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Government Weathers Another Storm.

The Mackenzie King government has weathered another storm, this time a sudden assault to test its strength. With the exception of two Progressives, all the Progressives, Independents and Labor members in the House voted with the government. With the Liberals in the minority as far as voting strength is concerned, it is undoubtedly more of an expression of confidence in the government that it should win on such a division as yesterday's than if it were just a case of the straight government followers outnumbering the opposition.

With the session expected to close within the next few days, this will probably have been the last serious test made of the government's strength before prorogation. The Mackenzie King government will remain in power until next session and in the meantime it is hard to predict what political developments will take place. It may be expected, however, that another session will not be as arduous and uncertain as the last has been.

British Strikes And American.

During the nine days of the British industrial upheaval four million men were on strike. Not a shot was fired, not a life was lost. Read that over again, then imagine the carnage under similar circumstances in the good old U.S.A.

Despite the lower level on which the congested population lives, human life is not cheap in England. Private wars are not tolerated on the tight little isle. Here they flourish. Gangsters use machine guns on one another and the public; in labor disputes the bomb and sawed-off shotgun are employed with gusto and impunity. In a dispute between union and non-union molders in the San Francisco district one non-union man has been killed, three crippled for life and ten have been seriously injured by shotguns, with no arrests and convictions. When eight hundred San Francisco union carpenters struck for the closed shop, war began immediately.

We do not have to tolerate private wars; if they continue, it is due to our own apathy and indifference.—July Sunset.

Removing P.G.E. From Politics.

Removing the control of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from the political to the commercial atmosphere, the policy recently inaugurated by the provincial minister of railways, is a topic of favorable discussion among businessmen all over the province. The general opinion is now held that it will mean that the problems of the line will be approached in a bolder and more practical fashion than hitherto has been the case. On this question the Victoria Daily Times, which has for long advocated the lifting of the business of the provincial road out of the political atmosphere, has the following to say:

The appointment of three prominent business as directors of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company is a desirable step. The system is now getting nearer a producing stage and ought to be regarded no longer as a political target. Its chief requirement is more passenger business and freight traffic. This can be furnished only by a determination on the part of the general public to put the line to maximum use, by regarding it as a valuable agency in the development of the province; in short, by considering it in the light of an asset instead of a "white elephant." One of the quickest ways to change the prevailing view of the system is to take it out of politics and give it a fair chance in the commercial field. This is what the government has done and its course is a correct one.

The government's plan for the future of the line should commend itself to everybody in the province, irrespective of party leanings, and insure new consideration for a subject which for too long has been treated as a political football.

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FARMER FIGHT ON IN ALBERTA

Brownlee Government Appeal to People to be Decided on June 28, Election Day

ALL UNDER NEW LEADERS

United Farmers Not to Oppose Labor, it is Understood: Many Candidates

EDMONTON, Alta., June 17.—(By Canadian Press) — Just twenty-one years ago Alberta was granted autonomy, and the province will celebrate its coming of age by a general election, set for June 28, with nomination ten days earlier. The voting will find four parties—United Farmers of Alberta, Conservatives, Liberals and Labor, seeking public support; the first named asking for return to power on its record during the past five years, while Liberals and Conservatives seek to overthrow the government on the grounds that a balanced budget in only one of the past five years shows extravagance. They also contend that dilatory methods were employed in the treatment of the big issues, namely northern railways, natural resources, redistribution and finance.

Big Majority
When the fifth legislature of Alberta was dissolved some weeks ago, the U.F.A. government enjoyed a big majority in the house, the standing being: U.F.A., 40; Liberals, 12; Labor, 4; Independents, 3; Conservatives, 1.

When nominations take place, it is expected that the old line parties, Liberals and Conservatives will have candidates in all of the 60 ridings, while the U.F.A. and Labor will combine to see that none of the seats go by default, the understanding being that the U.F.A. is not to oppose Labor.

Returning officers are now busily engaged in directing the efforts of 3,000 enumerators and a voting census is being taken of a territory which reaches from the United States border line on the south, to within hailing distance of the Arctic Circle. Among the returning officers is Mrs. W. G. Baker, believed to be the first woman returning officer ever appointed in Canada.

