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THE SUPREMACY OF PARLIA-MENT.

speaks without having weighed and vigorous and strong but its views on Friday night, with an optimistic canvassed every word, with the re- and dire predictions could not pre- ring in his voice that presages vicsult his utterances are sincere and vail and Canadians rejoice at the tory for well enacted legislation. vivid and can be comprehended oy commendable bills put through to either hearers or readers. He does help the people and relieve them of not take things for granted he taxation. As Premier King truly studies the texts and consequently said in Ottawa, "at no session of the speaks with complete knowledge and Parliament of Canada and in no absolute accuracy.

curred since the new parliament deservedly known as the Robb Budopened. To give an effective back- get." The late Liberal government ground he related facts of the ad- took proper precautions to see that opening remarks had to do with the proposed should be ratified as soon supremacy of parliament. "Let par- as passed and royal assent secured, about it you haven't to listen to liament decide" was the Premier's thus "by this great good fortune the them. constant iteration from October to main enactments of the budget were January. He took no part in decid- saved from the wreck into which ing who should rule, he did not en- most of the remainder of the legislater into negotiations or bargain or tive programme was brought, either

months, then politics were injected, and effectively carried out that has intrigues and bargaining indulged in given every man or woman in the , by the opposition until he came to Dominion direct financial benefit, the conclusion that with the uncer- There is not a Canadian family that tainty prevailing government could has not been helped, and that is not not be carried on "in a manner be- better off to-day as a consequence of fitting the honor and dignity of par- the reduction in taxation the Liberal liament" and he appealed to the government was able to bring about. governor-general for dissolution and This is why we say that no greater was refused.

The premier made it quite plain have been enacted by parliament in that Hon. Mr. Stevens' amendment to the past quarter of a century. on Customs matters did not in any fensible" in speaking of the govern- tion! ment failure to "take prompt and exective remedial action" in the Customs affairs, and "utterly unjustifiable" in reference to one particular act of Mr. Bolvin. And these stategerated as a censure on the government and the administration. Mr.

Meighen was so malignant in speech as to put words in the amendment that cannot be found in the text. The act of Mr. Stevens and coterie was purely political and in line with the campaign of vile suggestion and

Mr. King took time to say that he had no desire to shield anyone or to hide the slightest wrong. Everything should be laid bare by a Royal Commission-his suggestion - and not by a single judge, under direc- office." tion of Messrs. Meighen and Stevens as was now ordered. Uncover every-

of the Governor-General. Mr. King measures equally as effective set up the premises that "the rela- those which have been of such value led by the Right Honorable W. L. tion of the Prime Minister to the to the people of Canada at the pre- Mackenzie King, in the session of Governor-General is the same in all sent time. Calumny, abuse, false ac- 25, formulated plans to at least par- Act and increase the numerical Minister to the King of Great Brit- vile suggestion and slander may be ain" and it was with that conviction hurled at ex-Premier King and his Peterson (the man with whom we the changes he desired in the Cushe consulted the Governor-General, splendid ministers, but right-minded were entering into a contract to toms Act, the necessary legislation lency putting it this way: "You had probity, high mindedness and loyalty the chance to govern, now let Mr. have been the watchwords and the was abandoned for the time being. Meighen be given his chance of try- guiding influences in the successful ing to govern or saying he could not conduct of the country under Liberal do so. All reasonable expedients administration. should be tried before resorting to

another election." And His Excellency so acted, refusing "my advice as a Prime Minister" who had governed, who did so in the face of Mr. Meighen's chance to do so, by voting me out and failing.

Mr. King held the people were the ones to decide "whether the advice tendered to His Excellency was or was not in accord with their wishes." The people, not the Governor in any constituted government should decide who should govern, and with this conviction he resigned to allow the people to decide the issue. Mr. Meighen took the ground the Governor-General was constitutionally right. Mr. King took issue on the point. The matter can be settled without any violence to the character or standing of His Excellency.

