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THE MEIGHEN CABINET

At last Mr. Meighen has announced his new cabinet. There are not many surprises in it. R. B. Bennett is the new finance minister, and Sir Henry Drayton is simply a minister without portfolio. Sir George Perley and Mr. E. L. Patenaude constitute the Quebec contingent. It is not a strong cabinet compared with the cabinet formed by MacKenzie King in 1921; it is notably weak. A number of the members have, however, had previous experience, and that experience will prove valuable. The Whig does not think it matters a great deal whether the cabinet is strong or weak. If the reports that are coming in to the Liberal headquarters are indication of what is going to happen on election day, Mr. Meighen's new cabinet will only function until the people have a chance to speak.

THE STREET RAILWAY SITUATION.

The possibility of the Kingston, Portsmouth and Cataragui Electric Railway Company being forced to discontinue the operation of the street cars is very disturbing. Superintendent Nickle is right in saying that it would be a blackeye to Kingston should the cars cease running, for what is there to take their place? Even were free power offered the company, there would be little, if any, profit in the street railway venture, and the city would hardly care to undertake to manage the line. The street railways in small cities have been driven to the wall by the automobile and the taxi. Should the railway owners feel that they must suspend operations, it is hoped that they would inaugurate a motor bus service. By virtue of the car service they have given the city for so long they would be entitled to a refusal of a bus franchise. It may be that its present charter entitles the company to operate another kind of vehicle service. Kingston must have some kind of a car service at a nominal rate. There might never again be a five-cent fare should the electric cars go out of business. Ten cents would likely be the motor bus charge. Before the company comes to a final decision there should be a conference of civic bodies with the men who have put their money into the street car line, which has served the city so long. As The Whig has pointed out before, property owners in the outlying districts will be seriously affected by the street railway closing down, for the time has not yet arrived when every family can afford a motor car. Property values would be quickly affected, assessments would be reduced and the city's tax revenue would fall. The city is facing a serious condition of affairs, and its representatives must meet it.

CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED!

"It is the intention of the Conservative party leaders not to waste any breath answering any further fulminations of Hon. MacKenzie King re the constitutionality of dissolution. The fact is that dissolution is here and that is all there is to it." So speaks a Conservative organ. Dissolution, it is true, is here and an election is on. But how did it come about? How did these things come about? Was the law as pres-

BIBLE THOUGHT

SEEKING GOD'S ACTS—
Your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which He did.—Deut. 11:7.

tised for many years carried out? Was the Governor-General advised wisely before making his decisions? Were these decisions based on constitutional practices? Did he follow customs prevailing in colonies? And were these forms such as a self-governing nation is entitled to?

These are issues that must come before the electors for discussion and endorsement. The Conservative party, fully aware that they have no safe grounds to stand upon, would be highly delighted to have the legal hearings of the case shelved, on the ground that things had happened and that is all there is to it. Offences and crimes could on similar claims be overlooked and condoned, but does the justice department of our land do this? They enforce the laws and uphold the dignity and honor of the country. In the same way when national law is transgressed the honor of the country must be upheld and justice done. This is why the constitutionality of the governor-general's acts are contested, and while the Conservative party "will waste its breath" on the issue it will exhaust "its breath" in the exposure of minor grievances.

The real reason the Conservative party will be silent is that it cannot justify the advice given the governor-general by Mr. Meighen in the matter of dissolution.

FRUITS OF WISE LEGISLATION

It must come as a sad blow to those who were predicting chaos and ruin to the automobile industry a few months ago, to read the statement sent out from Oshawa yesterday by the General Motors Limited. When the MacKenzie King government decided to make motor cars cheaper in Canada by reducing the duty on them, there was a tremendous cry raised and paid propagandists predicted the ruin of the automobile industry in Canada. What has happened? Read the following despatch and see for yourself:

Oshawa, July 12.—J. H. Beaton, General Sales Manager of General Motors of Canada, Limited, in a statement issued today, says that the company's domestic business for the first half of the present year exceeded the record of any previous year. While the exact number of cars manufactured in Oshawa has not been made public, it is understood that it is well in excess of the \$5,000 mark.

Although July is generally regarded as a slack month in the automobile industry, and the plant here is usually closed down for a period during July, such will not be the case this year. Mr. Beaton states that there will be no complete shut down, although there may be temporary lay-offs in some departments. The temporary shortage of material in some lines, caused by the interruption in business due to tariff changes, is rapidly being overcome, and some factories have been working overtime, and some two shifts to make up for the delay.

