agree with the course of the Congress on all questions, but that is never to be expected, but any who looked to find the convention flirting with One Big Union policies or communist doctrines were disappointed. On the other hand, there was more than a little evidence of the direct opposite of a class-selfish sentiment on one or two occasions during the debates on resolutions. The conservatism which prevails was illustrated by the lack of sympathy shown for the ill-considered proposal that the Trades and Labor Congress should depart from its established functions to enter politics. It was wisely determined that the Congress was not a political organization.

The Windsor convention was fairly representative of Canadian Labor. It showed Canadian Labor organizations to be sober, disciplined, foresighted, and even conservative in comparison with Labor movements in other lands.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Those Brave Leaders.
 (Kitchener Record.)
 The elections in the Maritime Provinces were fought without the assistance of either Mr. King or Mr. Crear.

Fine Business.
 (Hamilton Herald, Ind.)
 Board of Commerce is denounced by the Farmers' Sun for raising freight rates and also for questioning the right of milk producers to boost the price of milk. What the Sun should do is to start an agitation in favor of a law providing that none but farmers shall be allowed to demand more for things that people want to buy.

Ugly Villages.
 (Toronto Globe.)
 A discussion of the ugliness of Canadian village and small-town buildings may do a lot of good. There is plenty of room for improvement. But to pretend that there is beauty in British village buildings as a general rule is ridiculous. There is nothing uglier anywhere than the mining villages of the South of England and the South of Scotland.

A Sound Position.
 (Guelph Herald.)
 No fault can be found with the position adopted by Hon. Arthur Meighen on the tariff question, when he declares that he is in favor of such a degree of protection as will enable the countries industries to be successful, but that would not unduly enrich them at the expense of the Canadian people.

The Individualists.
 (New York Globe.)
 If revolution ever comes in this country it will be over some tangible grievance, like the tax on tea or the slavery traffic, not for a general and comprehensive scheme to make the world better. We are not a revolting people. We care a lot about what hurts us, but we do not really care much about theories and institutions, except as they affect us particularly. We may talk for or against the constitution or the single tax, but what we really care about is whether or not the world treats us right according to the rules of the game that actually prevail.

A Poor Argument.
 (Boston Transcript.)
 The usual crowd of loungers was standing around watching the process of execution for the new building. As the great steam shovel bit into the bank and then rose with its half cartload of earth, one of the onlookers remarked: "It makes me wild, looking at that thing taking the head out of good men's mouths. Why, it's filling up those wagons faster than a hundred men with picks and shovels could do it."

Shocks! exclaimed another onlooker. "What kind of a fool argument is that? If it would be better to employ a hundred men with picks and shovels, why wouldn't it be better still, by your way of thinking, to employ a thousand men with forks and teaspoons?"

THE LAUGH LINE

Had No Limousine.
 "Pa, how much money did Croesus have?"
 "Oh, I don't know. About enough to live in what is at present middle-class style, I guess."—Boston Transcript.

What He Would Do.
 Small Girl—"Give me a bite of your toffee, Jimmy."
 Small Boy—"No fear! But you may kiss me while my mouth is sticky!"

Safety First.
 Sportsman—"Did you ever see such atrocious luck? That's the fifteenth bird I've missed today."
 Old Gamekeeper—"No, sir, I think you're wrong. It's the same bird you've been firing at all along. The artificial old bezzie's been hanging around you for safety's sake."

A Good Actor.
 "I see you have an actor-employed on the farm?"
 "Yes, and he's a mighty good actor, too. Why, I thought he was working the last week he was here."—Boston Transcript.

And This Time It Was.
 During the vacation the telephone

A DROP IN CARS.
 The reduction in the price of Ford motor cars has been a sensation in the automobile world. The extent of the reduction, and the aggressive campaign it forecasts, have exceedingly important bearings on the making of cars. The Ford Company may be able to take off one-third, and yet pay the employees the usual wage, but if other companies making low-priced cars follow the lead, and the companies making higher-priced cars have to keep in line, the changes in the automobile industry before next year will be notable. The market

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAZ

Me and Mary Watkins was setting on her front steps and we started to have a argument, her starting it by saying, "Which do you think is the best, Nazimover or Charlie Chaplin?"
 Charlie Chaplin of course, I said, Charlie Chaplin is away better than Nazimover.
 Why, Benny Potts, I think you're perfectly horrid saying that, I think Nazimover is much, much better than Charlie Chaplin, Nazimover is a great actress, and Mary Watkins.
 So in Charlie Chaplin, look how funny he is, he's away funnier than Nazimover, I said.
 Of course he is, because Nazimover isn't supposed to be funny, she's serious, she's much seriouser than Charlie Chaplin, and Mary Watkins.
 Certenly she is, Charlie Chaplin ain't supposed to be serious, G. wizz, holy anowka, Charlie Chaplin is away better than Nazimover, I said.
 Q. is she? Very well, then good by, and Mary Watkins. And she quick got up and started to walk in the house proud, me quick saying, "No he ain't, no he ain't, I take it back, Nazimover is away better than Charlie Chaplin, she's as funny as every thing, she's funnier than anything, and rather see her than Charlie Chaplin any day."
 I accept your apology, why didn't you say so in the first place? and Mary Watkins, setting down agen.
 I didn't think of it, I said. And we started to talk about other different things such as the advantages of having long legs when you run and weather a middle name is any use.
 Proving its easy for a perl to win a argument weather she's size or not.

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