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IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN NORTH YORK

Electors of North York in common with electors in all parts of Canada on July 28th will be called upon to elect a representative for this riding to the House of Commons. It is a privilege and a duty which the electors should not regard lightly.

The choice will be between two men representing the two political parties of the Dominion. The main issues before the people centre around the question of EMPIRE TRADE, the EMPIRE BUDGET introduced by the present government last May, the record of the government and the pending Imperial Economic Conference. These are all issues of far reaching importance to our Country and should be approached calmly and from the standpoint of the future well-being of Canada and the Empire rather than from any narrow or partisan viewpoint. Broad and far reaching as these issues are the electors of North York must bear in mind that they are selecting a man to represent the interests of the people of this district for the next four years.

Col. Lennox who was finally chosen once more to be the Conservative candidate has been in public life for a great many years. He has been the representative in the Dominion Parliament for North York since 1925 and previous to that was a member of the Legislative Assembly for many years. In his long career in public life the electors have been very kind to him. If anyone ever had a chance to render real service in a public way Col. Lennox by virtue of his several elections has certainly had that chance. At the 19-25 election when Col. Lennox stepped into the Federal arena and again in the election of 1926 his intentions to serve the people may have been the very best. Col. Lennox may have been sincere in his promises when he stood on the platforms of this riding in 1925 and 1926 and asked the support of the electors of North York which was accorded in such measure as to ensure his election. Whether or not Col. Lennox was sincere in standing for election as a representative of the people is a matter for his own conscience, but what concerns the electors at this time is that he has been able to accomplish little or nothing for the riding which so long honored him with election. Public records show that he has taken little part in the deliberations of the House of Commons, the voice of this historic riding being seldom heard in debate. To the many problems which have confronted this country during recent years North York through its representative has been able to contribute little towards solution. The people of North York have been kind, even generous to Col. Lennox in the past; he has been accorded every opportunity to render service to this riding and to this great Canada of ours. The people in past elections have given him their support but now that he once again stands before them the people cannot be criticized if they stop to ask what Col. Lennox has given to North York or Canada in return. In the light of Col. Lennox's record it is not surprising that thoughtful electors of all political affiliation hesitate to place the stamp approval on what Col. Lennox has given in return for the support of the electors of North York. Even Col. Lennox himself cannot expect a continuance of the support of the electors of North York when he is able to give so little in return for that support.

In this election the electors have the opportunity of electing W. P. Mulock, a young man offering himself in the service of his country. In his opening campaign speech in Newmarket last Thursday Mr. Mulock said: "I am a candidate because I am a young Canadian and believe Canada to be one of the greatest nations in the world. If I am able to serve this riding, and play even a small part in fulfilling Canada's destiny I will feel that my efforts have been amply rewarded. I make one pledge to my constituents, that I will give careful and devoted attention to my duties as a Member of Parliament for North York."

It is a pronouncement which has appealed to the electors of North York. No vain and empty promises, just a message ringing clear with the note of sincerity so much to be desired in public life. Mr. Mulock's opening message sparkled with the enthusiasm of a young man anxious and willing to serve the people of North York and do all in his power to make some contribution to the development and progress of Canada and the British Empire.

W. P. Mulock has already proven his aptitude for public service. He has also proven that he is in earnest in his desire to serve North York. Hon. James Malcolm, Minister of Trade and Commerce, last week paid tribute to his efforts on behalf of the fruit and vegetable growers. "No more effective voice was heard at Ottawa on behalf of the fruit and vegetable growers" said Mr. Malcolm, "than that of the candidate in North York, W. P. Mulock." As a candidate Mr. Mulock has been alive to the needs of the electors of this riding and he has not hesitated to throw off his coat and work in the best interests of the people of this riding. What he has already accomplished, and what he has demonstrated can be done by a sincere public representative only tends to draw attention to the lack of real service which has featured the parliamentary terms of Col. Lennox the late member for this riding.

The electorate should demand sincerity and service from men in public life. The well informed electorate of today appreciates the importance of the public business and is not prone to tolerate the type of candidate who at election time groans under the weight of all manner of national perils real or imaginary, and after the election promptly forgets all about his country's business or the interests of the people his is supposed to represent.