It is going to be hard for the enemies of the MacKenzie King administration to combat the effect of the above despatch. If it indicates anything at all, it indicates that the policy of the Liberal party is a policy that expands industry, builds up local and foreign trade, and benefits everybody. The popularity of the Robb Budget will be attested on polling day.

A WOEFUL MISTAKE

The St. Thomas Times-Journal makes The British Whig sponsor for an overwhelming eulogy of Mr. Meighen. Just think of us saying this on the eve of an election: "Mr. Meighen is today the ablest man in public life in Canada—fearless, honest and brilliant, with a high sense of duty and devotion and with an abiding faith in the great Dominion whose destinies he now again called upon to direct. Master of his own Soul there will be under him no Bargain or Sale, no vacillation or indecision, no Government. Not alone that, but he will legislate not for any class or group or section, but for the country as a whole."

What grandiloquent propaganda is put in the mouth of The Whig labeled, as it is, Liberal thought. Our good friend, the editor of the St. Thomas paper, has misquoted us. Such language could only be used by a gushing admirer of "the present" premier, and is quite beyond our highest estimate of a Conservative politician. The Whig has enough sins to answer for without having that of apostasy put upon us. Correct your mistake, Brother Editor!

FASTER TRAINS THAN EVER.

Railway engineers have in mind the revolutionizing of our railways so that with concrete road beds roller bearing trains will sweep through the country at 100 miles an hour. The trains, it is contended, will speed safely over smooth and dustless rights-of-way. Test sections are to be erected between Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan.

Frank H. Alfred, president of the Pere Marquette road, has announced the construction of the test stretch will be started in July. The plan for the new design calls for a slab of concrete ten feet wide by eighteen inches thick, which will make for permanent construction. This will permit a lighter rail than the type now in use, since the rail will act only as a wearing surface

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON
WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "she has been to school." This is a colloquial expression, but "been at" is correct.
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: legend. Pronounce lej-end, and both e's as in "men" is preferred.
OFTEN MISPELLED: abscess. Note the sc.
SYNONYMS: happiness, joy, contentment, gladness, pleasure, enjoyment, ecstasy, felicity.
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: PROFUSE; excessive, copious, overflowing. "The profuse loss of blood had produced a state of unconsciousness."

and not as a beam, as on present wood tie usage.

The rail will rest on edges of two steel plates imbedded in the concrete. And the plates in turn will be trussed together and to the foundation. Alfred says the new design will cut greatly the cost of maintenance on the present type of roadbeds, which are little different from the roadbeds of a century ago, despite the increased weight and speed of rolling stock. Under present wood construction, no matter how carefully the track is laid, there tends to be a slight wave in the track. With concrete construction, it is predicted, the track will be perfectly level and even at all times.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Mr. Patenaude is tied now. After a one-man government for fourteen days Canada once again has a Quebec cabinet. In Elgin County they are using airplanes to hunt stills. Could this be called r(w)hisky work?

The strawberry crop has been wonderfully improved. Everybody can have them at reasonable rates.

Mr. Meighen formed a new cabinet before he went to the country in 1921. You know the rest.

Left-outs:—Dr. Edwards, C. H. Cahane, Jos. Armstrong, Robt. Rogers, R. S. White, G. R. Geary, C. W. Bell.

It has been said that a voyage across the English Channel on a rough day calls up the best in a man.

Retail merchants everywhere would like to have our five cent currency of one kind only—nickel or silver. The retailers favor silver.

The Cabinet of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen is remarkable for the men not included in it as for those there are.

A widower in Renfrew with eight young children married a widow who also had eight children. Now they have sweet sixteen.

Roy Bird, M.P., in British parliament smashed a fellow member and the blow reverberated around the world. Bird put himself on the map as a rare bird!

General Gomes Da Costa, former dictator of Portugal, has been ousted from power and sent into exile. It seems that Canadian politicians only do the job by half.

Toronto Conservatives were wrothy over the rumor that the province of Quebec is to get four portfolios in the Meighen cabinet. Evidently they believed that talk of Mr. Meighen's about no barter or sale.

American tourists, who while travelling in Canada, display the Stars and Stripes on their automobiles and do not display the Union Jack by this slight do not injure Canadians but they cast a reflection upon the courtesy of the American people.

