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Minister of Public Works

Nimble-witted, genial, blessed with unflinching good-humor, rarely perturbed and endowed with the invaluable ability to handle delicate situations with tact, the Hon. John Campbell Elliott, K.C., Canada's Minister of Public Works is a sound Parliamentarian, a first-rate administrator, and a popular figure at the seat of government. Whether he is being reproved for appropriating only \$10,000 for a post office in some little village when \$25,000 was expected, or being congratulated for setting aside \$100,000 for wharves and breakwaters when nothing was expected, "Jack" Elliott receives praise and blame with sublime equanimity. And in the course of a Parliamentary session he is the target for both in greater measure, perhaps, than any of his colleagues.

That is one of the penalties of being Minister of Public Works, equally as it is one of the advantages. Mr. Elliott's Department is a "Spending" one: if any revenues accrue from it they are scarcely worth mentioning. But, just because that is so, it therefore follows that the portfolio of public works is one of the most important in the Cabinet. Little wisdom is needed merely to spend other people's money: it is another thing to spend other people's money judiciously and with due regard to the source from which it comes—that is to say, the pockets of the people of Canada.

Like many other good men, "Jack" Elliott began his political apprenticeship in the provincial legislature. The general election of 1908 found him with a seat at Toronto on the benches in opposition to the government of Sir James Whitney; and in those cool shades he learned patiently but thoroughly about governments and how they should be criticised. Of the latter he did his share, for not once in his lengthy career as a provincial legislator did it fall to his party to find themselves on the right of Mr. Speaker. Perhaps it was this protected period of opposition that made him "au courant" of all the tricks in the political bag, and encouraged the assimilation of all the ways and means

wherewith to counter those tricks. At any rate, no one viewing from a detached standpoint the entertaining drama of "getting the estimates through" can but admire the agility, the great good-nature, the inestimable patience and the skill with which "Jack" Elliott is blessed.

The year 1925 saw his arrival at Ottawa, and in six months he had been appointed Minister of Labor. Six weeks later he had advanced to the portfolio of Health and Civil Re-Establishment, which, when all is said and done, is quite a record. Ten weeks after that, the Mackenzie King administration resigned; and with the rest of his colleagues, he went out into the wilderness.

In this great game, however, the people of Canada are the last arbiters; and they saw to it, in no uncertain fashion, that the barren wastes of opposition was not the proper place for the Mackenzie King Government. The Liberals were overwhelmingly returned, and the few weeks old Minister of Labor and Minister of Health found himself invested with another job. He became Minister of Public Works. Thus, from March to September of the year 1926, "Jack" had held three portfolios. He could be well forgiven for wondering what was coming next, but the Prime Minister gave him a rest. Since that last appointment he has had no other task, except, perhaps, that of acting as head of some other department in the absence of its incumbent.

Last year he went to Geneva in company with Mr. Euler, Minister of National Revenue, and attended some of the sessions of the League of Nations. He performed his international duties with the same urbanity as he carries out his tasks in Ottawa, and that quality in a Minister is an asset of inestimable worth.

"I suppose you know our little town very well fairly well" remarked a recent arrival at the oldest inhabitant. "Rather" "Do you know Jew's walk?" "No" "Well, they do," said the recent arrival as he dodged around the corner.

## HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### THE BABY

A proper start in life, which assures the building up of a strong, healthy body, is the best gift that can be made to the baby. The baby is a popular subject for consideration, and we shall draw attention to a few matters to which thought should be given by all those responsible for the care of a baby.

The baby should be fed regularly—fed by the clock. Beyond dispute, breast feeding is the best type of feeding for the baby. If, for some reason, artificial feeding is necessary, the formula should be ordered by a physician and adjusted, from time to time, to the needs of the growing child. For example, cod liver oil is added to the diet in the second month, and orange or tomato juice in the fourth month.

Never use a comfort; it is a filthy and dangerous habit, exposing the child to disease. In addition, the comfort, pacifier and teething-ring spoil the shape of the mouth and predispose to adenoids. They do not soothe the child; indeed, the constant sucking irritates after a short time, and very often upsets digestion.

