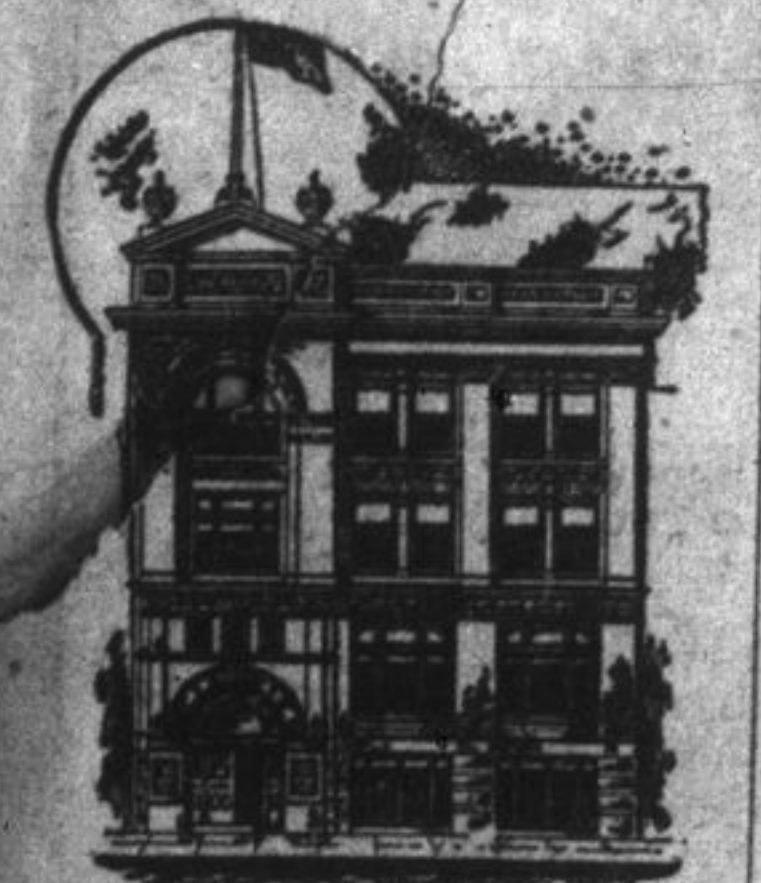


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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

The action of Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, in asking the Governor-General to grant him dissolution has been fully justified by the events of the last forty-eight hours. Mr. King had come to the conclusion that the government of the country could not be carried on under the present existing conditions, and so advised His Excellency. His Excellency disagreed with the advice of the Prime Minister, and Mr. King therefore promptly resigned. Mr. Meighen was called upon to form a government, and although he was sustained on the first division by the help of a number of Progressives who in order to help the government had to vote directly against their declared principles, on the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb, early yesterday morning, the government was defeated by one vote. Incidentally this is the fifth division in which the majority has been 1, since the House opened. Dissolution having been granted to Mr. Meighen by the Governor-General, the country is now faced with a general election. The exact date is as yet a matter for conjecture, but it is probable that Mr. Meighen will get it over with as quickly as he conveniently can. As we have stated before we believe that a general election will clear the air, and it is to be hoped that a strong government will be returned.

Just what the outcome of a general election this summer or early fall will be is, of course, a matter of speculation only. It does not look at present, however, as if Mr. Meighen can possibly hope to come back to the House with a clear majority. In the last House he had 116 seats out of 245. It is very, very doubtful if he can improve, or even equal his position in the coming contest. Last Fall the condition of the country was not nearly so good as it is at present. To-day things are humming, and they are humming not because of anything Mr. Meighen has done, but in spite of him and his Jeremiahs. Business is on the upgrade, and everyone knows that a lot of it is due to the King government.

The Conservatives are counting on using the customs investigation as a big campaign issue. This will not arouse much enthusiasm. The investigation, so far as the committee is concerned, is over. The matter is now in the hands of a judge. That means that the investigation will be continued impartially, and will go back behind the Liberal term of office. The campaign will largely turn on the famous Robb Budget. Mr. Meighen and his supporters are bound to be on the defensive. They will have rather a hard time explaining why they voted against increasing the exemptions on income tax, and the introduction of penny postage once again. The Robb Budget has meant a very considerable saving to nearly every family in Canada, and tangible evidence of government in the interests of the people, such as this, is hard to batter down. Another big issue will be the status of Canada within the Empire. Are we a self-governing nation or are we still a crown colony. The

BIBLE THOUGHT AND ALL THE ANGELS stood around about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.—Revelation 7:11, 12

recent action of Lord Byng has aroused intense public opinion all over the Dominion.

