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St. Antoine Is Significant.

The tariff issue had to be the test in the St. Antoine (Montreal) by-election, which was won by a Liberal, W. J. Hushion, by a substantial majority. Hon. Walter Mitchell resigned from the seat because he did not agree with the tariff proposals enunciated by Mr. Robb. That resignation made it imperative that the tariff policy of the King government be the issue before the electors in this Montreal seat, and that was the issue on which they pronounced.

Mr. Meighen and all the oratory he could muster went in there determined to win, and they were on ground very favorable to them. The riding of St. Antoine was created in 1896—since then it has gone Conservative six times and Liberal only once, in 1921. Prior to 1896 it was Montreal West, and in seven elections went Liberal only once. So since Confederation, in fourteen contests the Conservatives have won twelve and Liberals two. This record shows that it was a favorable place for the Conservatives to fight an election, and for that reason the return of a Liberal in St. Antoine takes on greater significance than the return of the Liberal in Rimouski, a traditionally Liberal seat, on the same day.

Judged from this distance, both Conservatives and Liberals had good candidates in the St. Antoine contest. The Conservatives were able to eliminate a second candidate of their own stripe, and center all their energies in support of Mr. Birks.

Both parties put their foremost speakers in the field. The Liberals were led by the premier himself, and he brought his record with no apologies and placed it before the electors. The Conservatives were headed by Hon. Arthur Meighen, and their chief plea was that the King tariff was ruining Canada. The electors had the optimism of Mr. King on one hand and the pessimism of Mr. Meighen on the other.

The issue was fairly fought out right in Montreal, where we had been led to believe the electors were just waiting to participate in the giving of a verdict for high tariff policy. It was the record of the government and the attempt to secure "freer trade and freer living for the mass of the people" that was pronounced upon.

There is nothing particularly significant in the return of a Liberal in Rimouski, but there is something very significant in the victory in St. Antoine. That contest was openly acknowledged to be a fair test case as to whether the King government had the confidence of the people or not—whether its tariff policy was to be sustained or rejected, and the answer to both these questions has been favorable to the government.

Mr. Meighen and his gloom spreaders have had their answer. There was not a thing left that the Conservative leader did not urge. He used this style: "This country is going backward day by day." He urged that Canada start a tariff war on Britain; he predicted disaster deep, wide and heavy, and to all these things he has had his answer.

Bungling the Juvenile Court Issue.

Members of the London City Council who voted to recommend to the attorney-general of the province that the resignation of Judge Warner of the juvenile court be accepted gave a demonstration of indifference and gross ingratitude toward a competent official that has not been equaled in months.

The council also accepted a resignation that had not been presented to them, and furthermore they had no right to accept a resignation from an officer that is in control of the attorney-general, who has the right to make the appointment.

Judge Warner wrote to the juvenile court committee stating his willingness to carry on until a successor could be appointed. It is not his desire that he should relinquish the office; he is in love with the work, but he feels that it is not fair to his parishioners that he should allow them to pay for an assistant in his church work because so much of his time is being taken up by services for the city. If the city council had desired to face the situation in the same manner as Judge Warner has faced it, they would never have allowed such an embarrassing situation to arise as that which now faces Judge Warner.

Even granting that the council had the right to accept the resignation of Judge Warner, it would have been simple courtesy on the part of mover and seconder of the resolution accepting the resignation to have made some acknowledgment that the council regretted the move, or that it appreciated the generous contribution which Judge Warner had made in piloting the juvenile court, without any salary, through its early stages and getting it to the point where it is functioning and doing the work it was intended to do.

But there was not one word of regret, not one expression of appreciation, just a cold, blunt expression of opinion that the resignation should be accepted, an insult to all the organizations that have been interested in the work of the court.

Ald. McKay, a member of the juvenile court committee, who has taken a keen and intelligent interest in the work, and who knows what is being accomplished, tried by way of amendment to have the communication of Judge Warner forwarded to all the organizations in the city who are interested in the matter, in order that there might be a consulting of their desires, but he mustered only five votes in support of a fair

way of dealing with the matter, Aldermen Drake, Smith, Hayden, McKay and the mayor.

