

**MR. KING'S PERSONAL HANDICAP**

(The Toronto Saturday Night)

Though there have been scandals in connection with the late administration of Hon. W. L. M. King, no one would accuse him of being personally dishonest. His failure has been chiefly that of inability to enforce honest methods among certain of his colleagues and incapacity to give the people of Canada the type of business-like administration which would have revived confidence and stability following the world depression which was a natural consequence of the great war. It is true that Mr. King has endured difficulties that have been suffered by few prime ministers in getting a straight mandate from the electors of Canada, and during the five and a half years of his occupancy of the premier's office, has been obliged to deal with supporters not directly under his control. He himself voiced the anxieties of his position in his Newmarket speech ten months ago, and the result of the general elections only served to make matters worse for him.

Apart, however, from this condition of political unsettlement, the fact remains that, though one of the most widely known and popular of public speakers, Mr. King has been handicapped from the outset by lack of administrative experience. His early training was that of a publicist pure and simple, and from 1919 to 1921, when he was minister of labor in the Laurier administration, he had merely to control a statistician, an editor and a stenographer or two. If he had been trained in one or more of the actual working departments of the Government, he would have had an experience which would have prevented the customs iniquity getting such a disgraceful headway and would have forestalled the condition which his own minister of finance, Hon. Mr. Robb, described as "foundering" in connection with the recent budget.

The public fails altogether to realize how much actual experience in departmental affairs, if a politician has the capacity for them, means both to the country and to the fortunes of a premier himself, in the ability it gives him to exercise control over others and keep an eye on what is going on in the various departments of his Government.

The careers of Hon. Mr. Meighen and Hon. Mr. King run almost parallel. They are almost of an age, entered Parliament the same year and both rose to the prime ministership. But in his early career, Mr. Meighen was called upon as a successful lawyer to deal with all kinds of business and human problems. After he entered the Borden Cabinet as solicitor-general in 1913, it was Mr. Meighen's great good fortune to be worked and worked hard by his chief, Sir Robert Borden. The actual portfolios he filled before he became prime minister in 1919 were those of secretary of state, minister of mines, minister of the interior and superintendent-general of Indian affairs. He had also been a sort of Patsy Branigan in the Cabinet during the war years in that he had been acting head of several other departments when ministers were always coming and going. Thus, though he was defeated in 1921, not a charge was made against the integrity or even the ability of any part of his administration. He was a victim of the general discontent that was the aftermath of war, and no real sins of omission or commission were chargeable against himself or any of his colleagues. So far as the two leaders are personally concerned, they started out with equally high ambitions; but it is just a case of where superior experience has counted.

**Charming Thought!**

It was after dinner, and the talk had turned to psychology. This disturbing question had just been put: "When does old age really begin?" To establish a formula was proving rather difficult, when one lady, who did not look her years, found the following:

"To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am."

**No Incentive**

Employer: Sam, I hear you and George almost had a fight.  
Sam: Yassah, boss, we all would 'a' had a terrible fracas, only they wasn't nobody to hold us apart.—Life

Stewed prunes are specially obnoxious just behind a steering wheel.

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AS SEEN BY CHARLES W. PETERSON, CALGARY, ALTA.

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**CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL PLANT**

It is curious to contemplate the lop-sided situation of the whole British Empire in respect to agriculture. The United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia, which comprise about one-quarter of the entire habitable area of the globe, only contain a total white agricultural population of about 4 millions, while European Germany alone can boast of a farming population of over 20 millions. There seems to be something basically wrong with an educational and social system which leads to such a result. The complaint has been made by a profound student of world affairs that the British and colonial political economy has for many years been glaringly urban, almost to the exclusion of rural interests. That this has been the case in Canada is only too evident. One need but to digest the propaganda of our political parties at election time to be impressed with the total absence of constructive agricultural policies. The whole appeal revolves around urban problems.

**WANTED—A SOUND POLICY**

Proper allowances must of course be made for the fact that we are living in an industrial and commercial age, but it does not demand any great power of imagination to grasp this basic fact, that owing to the enormous agricultural resources of Canada, overwhelmingly greater than all others combined, the sound policy for us—and it may not necessarily be sound for other countries differently situated—is to build up a great consuming and

producing population on our extensive, unoccupied agricultural areas which will buy and sell in support of a dependent, proportionate urban population.

**UNHEALTHY TENDENCY**

Largely as a result of Canada's vigorous urban policy, our town population during the past 30 years increased 183 per cent, while our rural population, in spite of our enormous area of vacant land, increased only by 34 per cent. This cannot be regarded as a healthy development. Our gross agricultural plant last year was worth 7½ billion dollars with a production of 1,716 million. This represented solid, new wealth. These are imposing figures and should lead thinking men to speculate on the possible performance of Canadian agriculture were we in the happy position where more than a mere fringe of our agricultural area was on a producing basis.

**THE FORCE OF PUBLIC OPINION**

The whole of the United States has an arable area of 345 million acres. The three western provinces alone contain an arable area of 175 million acres, 37 million of which only are now under cultivation. We evidently have room, without crowding, for a population of at least 50 million people in Canada. We are, however, making deplorably slow progress in filling up this Inland Empire of ours, and until the "man-in-the-street" in Canada arrives at an intelligent appreciation of the folly of avoidable delay in this nationally important task, there is little hope of improvement.

