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WHAT COMMISSIONS REVEAL.

The Royal Commissions which have been sitting in Winnipeg will be through with their work some of these days. The first one had hardly commenced its sordid work when the most strenuous efforts were made to restrain it, and largely in the interest of Contractor Kelly. He could not submit to an examination that might lead to his undoing, and a civil suit was then threatened.

There never was any proposition for a suppression of the enquiry. There never was any serious talk respecting the suppression of election protests between the men who had them in charge. There never was any barter and sale of influence so far as the Liberals were concerned. The first Commission has really only established what Sir Rodmond Roblin was most willing to admit, namely, that the charges which were made in the Legislature by the Opposition respecting the Parliament Buildings were substantially correct.

The second Commission has made clear that the late Government had an Attorney General whom the Lieutenant-Governor certainly could not trust. He acted a part in a deal which was sordid and shameful. He got in touch, through his banker, with one who was personally acquainted with the Premier, and assumed to dispose corruptly of certain election protests. The Attorney General's idea was to save the disputed seats of the members of his party and cling to power if possible. He no sooner got Chambers into the toils than it became apparent that the Liberals were proceeding in entire disregard of the deal. Chambers did not, and dare not, broach the matter to the Premier, and undertook to return the \$25,000 he had received. Neither Mr. Howden, nor his banker, would have it. It became a menace to the peace of all concerned. It troubled everyone who knew about it, and Chambers at last threw it into the bank, only to find that it had not been burned, like the G.N.W. telegrams, but carried to his credit in the books.

The Toronto World says that despite his denials Premier Norris will be discredited. How? What had he to do with the case? Absolutely nothing.

APOSTLES OF DESPAIR.

There is a limit to the revelations with regard to the financial and military conditions of Britain. From various sources one gets a discouraging view of passing events. The American papers, and notably the New York Times, which is not a sensational and unfriendly journal, gives extended reports respecting the strained relations which are said to exist between Sir John French, in command of the British in France, and the Minister of War in Britain. It is scarcely believable that the commander of the forces would, even under irritating circumstances, send messengers to England to make public his complaints against Lord Kitchener, that French has been at the point of resigning his command several times.

Contingencies in Britain cause disaffection. The differences in the Cabinet would be the better had they remained a secret. The explanations of Viscount Haldane and the corrections of Hon. Lloyd-George come with startling suddenness, and

they must create public impressions that at this time are very regrettable. The talk of the Government's control of trade and commerce, of the liquor traffic, and of the expenditure of certain departments in which money is said to have been wasted, points to a time, near at hand, and made the nearer by the crises of the war, when the State will direct business with an authority which cannot be surpassed in Germany itself.

There have been discussions in the Lords upon the financial outlook of Britain, upon the poverty that will be general when the war is over. These lords have contemplated that the place which Britain has occupied in the comity of nations will not be hers any more.

Add to all this the daily wail of the Daily Mail, with its editorials and special articles and correspondence that tell of England's decrepitude and danger, and one gets the blues, as it was intended perhaps that he should. The old jauntness of the ordinary Britisher may have been bad for him and for the nation, but the new picture of departed strength and glory is enough to kill rather than exalt the fighting qualities of the men.

Ireland is represented on the firing line by 120,741 men. Of these 70,000 are Catholics, and 24,000 are enrolled members of the Irish National Volunteers. They are not worrying what will happen to Home Rule later on.

THE TRUTH COMES OUT.

In the recent shuffle of the Imperial Cabinet offices, the necessity for which has not been, and is not yet, quite understood, some representative Liberals had to retire. Viscount Haldane, the former Lord High Chancellor, and ranking among the ablest men in Britain, was one of them. He had no fault to find. He realized that some political sacrifices had to be made, and he was equal to the occasion.

Viscount Haldane is possessed of great executive ability. He had given his special attention to order and system in the War Office, which he occupied for a considerable time. He was not at his head when the war broke out, but he was convenient for consultations, and he advised Mr. Asquith, among other things, to call Lord Kitchener to the place he holds to-day. And now that there is public discontent, provoked and stimulated, and that it is based on false pretences, Mr. Asquith speaks. The Premier pays a tribute to the eminent qualities which Viscount Haldane possesses, and refers to his "selfless loyalty and devotion to the State." Indeed, he has made it so clear that the Empire is under obligations to Viscount Haldane that it will not be surprising if he be called back into conferences with the Government upon some of the graver issues of the State.