The action of the council did not settle the matter, it only complicated it, but worse than that it indicated a willingness on the part of the majority of the members to accept faithful service in a trying capacity without even saying thank you for it.

Put the Senators Out West.

Those members of the Canadian Senate who killed off the program of building branch lines for the C. N. R. in the west should be put in the position now faced by some of the farmers there, for instance in the Radville district of Saskatchewan. This is about the best mixed farming country in Saskatchewan, the strip being 150 miles wide and 50 miles deep. The farmers there are from 20 to 40 miles from the nearest Canadian railroad.

The roads are of the prairie type, and taking a load of grain to market is a three-day operation. Last year it cost 35 cents a bushel to haul the grain to a market that paid the farmer 66 cents for it.

What happens? There is an American railroad just across the border, 12 miles away, and Western Canada farmers drive there to such an extent that it is estimated 7,000,000 bushels of wheat went there in 1923. The traffic was lost to the C. N. R.

Here is a land that can produce and take care of the men who work there. But the majority in the Senate say that it must not have a chance.

What is the use of inducing men to go in there, keeping an immigration department to look after them, and then insisting that they drive from 20 to 40 miles to market grain at a cost equal to more than half the 1923 price?

The trouble is that the C. N. R.-hating senators do not have to do the hauling; they do not have to see their funds slip between their fingers in wasteful marketing methods. The conditions the western farmers face mean nothing to them. With smug complacency they can write their hostile "No" across the plans that would change the whole thing for the farmers in the Radville district, and draw their good Canadian money for doing it.

Trying It Another Way.

London ratepayers will have a ballot handed to them the next time they vote, asking them to state whether they desire to have two members elected to the police commission of this city. Mayor Wenig failed in his drive to get this legislation through the provincial House, and this is another way of trying to bring pressure to bear on the point he tried to make before.

The police commission at present consists of the county judge, the police magistrate and the mayor. The proposed plan would increase the membership to five at the very time when the trend in the administration of civic business is toward smaller bodies. The mayor believes in a smaller council, but a larger police commission.

The weakness of the proposal is that there is no good purpose to be served by introducing local politics into the administration of the police department. It is borrowing a leaf from the system in vogue in United States, where they elect all officials on a straight party ticket.

The people are represented on the police commission at present by the mayor, who is elected by the people, so it is a fact that the commission at present is partly elective.

Were the present system being abused there might be good reason for urging that a change be made, but it is not being abused, and it is not charged that such is the case. London can do very well when it votes on the matter by leaving things as they are.

Stratford Furnishes a High Spot.

C. N. R. shops at Stratford furnish an item in the day's news that cannot be overlooked. Orders were given to lay off 145 men, and among those slated to go were a number with families and homes to look after.

A number of the single men who were being retained came forward and offered to give their positions to the married men, enabling them to keep on working, and cause no hardship to their families.

In this day when men are engaged in dollar chasing, when competition is keen and relentless, a piece of news like this comes as a cool breeze at the end of a hot day.

The C. N. R. can be proud to have such men in its employ. It should make an effort to meet the situation by telling them all to go back to work.

Note and Comment.

Well, the Conservative party still has Gussy Porter and West Hastings to fall back on.

Premier King may have gone through the platform when speaking at Montreal, but when the fight was over it was Little Calamity Arthur who was buried in the ruins.

The Canadian dollar increased that 1-32 of one per cent at New York yesterday, and was worth 100 cents. Now why can't the tinkers leave it alone?

A few days ago Joe Boyer, speed king, was killed on an American track. Now Dario Resta, another driver, has gone west by the same route. Snuffing out human lives to clip the fraction of a second from a track record is paying too great a price for a meaningless achievement.

Former Relief Officer McCallum will receive no retiring allowance, according to the vote of the city council. Apparently one official receives such recognition, while the next one does not. Mr. McCallum's financial standing, what he had and did not have, were discussed in a way that no red-blooded man would tolerate if in his power to prevent. The plan followed at present is all wrong, and if No. 1 committee, as intimated by Ald. Douglass, has a plan under way to handle such matters, it should be brought forward quickly. There should be one thing or the other, (1) a fund to which officials would contribute, and from which they would be entitled to draw, or (2) nothing at all.

