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Campaigns Contrasted

Any man or woman who is honestly in doubt as to how to vote in the coming election should seriously consider not only the basic issues presented but the campaign material supplied by the two parties. To their credit the Liberals point to their record which undoubtedly should be considered by every elector. They point to the two budgets showing marked improvement in the national finances, to reductions in the national debt, reductions in general expenditure, more liberal exemption from the income tax, reductions of taxes on agricultural implements and motor vehicles the restoration of penny postage and other measures. By these the people of Canada have been relieved of about fifty million dollars in taxation.

Foreign trade has grown to the great figure of nearly two and a quarter billions of dollars. The exports are \$1,328,537,137 and exceed imports by about \$400,000,000. Industry is flourishing and everywhere are signs of good times. Even the most partisan political speeches are noticeably free this campaign from blue ruin talk.

The Liberal government can show a magnificent record of railway administration. Official reports show that there has been a surplus in operation.

On the Conservative side nothing of a constructive nature which would appeal to the independent elector has been brought forward. Blue ruin talk has been abandoned because the times have been too good. So instead of blue ruin talk there is what has been termed already by several speakers a "whispering campaign." For instance the charge that Mr. Bureau and Mr. Lapointe were on a joy ride on the good ship Margaret was tried before Chief Justice Lemieux appointed by the Meighen government and completely refuted. G. H. Bovin, the late minister of customs went down to an early grave with a stainless record. Even the Steven's amendment made no charge of dishonorable conduct against the minister. Such accusations are only made in the "whispering campaign" by some particularly reckless stump speakers who make no particularly good impression or favorable appeal to the voter who chooses to do his own thinking.

The campaign is more and more as time goes on becoming one of Deeds against Dirt, constructive Liberalism against mean and malicious slander.

A Community Band

A band—what a vast number of purposes it serves! It is indispensable to any town for fairs, trade excursions, public holidays, garden parties and festivities of every kind. A band draws the public to these gatherings and instills the spirit that is so necessary to make the event a success. It brings the towns-people together and is a powerful factor in unifying the community.

Of course it boosts the town! As an advertiser it is recognized everywhere that a band is one of the best assets a municipality can have.

Aband is a real character builder for the young men who largely comprise it. The daily practice and the frequent, regular rehearsals which make the existence of a band possible, teach them discipline, co-operation and exactness, as well as providing excellent musical training and genuine enjoyment.

Bandsmen stand out as leading public-spirited citizens. They feel a well justified pride in their organization and on public occasions are willing to be on hand early and late, heading processions and giving concerts in the hot sun, while others look on and enjoy the merriment.

Surely such men work towards the best civic interests, and are real "town-builders." Many of Canada's most successful and prominent men had as a training school the small town band.

It is a well recognized and accepted fact that performers of music find their keenest enjoyment and incentive towards greater achievement in ensemble work. The comradeship and friendly rivalry and the feeling of mutual aid and support can only be appreciated by those enjoying such work as can be had in a band.

If there is a band young men cease to long to go to the city and are willing to stay at home and work in their own municipal industries. Thus the band does much to stabilize industry.

Surely a band is one of the most valuable assets a town can have and worth many times the cost of its upkeep.

Everyone Should Vote

Politics and politicians in the heat of the summer may be a bit tiresome, but it is one of the vital parts of a democratic system of government such as we have in Canada that we have a government in power representative of the people. We cannot obtain that governing body unless we have elections and so hot weather or cold weather the business of election must go on. There are thousands of Canadians in the cities, in the towns or on the farms who never give a thought to governments, who have no interest in their country's welfare and who are content to make a living and let someone else take care of the public weal. Such a type of citizen is a poor one, indeed, and in many cases he is the loudest in the denunciation of what is done by the party in power. Now there is no excuse for anyone not taking sufficient interest in an election to record his or her vote. There should be no such thing as a silent portion of the electorate and in Australia they have gone so far as to impose a fine for failure to vote at an election. Canadians should not need the impetus of a penalty to force them to the polls, there are issues of a large and important character at stake in the forthcoming election and those should be sufficient to ensure that every Canadian of voting age expresses his will in regard to what party we should have in power. In order to vote intelligently, however, the electorate must know and must study what is at stake. Now is the time to do it, the election is scarcely a month away and it is the duty of each voter to inform himself of the nature of these issues upon which the election is being fought. There is no dearth of opportunity for acquiring information. The press of the country is replete with political gossip and discussion and the party candidates are here, there and everywhere

