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What Kind of Election?

If there should be a general election in Canada this year, for what purpose? Accustomed as we are to the party system, we have come to regard an election simply as a struggle between parties—one party trying to keep its friends in power, the other to put it out.

But as we look at the grim visage of war, with the life of nations at stake, we think of the realities of life. We perceive that the only use of an election is to allow the people to choose a good Parliament and an effective Government. Party advantage is not merely subordinate. It is nothing. It is childish to talk of it. The only parties worth talking of to-day are the friends of liberty and civilization, on one side, and its enemies on the other. We all, Liberals and Conservatives, belong to the first party. We need a Government that will carry out the aims of that party. The question of election or no election is of no importance, compared with getting and keeping that kind of Government.

If the present Government at Ottawa were of that kind it would be a crime to disturb it. We could afford even to suspend the Constitutional law for the purpose of keeping such a Government in power.

We have not that kind of Government. There is a general dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war, with the treatment of returned soldiers, with the utter failure to grasp the problem of food supply. Mr Crothers' demonstration of his own inability to grasp it, made in a debate on Wednesday, was tragic, appalling. It is not his fault that a duty has been assigned to him for which he is wholly untrained. But somebody should be doing the work.

If an election is required, it is simply because nothing else can shake the Government or give the people of Canada a chance to bring the force of public opinion to bear on the vital question of the hour.

But it may be said that there is no use in changing the Government unless the change will be for the better. That is true. But can nothing be done to ensure a change for the better? Is it the out of the power of the people of Canada to force the appointment of the kind of Government they need? Must they be helpless spectators of a mere party struggle for place between two parties?

Suppose, for instance, that there are men in whom the people have confidence, and whom they would like to see at the post of responsibility in Ottawa. Why not hold public meetings and insist upon their appointment? Why, if the Government refuses, should they not nominate such men as candidates for Parliament, and also as men who should be Ministers? Why should not an election, if it is to be held, be made a means of voicing the people's real wishes? That would be real democracy. That would help the cause of democracy, not only in Canada, but all over the world.—Toronto Star.

STEEL BRIDGE

Miss Effie Purves of Louise spent Sunday afternoon at her home here.

Mr Will Hodson of Owen Sound accompanied by his mother Mrs J. Hodson motored to the latter's daughter Mrs John Wylie and spent a day or so.

Mr and Mrs Herb Lobsinger and baby spent a day with Mr and Mrs Wingfield of Chesley.

Miss Mina Purves and Miss Violet Eva sundayed with their friend Miss Mary Hudson.

Glad to hear Miss Georgina Laid law is improving after being on the sick list for a time.

Sorry to say Miss Mary McGauche is under the doctor's care at present nursing a couple of broken ribs and a bruised shoulder, which was caused by a runaway team of horses and a land roller. Hope she will soon be around again.

Quite a number of the ladies from here attended the Red Cross meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs Gordon Mackay. The C. C. Red Cross workers presented the four boys from Bentinck each with a pair of socks before their departure on Monday for overseas. We wish the boys every success and good luck.

Bob Lindsay writes from France

In a letter received by Mrs. Robt. Lindsay of town last week from her husband, who in April landed in France, being transferred to the 58th battalion, he gives some interesting glimpses and opinions of the country and conditions there. From the letter we quote:

I am feeling fine, only awful lonely. I am going to tell you all I can in this letter as I have an A I chance to-night. The Serge that brought us over is going back in the morning so we are giving him a bunch of mail to post so that it will have a better chance of passing the censor.

Our base is at a place called —. When we came over here we got off at Boulogne. Had a 24 hour train ride. Most of the boys were in box cars but six of us happened quite lucky by getting into a second class coach. There were no cushions but before the train pulled out we managed to pinch enough out of a first class coach to make us quite comfortable. It was about 125 miles and took them that long so you will know what kind of a railway system they have here. Just imagine all the other poor boys in open box cars, but then that is war.

Expect to go up the line at 9.30 in the morning, sooner than I expected but guess they are busy. If they keep aging the way they are now it will soon be over. They have a whole lot on old Fritz now and he will go back mighty fast if I have any say in it. They have not the reserves they used to have nor the advantage in men or material either. It was our bunch that have taken Vimy Ridge. You will have heard of that by now, so that — — — I will be stationed. I'm the Canadians that are going to win this war, altho I do say it myself.

I do not expect to be in the front line for awhile as they keep a fellow quite a long time at the base, to get him used to the noise. It must be terrible when everything cuts loose as you can hear it for 30 miles. We are a long way from it here 3 or 4 days ride in "B" (Parlor) cars or in other words so many hundred miles.