The ex-Minister of War has disposed of the slanders in which the Northcliffe press has so frequently indulged, and with special reference to the Ordnance Department. He has declared that this department is neither weak nor badly managed. Its head is the ablest man in the British Empire—a man of unrivalled technical knowledge—whose place, if vacated, could not be filled. There was a shortage of munitions for a time, but it was not due to the bungling or miscalculations of the Director of Ordnance.

Labor troubles—a whole series of them, and most disastrous in their nature—interfered with the work upon munitions, and only as these troubles were removed by extraordinary efforts on the part of the Government was the seriousness of the situation overcome. It is well to have this peep, through the kindness of Viscount Haldane, behind the scenes. The London Mail and London Times had become so bitter and persistent in their attacks that some people were inclined to think there was a foundation for them. The fact appears to be that Lord Northcliffe, as a would-be dictator, has been peeved because he could not have his way, and he shows his spleen by the most reckless criticism.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is denied that the nationalization of the Canadian railways is at hand, but it is expected, and a good many people think that it would be to the very great advantage of Canada.

The Kellys, or the Winnipeg contractors, who are wanted as witnesses for the Winnipeg Commissions, have disappeared. The fact that they are evading the process server is surely very suspicious.

The Toronto World refers to the Conservatives who are leading in the formation of a new party as the "Lily Whites." And the boss of them, as he was the boss of the old party, is the immaculate "Bob" Rogers.

Sir Rodmond Roblin is falling far from not particular what become of his party. He knew that it was hopeless to make another appeal to the people under the circumstances, and with any hope of success.

ENGLAND AS AN ISLAND

Changes a Channel Tunnel and Feet Aviation Would Bring. Great Britain is an island. Unless there is some great revolution of nature to all time the Strait of Dover will separate it from the continent of Europe. Yet every now and then a renewal of the scheme for a channel tunnel is heard, and at this moment men are flying from England to France and France to England.

Suppose the channel tunnel to be made, suppose flying to be improved—and it is improving every day—what will become of the island? What will become of the sea? They will be there and will be shown on the map, but to all human intents and purposes the geography will be changed. The sea will no longer be a barrier; it will no longer be the only highroad from England to France. There will be going to and from on or in dry land and going to and fro neither on land nor sea. Suppose this science of aviation to make great strides and heavy loads to be carried in the air, what will become of the ports, and what will become of the seagoing peoples?

The ports will be there, appearing as now on the map, but Birmingham goods will be shipped at Birmingham for foreign parts and Lithgow will export mineral direct, saying goodbye to the Blue mountain and even to Sydney harbor. — Sir Charles P. Lucas in Science.

They Wait For You.

By Edwin Markham. Look not, O friend, with unavailing tears. Into the Past—look to the brave young years! Look to the Future; all is there in wait. All that you fought for by the broken gate— The faith that faltered and the hope that fell; The song that died into a lonely knell.

It is all there—the love that went away.

With bitter cries in that remembered day; The joys that were so needed by the heart, And all the tender dreams you saw depart. Nothing is lost forever that the soul Cried out for; all is waiting at the goal.

Pre-Election Speeches?

Montreal Herald. The activity of the Conservative ministers gives good indication that a general election will be sprung this fall, if possible. The Hon. Mr. Casgrain's tour of Quebec Province, with his abundant promises of local improvements by the Government, has all the characteristics of a pre-election tour. So also has the tour of the Hon. Mr. Meighen. It is curious to note the difference in the speeches of these two men. Mr. Meighen, who is looked on as the understudy of the Hon. Mr. Rogers, declares that the Liberals have hampered the Government in every possible way in their war measure. Mr. Casgrain, who has a high reputation to sustain, frankly admits that the Liberals have shown the warmest loyalty throughout, and have supported the Government to the utmost in all that pertains to the war.

Training For Civic Government

Montreal Star. Many universities in the United States are offering facilities for technical civic training. Those employed to give instruction are municipal experts of reputation, who have spent many years in the actual administration of big cities. Municipalities are calling for the very highest expert knowledge that is available. The fact has been hampered home that special training and experience are of vital importance. Mr. Justice Macdonald declared that not only maladministration, but incompetency, had resulted in the squandering of fully fifty per cent of the entire revenue of Montreal.

An Observation of Sir John's.

Carleton Place Canadian. Rev. Mr. Henderson, in his sermon Sunday morning revealed a significant incident in the life of Sir John Macdonald, which has never appeared in print till to-day. He said: "I recall an observation of your late distinguished statesman, Sir John Macdonald. He attended the Methodist Conference in Ottawa. It was the last year of his life. He had shaken hands with the group on the platform, and was about to depart when, saying a last good-bye to a couple of ministers, he opened his mind in this brief but illuminative sentence: 'When one comes to the close of life there is nothing so substantial as this and the gospel.'"