putting their views and party policies before the people. Then it is a solemn duty devolving on every citizen to interest himself in this election, to form a careful, considered opinion on the merits of the case, to see to it that his name is on the voters' list and finally, but most important of all, to VOTE.

Ferguson Or Cockshutt

The daily papers are telling us that Premier Ferguson will dissolve the Ontario Legislature and call a Provincial Election early in the Autumn or shortly after the Federal elections. But the Ontario Legislature has not completed its term. It has at least two more Sessions to go. Why then an election? If Hon. Arthur Meighen and his Conservative followers are right it is Lieutenant Governor Cockshutt and not Premier Ferguson who will decide whether there is to be a provincial election or not. We commend the enterprising dailies to enquire of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

"Way Back in Liberal Files"

Thirty Years Ago

From Our Issue August 20, 1896

The Maple correspondent reported that the leading man of the village had attended the sale of a pig that had been impounded some days previous. Mr. R. Rumble acted as auctioneer. The bids soon ran up from \$1.00 to \$4.45 when the animal was sold to Mr. H. Jaskson. The same correspondent reported that during the week a whirlwind had struck Mr. Badger's pea field and carried away several bunches across the road into another field.

The Dairytown correspondent reported harvesting was about finished. Mr. D. Lynett having the honor of being the first to have his fields cleared.

The toll gate on Yonge Street just outside the city limits and the check gate above St. Clair Avenue were fired by an incendiary or incendiaries on Sunday morning about three o'clock the latter being burned to ashes while the former is almost a ruin. There has been a bad feeling in that section since the Commissioners have erected the check gate to prevent users of Yonge Street from driving along St. Clair Avenue through Reservoir Park, down Avenue Road, and so avoiding the toll. High Constable John has begun an investigation and hopes to discover the guilty parties. On Monday Warden Slater, Reeve Pugsley, Engineer McDougall and

the County Commissioners held a consultation near the remains of the toll gate No. 1, and decided to immediately rebuild the structure. It was also determined to offer a reward of \$100 for the conviction of the incendiaries. So far there appears to be no clue.

Twenty Five Years Ago

From Our Issue of August 22, 1901

The Public Library Board met in the council chambers on Monday evening with the following members present:—P. G. Savage, Chairman; W. A. Sanderson; J. H. Bryden; H. A. Nicholls, and T. F. McMahon.

Mr. Moses Vanderburgh drove to the city on Tuesday with a load of produce and while there was taken suddenly ill and had to be removed to the hospital.

Mr. Walter Eyer, representative for the Deering Company, and Mr. Arthur Clayton, manager, had an unpleasant experience last Friday. They were driving in a covered buggy in the neighborhood of Victoria Square when their horse became frightened by a man who suddenly jumped from behind a tight board fence. The horse plunged into a ditch upset the buggy, threw out the occupants and threw itself down. Mr. Eyer had his shoulder hurt and Mr. Clayton his head bruised. The buggy was smashed and the dash board considerably bent. The accident might have been serious.

Divisions in Last House

There were twenty four votes taken in the parliament which came to a sudden end on July 2.

Ordinarily there are not more than three or four votes in a session, the process of voting being both long and wearying. However, in Canada's first "one session" parliament, there was on the average of one vote a week.

Out of the 24 votes the Liberals were in the majority 18 times and the Conservatives six times. Not once was the Liberal government defeated on a straight motion of "no Confidence," while, on the contrary, the Conservative government, on the third day of its life, was voted unconstitutional and, therefore, unfit to lead parliament.