The real cause for Mr. King's action was not because of the camouflaging of Mr. Stevens and his group but because parliament was being degraded by Mr. Meighen's minions. Barter and bargain and uncertainty were being injected to make parliament a den of infamous proceedings it. and to maintain the honor and diges.co nity of the House, Mr. King sought for a new declaration from the people. His candid, clear and forceful utterances on the events leading to dissolution are worthy of being read and contemplated upon

> THE COUNTRY PROS-PEROUS.

Probably not in the past twenty- the joyous Canadian. five years have Canadians had more remedial laws passed than those put through parliament at its late ses- a soft berth for Sir Henry Drayton. sion. The Liberals are certainly to Don't worry; Sir Henry has good Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King be congratulated in pushing through eyesight, yet! is a logical speaker. He never in- measures fraught with so much benedulges in loose language, he never fit to the people. The epposition was single parliament has as much been And these characteristics mark his done to relieve all classes of the buropening address in Ottawa, on Fri- den of taxation as was effected at the day night. In chronological order recent session by the Liberal Adminihe reviewed the episodes as they oc- stration under what is popularly and ministration from 1921 to 1924. His the bills, embodying the legislation

And this condition prevailed for It was this legislation, promoted population of Japan Proper. remedial measures for Canadians

the report of the special committee Then there is the relief given to countless thousands by the reduction way have a place in his decision to in income taxation, the abolishment ask for dissolution, because not a altogether of the receipts tax, reducsentence in the committee's report tions in sales and excise taxes and or in Stevens' amendment suggested lastly the return to penny postage. censure on the government. Mr. What a superb record in the face of Stevens used the words "totally inde- a petulant and rancourous opposi-

in the 1925 election—and which which the Conservatives present the after some months of investigation, ing eleven specific charges of wrong- vin tabled the Duncan report before lessened degree for many of the wail- volition, through its own officers, abundantly that an actual combine terim, reached Mr. Boivin the exact the Committee, it was withheld from ers are ashamed of their pessimism. and, before such officers could con- existed that warranted subsequent information contained therein, in- the public at that time. For the The real fact is—and Hon. Mr. King vey their report, except the interim, Judicial action on the part of the cluding the exact number—eleven next two months or more the conemphasizes it—"the country has not Robbin the information was conveyed through some tents of this Report with the three been as prosperous in years, nor have ed to Mr. Stevens, according to his were entered against the Nash interests before the courts of British Co. of the House indicating his know- the forty witnesses whose evidence the country's business and finances own statement (Page 734, Hansard, ests before the courts of British Co- of the House indicating his know- the forty witnesses whose evidence been in the splendid shape they are February 2nd) through Mr. Sparks. lumbia, with the result that four ledge of these things and demand- Inspector Duncan had taken prethe returns of our railways, the deposits in our banks, the increase in asked for by Mr. Stevens were first While we were carrying on con- mission by Mr. Stevens: growing statistics of industry and trade-on every side are evidences of the increased prosperity which has

The Premier's speech in Ottawa thing but do it judicially not politic- a brilliance of expression the spien- many years by heavy freight extordid record of the Liberal administra- tions on the Atlantic. The Govern-Then the next step was the action tion and if again chosen will add

BY W. L. GORDON

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: A thing "occurs" by chance accident, it "takes place" by pre-arrangement. OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: deaf. Pronounce the ea as in

"dead," not as in "reach." OFTEN MISPELLED: censure (blame.)

SYNONYMS: absurdity, folly, foolishness, silliness, nonsense, stupidity.

WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: REMONSTRATE; to present a strong protest." "We remonstrated upon the risk of damage."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

pass the potatoes, is phrase heard in New Brunswick.

The biggest thing in life is health the next biggest is sense to know

We may expect the balance of the summer will be a noisy one, at least if the politicians have their way.

Mr. Meighen is still in the Valley of Despair. He sees no vision of prosperity from that territory.

