

# LIBERALISM—A CHALLENGE

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The results of the Federal elections cannot but be gratifying to the Liberals generally. Liberalism may, during recent years, almost be regarded as fighting for its life.

The deflection of the "seventeen" in 1911 was in one sense a serious blow. Viewed from another standpoint, however, it ought not to be so regarded, for, casting in their lot with the Conservative party, these men registered two facts—their disapproval of the great principles which are and must ever be the strength of the Liberal party, and their recognition of the adherence to those principles by the Liberals.

Since they were out of sympathy with these fundamentals, they must inevitably have created discord and possibly disruption had they remained within the ranks, for no house, divided against itself, can stand.

The second and perhaps severer blow to Liberal organization came with the formation of the Union Government.

It was no lack of patriotism which prompted Sir Wilfrid Laurier's determination to hold himself aloof from that coalition. The pity is that more of the party did not understand, as he did, all that was involved in such a step, and adhere to his standard.

The Liberals who hold Cabinet positions and their following, during those never-to-be-forgotten years, were in the minority and thus forced to assent to many things which were contrary to the ideas upon which the great founders of Liberalism based the structure. Thus it came to pass, that conditions similar to those which made Liberalism a vital force, became dominant.

A group, similar in its hold upon the country, to the Family Compact of other years, became apparent. The people did not resort to arms as in '37 and '58, but used the franchise as the weapon of offence and defence by means of which they

asserted their rights, and demanded that those be maintained. Thus, in Ontario at least, the election of 1919 found both parties disrupted. A group of representatives free from party allegiance so far outnumbered the members of either of the old parties that it was called upon to form a Government.

Composed almost entirely of inexperienced men, that Government made many mistakes, yet by the aid of a few far-seeing Liberal members, legislation, having as its object the welfare of the rank and file of the people, was enacted.

By the careful observer, the steady growth of Liberalism can be traced through those years, 1919 to 1923.

But in the Provincial election of 1923, both the Liberal party and the independent supporters, who had elected the government of those days, found themselves unorganized, or worse, disorganized in the constituencies, and the inevitable happened—defeat.

The Ferguson Government, as a writer in the Farmer's Sun pointed out at that time, holds office, not so much by the voice of the electorate of Ontario, as by the silence of so large a percentage of them.

Much the same story can be told of the progress of Liberalism at Ottawa since the dissolution of the Union Government. Step by step it has gained prestige, until to-day there is not a clear majority of Liberals so-called—but certainly a clear majority of those who hold sacred the common rights of the common people, so opposed to privilege accorded to any section what soever of the nation.

Even the member for South East Grey, who, perhaps more consistently than any other member of the Federal Parliament, holds herself aloof from party alignment, represents her riding, not by the grace of Conservatives for they left no possible stone unturned to defeat her; not even by the grace of the U. F. O. of the riding because, though they are solidly behind her, there are not enough actual members of the organization in South East Grey to elect her; but through the support of the Liberals who see in her platform the principles enunciated by William Lyon Mackenzie, expressed in terms of the requirements of Democracy to-day. She holds her position, too, by virtue of her absolute and unwavering adherence to those principles. She may make mistakes, but never through lack of courage, or of loyalty to what she esteems the best interests, not only of her riding, but of Canada as a whole. Whatever she may call herself, she is an embodiment of the Liberalism of the old school—and Canada needs representatives of her type sorely.

When shall they come? Not from the Conservative party (though it has many worthy members) for who was it said? "It seems entrenched not behind the people whose interests all public men (women too) are in duty bound to serve, but behind ramparts of gold."

Not from the U. F. O., because to the majority of that organization, the end of which political action was inaugurated in 1919 has been achieved. Liberalism has been aroused to again announce as its chief object the establishment of the rights of the people so hardly won. The U. F. O. is therefore bending its energies toward studying the economic problems of agriculture, and means for their solution, notably the principle and practice of co-operative marketing—the real functions of organizations of its type.

No. These representatives must come from the ranks of the Liberal

party and it behooves every member of it to recognize this, and busy themselves in assuming the responsibility which devolves upon them, individually and collectively.

In every polling sub-division from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Liberals must rally their forces—organize, educate and stimulate their adherents until, once more they shall present a united front to all opponents, and thus make possible the establishment of principles under which Canada may and shall prosper.

## RADIO

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

KDKA (809.1) Pittsburgh.  
3.20 p.m.—"Stockman-Farmer" report.  
6.15 p.m.—The Symphony Players.