North York has been kind to Col. Lennox. He has had his chance. Public records show the extent of the effort he has made, or has not made, to contribute to the future greatness of Canada or the general interest and well-being of this riding. It is not surprising therefore that the thoughtful electors are looking to the candidature of W. P. Mulock as an opportunity to give North York a different kind of representation at Ottawa. W. P. Mulock will give North York representation at Ottawa which will reflect credit on this riding and on the illustrious name he bears. Lennox has had thirty years in public life. GIVE MULOCK HIS CHANCE. GIVE NORTH YORK A CHANCE.

EMPIRE TRADE

In view of the fact that Col. Lennox the conservative candidate in speaking throughout this riding refers in a rather jocular manner to the great issue of the election EMPIRE TRADE, and if we are to judge by his recent speech in Richmond Hill is able to see in it only reference to such articles as hay, asparagus, canary cages, anchors and corset clasps, it is interesting to recall the comment of the press in the Motherland following the announcement of the EMPIRE BUDGET. Col. Lennox's attempt to minimize the importance of EMPIRE TRADE or his inability to understand the budget is best answered by the following comment in the BRITISH press irrespective of party affiliation.

The Manchester Guardian — Liberal—May 6, 1930:

"The Manchester Guardian describes the Canadian budget as a gesture, the generosity of which everyone in this country must appreciate."

The Morning Post—Conservative — May 12, 1930:

"The Dominion of Canada has taken another step along the line of their traditional policy of giving preference to imperial trade, and since changes in the tariff cannot fail to benefit the Mother Country our first impulse is to express the gratitude which we are certain the British Public feels."

The Daily Express—Conservative — May 2, 1930:

"The Dunning budget constitutes the greatest advance in imperial relations we have seen since the war."

The London Times — Conservative—May 6, 1930:

"The advantages offered by Canada to British industry are offered without any bargaining or corresponding concessions, and the spirit which prompted them will be appreciated as much as their actual economic effect in helping British trade at a time when help is badly needed."

J. L. Garvin, in The London Observer:

"The Canadian budget is one of those rare strokes of policy which illuminate the realities of Empire. Like Laurier's introduction of preference a generation ago, it is a message from overseas telling us that the idea of welding isolated communities of the British Commonwealth into a more organic whole is not ours alone."

Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain—Canadian Press cable, May 26th, 1930:

"I have always been in favour of empire trade," said Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald here tonight, during a visit to his constituency of Seaham. "Canada's last budget," declared the Prime Minister, "is an example of how the Dominions can and will help."

The Times Trade Supplement — May 10, 1930:

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Dunning's budget in the Canadian Parliament is the most important preparatory step that has been taken by any Government since the Imperial Conference of 1926 towards the ideal of closer Imperial economic co-operation. This is only in part due to the substantial increases of preference afforded to British goods; perhaps more important still is Mr. Dunning's declaration that the budget statement represents the spirit in which Canada will approach the coming Imperial Conference."

DOMINION DAY

Dominion Day has come and gone. As Canadians we have celebrated another national birthday! To many of us just another holiday; to the true Canadian another milestone in the nation's progress. There is perhaps much less of the exuberance and fervour in Canadians in regard to Dominion Day than our American cousins across the border display in their celebration of their Independence Day.

Since the granting of Dominion status, Canada has seen the borders of her freedom steadily enlarging, her status yearly more clearly defined, and her stature constantly growing. To-day, this Dominion stands in a position of equality both with the Motherland and the rest of the Dominions, but with added prestige over the latter in that this country is the oldest of His Majesty's Overseas Dominions. In a fuller and truer sense than when Kipling coined his immortal phrase, Canada can say; "Daughter am I in my mother's house, but mistress in my own." It does not detract one iota from Canada's loyalty to the Motherland that we now possess equality of status. Rather is it the case that the ties that bind us to the stock from which we sprang, though still "slender as gossamer," as Joseph Chamberlain said, are stronger than the strongest steel; stronger for the wider liberty and greater powers we have obtained.