Last summer the style for young ladies was the stockings rolled down below the knee with the skirts reaching about an inch below the top of the stocking. This summer the stocking covers the knee, but the skirt leaves it exposed to view. Perhaps next summer there will be a Scotch influence injected into the styles.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

In This Another Round the World Aviator? By Arthur N. Pack. A cormorant, said to be of the Japanese variety, recently appeared at Conness Lake, Crawford County, Pa. This is the variety of bird that ing their swallowing the fish by means of a ring on the bird's neck. The cormorant is such a voracious eater his name is a synonym for "gormand." When swimming under water in pursuit of fish, he uses his wings as a fish does its fins. But how did the bird get to Conness Lake?

LOOKING AROUND

It is a pleasure for former Kingston folks to come home and once more have the privilege of a trip by steamboat among the Thousand Islands, which never lose their charm for those who knew them in their younger days. Many who take the track is laid, there tends to be a slight wave in the track. With concrete construction, it is predicted, the track will be perfectly level and even at all times.

Dr. John Stewart, who published the Kingston Argus in the late forties, and concerning whom a reference was made in last Saturday's issue of The Whig, was of a pugnacious type. He was over six feet in height and of commanding appearance. A citizen who recalls him says the last time he saw (the old doctor was about 1890 down on Princess street. He had an argument with some one and although well up in years he had challenged him to a fist fight in the driveway just below the Bibby store. The doctor was a scrapper from the feet up and believed in settling differences with vigorous blows. At this time, he wore an old tartan shawl and carried a sturdy walking stick.

The trouble with Queen's University authorities, remarked a visiting college professor from across the border, is that they do not raise the tuition fees to what they should be. Queen's fees, he says, are far too low, and that is the chief reason why it is difficult to make ends meet. He said that the college in which he taught had doubled its fees since he joined its staff. They were now \$200 and the last rate was \$50. Instead of there being a decrease of students by the increase in fees, the number was augmented. Young men and women must pay for higher education, and \$200 a session for tuition was very nominal he thought. Fifty dollars increase in fees would yield Queen's perhaps in the neighborhood of \$100,000 a year.

Rev. R. E. Knowles or Sir Joseph Pope's history of Sir John A. Macdonald must be in error if Mr. Knowles' statement that Sir John stayed at the Nickle home on Earl street on the night of the general election of March 5th, 1891, is correct. According to the Pope biography, Sir John left Kingston on the morning of the election and arrived at Ottawa in the afternoon in time to vote. Sir John stayed in Kingston with his brother-in-law, the late Rev. Dr. James Williamson, who lived just two houses above the Nickle home on Earl street. He was ill just before the election and was attended by his physician here for several days before being allowed to return to the Capital. However, as that is thirty-five years ago, no one in Toronto will likely dispute Mr. Knowles' statement, unless it be the Hon. W. F. Nickle, who was then a student at Queen's University.

It is to be hoped that when the Ontario Government takes over the Mowat Hospital it will retain its present name. This institution was called after Sir Oliver Mowat, premier of Ontario for thirty years, and who lived in Kingston in his younger days.

Eighty per cent. of the pupils who tried the high school entrance examinations in Kingston passed them. Those who tried were the pupils not recommended for advancement without writing on the examinations, and perhaps many of them would show a better mark than some of those who were advanced without having to take the written tests. The teachers should be well satisfied with the results.

News and Views.

Half Way Through; Still Friends. Milwaukee Journal: A game of bridge started four and one-half years ago by two Superior couples, and with 1,000,000 points the ob-

jective, has passed the 500,000 mark and the players have another four years ahead of them before they complete their game, they estimate.

Tit For Tat. Birmingham Age-Herald: Why wouldn't it be a good idea to line up the candidates occasionally and let the voters do the talking?

Need It Greatly. Arnprior Chronicle: The Kingston Whig says: "Kingston calls for modern C. N. R. station." Let the call be loud and insistent; they need it greatly.

Americans in Western Canada. Canada Week by Week: When the census of the three Canadian prairie provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—which is now being taken is completed it will show that

there are over 250,000 American born residents there.

Party Politics Permitting. Hamilton Spectator: What Mr. Meighen's course will be has not been revealed, but the country will demand that a greater measure of dignity and vigor be restored to the machinery of government in this great British democracy.

Toronto Star: Canadian National Railway employees know that the King government stood manfully by the system and that Mr. Meighen and his lieutenants, especially Sir Henry Drayton, have assailed Sir Henry Thornton and tried to undermine confidence in his splendid administration. They know that Mr. Meighen's Quebec supporters are deadly enemies of public ownership and railway nationalisation. They will know how to protect the people's railway at the polls.

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