7.20 p.m.—Farm programme. "Stockman-Farmer" news and market period.

8 p.m.—Half Hours With Famous Composers.  
9 p.m.—Concert by the Symphony Players.

WEAF (492) New York, N.Y.  
11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.—Jeanne A'Dair, popular singer; talk; Frank Farrell's orchestra.

4 to 7.30 p.m.—Music; talk; Russian baritone; banjoist and pianist; Naeedea Quartette; Waldorf-Astoria music; Mid-Week hymn sing; music.  
8 p.m.—Orchestra concert.  
10 p.m.—Goodrich Zippers, WC, AE.  
11-12 p.m.—Vincent Lopez and his orchestra.

WJZ (455) New York.  
8 p.m.—"Voice of the Silent Drama."  
8.30 p.m.—Judge, Jr.  
8.45 p.m.—Republican talk.  
9 p.m.—Royal Hour of Music.  
10 p.m.—Major L. D. Gardner.  
10.30 p.m.—Jack Denny's Orchestra.

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7.30 p.m.—WGY Book Chat.  
7.45 p.m.—Syracuse University programme.

9 p.m.—Royal hour.  
10 p.m.—Scotch programme.  
11.30 p.m.—Organ recital.

WBZ (333.1) Springfield, Mass.  
6.15 p.m.—Organ recital.  
6.30 p.m.—Jackson's Cabin Orchestra.  
7.30 p.m.—"Appreciation of Symphonies."  
8 p.m.—Musical programme.  
8.30 p.m.—The Twilight Song Trio.  
9 p.m.—Royal Salon Orchestra.

WBAL (246) Baltimore, Md.  
6-6.30 p.m.—Sandmas Circle.  
6.30-7.30 p.m.—Dinner Orchestra.

7.30-8 p.m.—Mixed Quartette.  
8-9 p.m.—Trio.  
9-10 p.m.—Dance Orchestra.

WTAM (389.4) Cleveland, O.  
6 p.m.—Hollenden orchestra.  
7.30 p.m.—Studio programme.  
9 p.m.—Chequon-Club Eskimos.  
10 p.m.—Studio programme.  
11 p.m.—Lombardo's Royal Canadians.

KYW (586) Chicago.  
6 p.m.—The bedtime story.  
6.30 p.m.—Congress dinner concert.

7 p.m.—American family hour.  
8 p.m.—"Twenty Minutes of Good Reading."  
8.30-9 p.m.—Congress musical programme.  
9-10.30 p.m.—Edison classical concert.

WOC (484) Davenport, Ia.  
5.45 to 6 p.m.—Chimes concert.  
7 to 7.30 p.m.—Musical programme by the Serenaders.  
7.30 to 8 p.m.—The 'Moline Flow-boys.'  
8 to 9 p.m.—Clitquot Club Eskimos.  
9 to 10 p.m.—Goodrich Silvertown orchestra.

WLW (423.3) Cincinnati, O.  
7 p.m.—Robert Visconti's Orchestra.  
7.40 p.m.—Robert Visconti's Orchestra.  
10 p.m.—Dance music from Castle Farm.  
10.15 p.m.—The Latonia Melody Boys.  
10.30 p.m.—Dance music.  
10.45 p.m.—"Pop" Golden and Al Kirschner.  
11 p.m.—Dance music.  
11.15 p.m.—Missouri and Florence Kinney.  
12.15 a.m.—Night Howls by the Crisley Sky Terriers.

WENR (266) Chicago.  
1-3 p.m.—Popular programme.  
6-7 p.m.—Rauiland-Lyric Trio.

8-10 p.m.—All-American Pleasurers.  
WCCO (416.4) Minneapolis.  
5.15 p.m.—Children's hour.  
8 p.m.—New York programme.

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### ACCIDENT AT BONGARD'S

Little Girl Lost Thumb and Two Fingers in Mishap.

Bongard's, Oct 11—Rally day service was observed at Bongard's United Church on Sunday evening. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The superintendent, Mr. Lucas, conducted the service. Mrs. (Rev.) Hoffman gave an interesting talk, the subject being "Dan Dare," a pageant was also given by a member of the school pupils in costume, representing different nationalities. The church was well filled.