Dominion Day should be a time for taking stock of ourselves as individual Canadians, a time for each of us asking ourselves the question, "What am I doing by my life to make this country of mine a better country, a more prosperous country, and a more enduring country?" If our answer to that question should stimulate us to be better Canadians, to do more to build up a bigger and better Canada, and to hand down to our children a richer heritage than we ourselves obtained, then we shall not have lived in vain. It is not only in Flanders Fields that we take up the torch that others lay down. It is in the ways of peace and industry and nation-building that we must carry ever the torch of progress. A heart-to-heart talk with ourselves at this time about our duty to Canada will help us to make each Dominion Day a factor of greatest importance in our lives. This dear land is worthy of all we can give it; it is our own land; our homeland; it is the land where our children and our children's children will have their being when we are at rest beneath its sod. Surely here is incentive enough for us to be good Canadians.

"BLUE RUIN"

Something should be done to the political Jeremiahs of Canada. This country is one of the most favored countries in the world. It has enjoyed a period of prosperity during the past five or six years such as it never experienced before and such as few other peoples have known. Leading bankers, industrialists, as well as railway presidents, have publicly testified to this fact, an indisputable fact. Yet from scores of platforms at this time there arise wails of the most pessimistic kind about the terrible economic state of Canada. Word pictures are painted by spell-binders that cannot but leave the impression that in their opinion Canada is surely heading towards the scrap heap of nations and rapidly approaching bankruptcy and decline. Canada does not want such calamity howlers to guide her destiny.

It would be more honest and infinitely more patriotic if the political preachers of "Blue Ruin" in Canada would recognize the facts of world depression rather than try to make political capital out of the economic situation of their country.

The constant reiteration of their doleful lamentations about the state of Canada can have only one result. People will come to believe their pessimistic statements, and, once the mass mind is impregnated with such misleading propaganda to the extent of believing it, the condition these false prophets rail against may be brought into existence. Our people will lose faith in themselves and in Canada. Then they will lose heart and the country may suffer so much that it will take years to recover our lost standing. It matters not what political colors fly from Parliament Hill but it does matter that Canada shall not entrust her destinies to men who are ever ready to defame their country for the sake of political advantage and who picture their country before the world as in the last stages of decrepitude. As the whole world well knows, this Canada of ours is amongst the most prosperous of all countries, both actually and potentially, and offers bigger and better opportunities than virtually any country in the world. Let there be an end to this foolery. If all the conservative political speakers can talk is "Calamity" and "Blue Ruin" let them go to some other country where their doleful notes will be in keeping with the spirit of the country. They are certainly out of tune in Canada.

Before this reaches our readers we hope that the street cars are running on Yonge Street as far as Richmond Hill. In any event the commencement of a car service in the immediate future is now assured. The METROPOLITAN RADIAL ABANDONMENT has been a dark blot on the pages of the history of the North Yonge Street district which will be recalled and referred to as long as the present generation lives and long after we have passed and gone. "The year the cars stopped" will be the common phrase in referring to the summer of 1930. It was a sad and a costly experience which we hope this district will never again be called upon to endure.

We desire to pay our sincere tribute to the efforts of the Reeves of the municipalities of North York, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill who successfully negotiated the crisis to a successful conclusion. The Reeves with the deputies and councillors who lent them support have rendered a real service to the North Yonge Street district and we feel we are only voicing the feeling of the great majority of the people when we say to them, "Well Done" and "Thank You."

