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NEW BID FOR POWER.

The changes in the government of Saskatchewan have been rapid and what may be called kaleidoscopic. They have quickly followed each other, and presented a variety of views. The outcome of them has been the formation of a new cabinet, and one which promises to be exceedingly useful to the province. The new premier, Mr. W. M. Martin, began his career in Ontario, and, removing many years ago to the west, has grown up, as it were, with the country. He is one of the most forceful men in its public life. He will be missed from the Commons, where he was active, and gave assurance of political promotion. His call to a higher office in Saskatchewan followed the decline of it by Mr. Calder, who had been the active spirit in absence and long illness of Hon. Mr. Scott. That he thinks Mr. Martin preferable for the position is indicated by retiring in his favor. All the old members of the government have resumed office with some changes in the places which they occupied, and Mr. C. A. Dunning has become provincial treasurer. The government has been enlarged by this addition. He brings to it great strength, as he has been identified with some of the larger enterprises of the west, and carries with him an energy and influence that will be very much appreciated in government circles. There must be bye-elections, of course, and they will show what public opinion thinks of what has been going on.

Hon. Mr. Crothers attributes the increase in the cost of living to the fact that so many men, (a quarter of a million persons), have been withdrawn from production. There is something in that. It is not the whole explanation, however. Cold storage and freight rates have a great deal to do with the higher prices, and the government can apply a relief if it likes.

SYSTEM AND POLITICS.

The appointment of Col. Hugh Clarke, M. P., to the parliamentary secretaryship of the Department of External Affairs, which is presided over by the premier, indicates one of two things—either the ministers are less willing to burden themselves with the duties of their offices, or these duties demand labors that are altogether beyond their capacity. Each department will have its parliamentary secretary in due time. He is the working head of the department in England, and the head of the working house who makes explanations in reply to questions when the ministers are absent or otherwise employed.

The secretary represents a system which the Laurier government favored, and was about to inaugurate when it retired from office. The conservatives were not enamored of the system then. At last, however, and for a variety of reasons, and principally because it looks like the relief of some ministers, if not their salvation, the new departure has been adopted. The first parliamentary secretary was that of the Militia Department, Mr. McCurdy. The second will help the premier in his dealings.

The secretaries constitute a part of that working force which should go on and on, even though elections sweep the principals aside. These officials should be absolutely free of party bias. If they are not they will only go with the government which has appointed them, and the efficiency for which they stand will be seriously affected.

NATIONAL SERVICE AGAIN.

The reply of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the letter of Sir Robert Borden, who enclosed the resolution of the National Service Commission respecting a non-political prosecution of its duty, is only what might be expected under the circumstances. Sir Thomas Tait had undertaken the work of chairman of this commission in all earnestness. He had gathered about him the directors of National Service, and they had spent some days in conference at Ottawa.

One of the results of these meetings was the suggestion that the Service be made non-political, and that in its direction the liberal leaders be invited to participate. This resolution eventually reached Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but only because it seemed to be necessary. It was simply forwarded to the Liberal chieftain by the premier as a formality. It could not be very well suppressed without snubbing or rebuking the commission, which was its author. Sir Robert did not add his personal persuasions and to the effect that he trusted in this matter he would have Sir Wilfrid's support and co-operation. A colleague of the premier, discussing this resolution, attached no importance to it.

Meanwhile an episode occurred. The premier took issue with the commission with regard to its appointment of a secretary, Mr. Murray, an official of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, had criticized the work of the government in several respects, in circulars and in articles which were published in Industrial Canada. He had to be called to account for this. He admitted his error in one instance, and then, having been made to realize who was to be his master, he declined the position. Sir Thomas Tait saw in the transaction enough to satisfy him that he would be hampered and handicapped, that everything was to be made apparently subservient to the political interests of the government, and he pulled out.

Sir Wilfrid at once decided, and in view of all the facts and a close examination of the order-in-council, that he could serve recruiting better by continuing to advance it in his own way, and as he had been doing from the beginning of the war. The parliamentary committee, if it be formed later, will be named or appointed by parliament, and with a better understanding of its duties and responsibilities than has so far been obtained.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The layman of large business connexions, who puts aside his personal affairs and casts himself unreservedly into the mission service is the highest type of Christian citizen.