A most distressing accident occurred when the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berton Pringle, lost a thumb and two fingers of her left hand, the little girl was in the act of getting wood, when a heavy stick fell crushing the fingers. She was removed to the hospital where amputation was found necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McCormick, Picton, were week-end guests at C. B. Purce's. Mrs. Shepard and family, Picton, were at Mrs. Wright's on Sunday. Mrs. J. Wilkinson is very ill at her home with not much hope of recovery. Mrs. Hoffman was a tea hour guest of Mrs. J. D. Bongard on Sunday.

Miss Blakely spent the week-end at her home, Cherry Valley. Mrs. Allan Harrison was at her home for a couple of days recently. Mr. and Mrs. P. McAuley spent a day at Marysville last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hobson and son, spent Sunday with relatives at Waupoos. The people of this place regret to know that their pastor, Rev. Mr. Hoffman is confined to his home through illness, and is unable to attend to his pastoral duties.

Mrs. D. Giffin and Mrs. C. H. Giffin have returned to Alma, Mich., after a visit at F. J. McAuley's. Mr. Robert Miller passed away at his home, North Marysburgh on Thursday in his seventh-ninth year, after a lingering illness. Mr. Miller belonged to one of the pioneer families and was highly respected. He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter. The funeral was held on Saturday at St. John's church, Rev. Mr. Lyons officiating. Interment was made at Waupoos cemetery.

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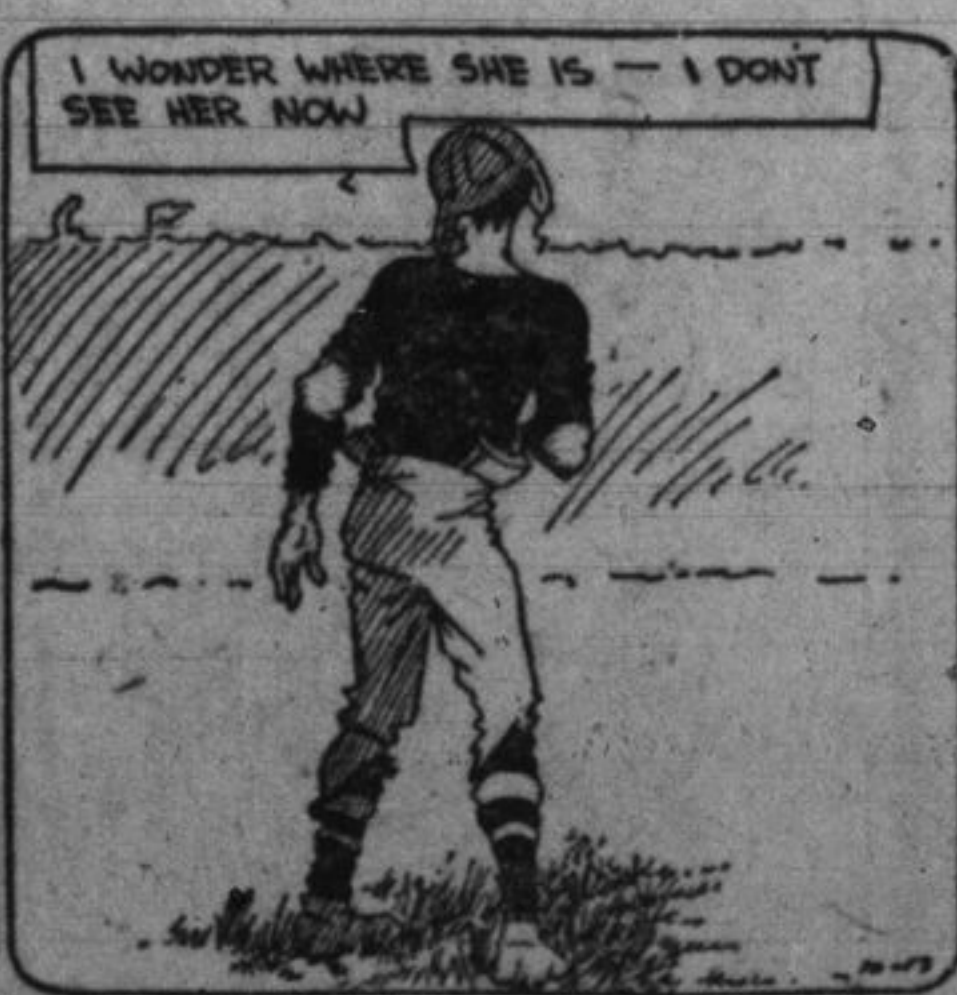
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