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GEN. ROSS, AS CANDIDATE.

Dr. A. E. Ross was a number of years ago active in the party politics of Kingston. He was once elected mayor and in 1914 was successful against T. F. Harrison in the provincial elections.

He was absent from Kingston from 1915 to the close of the war, and served in the medical services of the Canadian Army as A.D.M.S. Upon his return to Canada his name was immediately mentioned prominently in political circles. In the provincial elections in 1919 he was elected by acclamation as a member of Sir William Hearst's government and he has served in the legislature as a member of the opposition.

Dr. A. E. Ross had the opportunity once to reach the position of leadership of the Ontario Conservatives. This came upon the reorganization of the party following the defeat of Sir William Hearst, but he failed to display the necessary qualities and Hon. H. G. Ferguson, though under the cloud of the timber scandals, secured endorsement as leader.

What Dr. Ross' strength really is in Kingston is not known at the present time, as he has not been through a contest. He enjoyed some degree of popularity a number of years ago, but the present election will be a test of his ability to "come back." He has not been identified with the business life of the city, but has been active in military matters, sports and fraternal societies. Last year he took over the administration of the General Hospital as medical superintendent, a position in which he has done much good work.

The nomination on Thursday evening was a solemn affair, not one of the speakers had a joke to relieve the monotony of the audience. Whether this was due to misgivings entertained by the speakers or their inability to rise to the requirements of the occasion, the fact remains that there was a dearth of oratory such as a great patriotic occasion is expected to call forth. It is sincerely to be hoped that the people may be privileged to hear public questions discussed in a more intelligent manner during the campaign than they were at the nomination.

RUSSIA'S DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

The appeal for help sent "to all governments" by George Tchitcherin, Russian soviet minister of foreign affairs, confirms other reports of the deplorable condition of Russia. A conditions which that great nation has been brought by the operation of Bolshevik rule. It appears that something like 18,000,000 persons must have immediate help if they are to be barely kept alive. And this is one of the greatest food producing countries on the face of the globe.

This is the result of the operation of a system which has destroyed all individual initiative, and which simply lives on the accumulated capital of previous years, discouraging production and enslaving the people in worse degree than they were ever enslaved in the days of serfdom. Showing the utterly destructive effect of the theories which have prevailed in Russia in recent years, the Wall Street Journal gives some comparative figures of the products of that country and of other nations.

In 1913 Russia produced 950,000,000 bushels of wheat. Its oat crop was 1,325,000,000 bushels. It produced more barley than all the rest of Europe, and nearly as much as the entire outside world. Its rye crop was 1,000,000,000 bushels, while the rest of the world raised about 300,000,000 bushels.

In the same year Russia raised potatoes that approximated one-third of the world's total. It was a large producer and exporter of beet sugar. It was one of the greatest livestock countries in the world. Russia was once the fourth largest spinner of cotton. A world survey of the cotton industry, as of Jan. 1st, showed 570,000 Russian spindles running and 6,530,000 spindles. The proportion holds true in all industry and transportation. The people freeze in a land of forests, coal and petroleum, and they starve in a land of boundless agricultural and grazing territory.

ELECTIONS AN EDUCATION.

One of the most notable features of the present election campaign is its educative value. Seldom have the people had the privilege of reading and hearing discussed in so thorough a manner fundamental principles of government. The effect of this cannot fail to be beneficial to the farmer, to labor, to consumers, and to promoters of industrial enterprises designed to meet the needs of the people generally, develop our own natural resources, contribute to the national wealth and increase the volume of our trade. All of this works toward one end, the contentment and happiness of the people.

Whether it began in discontent, or in the mind of the demagogue bent upon attaining some degree of political prominence, or whether it was but a symptom of that hysterical unrest following the war, it matters not. It has set the people thinking, and except for some features such as the attempt to inflame class hatred, cannot fail to be productive of good results. One thing we might dwell upon, and that is the apparent desire of all classes to work for the

general good so far as they are able or are permitted to see the light amidst the labyrinth of obstacles presented to them to detract attention from the true course. All who are sincerely desirous of seeking the true answer must approach the subject with unbiased mind and endeavor to obtain the broad national view, for it is a policy which they are called upon to pronounce and not upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of one class or one section of the country.

A policy is all that we can reasonably be expected to lay down, and we must have sufficient confidence in the representative men of this country to carry it out to the best of their ability, having regard at all times to international exigencies that must be met and dealt with in the best interests of Canada, the profitable employment of her capital and workmen, her agricultural development, and the expansion of trade.

We have to distinguish between the apparent and the real. We do know certain things about which it is useless to argue. For instance, the country must have revenue and it is recognized that all who enjoy the protection of laws for the preservation of life and property should, as good citizens, contribute a fair share of the taxes. Is there a more just way in determining what that shall be than by distributing the taxes throughout the whole population, with an income tax to ensure that those who amass wealth shall pay their proportion? Thus far we are on beaten ground, a course universally recognized as just to all classes. But in conducting a national business we must go a step farther. We must have a policy of national development, having regard to our resources, the profitable employment of our workmen and our capital and the protection of our home markets lest they be flooded with the products of outside labor, denying the means of living to our own. It is right here that the principle of protection comes in, and no country can afford to disregard a duty to protect its own people whether they be farmers or factory workers. On the other hand, possessing such varied resources, we are bound to pursue a policy that will realize the highest potentiality represented by those resources. In a word, we must become self-sustaining while striving at the same time to wipe out an adverse balance in trade. We cannot hope to do this without the wise application of protection.