Infantile paralysis has reached Montreal. It will be in Kingston some of these days if the greatest precautions are not taken by the Boards of Health. Montreal's affected district should be quarantined.

The fire at Lindsay in the Flavelle cold storage plant caused a revelation. It was filled with foods, bought cheaply and held for higher prices. The government can make an enquiry into this fire and get a lot of valuable information, which will help it to act in other cases.

The government has promised, through Hon. Mr. Rogers, to co-operate with the municipalities in the cost of living. The mayor of Kingston put the issue squarely when he said the cure lay with the government. It can do a whole lot if it will. It is the doctor in the case.

Ontario has sent to the west most of the men who have risen to political power. The latest is the premier of Saskatchewan, W. M. Martin. He ranks with the younger men, but brings to office a long and valuable experience. His is an example of what can be done by thrift and energy.

The government subsidizes all cold storage plants. They are meant to be helpful to the communities in which they are located. They are being used to oppress the people by housing foods and keeping them out of the market when they should be in it. The government can keep the cold storage people out of the "corners" which they are fond of forming.

The hearts of the people are in the right places. They show this when they subscribe towards the funds of the Red Cross Society about \$2,000,000 in this province. Toronto alone gives over \$700,000. This is princely generosity, and such as the great cause suggests. Kingston's grant of \$2,500 looks very small in the municipal list. It should be supplemented.

Hon. Mr. Doherty would prosecute the people who enter into combines to the injury of the people. But he must have evidence. Why not get it? He has access to the secret service of the government and should be able to call to his assistance the men he wants. He is a servant of the people who does not seem to be serving very much.

Prof. Mackenzie of the University of Toronto, speaking at Hamilton, defended the action of the A.O.U.W. in raising its rates.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Potatoes are selling at 45 cents a bag. A first class weighing scale was placed on the market to-day. J. D. Boyd, B.A., and J. A. Sinclair, M.A., have been writing up supplementary examinations in divinity.

SIR SAM IS NOT A COMMANDER

London Mail (Con.). The Canadian Press, reflecting the views of the Canadian soldiers who have endured actual warfare, is anxious lest, in gratitude for his zeal in raising men, Sir Sam Hughes shall be given a command at the front.

Early in the war certain political soldiers received unwelcome commands. But as the sagacity of the struggle developed it became obvious that the real front is no place for politicians, however eloquent, active, and astute. The Canadian Press and the Canadian soldiers need therefore have no anxiety. It is understood that Sir Sam appreciates the changed situation, and is not seeking active service.

We are glad to record the fact, that we agree with our Canadian contemporaries that a political appointment might bring about a disaster of the first magnitude to the Canadian Army. Sir Sam is doing good work here in keeping the Dominion in the limelight, and we are glad to have him among us.

THE REAL DIFFICULTY IN OTTAWA

Toronto Star (Lib.). There is something pathetic in the statement issued by the Government that "all proposed appointments are, in the regular course, submitted to the Government for approval."

Perhaps. But who governs? Who approves or withholds approval? Does anybody suppose that Sir Robert Borden himself would have interfered with Sir Thomas Tait in this matter to the extent of losing his services? It was on the Prime Minister that Sir Thomas Tait was relying for the support he needed in carrying out his work, but on the very first issue that arose he got no support, and probably realized that there is nothing solid and dependable, there that he could rely on as against influences always at work. And that's what's the matter with everything in the present administration of public affairs in Canada.

NO HOPE OF PEACE JUST NOW

Lloyd George at Home. "No! There are and there will be no quitters among the Allies. 'Never again' has become our battle cry. At home the suffering and the sorrow is great and is growing. As to the war zone its terrors are indescribable. I have just visited the battlefields of France. I stand at the door of Hell and saw myriads marching into the furnace. I saw some coming out of it scorched and mutilated. This ghastliness must never be re-enacted on this earth, and one method at least of ensuring that end is the infliction of such punishment upon the perpetrators of this outrage against humanity that the temptation to emulate their exploits will be eliminated among the rulers of men. That is the meaning of Britain's resolve."