**W. T. LUCAS DEFENDS VOTES IN COMMONS**

**Progressive Tells Why He Turned Against King Government.—Discusses Customs Probe.—Receives Renomination From Party in Camrose Riding.**

W. T. Lucas, former Progressive member for Camrose, was nominated as U. F. A. candidate in the federal election at a convention at Sletting, Alberta, on Friday afternoon. He refused to be classed longer as a Progressive, he said. He denied being a Tory and attacked the methods of Mackenzie King, the former prime minister. Mr. Lucas had a majority over E. J. Rouse, Camrose, and J. E. Brown, Castor, on the first vote.

"Last fall Alberta members believed that this province was about to get her natural resources. The agreement was signed, and everything looked rosy. But Mr. Bourassa threw a monkey wrench into the machinery, and Mr. Biggar made a thief-in-the-night visit to Edmonton with a clever amendment that was not at first detected.

"We have lived at peace on the school question for 21 years," said Mr. Lucas, "and then there was an attempt to tie up the matter with the natural resources transfer. I can see no logical connection.

"I believe that, for no other reason, the reference of this question to the Supreme Court of Canada was sufficient reason for the defeat of the King Government."

**Customs Probe**

Holding high a bulky mass of customs probe evidence, Mr. Lucas said: "I won't read it, but if you want to peruse it, you will know that this Government is guilty. You have heard about the evidence, too damnable to mention. It is true that it has nothing to do with actual smuggling, but it shows how Bisailon was enabled to hold members of the Government in his grip.

"The situation got so bad that the commercial firms in Canada had to organize a protective association, and they spent \$20,000 to get the evidence. They laid it before the Government and got an evasive answer. The protective association finally had to give its evidence to Mr. Stevens. Then the Government had to take action; but it was not until after they had put Duncan on the job.

"And then," concluded Mr. Lucas, "when Mr. Kennedy brought his report to the Progressive caucus, Mr. Forke and others pleaded for leniency to the Liberal Government.

"The Government saw it was to be defeated and, rather than be defeated on a scandal, it resigned. It was trying to find a way out. Then Mr. Meighen wanted to try to salvage the legislation that it had taken six months to discuss, Mr. King refused to discuss the matter.

**Meandering with Marjorie**

By MARJORIE ADAMS  
Poppy Party Popular

A poppy party is unusual and unforgettable. A pretty, soft, shade of red can be used in decorations, and a bowl of real poppies, if they are procurable, or paper ones makes a lovely centerpiece. The paper tablecloths and napkins with poppy designs are nice to use also and, since this is a "poppy" party, the favors may be paper snappers containing trinkets.

The refreshments of sandwiches, "pink lemonade," ice cream and birthday cake are simple and always delicious.

A spell-down, musical chairs or "going to Jerusalem," and a guessing contest will furnish sufficient amusement.

This party can have any other flower substituted, as its motif and be just as successful.

**Pink Lemonade**

Juice of 3 lemons  
Juice of 1 orange  
Cherry, strawberry or grape juice to color  
Sugar to taste  
Water  
This will make six to eight glasses.

**Pink Sandwiches**

2 cakes of cream cheese mixed with cream  
Cherries, halved  
Spread buttered bread with cheese mixture. Cut with biscuit cutter. Decorate each round with cherries.

Or—

Crab meat or salmon mixed with boiled salad dressing; spread on buttered bread; cut with biscuit cutter; garnish each round with a slice of stuffed olive.

Or—



**Your real problem**

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**RECIPE**

**Chocolate Puffs**

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**Buddy and Grandma Can Play Croquet**

"Won't you come over and tramp down the clover and play croquet?" Thus runs the first line of an old song which is being revived with gusto today. Somehow, croquet has a certain fascination for all of us which is not touched by our enthusiasm for golf or tennis. The nicest thing about this sport is that it has no age limit, and anyone who can walk can play.

**A Practical Old Stager**

Village Worker: We are having a raffle for poor old Widow Jones. Will you buy a ticket?  
Owd Tim: No! Oi couldn't keep the owd lady if oi won 'er!—London Opinion.

**A Tongue Twister**

Sylvia seemed serious, so Sammy swam six strong strokes. "So simple," said Sammy. Soon Sylvia started swimming. "Splendid!" shouted Sammy. "She swims splendidly!" Sylvia seemed somewhat surprised. She swam several strokes — splashed — sank! "Save Sylvia," screamed Sammy, swimming swiftly shorewards. Seizing Sylvia, Sammy shouted shrilly. Some ships saw Sammy's serious situation. Six stalwart sailors saved Sylvia. "Silly Sylvia," sighed Sammy, shivering slightly. "She shouldn't start swimming so suddenly." Sylvia swallowed swiftly. "Stupid!" she shouted shortly. Sammy seemed shocked, "Sorry, Sylvia," said Sammy. Sylvia smiled sweetly.

**Letting No Chance Slip**

"Yas-suh, judge," affirmed a very large and indignant lady of color, "instead ob helpin' me up when dat street car knocked me down, dat no 'count husband ob mine slapped me!"  
"Did you do that?" the judge sternly demanded of the diminutive defendant.  
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