With the strawberry season at peak the political babblers have hard time in imposing themselves on

Some newspapers are picking out

Premier King talked in Ottawa,

The country is thrilled by the splendid record the Liberal administration made in the past parliamentary session in face of awful odds.

Premier Meighen tried his best to | * lead the government for three days and then he was voted out. His record is much like some of the premiers of France.

The sandwiches at the political picnic are often very much more enjoyable than the speeches inflicted

There are two Japanese cities with more than a million inhabitantsplot for power. Parliament decided by action of the Tory majority in the with 1,995,567. Of cities with more Osaka, with 2,114,804, and Tokyo, and he carried on with the honor. Senate, or the summary dismissal of than 100,000 inhabitants there are able co-operation of the Progressive parliament without so much as the 21. The population of the 101 cities represents 21 per cent. of the total

> It was Hon. E. L. Patenaude, eader of a self-constituted Conservative party, who preached in the last election that Canada should never again participate in any British war without an appeal to the people, and

and all his followers. Since then he persuaded Mr. Meighen to repeat his declarations at Hamilton and Bagot and now Mr. Patenaude is the lone French-Canadian star in the Meighen cabinet ...

The British Whig congratulates the Hamilton Spectator on its fine age-eighty years. On its anniversary it issued a number of great merit, full of enterprise, full of spirit and a splendid example of Canadian prosperity. If it is Conservative in politics, it has a wonderfully Liberal idea that decay and despair do not exist in its horizon. Come along old boy, and follow The Whig, now in its ninety-second year. No infirmities are manifest either in the Spectator or its contemporary,

SUNDAY THOUGHT.

Little Cares and Fears.

♦(By Elizabeth Barrett Browning)◆ The little cares that fretted 4

I lost them yesterday Among the fields above the

Among the winds at play; . mong the lowing of the & herds. The rustling of the trees.

Among the singing of the + birds. The humming of the bees. The foolish fears of what may .

I cast them all away Among the clover-scented & appointed to investigate and report Among the new-mown +

hay; Among the husking of the

Where ill thoughts die and good & during the first week of September Out in the fields with God.

What He Meant Employer (who had just discharg ed an employee: What do you mean you've always held your own with

EMPLOYEE: Well. I didn't have any thing when I came here-and he succeeded in defeating himself I've still got it.—Answers, London.

Tells Facts As to Customs Exposure

The wails of blue ruin in Canada but it does object to the form in sided over this Nash Inquiry, and, dence and tabulated a report contain- On the 15th of February Mr. Boimatter. It was the Government that brought a report to the Hon. Mr. doing against individuals. Before, the Customs Committee. While, howdug up the information of its own Murdock, in 1925, which indicated however, this report, except the in-

Hon. Mr. Motherwell recites the circumstances under which this Customs investigation began; come to Canada during our years of mencement, two other large combinations of wrong-doing were under attack by the Government-one the ment that preceded us inquired into

the new Outlook, correcting unfair after the passing of the Combines In- upon which to take judicial action. raising himself in public favor by and misleading statements about vestigation Act in 1923 did the Hon. In ten days' time, that is, by the ruining a fellow member who had "The Canadian Customs Scandal," Mr. Murdock, under the provisions 10th December, Mr. Duncan had just taken charge of his Department gives in succinct form the real story of that Act, take action against the completed his interim work and ex- and had acted as quickly and as exof the scandal, which the King gov- Nash interests. Another Mr. Duncan amined over forty witnesses, taken peditiously as it was possible for any ernment has no desire of defending, from Toronto, a young lawyer, pre- over three hundred pages of evi- man to do.

from the multitude of more or less exclusively from Mr. Sparks, inci- reading public that this was the

athans of the deep, but with no ma- Mr. King accordingly intimated to break this combine) dying in the incorporating such changes would be midst of the negotiations, this por- made during that Session (1925). tion of our legislative programme This was done and the necessary