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax of Cabbages and Kings."

THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER

The Table d'Hote Dinner is a successful method of saving money at the expense of the appetite. The regulation Table d'Hote Dinner consists of three courses with one guest. The patron is allowed to look at a long, serpentine bill of fare reading it all the way through and deciding to order everything in sight he stumbles onto a few lines of brusque, fine print which eliminates everything but the roast beef and feed tea. This explains why so many patrons rise up from a Table d'Hote Dinner wearing a wan and crestfallen look. The Table d'Hote Dinner was invented for the benefit of those who are never hungry when it is the legless union suit winter. The Table d'Hote Dinner is hotels and restaurants because it has been demonstrated that almost everybody chooses the wrong meat or vegetable and is stricken with total paralysis of the appetite. It is estimated that the American hotel makes more money off the Table d'Hote victim than it does off the 6x9 sample room with a north pole temperature. The main idea back of the Table d'Hote Dinner, however, is to drive the patron into the open jaws of the la carte service. This is a merciless system by which two strips of bacon and a plate of buttered toast are made to cost more than a week's board at the home of an esteemed relative. It requires more fortitude to sit down and look into the threatening countenance of an la carte menu without quailing than it does to wear the legless union suit all winter. The Table d'Hote Dinner is doubtless all right for city folks, but out in the country, where people know how to live, it will never be adopted as a substitute for food.

Rippling Rhymes

THE HAMMER

The man who piles a hammer on everything that's good, kicks up a lot of clamor, but doesn't saw the wood. We stand up for improvement, for forward steps each day; we know the old time groove meant stagnation and decay. Improvement's banner waving, right cheerfully we hump; we want to do some paving and buy a village pump. We get the people feeling that what we plan is right, and then we hit the ceiling—the knocker is in sight. It is a thousand plies that knockers are on hand, for hammers might be buried under a coat of mold and rust, might be a seventh wonder, if knockers bit the dust. One glum, despondent kicker, who greets all hopeful plans with a snarl and sneer, makes boosters also rans. The work of busy boosters is easily destroyed; the kicking human roosters soon make it null and void. So let us thump the kicker, and kick the knocker, too, and march to glory quicker than otherwise we'd do.



HUN MORTALITY STATISTICS.

Steady Increase in Adult Deaths—Decrease in Infant Mortality. Berlin, Oct. 23.—Mortality in Germany, after reaching the low record of 14 per thousand in 1913, has followed a steadily ascending curve during the war. The figures for 1914 were 16.1 per thousand, in 1915 19.7, and for the first seven months of 1916, 18. These statistics include civilians and soldiers. Infant mortality, however, continues to follow a descending curve. For the last year the percentage has been 12.9.



SIR RABINDRANATH TAGORE Hindu poet and Nobel Prize winner who left San Francisco almost immediately on his arrival because of a reported plot to assassinate him. He cancelled lecture engagements and left the city under guard of detectives. He also left behind in San Francisco two fellow countrymen, in jail.

NATIONAL REVIVAL.

King and Queen Attend Special Religious Service at Buckingham.

London, Oct. 23.—King George and Queen Mary and many members of the Royal household attended a special religious service in Buckingham Palace Saturday night in connection with the "National Mission," which is a plan for a national religious revival. Services similar to those held in the palace are being held throughout the kingdom this month.

MORE DEMANDS ON GREECE.

Army Must be Reduced to a Peace Footing.

New York, Oct. 23.—A news agency despatch from Rome says:—"The allies have notified the Greek Government that unless disorders are decisively put down additional troops will be landed. The allies have also ordered the Greek army to be reduced two-thirds, that is to a peace footing, and also the evacuation of Thessaly."

Very Bad Advice.

(Toronto Star) While Sir Robert Borden is inviting Sir Wilfrid Laurier to co-operate with him in recruiting, the Toronto Mail and Empire and the Toronto News describe Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a man whose assistance ought to be rejected.

Two deaths from infantile paralysis, brings the total in four days up to eight, were reported from the western suburbs of Montreal, Saturday. There are twenty-two cases now in the affected area.

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