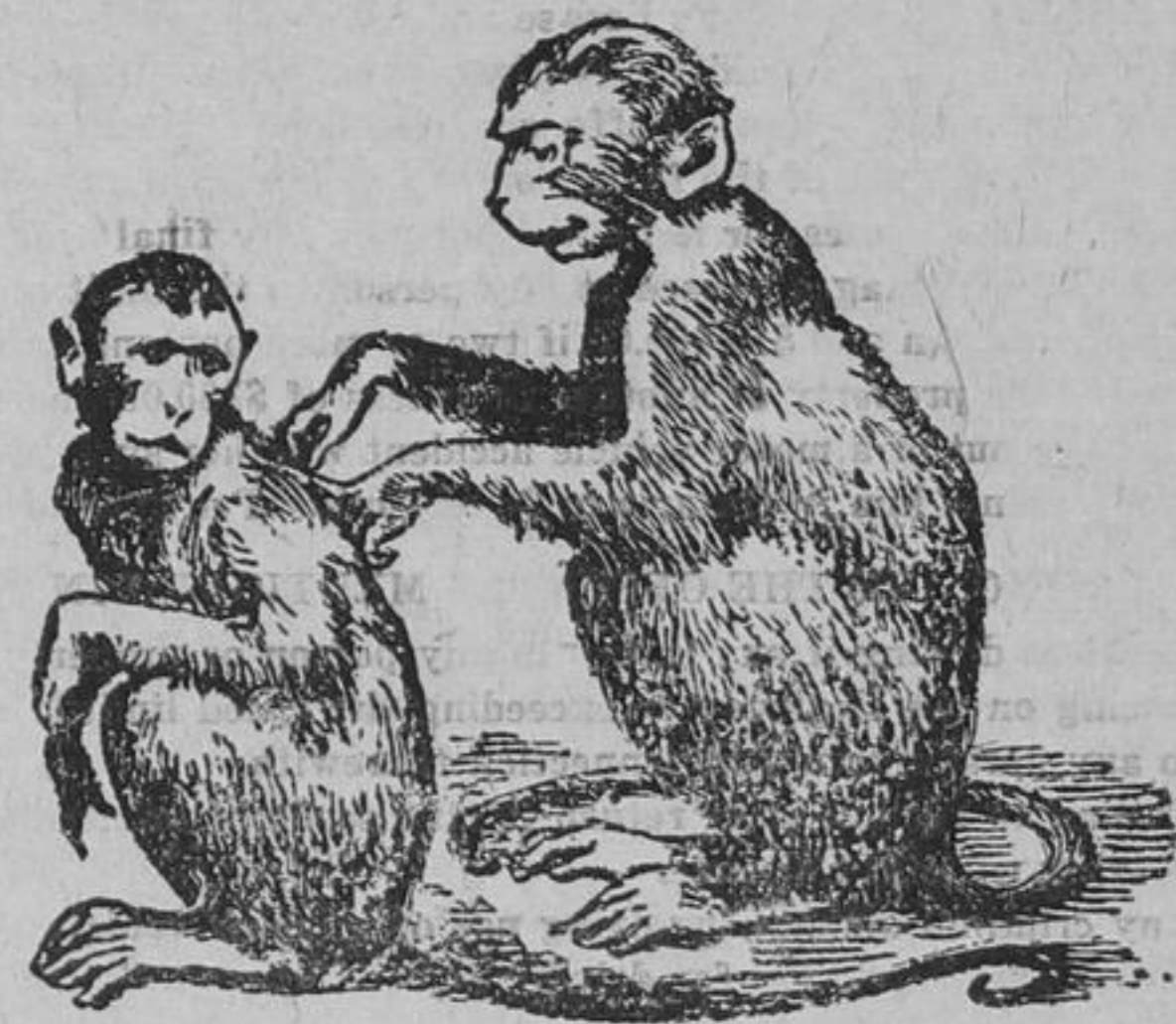
We are sorry that we cannot say the same to the County Council. The handling of the METROPOLITAN RADIAL negotiations by the County Council has however from the very start proved nothing but a tragedy of errors—and it was a costly experience for the taxpayers of this County.

Now that it is all over the taxpayers would be interested to know how much money was spent in the unsuccessful attempt to protect the interests the County was supposed to have in the METROPOLITAN RADIAL.

The CITIZENS COMMITTEE appointed by the ratepayers of the North Yonge Street District was never consulted by the County Council during the METROPOLITAN RADIAL negotiations. Probably it was known that one of the first suggestions of that committee would be that other legal advice be secured to take the place of the County solicitor who was known to be associated with the T. T. C.

Those familiar with County affairs declare that the County of York had carefully protected rights in regard to the METROPOLITAN RADIAL when the line was built. Now that it has been established that the County had no rights in 1930 the question is when were those protected rights lost to the people of York County.

The persistency with which a certain element in County Council tried to block the deal which will give a car service as far as Richmond Hill can be attributed either to a "dog in the manger" disposition or to politics.



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