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LET THE COUNTRY DECIDE

It is established by the unwritten law of all British parliaments that when the Prime Minister introduces an important measure the opposition through its leader, shall be heard upon it.

These words of the honored statesman who leads the Liberal party will penetrate every constituency in the Dominion, and wherever they are read far-sighted men who favor free speech and honorable dealing will realize the nature of that which Mr. Borden and Mr. Hazen did in the House of Commons.

What is to be the result? We have the answer in the Conservative Ottawa Citizen. It says: "If the naval bill is put through by clause methods, with the Liberals fighting bitterly for what many will consider the privilege of free speech and minority rights, the principal effect it will have will be to give the Senate new reason for existence and for exercising the veto power for which it was originally intended."

It is not politics, but business. If the government carries the work forward with sufficient speed, it will receive credit for doing so. If it fails, it will be condemned accordingly. The main point is that neither politics nor a desire to avoid disturbing the Minister of Marine and Fisheries should be permitted to encourage delay or neglect in a matter of so great importance to the city, and indeed to the whole country.

The country is hoping the Senate will send Mr. Borden to the people. If he will not go willingly, his hand must be forced. The electors want an opportunity to say that the \$35,000,000 shall be spent at home.

"Ship money" by shutting off free speech and ignoring the deceptions of parliament by procedure. This country knows now how empty is the "emergency" plea. It knows that this Conservative anxiety to rush through the policy of tribute was not because Mr. Borden had his eyes upon the North Sea but because he had them upon Quebec.

MAKING TARIFF BILLS

During the discussion of the last tariff bill in the United States, Mr. Seth Low said at the Republican Club in New York: "The vice of every tariff bill comes from the ease with which the well-informed special interests can hoodwink legislators who do not know the facts."

Well, there is no accounting for tastes. A majority of the people of Canada will probably agree with Mr. Carvell in his opinion that it was no compliment to Mr. Hazen, or to the province which he represents, to be selected for this rather nasty piece of parliamentary tactics.

It is rare that legislators are so stupid as to be hoodwinked by the special interests. They are influenced, of course, by the lobbyists who have sufficient interest to go to Washington and argue before congressional committees; but they have something to give, and the swarm of protected interests are ready to trade for the right to tax the people.

Mr. Wilson, a convinced tariff-revenue man, is a horse of another color.

THE HARBOR

The Standard makes the mistake of supposing, or pretending to suppose, the assurance of the good intention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries may be substituted for the government activity necessary to give St. John additional harbor accommodation at the beginning of the next winter port season.

It was both proper and necessary to point out, as The Telegraph and The Times did, that only prompt action at Ottawa could prevent the city from suffering next November from lack of facilities sufficient to accommodate the trade which is expected at that time.

Since Mr. Schofield discussed the situation, we have had news from Ottawa with respect to the new tariff contract. St. John's opportunity to share in this contract, and perhaps to secure a direct subsidy to and from Liverpool, makes the question of expanding the facilities more than ever important.

MR. HAZEN'S "DEFENCE"

Mr. Hazen, according to the Standard, "needs no defence, and talk by his enemies cannot injure him." Probably that is one reason why the Standard daily devotes a column or so of its editorial space to defending Mr. Hazen and denouncing his opponents.

Mr. Carvell, of Carleton County, a hard-hitting Liberal, directed attention in the House of Commons on Thursday to the fact that when a man was needed to carry into effect the trickery by which the honored leader of the opposition was to be denied the time-honored privilege of replying to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hazen was selected from 139 Conservative members as the man most fitted for the unpleasant work.

The Standard tells its readers that Mr. Carvell has been accused "to paroxysms of anger," and that Hon. Mr. Pugsley is similarly disturbed, because they now feel that they can no longer obstruct the country's business.

It is a fair question of hoodwinking legislators. As a rule legislators know something more about politics and accounting less about business than do their fellow-citizens who are engaged in non-political activities.

Our contemporary says that the Liberals are now "gnashing their teeth and raging furiously," and that "the whole country is laughing at them." The Standard can scarcely hope to persuade even the most hardened Tory by mere repetition of foolish assertions.