The details of each vote are:—

Date	Occasion of Vote	Libs	Cons.
Jan. 14	No confidence amendment to motion that Throne Speech be considered.....	123	120
Feb. 1	Amendment to Throne Speech.....	125	115
Feb. 5	Amendment to motion for six weeks adjournment.....	119	112
	Motion to adjourn for six weeks.....	120	112
Feb. 8	Conservatives challenge Speakers' ruling.....	87	71
Feb. 16	Amendment to speech from Throne.....	119	108
Mar. 2	Closure motion to end debate on speech from Throne.....	108	95
	"Previous question" amendment to Speech from Throne.....	108	102
	Vote on Speech from Throne.....	111	102
May 6	Peace River election petition.....	115	107
May 18	Amendment to Budget.....	121	108
	Budget.....	121	108
May 31	Protectionist resolution.....	54	53
June 15	No confidence motion.....	113	107
June 16	Peace River Petition.....	103	95
June 25	Woodsworth sub-amendment to Customs Report.....	115	117
June 25	Conservatives challenge Speaker's ruling.....	116	118
	Motion to adjourn.....	114	115
	Motion to adjourn.....	115	114
	Liberal sub-amendment to Customs Report.....	107	119
	Conservative amendment to Customs Report.....	109	119
June 29	Conservatives challenge Speakers' ruling.....	115	114
June 30	Liberal no-confidence motion.....	101	108
July 1	Liberal no-confidence motion.....	96	95

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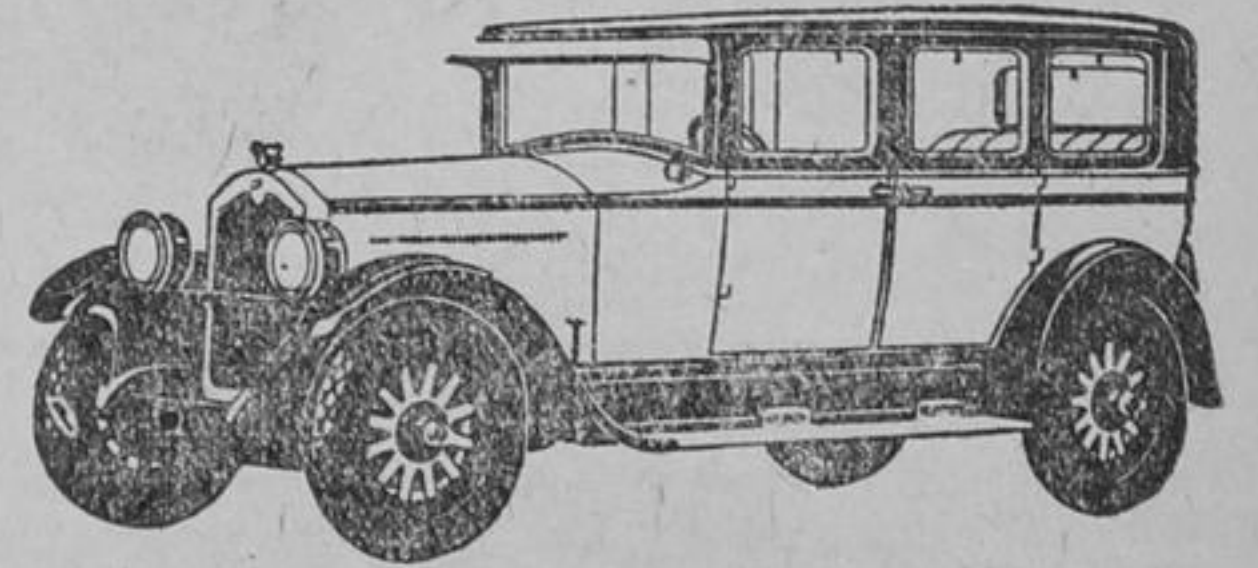
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