Rarebits By Rex

A HARD JOB.

(The prince was surrounded by dozens of curious girls. Yet few men would change jobs with him.—Arthur Brisbane)

If you were born a millionaire,
Or have become one since;
If you were forced to earn your fare
By writing household hints;
If you were even born a cat,
A tramp or politician fat,
Just smile and be darn thankful that
You were not born a prince.

If frenzied girls thronged to your side
And simple minded males
Told stories of your "future brides,"
And other senseless tales,
If flappers rolled their eyes at you
And danced to a dance through,
I'm sure that in a year or two
You'd be the prince of wails.

For princes, so a critic claims,
Get bored to death and tire
Of smiles from sweet, designing dames
Who think their smiles inspire,
Of course the life is not all fine,
But if you hear me say sometime
I would not change their job for mine
You'll know that I'm a liar.

INSIDE STUFF ON MARS.

Pjkh Sigm, noted Martian businessman, arrived in London yesterday. He came by radio and through a curious coincidence happened to land in Mayor Wenig's back yard. His worship was having a ten-round, no-decision bout with potato bugs in his potato patch when he recognized Mr. Sigm.

"On behalf of the residents of Erie avenue let me extend you a greeting," his worship said, putting his hand to his hip. Mr. Sigm gratefully accepted the greeting and drank it.

In an exclusive interview with the writer, Mr. Sigm expressed the hope that the world and Mars would co-operate more closely in the future. "As president of the Mars chamber of commerce," he said, "I believe in co-operation. I feel that Mars can not afford to be without our splendid Canadian Club any more than you can afford to be without our delightful Martian bouquet. We must get together and put our shoulders to the wheel."

Asked what he thought of the earth, Mr. Sigm said it was the best earth, next to Mars, that he had ever seen. "You are so progressive," he said admiringly. "I must take a few Ford cars back with me to shake my people up."

Question—What is your mission here?
Answer—I came to see if I could find a cure for insomnia. Where do you advise me to go?
Question—To the Senate.

Q.—There is a report that Martian women have no tongues. Is this true?
A.—No. Only married men are allowed to cut out their wives' tongues.

Q.—Why?
A.—Are you married?
Q.—Yes.
A.—Then you know why.

Q.—What do Martian businessmen do for amusement?
A.—Go to see ballet dancers.
Q.—Is the Martian ballet good?
A.—No, bally rotten.

The Trouble in China

Ah, let us hope there'll be no war to muss up things in China now, that there will be no cause at all for raising' one celestial row.

For in that place what's far away, a three-weeks' journey off from here, they go and spell their names so odd in ways what's dizzy like and queer.

What if they lined the guns out there and shot 'em from ye ancient wall, and punctured holes into the folks and moved 'em down the lean and tall, the papers would be printin' then of Sen Yat Sen who won the fight, pursuin' after Yat He Fo into the stillty hours of night.

The fortress of Chop Suey too would be bombarded sure as sin, defendin' at the place would be Chief Soap Suds with a mandolin.

Why that whole country's full of names as crooked as a letter S, the only thing that folks could do would be look wise and take a guess, and try to find if Sing Lee Wing was fightin' after Hop Sing Chu, and if 'twas so just what new things the chop stick squad would try to do.

Why need these men in China there go makin' such a fuss just now, when no one's spoiling for a fight or makin' speeches for a row.

Why can't they go some other way to work the hatred from their blood, instead of shootin' up the land and bowlin' men with fearful thud? And if they want to fight a bit why can't they pick out just one place what's got a name that we can say without it breakin' up our face?

Yes, let them pick out just one field, some place with simple name like Chew, and in that place there let them camp and settle up about their row.

For goodness sake let's stop the thing, if we have got the nerve and brains, before the world is chokin' on the way to say the Chinese names. —ARK.

A Point To Bite On

(Los Angeles Times).