It is unfair of our contemporary to thrust upon Mr. Hazen the questionable distinction of having been used by Messrs. Borden and Rogers to deny to the leader of the opposition the privilege to which he was clearly entitled by all parliamentary practice.

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He has had to pay the bill. Nothing is gained by taking for granted that the trust is such an evil. It may be a natural evolution of business and a means of greatly decreasing the cost of production, or it may be, as Mr. Redfield suggests, industrially inefficient and its own worst enemy.

That other uses have been made of great concentrations of capital, all modern progress testifies. To take one example from many thousands: Baron Hirsch formed a trust in transportation and amassed a princely fortune by giving to the Balkan States new and improved transportation.

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Modern Pharaoh. He will move heaven and earth to expedite their passage. He may not be able to make the floods stand upright in a heap that they may pass over the channel dry-shod, but there is no man who has ever been troubled by a feeler who would not eagerly and safely transport them to any desired haven where they would be free to express their wishes.

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A DILEMMA

The Standard quotes certain utterances of Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, when their party was in power, in favor of such alterations of the rules of procedure as would permit the passage of the reciprocity measure.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Build the ships at home. That is the desire of the Canadian people. If Mr. Borden doubts it let him go to the country.

A ROUGH CRITIC

The London Nation intimates that Canada will have no more royal dukes at Ottawa, and that some of the vice-regal party gave offense recently in the Canadian capital by showing partiality towards the Tory cause.

constituted as to stand the Atlantic voyage. Not only do the colonies take kindly to the race of Bernades and Still-stalkings who hem in a royal personage, but there is neither a landed gentry nor a military society to bridge the gulf between royalty and the mass of work-day people, such as Canadians and Australians are.

This writer goes on to say: "Moreover—again no blame to the Duke—there is little doubt that royalty has been used to cover and excuse a good deal of social ostracism of Liberals in Ottawa. A well-informed correspondent, for example, writes me that during the naval debate a party of ladies from the royal household attended to hear Mr. Borden's speech.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Miss Jennie Sullivan is spending a couple of weeks in Moncton with her aunt, Mrs. James Brown.

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Joseph Lavers, of Southampton, spent Sunday in town with his sister, Mrs. Latham.

Howard McKay, of St. John, is visiting his mother, Mrs. McKay, at Riverside. Captain and Mrs. W. F. Durant, jr., have returned from Boston where they have been for several weeks.

HAMPTON COUPLE'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Tory government to stand pat in fiscal matters. The time must soon come when the demand for an increase of the British preference will be too strong to be resisted. And how long under present conditions can Mr. Borden afford to keep a duty on farm implements and farm machinery?

The tax rate in Halifax this year is \$1.90 as compared with \$1.96 last year. It would have been higher this year had not the assessors increased the valuation of property by \$1,800,000.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE SURVEYS

The city commissioners met representatives from the Suburban Railway Company yesterday afternoon and talked over street railway matters generally.

Suburban Railway Company to Have Definite Plans for Commissioners in Near Future—Four Parties at Work.

The city commissioners will then have a chance to say just what they will do in regard to the use of the streets and regulations of the traffic.

Miss Nellie Gulderson has returned from Oxford, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jeffers.

Miss George Jeffers entertained the members of the Methodist choir at her home in Lakeland's one evening last week. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE PROFESSIONAL OPINION

When I want I fill my pipe "Master Work" Smoking Tobacco

This world-famous Brand can now be obtained for 15¢ cut at all the best Stores.

NEW CONTRACT IN ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE Mr. Pelletier Explains Government Has Made

Twelve ships to do it Service Three Times a Week and Twice a Week Company to Select The for Landing Mails—Holley's Questions.

(Hammond, April 15) ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE Hon. L. P. Pelletier (Post Office)—Before the orders of the ed, I have an important communication to place before the house with the order in council appurtenant thereto.

Some hon. members—Yes. Mr. Pelletier—A contract for the mail has been made on behalf of the government, acting minister of trade and general, the contract, as I understand, is for the mail service to the Atlantic mail service.

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