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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS MUST BE IMPROVED

If Canada Is to Stop Exodus—Develop Our Natural Resources.

Kingston, Feb. 7th.—(To the Editor): In a recent editorial the Whig quotes from speeches made at the Canadian Club, Montreal, by Hon. Mackenzie King, and Sir Arthur Currie. The prime minister pleads for unity and harmony among the different peoples and sections of the country, and Sir Arthur laments the exodus of Canadians to the United States, and thinks the Canadian Clubs, and similar organizations, could do something to stop this trekking. These are very vital questions and should be seriously considered by all who have the best interests of the country at heart. Our problems to be solved are immense and difficult. The cheerful optimist would have us believe that we, in Canada, are on easy street, -but when we come to pay our taxes it is not so easy to find the money to pay them. He would have us believe that Canada is flourishing and prosperous, because when we want \$50,000,000 to pay a railway deficit, our banks and other financial institutions can lend us the money. If lending and borrowing could make a country prosperous, then indeed we would be flourishing, and most happy. But paying interest on borrowed money never made anybody rich, except the one who got the interest.

One of the great evils of our modern civilization is the concentration of money into the hands of the comparatively few, and national debts, due, for the most part, to wars are the chief causes of this concentration. The "bond and the dollar" have been the cause of the impoverishment of nearly every nation in the world; and unless some drastic steps are taken, and some wonderful developments made, Canada is in a fair way to the impoverishment of her people. Before the war we had a debt of less than four hundred millions, now our debt is over two billions, or six or seven times as great. The government and the people were and are responsible for a large share of this immense increase in our national debt. The selfishness and the greed of the people, and the reckless extravagance of the governments in many unnecessary things (like the building of the huts on Barrfield commons) edged on, no doubt, by the selfish greed of those who wished to line their pockets at the expense of the country. The gratters and the profiteers during the war gave us such an exhibition of patriotism as to make one almost despair for the welfare of this country.

True patriotism would have tried in every way possible to save the country from all unnecessary expenses, and, moreover, would have lent its surplus money to the government without interest. While the lives of our young men were being sacrificed at the front for our defence, we at home should have sacrificed some of our wealth on the altar of liberty, but no; money is more sacred than human life. Such is the character

of the materialistic age in which we live. Many people thought that the world would be greatly improved, if not a paradise, after the war; but there was no good reason for such an expectation. The war was a "fool war," or at least it was started by a fool; and there was no principle of reform or progress back of it. On the one side it was vanity, greed and selfishness, and on the other side, it was self-defence. Now we know that instead of making the world better, so far as we can see, it has made it worse.

But, if we turn philosopher, and look at it from a long range view we may see the principle of evolution at work and the way may yet be prepared because of it; for an advancement in civilization, and human society. Evolution is a slow process, and generations yet unborn may look back and see, for ought we know, that this great war was the beginning of a new era in the history of man on the earth. The time had arrived for a change, and a re-adjustment in the economic political and religious institutions of Christendom. We of the present day are too close to this great cataclysm to understand its meaning. It started the people to thinking as they had never thought before. They began to question the very foundations of their beliefs, and much good may yet come out of these questionings. When great changes are made in the evolutionary processes, man seems as a fly on the wheel of progress. When a physical adjustment is made, the earth quakes and thousands are destroyed. The same principle seems to apply in the evolution of human society. There has never been any great forward movement in history without great loss of life, and a great deal of suffering and hardships. No narrow orthodox view will explain this satisfactorily.

If we wish an explanation we will have to delve deeper into the principles of nature, the universe or God, than has yet been done. Man, all down the ages, has made childish and wild assumptions, and he has built up systems of thought upon these that, of course, must be erroneous, because his premises were wrong. But science is making him a little more cautious now. He is not so dogmatic. He is getting new views of this wonderful world in which he lives and moves and has his being. He is beginning to understand that all things are relative, nothing stands alone, that he is a part of the cosmos, and must be included in its evolutionary processes. This is farther than I intended to carry these philosophical reflections, but let me say the world has far too few philosophers in it. We are long on science but short on philosophy. Every age needs a new interpretation of scientific discoveries, and philosophy has not yet made good use of the scientific discoveries of the last century, to say nothing about the marvellous discoveries of the present century. Man is solely responsible for this mess he has got the world into, and he will have to get out of it as best he can. We, in Canada, have been rather slow in setting our house in order, but we must not delay any longer, or we will be bankrupt.


Our economic problem is the big one. To solve this, all sections of the dominion must co-operate. The interests of the agricultural west must be brought into harmony with the interests of the manufacturing east. The political parties know how this can be done. Let them get busy on it. Tariffs and freight rates are the data in the solution of this problem. The immense west must and will find freer access to the sea than the shallow waters of the St. Lawrence river affords. The development of this "Deep-Waterway" and electrical power project should be carried out as soon as possible.

It is useless for Sir Arthur Currie, or any one else to talk about the exodus of Canadians to the United States. The Canadian Club or any other organization can do nothing to stop it, so long as the economic conditions there are better than they are here. Everybody recognizes that it is a great loss to have our Canadian born young men by the thousands going into Uncle Sam's domains, but until we can give them remunerative employment equal to that in the States, they will continue to go. We may appeal to their patriotism, but food and clothing are still necessary, and they will seek these where best they can find them. This is an example of the law of "Economic Determinism" in operation. The only way to stop this loss of the vital blood of our country is to improve economic conditions. The way to do this is by a scientific development of our natural resources. Canada has immense water-power going to waste. Let us develop this power, and manufacture our raw materials at home. Canada's adverse balance of trade with the United States is not made up of manufactured goods, but is made up of raw and semi-manufactured materials, which Canada can and should produce for herself, providing employment for thousands of people and creating that internal traffic upon which the ultimate and permanent success of our railways so largely depends.

—S. A. AYKROYD.

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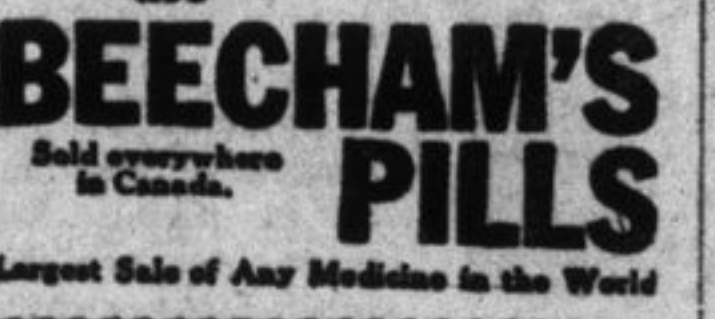


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