Now a dentist is being sued for \$20,000 because he violently opened the mouth of a patient and wrenched from it a set of false teeth for which the lady had failed to pay. If a patient neglects to pay for his artificial incisors in whom does the title lodge? Under commercial practice if a creditor can get possession of property which has not been paid for he may be sustained by the courts. But in this case the dining-room furniture becomes attached to the person and is not readily divorced. It will be quite a relief when the court decides whether a man's false teeth are his own or belong to the dentist—until paid for.

Press Comment

Knowledge Comes With Age.

The young and inexperienced woman thinks that the way to please a man is to talk to him about himself. The older and more experienced woman knows that the way to please him is to let him talk to her about himself. — London Sunday Express.

Dr. Frank Crane

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD.

The campaign for bread made of the whole grain of the wheat is not only rampant in America but in Europe.

The efforts of millers to please the eye by whitening the flour, and to do so by extracting all things that interfere with its perfect color, have resulted in taking away from the flour those elements of the grain which are necessary for the sustenance of the human body.

A book, recently published in England, holds that cancer, which is increasingly prevalent in civilization, is due to devitalized food, and that the best cure for this mysterious and horrible disease is the preventive influence of whole wheat or whole meal bread. Doctors are not yet agreed upon that to which the germ of cancer is due, but it is the general impression that it must be due to malnutrition of some sort, at least that malnutrition furnishes it a favorable soil on which to work.

Another terrible disease is that of blood poisoning, such as took off the son of President Coolidge. It is averred, in some circles, that blood poisoning only attacks those whose vitality is weakened by under-nourishment and that the continuous use of the products of devitalized products is favorable to blood poisoning.

Whatever conclusion we may reach as to the influences which react unfavorably on the whole, these two diseases it cannot be doubted that the continued use of devitalized flour is not beneficial to the race. We have seen considerable instances recently of attempts to popularize whole wheat flour and the products of the same. Wheat is the natural food of the human body and probably more people live upon the products of wheat than upon any other one thing except those of rice.

It is established that devitalized rice, or polished rice, brings on the disease known as beri-beri.

It is also well known that the disease of pellagra is caused by the eating of food products made of devitalized corn flour.

Just what nourishes the human body is among the secrets of that mysterious science known as organic chemistry, but there are considerable grounds for believing that the use of whole wheat flour or that of the whole grain in some way, is beneficial and that the use of devitalized flour, or flour made white in the endeavor to make it pretty, is responsible for diseases of more than one kind.

In the interest of good health, therefore, the use of whole wheat flour should be encouraged.

A DREAM.

When twilight steals over
The rose-tinted sky
And night's starry jewels
Are shining on high,
Morpheus, whisper, "Come, dear,
With me."
We must keep our trust
Beneath the pine tree.

We follow the pathway
I knew long ago,
Where wild flowers blossom
And toll bells grow.
There, by the roadside
The schoolhouse we see,
Where you and I comrades
Learned life's A. B. C.

I enter its portals,
My heart gives a bound,
The seats are deserted,
The clock has no sound.
The master's denuded,
He sleeps 'neath the sod.
We'll remember him kindly,
Though he spared not the rod.

The place seems enchanted,
I linger awhile,
Soon bright, happy faces come
Crowding the aisles,
In silence we wait,
After each finds his seat,
To hear the day's text,
Then a prayer we repeat.

But lessons are over,
The sun's setting low,
We'll sing our old songs
Before we all go,
Then our voices ring clear,
While angels bend low,
To hear their sweet songs
Of the long, long ago.

I remember with sadness

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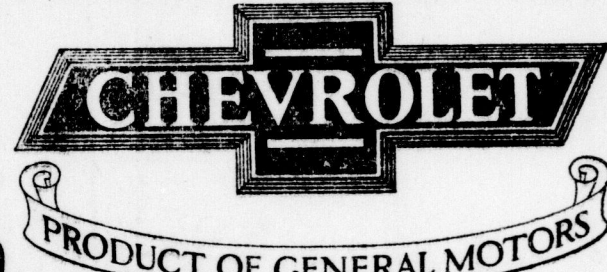
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