Last October Mr. Meighen captured 23 seats in the Maritime Provinces against six held by the Liberals. It is almost inconceivable that in these Provinces which were regarded as Liberal strongholds for years, the Liberals will again be caught in a landslide. In Quebec, Mr. Meighen is beaten before he starts, and no one expects him to capture more seats west of the Great Lakes than he did last fall, when he received a total of 29 out of the 50 available. Ontario will be the pivotal province. Unless Mr. Meighen can secure 70 or more seats in this province again his premiership will be ended. Will he be able to do it? It is very, very doubtful. Last October the Conservatives successfully created a feeling that the King government was harmful to the best interests of this province. To-day that idea has been dissipated. People now know differently. The farmers have been benefitted by the reduction in the duties on agricultural implements, and on the other hand the factories manufacturing these implements are busier than they have ever been. The same thing has happened with the automobiles. There was fear for a time that this reduction in duties was going to be hurtful to the automobile industry. The town of Oshawa was much perturbed. To-day we learn that instead of closing factories, General Motors is building a new half million dollar addition, and the Dodge Bros. plant, that it was thought would have to move is also running full blast. People have learned that Hon. James Robb is to be trusted, and he is being heralded to-day as a second Fielding.

While the power and influence of the Progressives seems to be on the wane at Ottawa, due to their instability and lack of strong leadership, they are still a factor to be reckoned with, and in the west will undoubtedly secure quite a number of seats. Should the rumor of the return to the leadership of Hon. T. A. Crerar prove to be correct it would greatly strengthen the party and make them a good deal more formidable. If Mr. Crerar does not accept, it is difficult to say who will be chosen as leader. There will be a number of Progressive candidates in rural constituencies in Ontario, and if they develop a strong organization they will in all probability make a better showing than on October 29th last. While everyone who has the interests of the country at heart would like to see a strong government in power at Ottawa, there is not much in the present situation to indicate such a turn of affairs. The advantage seems to be very much with Mr. King, and there is quite a possibility that he will improve his position very materially over the last Parliament. If he can capture another 25 seats he will be safe, and we believe that if the Liberals all over the country will rally to the cause that can easily be effected.

KINGSTON CALLS FOR MODERN C.N.R. STATION.

Kingston needs a modern station on the C.N.R. System. The Board of Trade should insist upon it, when dealing further with the company for the removal of the suburban train. The station has been in service since the fifties of the past century. It is the same type as is found at Shannonville, Brighton and Nanawau. What is needed is a station like that at Brantford, Kitchener and Cobourg. The population of Kingston warrants it; the business done here both passenger and freight warrants it. As a matter of fact the city station is better equipped and more comfortable for the travelling public than the one in use on the main line. It is surprising that the people of Kingston have tolerated so long the accommodation provided at a point at which big traffic is done. No amount of patching or renovating can make the old buildings serviceable. The Board of Trade is willing to bring the service up-to-date in its relationships with the company; it is up to the management to provide efficient and modern buildings and conveniences to meet popular favor. The Board of Trade is ready to meet the views of the railroad officials when they are ready to satisfy the needs of the citizens. The railway gets three-fourths of the city's patronage and to retain it the management should bestir itself by giving the people what is a long time neglected duty.

ADVICE TO NEWLYWEDS.

Advice is being poured over the heads of newly married this month. Most of the same advice comes down to this: 1. Start with a budget. Know what you have to spend, and stick to it. Money troubles are based on misunderstanding. 2. Start living alone and not with the family of either. There are problems enough for two people without adding the problems of getting along with other people. 3. Start out with the husband supporting and the wife doing the housekeeping. Housekeeping adds value to the family purse. If you don't believe it, try trying for it. 4. Bear and forbear are still the

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Say "he sat silent" if you mean that he was silent, the adjective having reference to the subject. "He sat quietly" (adverb) if reference to the verb. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: bequeath. Pronounce the th as in "this," not as in "think." OFTEN MISPELLED: menu. SYNONYMS: appreciate, complimentary, approving, flattering, commendatory, eulogistic, laudatory. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: DEJECTION; depression; lowness of spirits. "He withdrew from the contest in disgrace and dejection."

Best little household pets. They help in maintaining happiness.