New Leader
A novel feature of the present campaign is that all three parties enter the fight under new leaders. Hon. J. E. Brownlee, the present premier, was not a candidate in the last election. He entered the cabinet by means of a by-election in Ponoka, after his appointment as attorney-general at a Calgary meeting of successful U.F.A. candidates, following the Liberal defeat in 1921. It was at the same meeting that Hon. Herbert Greenfield, deposed as premier in 1925, was selected. The Liberals have seen three successive leaders depart, viz., Hon. Charles Stewart, called to Ottawa to assume the portfolio of minister of the interior; Hon. J. R. Boyle and Hon. C. R. Mitchell, sworn in as members of the Supreme Court of Alberta. The choice of the recent convention fell to Joseph Shaw, at one time Independent member for Calgary in the Dominion house. He was defeated by Hon. R. B. Benne in the last federal election. The Conservatives whose representatives dwindled from thirteen in 1916-1920, to one in the fifth Alberta legislature—General J. S. Stewart of Lethbridge—are pinning their hopes on their new leader A. A. McGillivray, Calgary, and have nearly all their candidates ready for nomination day.

The span of twenty-one years has seen many changes in the personnel of the Alberta legislature and it is interesting to note that not one member of the first legislature of 1906, is now in the house. The last of the "old guard" to depart were Hon. J. R. Boyle, now Mr. Justice Boyle, and Hon. C. W. Cross, who successfully contested the federal riding of Athabasca for the Liberals in the last general election. The senior member now in point of years is Hon. George Hoadley (Okotoks) minister of agriculture in the Brownlee cabinet.

Equally drastic have been the changes that have taken place in the capitol buildings. In 1906 the legislature convened in a frame rick building which later

was destroyed by fire. A move was then made for the McKay Avenue school in Edmonton, followed by the transfer to the modest parliament buildings, close to the site of the present parliament buildings, which look proudly down from the banks of the Saskatchewan river, were erected at a cost of several million dollars.

First Was Liberal
The first administration of Alberta, taking office in 1906, was Liberal, the premier being a Stratheona lawyer, A. C. Rutherford, who resigned in 1910 following a split over the Alberta and Great Waterways railway. Hon. A. C. Gushing and Hon. G. W. Cross also left the cabinet and what appeared to be a crisis was averted through the appointment of Hon. A. L. Sifton, then Chief Justice of Alberta, as premier. Hon. A. L. Sifton held office until he was summoned to Ottawa, to join the newly-formed wartime union government, as secretary of state. His successor was Hon. Charles Stewart, for some time minister of public works in the Sifton cabinet.

It was in 1921 after enjoying power since the province was created, that the Liberal ship of state was "sunk." The Farmers' Party, under the leadership of Henry Wise Wood, the U.F.A. president, sweeping into power with a large majority.

Farmer Premier
Hon. Herbert Greenfield, a vice-president of the U.F.A. and a farmer at Westlock, was selected as premier and a cabinet with Hon. George Hoadley as the only member with previous legislative experience, was named.

Outside of Mr. Greenfield's resignation and the recent appointment of James F. Lymburn, Edmonton barrister, as attorney general, the personnel has remained unchanged for five years although there have been different changes in portfolios.

Brownlee Now
The Brownlee government is making its appeal to the voters on its record, which they claim is one of economic administration and constructive policies. The government still adheres to the U.F.A. platform which proved successful in 1921. The premier stoutly adheres to his stand that the natural resources will not be an issue, stating that he refuses to be a party to plunging the province into religious controversy.

Conservatives and Liberals claim that the provincial debt has been increased at the rate of \$6,000,000 annually by the U.F.A. administration and charge that nothing constructive has been done toward the settlement of the question of northern railways, a matter regarded of vital importance by the people of the Peace River and Grande Prairie constituencies. It is in the cities and the North country that they are hopeful of securing firm support, while the U.F.A. supporters maintain they will carry the rural ridings to the same extent as in 1921.

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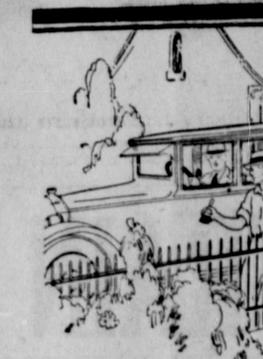
Her Nerves Were "All Broken Up" She Could Not Sleep

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