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FACTS VERSUS GENERALITIES.

The electors of Canada are faced the very serious business of electing a government to carry on the affairs of the country during the next four or five years.

They will make their decision on facts—not general statements.

The constant repetition of the statement that thousands of factories in Canada have closed their doors since the King government took office deceives nobody. If those who make this statement expect people to believe it, they should give the facts.

A few facts worth noting are that: President Beatty of the C.P.R. says that conditions are improving. That the MacLean Building reports—a statistical bureau—say that unemployment is on the decrease.

That the general manager of the Massey-Harris Company states that they are busier than they have been in five years.

That a Toronto shoe manufacturer states that they are so rushed with orders that they have had to take their travelers off the road.

That the national debt has been reduced.

That taxation has been reduced.

That the deficits on the Canadian National Railways are being reduced.

That the balance of trade with the United States shows a big improvement.

And that the Canadian dollar is now at a premium in New York.

These are the sort of facts that the electors are interested in and on which they will base their decisions.

WHAT THE PLEDGE IS.

Hon. Mr. Meighen is seeking to make capital over what he terms "the hamstringing of senators before appointment and pledging them to support anything the government might propose." The suggestion is absurd as Hon. Mr. King points out. He declared in a recent speech that he had carefully pointed out that every man who goes into the Senate should exercise his judgment in regard to questions of the day. "I have never said," he went on to remark "that any senator should not exercise his judgment in the freest possible manner. I made it perfectly clear when I was speaking of pledges given by appointees to the Senate that I was speaking of reform of the powers and constitution of the Senate itself. I was speaking of Senate reform, not of the different measures which may come before the House."

Any person who knows Mr. King and his democratic stand would not for a moment think he would curtail or circumscribe the conscience of any man. He has but made a start in seeking to have new senators array themselves on the side of needed reforms. He showed wisdom in securing their support. There are not a few senators in the Upper Chamber who are advocates of changes that will bring that Chamber up to date.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

A study of history shows that Greece's decadence began when she sought to repress freedom of speech. In her political and social strength, says a passage from Bury's "His-

tory of Greece." "Perfect freedom was accorded to the comic stage to laugh at everything in earth and heaven, and splash with ridicule every institution of the city and every movement of the day, to libel the statesmen and even jest at the gods. Such license is never permitted in an age of decadence even under the shelter of religious usage. It can only prevail in a free country where men's belief in their own strength and virtue, in the excellence of their institutions and their ideals, is still true, deep and fervent; then they can afford to laugh at themselves. The old comedy is a most telling witness of the greatness of Athens."

Just now in Canada some people are distressed over the freedom of speech of her statesmen and politicians. They say it is degrading to the moral and spiritual well being of the nation. The liberating of man's powers it is true releases evils but it releases also wholesome forces tending to overcome those evils. Let men speak their thoughts, let the press declare its opinions, let the pulpit warn and uplift, but nowhere let our people insist on repression. The curbing of the freedom of expression, anywhere, even in the college classrooms, is unwise. Britain has held her place amid the ravings of firebrands, despots and communists, and she goes on her way in quiet contentment knowing that in the end right will triumph. She believes in the sound sense of her people, and Canada does the same. "The glory that was Greece" died when freedom of speech was quenched.

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to sneer at the labor leaders and their opinions," says Hon. Mr. Gordon. "and join in the propaganda of those friends of the C.P.R., who wish to wreck the Canadian National, but it might be said with considerable confidence that the men who have given study to labor conditions should be very good judges of how much more labor, Canadian industry could absorb."

The minister has spoken with much knowledge and sound sense and thinking Canadians will endorse his views.

BUTTER AND POLITICS.

Blue ruin, as preached by Mr. Meighen, seems to be affecting a lot of his sympathizers. To them nothing is right in Canada. For instance, the Vancouver Province prints this paragraph:

"Canada imports 1,500 tons of butter annually. It is the duty of the Great Canadian cow to provide butter for every home in the land."

We suppose the moral is that only Mr. Meighen can teach the gentle cow her duty or put any life in the dairy industry, says the Montreal Herald. But the dairy industry is not in such a bad way as our contemporary infers. On looking up the trade returns we find that for the year ending March 31st last, instead of importing 1,500 tons of butter, Canada only imported 198,341 pounds of a value of \$74,289. Against that our exports of butter for the year amounted to 24,501,981 pounds, of a value of \$8,715,962.

CHANGES; ALWAYS CHANGING.

Premier Ferguson announces that 4.4 beer may be sold at fall fairs without the use of tables. Many persons secured permits to sell the stronger beer on the understanding that regulations calling for the use of tables would be enforced. They went to considerable expense to comply with the regulations and assumed that everybody else would have to do likewise. Now they find that the premier is living up to his reputation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A green apple every day helps to give the doctor pay!

The Manitoba Free Press says the Opposition leader has produced a flat-tire policy. Picked up a pin somewhere, eh! And the wind went out.

The Canadian National Exhibition has proclaimed a champion mouth-organ player for Canada; a real competition will take place from now until Oct. 29th.

October 29th will be here before we know it. The election will be decidedly snappy. Kingston will do its full share for the Liberal Government and for real good government at that.

Mr. Vincent Massey's appointment as a Minister without portfolio in the King Government seems to have met with general approbation. His business ability will bring added strength to the King business administration.

It is unfortunate for his own sake, that Mr. Meighen has seen fit to attack the Canadian National Railways. Every Canadian takes pride in them, and is glad that Sir Henry Thornton is keeping them out of politics.

The Labor Leader, Toronto, advises the Whig that the Ex-Kaiser is not speeding up on his wood cutting to make ready for the coal strike but he is working to exercise because of high living. His ex-disciples recently left him \$50,000,000.

The people are recognizing that the Liberal highway is the safest at the present juncture, and they will keep pressing forward in the path of progress. They recognize that the Liberal party is moving ahead with care, caution and confidence.

Capt. Amundsen is to try again to reach the North Pole. He is to use a dirigible, apparently undamaged by the disaster which befell the Shenandoah. In view of the terrific winds which prevail in the polar regions it would seem that he is taking a tremendous chance.

Municipalities are pressing for a portion of the funds raised by the Ontario Government through the gasoline tax. They want the money for improving roads in their immediate vicinity. The Government says it is used for roads but the municipalities want a share for their own uses.

"Employment for every man in Canada requiring it," is one of proposals of an enthusiastic reformer. To make the proposal complete a provision should be added for full pay for everyone not desiring employment. Wouldn't that be putting some joy into life?

We all love Canada, are proud of her wonderful resources and the industry of her people. That's fine!

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