

**"A SON OF HIS FATHER"
CATTLE SMUGGLING TALE**

"A Son of His Father," a Paramount screen version of Harold Bell Wright's newest novel of the same name, produced by Victor Fleming and featuring Bessie Love, Warner Baxter and Raymond Hatton in the east, will be the feature at the Veterans' Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday, September 3 and 4.

Miss Love, as Nora O'Shea, after the death of her mother in Ireland, journeys to Tucson, Arizona, to live with her brother, a cowboy on the ranch owned by "Big Boy" Morgan, played by Warner Baxter.

When she arrives at her destina-

tion, the boy is not there to meet her. It develops that he has left the ranch to join in with a gang of cattle smugglers and gamblers, headed by one Zobester. Morgan, however, receives the girl and lies to her about her brother.

Morgan gets into a gambling session and loses controlling interest in his ranch to Holdbrook (Walter McGrail), a tool of Zobester.

In time Nora learns the whereabouts of her brother and sets out to try to win him back to honesty, only to be imprisoned herself by the smugglers. It takes "Big Boy" Morgan and all his men, backed up by an entire company of United States cavalry to rescue her. The

brother dies protecting Morgan. Holdbrook, the gambler, gives up his interest in heart and gives up his interest in the ranch to the girl, knowing she loves Morgan.

Every scene of the production was taken on the exact locale described by the author in his novel. Paramount set a high standard for outdoor pictures with its Zane Grey production. The same high standard has been maintained in bringing Wright's splendid western thriller to the screen.

Besides McGrail other well known players in the strong supporting cast of the production are Charles Stevens, Carl Stockdale, in the role of Zobester, Billy Eugene, James

Farley, Valentina Zemina and George Kuwa. Anthony Goldewey wrote the screen play.

Not Guilty

At a parade of a company of newly called men, the drill instructor's face turned scarlet with rage as he slated a new recruit for his awkwardness.

"Now, Rafferty," he roared, "you'll spoil the line with those feet. Draw them back at once, man, and get them in line."

Rafferty's dignity was hurt.

Let Wife Do It

"Yes, a lawn is too much work." "I like a house with a garden, don't you?"

**MISS MACPHAIL
CHIDES CHRONICLE**

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best for the country," but still maintained that his action was not at all according to British Constitution.

Miss Macphail in a second reference to the question as to whether she had given the money back to Parliament, frankly admitted that she had called Jim Russell of Dundalk a "liar" at a recent meeting because he said that she had not done so.

At her Priceville meeting she scored a fine point for herself in her telling of the understanding be-

tween the Progressive group and the two old parties. Mackenzie King, she said, would promise them anything, Meighen would promise nothing, and that was the reason that the King Government was kept in power. She informed her audience that the Progressives were out for everything they could get for the farmers and demanded, to use her own words, "the last pound of flesh and the last drop of blood."

Other Speakers

Helping her in her campaign were Miss M. McKesock of Massie, and Mr. Farquhar R. Olive of Ardena, the latter opposing Dr. Jamieson, Conservative, and Dr. Fortune, Liberal, in the next Provincial election.

The Customs Scandal

With the customs investigation still far from finished, the King Government already stands convicted of having co-operated with smugglers, bootleggers, dopesters and thieves, and of having thus been a party to defrauding the National Treasury, strangling legitimate business, debauching officials, high and low, thwarting the administration of justice, and bribing the electorate!

*To cite but a few instances--already proven--
from its appalling record of malfeasance:*

- 1 Stolen automobiles, smuggled into Canada with the connivance of Customs officials, were sold for a pittance to friends of the King Government, and those found guilty were allowed not only to go unpunished, but to continue their nefarious trade.
- 2 Smuggled liquor selling was engaged in on a large scale by Customs officials whose duty it was to protect the Treasury.
- 3 Corrupt officials were unpunished and promoted; honest officials were punished and demoted.
- 4 Prison-made goods are on the prohibited list, yet tons and tons of such goods produced in prisons where contagious diseases were prevalent among the inmates, were smuggled into Canada for sale to innocent Canadian consumers, with the direct knowledge and co-operation of Government officials.
- 5 Police officers—members of the incorruptible Royal Canadian Mounted—were withdrawn from the Quebec boundary line at the request of the smuggling ring. Honest traders had asked for increased police protection, but the King Government preferred to grant the request of those who were defrauding the public revenue.
- 6 Guilty knowledge even in 1923 of the frauds that were being practised has been proven against the King Government beyond the shadow of a doubt. Time and again, in 1924 and 1925, the Commercial Protective Association—an organization of business men—placed before Mr. King irrefutable evidences of it, that they had succeeded in tracing down at their own expense. With his Government hopelessly entangled with Canada's criminal element, Mr. King did not—dared not—take any action to remedy the appalling conditions.
- 7 A total revenue loss estimated at \$35,000,000 per year was the result of the smuggling thus condoned by the King Government.
- 8 A \$54,800 loss was sustained in one case alone when Mr. Cardin, Acting Minister of Customs and Excise, settled for \$3,200 with a dishonest importer, who, according to Mr. Cardin's own officials, had cheated the Treasury out of duties amounting to \$58,000. This deal was consummated just previous to the last election.
- 9 Free liquor, from Government warehouses in Montreal, was supplied in generous quantities to members of the King Government and to Government officials in Ottawa, in contravention both of the Federal Law and the Prohibition Law of Ontario.
- 10 The habit-forming drug traffic is one of the worst curses in the world today. Under the protection of the King Government, Montreal became one of the great dope-distributing centres of North America.
- 11 The peak of this corruption, and of this interference with the Customs collection and the administration of justice, is proven by the evidence to have been reached just prior to the general election of October, 1925, when, at the written request of Liberal candidates, Ministers of the Crown called off the Royal Canadian Mounted Police because they were enforcing the law, kept convicted crooks out of jail, and sanctioned Treasury frauds as a means of securing the return of the King Government to power.

Despite the fact that with Mr. Kennedy supporting them, the Liberals had a majority on the Investigation Committee, that the Chairman Mr. Mercier was a Liberal, and that the Prosecuting Counsel Mr. Calder was a Liberal candidate in the last election, and despite the further fact that the committee sat almost daily for five months, thus affording Liberal members ample opportunity to uncover malfeasance on the part of previous ministries, not one word of proof, not one breath of suspicion, was brought against the administration of the Customs Department under the Laurier, Borden and Meighen Governments, but only against its administration under Mr. William Lyon MacKenzie King!

Has anything more disgraceful ever besmirched the pages of Canadian history? Can a proud and honourable nation, whose people fear God and eschew evil, afford to condone such dishonesty, such corruption, on the part of its leaders and public servants?

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