The baby should be weighed regularly. A steady gain in weight provides a practical method of watching the progress of the baby's health. During the first six months, the average weekly gain should be from four to eight ounces, and the next six months, from two to four ounces. The normal child will, at the end of his first year, weigh about three times the amount he weighed at birth.

The infant should be guarded from infection. He should never be kissed on the mouth, and he must be kept away from persons who have a cold or a cough. When he is nine months old, have him protected against diphtheria by immunization, and right after his first birthday, have him vaccinated against smallpox. It is possible that he may be exposed to these diseases. It is your duty, therefore, to secure protection for him against such chance infection by following this advice.

Keep the baby's body clean by a daily tub-bath—two in hot weather. Cleanliness makes the baby comfortable and contented.

Fresh air and sunshine are essential for the health of the baby. Every child should receive his sun-baths as regularly as he receives his feedings.

The baby sleeps most of the time. He should have a bed to himself. He

must be trained from the first to sleep when put to bed, and should be left alone and never be rocked to sleep. If he is not sleeping out of doors, the bedroom should always be well ventilated.

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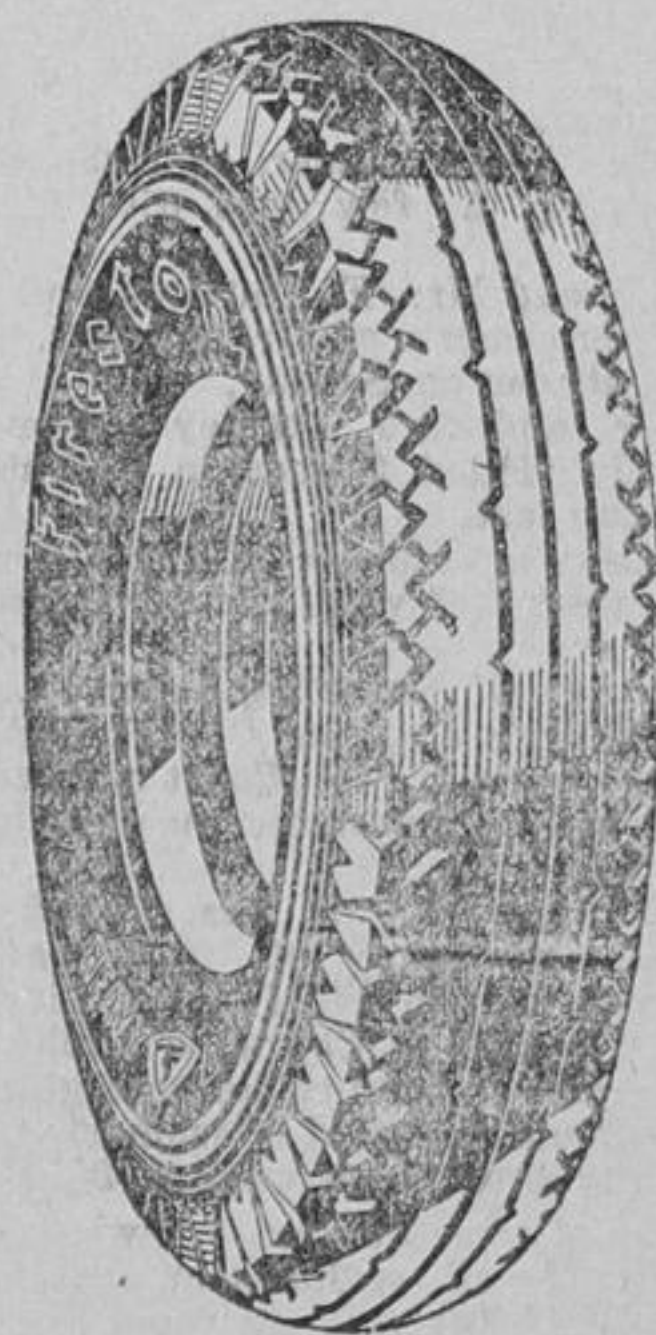
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