BIBLE THOUGHT

The electors must give answer to the question: Did the Governor-General do justly in refusing to accept the advice of his prime minister grew gradually in enormity and as grew gradually in enormity and grew gradually in enormity gradually gradually in enormity gradually in enormity gradually graduall

Hon. W. R. Motherwell writing to of the public. Not, however, until ment might have something definite tiate, with the evident intent of

the numbers and amounts of insurbrought to light by Mr. Duncan, exance policies and building permits, Scotland Yard officer, loaned by the livities against wrong-doing we did tective Association, as I have met contained these horrible details of the increase in employment, the in- Department of Finance to the new not neglect the Customs matter, for Mr. Sparks both last year and this wrong-doing and these were flashed we had already partially delegated it year. But I want to say to the Hon- out over the wires, as if the informato the representatives of the Mer- orable Minister that the information tion were something new that the chants' Protective Association, with which I used today is certainly not Stevens' Committee was digging up. the assistance of the Government's exclusively or indeed in large mea- when, as a matter of fact, it was Simultaneously with its comfacility at our command to assist in will note that Mr. Stevens adIt would never do, however, for running down something specific mitted that the information was not the press correspondents to tell the

Mr. Sparks, president of this asso- cent. of it was information secured real news-hence it went out as new ciation, on behalf of his organization, by Mr. Duncan, Mr. Boivin's own of material, extolling Mr. Stevens and indicated to the Prime Minister and ficer. Not that we take particular disregarding entirely that 90 per his colleagues that, in addition to objection to the information going to cent. of it, as I have already indiwhat we were already doing, it Mr. Stevens or anybody else, if pro- cated, was secured by Inspector Dunernment attacked at the same time. Later on Mr. Sparks indicated that, a number of different butterflies.

that would warrant a judicial inquiry thereinto. This was the attitude taken by Mr. King, who repeatedly told Mr. Sparks that he had loaned him the Government's officer-an ex-Scotland Yard man—to dig up the information, and if he could get anything at all upon which he could hang his hat a Royal

CENTENARY FEATURES

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at the same time he failed to lay any

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Commission would be immediately Time drifted on and the House prorogued early in July, 1925, and in the early part of September the motor. Save time and money House was dissolved and a general and do your business locally. Where drowsy poppies nod. • Minister of Customs was sworn in

but he did not take charge of his office definitely until immediately after the 29th day of October. Two Phone 2504. 398 Brock St.

or three days after this, according to the sworn testimony before the Customs Committee, Mr. Botvin asked Mr. Robb to let him have Mr. Duncar to see if he could not get at the bottom of these smuggling rumors which kept growing in intensity. On the 15th November, Mr. vin had his first interview with Mr.

Duncan, who, however, could not un- or indeed at that very time were prodertake the new work until Decem- secuting the Nash interests-based ber 1st, because it would take two upon the report of the other Commisweeks to complete the work he was sioner Duncan of Toronto to which then doing. Accordingly, on the I have already referred. 1st of December armed with But was proper use made of this fullest authority and power, Mr. information by Mr. Stevens grabbing Duncan proceeded to Montreal, under at it and basing quite unwarranted Mr. Boivin's instructions, to get at charges against both Mr. Boivin and the bottom of these horrible Cus- the Government-many of which

vague rumors that were being circu- dentally admitting that some of it same material contained in the Dunlated with respect to bootlegging and was, and, as the Inquiry proceeded, can Report, and dug up months beit was found that at least 90 per fore, as that would not constitute

specific charges of wrong-doing

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tention of the Government was to prosecute on the information secured by Inspector Duncan in the same way as we had already prosecuted.

2. will be found the following ad- dence was retailed out of the Com-

wives is open to the males of quite small yellow spots and blue dusting and running concurrently, was the with all these corrective facilities. One of our very common butter- The eggs from a single one of huge American Nash interests, whose available, 90 per cent. of the illegal flies almost everywhere is the black either of these two types of females

grew gradually in enormity and as urged upon Mr. King to take some quite different kinds of females, one females of the black and yellow like the males, the kind.

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