They feed us pretty good here much better than in England, at least more to my liking. Bully beef, cheese, jam, (plum and apple) and hard tack are our chief of ds. No mutton, thank God, I hate mutton so badly. I hope I never see it again.

Saw Mack and "Tiny" Donaldson. They were surely glad to see me. Mack said he felt a 100 per cent better now that I was with them. It does make a fellow feel a lot better altho.

I will have to learn to talk French. All I hear and understand is parole in broken English. I like the look of the French people better than the others, in fact. I think France would be a very nice country — in peace times.

I will not be able to write anybody very often, only you, as we are only supposed to write one letter, of two pages, per week, but that's supposed, see? Bob.

MULOCK

Bentinck Red Cross Society met in Mulock school on Saturday May 12th for the purpose of packing the township's Red Cross supplies which consisted of 88 suits of pyjamas, 15 feather pillows, 53 towels, 43 sheets, 84 pillow cases, 2 quilts, 1 bandage, 5 p.s. slippers and 5 convalescent robes sent as hospital supplies. 69 Denim shirts, 2 flannel shirts, 8 vermin suits 36 candles and 210 pairs socks sent as field comforts. In addition to this 13 p.s. socks were presented to Bentinck boys who have enlisted for overseas since organization. Total value of goods estimated at \$555.50 etc. The next shipment of township supplies will be made on Saturday, June 9th.

Since first shipment, Feb. 10th the Red Cross ladies of Mulock have contributed 255 p.s. socks, 81 suits pyjamas, 46 shirts, 31 feather pillows, 26 vermin suits. In addition to this an autograph quilt was made which realized \$132.75.

Amongst those who attended the social gathering in honor of the boys last Saturday evening at Lamlesh Mr H Chittick, Mr D Clark, Mr A McDonald and Pastor Ashton. They all report a good time, Mr McDonald and Rev Ashton gave addresses. Don't forget to come, and hear the

Rev. J. G. Brown D. D., of Toronto, in Mulock Baptist Church on Sunday, May 27th at 11 a. m. Dr. Brown will also speak to the Sabbath School pupils. Command enjoys a spiritual treat.

Illicit Still Seized

Wednesday afternoon an old bachelor named Wm. Coffy who lives about three miles from Dornoch in Glenelg appeared in Owen Sound before Geo. Menzies and Geo. P. Creighton J. P.'s, charged by Inland Revenue Inspector W. J. Graham with having in his possession part of an appliance for the manufacture of whiskey. On Monday Inspector Graham together with Mr Johnson of the Inland Revenue Department and Chief of Police W. O. Foster made a visit to Coffey's home and brought away with them what was described as one of the two necessary parts with which whiskey is made. These were a lead pipe coiled and fitted into a tub with a closed top. These were called the worm and the worm tub. Some dampened grain was found in a barrel and some saccharine matter in a second barrel.

Mr. W. H. Wright who appeared for Coffey argued that there was no evidence that the appliance had been used for illegal purpose but it was held that it was contrary to law to have these appliances in possession and the Magistrates imposed a fine of One hundred dollars and costs.

Mr H. G. Tucker who acted for the Department of Inland Revenue did not ask for imprisonment which is part of the penalty in these cases. The apparatus was confiscated to be destroyed. —O. S. Sun.

A MEMORY TEST

SOME THINGS TO FORGET. The others fellow's faults, his follies, his foibles.

My own grievances, griefs, grinds and grievances.

The unkind word, the senseless gossip the story of color, the joke; the huge sense of my own importance.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER. My own failings, and the other fellow's strong points.

To smile always, to keep sweet and go ahead, to lend a hand, to cheer others, to be thankful and count my mercies.

God and prayer and duty in prosperity as well as in adversity.—The Wellspring.

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DORNOCH

The weather still keeps very cold. If it doesn't soon change we will have no crops. We do not wonder at the farmers being discouraged.

Mr and Mrs J. Dargavel and son, Rock Mills, spent Sunday with the former's mother and sister.

Mr and Mrs Asket Allen, Berkley, Sundayed with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs C. Mortley.

Miss E. Barber was a guest of Miss Ivy Dargavel Sunday.

Mr Jack Ray spent Saturday and Sunday with Durham friends.

Sorry to hear Mr P. McIntosh is not improving in health.

The Annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs Alex McIntosh. Twelve members were present. Mrs Stafford was elected as President, Mrs A. Campbell was re-elected as Sec-Treasurer, Mrs Dargavel as Vice-President and Mrs C. Mortley and Miss McIntosh as auditors. Mrs Parke has been our President for the past two years and has been a very diligent worker.

Mrs R. Dargavel and daughter Ivy spent a few days this week with her son Mr J. Dargavel, Rock Mills.

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