The new family, we quite agree, should have a chance to shake down into a form of its own on a normal family basis. When this is done, other problems may be taken up one at a time, as they come, and they can then be faced by the new family as a family, not by two separate people who have not learned to get on together. Time and forbearance taken together will solve almost any human problem. The first year is the hardest to be experienced; to get temperaments adjusted is a duty that will bring fine returns later on.

News and Views.

Comparison. Grace Nies Fletcher, in Century: In 1923, 3,337,216 passenger automobiles were produced by United States firms, and only 1,792,646 babies were added to the population.

Those Happy Days. Ottawa Journal: Ah, those were the happy days when the farmer's boy would come running to show mother the mud-turtle he'd caught with his big toe.

Church Notice. Humorist: "At the end of the service to-night the choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organist, after which the church will be closed for a month for necessary repairs."

Beaco Is Not The Only One. Wall Street News: Germany has recently decided on a wholesale closing of her steel works on the ground that their productive capacity is much larger than her share of the world's steel trade is likely to be in the foreseeable future.

His Theory of the Weather. Orilla Packet: An old sea captain to whom a member of the staff was talking the other day was quite satisfied that the cool weather is to be ascribed to the fact that the gulf stream has drifted two hundred miles out to sea. Why not ask the government to send an expedition to bring it back again?

Coddling Criminals. Cincinnati Times-Star: No country can long make a joke of its laws and continue prosperous and civilized. There are criminal elements in every country which will resort to crimes of violence if it seems a safe and profitable course to pursue. That course must be made much less safe than it has been in the United States if our civilization is to endure.

Give And Take. St. John Telegraph-Journal: England needs educating as regards Canada, and we need educating as regards the Englishman. Prospective settlers are keen enough to learn, but are we so anxious to comprehend our new arrivals? Admitted new-comers must eventually become Canadianised, nevertheless the plunge may be tempered by sympathetic understanding on our part.

A Woman's Age. London Daily Express: When should a woman cease to hide her age? Never. From the moment of her blossoming into womanhood until the hour of her death she should be a woman—ageless, mysterious, elusive. To strip off the trappings of glamour and peer beneath the veil of mystery is the mark of the cynic. Cynicism is the blight on the rose-tree of romance. "If she be but fair to thee, never mind how old she be." The adaptation is as true as the original.

Stood For Plan When In Power. Toronto Globe: "I represent a city which believes in British ideals and British institutions, and I am opposed to Canadian Ambassador at Washington," says T. L. Church, M.P. of Toronto. It was a Conservative government that first decided that Canada should have an ambassador at Washington. Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Meighen and other Conservative leaders who advocated the appointment may not see the silliness of the professional loyalty in which Toronto specialises and which they used for party purposes when it suited them.

There is nothing like a nice water trip for a holiday. We are lucky indeed to have the steamer Brockville to take us among the Thousand Islands and up the Bay of Quinte and the steamer Waukena to give us the old trip to Cape Vincent.

"A Napanee boy holes out in one." Just ask Mr. Jiggs the meaning of this Whig heading and see what's what.

There is much debating among the local anglers as to the weight of the pike caught at Hunter's Point, near Kingston Mills, the other day. Some express doubt over a 25-pounder being hooked in that particular spot. There are immense pike in Thirty Island Lake, they say, but further down the Rideau this way they do not think so large a pike is to be found. Yet it is declared that the pike that was landed tipped the scales at 25 pounds.

There are some men in high life who will not conform to the new order of things. For instance, the Watchman is told that a clergyman of high rank still insists upon stripping a match on the seat of his trousers to light his pipe. And he is not an Old Countryman at that, but a Canadian. The average man uses the sole of his shoe instead of the seat of his trousers to light a match now-



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THE TOWN WATCHMAN Surely the swimmers out at Sandy Beach can get their heads together and put up a job that will catch the thieves, operating among their clothes. The Watchman has it on good authority that the Hon. W. F. Nickle prefers to be attorney-general of Ontario than to accept a portfolio in the Meighen Cabinet at Ottawa. Mr. Nickle once said that he preferred provincial to dominion politics. The seasons may be shorter but there is more satisfaction being a minister of the crown for the province than for the dominion.

Public Library Bulletin A few good books for vacation reading: FICTION—Delight, DeLa Roche. Hangman's House, Byrne. Son of the House, Pryde. Farthing Spinster. A Travels. A Chinese Mirror—Ayscough. South With Scott—Evans. On the Diamond Trail—Richardson. BIOGRAPHY—My Own Affairs, Louise de Belgium. Confessions of an Actor, Barrymore.

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