Breaking It Gently.

"Can you keep a secret, uncle?" "Well, auntie has eloped with the chauffeur and they've borrowed your motor."—London Mail.

Many Young Men—Few Recruits.

Carleton Place Canadian. Were the recruiting angel to visit Carleton Place on Sunday evening at church-going time he would find a regiment of young men sitting on the benches in full health, and full of laughter, who could go off to the war zone without further preparation. One wonders that so many of them are waiting for the angelic compulsion.

Look Out For Him.

(Toronto Globe. Election preparations continue apace and signs are not lacking that Rogers will force an appeal to the country this fall. Canada does not want an election during war-time, but if the government insists, perhaps the sooner the country has the opportunity of ridding itself of Rogers the better.

Best Paid Men.

(Guelph Mercury. Lew Dockstader, the famous minister, says Rev. Billy Sunday and W. J. Bryan are the best paid showmen in the business. And Dockstader's pretty well qualified when it comes to naming leaders in the show profession.

Smashing Humour.

(Hamilton Herald. When he learned how his party followers had been grafting, Sir Rodmond Roblin smashed his office furniture, so he says. It would have been more to the purpose if he had smashed the party machine which has been grinding out graft, in these many years.

Hit At Lash.

(Ottawa Journal. If Z. A. Lash's clipping bureau does its work, Mr. Lash will perhaps realize that defiance of the public by the head of a public service corporation is not profitable.

Not a Joker.

(London Advertiser. An admirer of O'Donovan Rossa says that he was a great humorist. Perhaps, but it is certain that as a Fenian leader and a dynamiter he added more to the anxiety than to the gaiety of nations.

A Long Campaign.

(Brantford Expositor. The Germans are preparing for another winter campaign and the Italians for a three years' fight. The wish has been father to the thought of those who prophesied an early termination of the war, since the end certainly does not appear to be in sight.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Public opinion is a force that cannot be despised. It is the voice of the people, and it is the duty of the government to listen to it. In times of war, public opinion is particularly important, as it determines the morale of the nation and the success of its military and naval operations.

The government should be aware of the fact that public opinion is not a monolith. It is composed of many different groups, each with its own interests and views. The government must therefore strive to understand the views of all these groups, and to act in a way that is fair and just to all.

One of the most important ways in which the government can understand public opinion is through the study of public opinion polls. These polls provide the government with valuable information about the views of the people on a wide range of issues, and they can be used to guide the government's policy-making.

Another way in which the government can understand public opinion is through the study of public opinion in the press. The press is a powerful force in society, and it can play a major role in shaping public opinion. The government should therefore pay close attention to the views expressed in the press, and should strive to ensure that the press is able to report the news in a fair and accurate manner.

In addition to these methods, the government should also strive to create a climate of open and honest communication between itself and the people. This can be done through the holding of public hearings, the publication of government documents, and the establishment of a system of public consultation.

By understanding public opinion, the government can ensure that its policies are based on the needs and wishes of the people, and that it is able to govern in a way that is just and equitable to all.

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KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO. The members of No. 5 Company, 47th Regiment, composed of young men from Kingston and Bathurst, are meeting regularly for practice and drill. Sydney Street Methodist Church Sunday school held a picnic at Channel Grove. Clotheless thieves are causing much trouble in the city. Many Young Men—Few Recruits. Carleton Place Canadian. Were the recruiting angel to visit Carleton Place on Sunday evening at church-going time he would find a regiment of young men sitting on the benches in full health, and full of laughter, who could go off to the war zone without further preparation. One wonders that so many of them are waiting for the angelic compulsion.

Rippling Rhymes Walt Mason. PARADISE. There is a better world they say, a shining place across the way, where people weep no more; and all the streets of virgin ore. I'm sure there is a better land, where we'll rejoice to beat the band, and lay our burdens down; but no one there thinks gold a prize, and none will pause to analyze the metal in his crown. The pictures of that joyous place with which they bring me face to face, are sordid, gross and mean; for one I don't believe in such—a heaven for the idle rich, with gold and gasoline. The truth about that land is sealed; its glories have not been revealed, men would not understand; and all the stories that we hold of pearly gates and streets of gold, were writ by mortal hand. They hoard; there's no such thing as Cost; if gold is valued more than zinc, up where the angels nectar drink, then heaven is a frost. Ah, no, my friends, that sunny shore, gold along its pike; it does not measure values like Chicago or Des Moines.

Walt Mason. A portrait of Walt Mason, a man with a mustache, wearing a suit and tie.