It is inconceivable that any responsible business men can conscientiously advocate free trade and the entire elimination of protection in Canada to-day. There are evidences of conversion taking place in the ranks of Liberals, Farmers and Labor, parties that have been preaching free trade doctrine and the substitution of other methods of taxation than by means of a tariff. But, it must be said for the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen that he has consistently pursued a straight course before the people, and to his leadership must be attributed the abandonment of the false shibboleths that promised all things to all men.

Walt Mason THE POET PHILOSOPHER

THE WARNING. The road turned sharply to the right, and, as my fiver rolled, my startled eyes beheld a sight that made my blood run cold. A brand new sign, with message drear, I there perceived, agitated: "Beware! A man was killed just here, because he drove too fast." I had been ripping off the miles at quite a reckless pace; my fiver scorching in many styles, as though 'twere in a race. But I was startled by that red, that message stark and dour, and so I then reduced my speed to fourteen miles an hour. And it so affected me, I wager that it jars a hundred others when they see that warning from their cars. You say it would be wise, indeed, to place such monuments wherever mania for speed has killed poor dippy gent. "Slow down," we'd read, upon our way. "Three perished where you would say, 'Take care!' another sign would die." And thus you'd keep our thoughts intent on doom and biers and shrouds, and spread a wholesome sentiment among the whizzing crowds. But soon the signs would overlap, and what would then befall? You can't expect the speeding chap to pause to read them all. If warnings would abolish speed, one warning would suffice; we shudder as the first we read, the second cuts no ice. —WALT MASON.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL

Who Says Prices Are Not Coming Down? (Classified Ad. in St. Louis Post Dispatch) FOR SALE GIRLS—Two, size 14 and 14 1/2 for both. News of the Name Club. R. L. K., of Chicago, tells us Mary Kallen is a telephone operator up there, but says while she is fine at

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

REWARD OF THE RIGHTEOUS.—Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace.—Psalm 37: 37.

callin' 'em down, she isn't any better at getting the numbers than any other exchange girl.

Autumn Reflections. The persimmon's in its glory, The pawpaw sure is fine; The redhaw's on the bushes, The grape is on the vine.

But what gets me is whether, When wintry days begin I've got to face the icy winds With pants that are thin!

Observations of Oldest Inhabitant. I kin remember when a man winked at a pretty girl instead of at a boot-legger.

Pool Questions. G. H. asks: "Why is it so long after night falls that day breaks?"

Needed To Hook His. "Make the most of your time, young man," admonished the Gray-headed Man. "Ah, can that stuff and tell me where I can get the most on mine," replied the Filippant Youth.

Going Some. I sing this little rhyme Of a capricious she; Three times she was a widow, Nine times a divorcee. —Cincinnati Enquirer

She surely was erratic, If she'd not been, well say, It's likely she'd have made herself Nine time a divorcee. —Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

He Was a Client of the Postleggers. "What caused the downfall of so prominent an attorney as Jones?" "He had too many cases."

Can You Beat It? According to our expressive phrases people have queer places for keeping the various parts of the body. For instance, just consider these: Nose to the grindstone. Ears to the ground. Lips to the cup. Teeth on edge. Finger in the pie. One foot in the grave. Eyes on the future. Heart on the sleeve.

Maybe It Is Twina. (Washington (Arkansas) Telegraph). Mr. and Mrs. Judge Hembre have a new addition to their family. This writer doesn't know the gender.

Kindly Forward Her Address. A girl I seek; Is Mabel Drew; She knows just how To make home brew. —M. J. Richmond, Ky.

Now She's Cut Me Off Her Calling List. "Would you mind sticking out your tongue?" asked five-year Johnnie, who was entertaining the neighbor woman until his mother arrived. "What a queer request! What do you want me to do that for?" she asked. "Mother said you had an awful sharp tongue and I just wanted to see what a sharp tongue looked like," replied Johnnie.

Daily Sentence Sermon. Before you start something be sure your brakes are working properly.

Mostly Nothing. You talk of funny notions, Some folks don't seem to care; New York wore her New Jersey, But what did Delaware? —R. M., Cincinnati.

Robin Hood always attended mass each morning, when possible.

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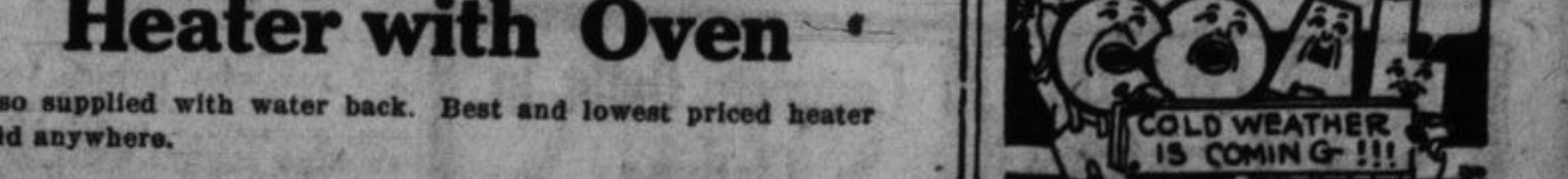
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