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**PRE-ELECTION CONTRACTS WRONG.**

When the Governor refused to grant a dissolution to W. L. Mackenzie King but directly afterwards granted it to Arthur Meighen, many people wondered what difference it could make which went to the country. They did not understand some modern political developments. No sooner was Mr. Meighen in the saddle and the election campaign well under way than he let a contract for a huge hotel to be built at Vancouver for the railway company. At the time of letting the contract he had no mandate from the people and did not represent a majority of the members of the House of Commons. Other contracts were let and agreements entered into with powerful interests and there was plenty of money for the campaign. It was undoubtedly donated by someone who stood to make something out of the Government.

Now Mackenzie King says in effect that the contracts were never sanctioned by representatives of the people, so he cancels them. As it is impossible to sue a government without its own consent, Mr. King is in a safe position but the people who lost the contracts and who presumably made handsome donations to the campaign funds, are rather out of luck.

**SYSTEM WRONG, NOT ONLY THE PARTY.**

The system of letting contracts just before an election with the idea of bribing the electors is a wrong one. It has nothing to recommend it except that it is sometimes effective. Conservatives are not the only sinners in this regard, but there have been other glaring occasions, one of which was stopped by a governor who understood constitutional issues. That time the Governor refused to accept advice to make appointments until the election was over and the people had spoken.

Unhappily it is necessary to have money in order to conduct an election. No election can well be won without it. There are a lot of legitimate expenses that are incurred. The money is supposed to be subscribed by those who have the good of the country at heart but usually it is subscribed by men with big interests for a specific purpose, either to secure some financial advantage or to gain a political favor or to purchase immunity. In any case the whole system is subversive of the best form of democratic government.

**ELECTIONS ARE VERY COSTLY.**

Elections are very costly. Not only are they costly to the candidate who is running but also to the party managers and to the country. An election in Canada costs the country over a million dollars directly. Indirectly the cost is easily twice that amount, probably a great deal more. That is one reason why elections should not be held often. It is to be hoped, for that reason alone, that there will be no further political disturbance for several years to come.

Elections make for instability, for national uneasiness, and for stagnation of business.

**DIFFICULT TO PLAN ALTERNATIVE SCHEME.**

It is difficult to plan a scheme for holding elections which would provide against the abuse of political power by big concerns. Money must be provided and if the state provides it, the opportunities for unequal distribution would be very great. Take Prince Rupert as an example. It is a huge constituency and the cost of getting around is so great that a large sum of money must necessarily be available for the use of the candidate or his committee. This is particularly true when the candidate has no money of his own to spend. The money must be secured and eventually it comes out of the pockets of the people. That is usually the reason for contributing it, so that it may return many fold. It is a question of casting your wealth upon the political waters. After many days it will return to you fourfold.

## Cold Storage Company Makes Application to City for Power and Council Discusses Matter

Being confronted with the question of supplying the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. with power at a 2 1/2c rate which would bring in a revenue of about \$16,000 annually and an immediate answer being desired by the storage company as to whether or not it can be supplied, the city council last night engaged in another lengthy discussion of the power situation with particular reference to the matter of having such power furnished from the dry dock plant. T. H. Johnson, Cold Storage manager, and J. W. Nicholls, comptroller, were present at the meeting for the purpose of explaining their needs to the aldermen.

Summarizing what had taken place to date in connection with the matter, Mayor Newton stated that the Cold Storage had made an application for power and wanted quick action. Word had been received from the dry dock management that, in return for the city taking over the dry dock plant, the dock would expect a 1c rate for power. His Worship pointed out that, without the dry dock plant, the city would be unable to deal with the Cold Storage application.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVICE**

J. J. Little, superintendent of utilities, who was present at the meeting, was called upon for his advice. His recommendation was to the effect that the city pay the operating cost of the dry dock plant and give the dry dock a one-cent rate for power, this to be a temporary measure pending the city's power supply being taken over by an outside concern or the further development of Woodworth Lake being decided upon.

Ald. Brown felt that, if the city took over the dry dock plant, say for five years, it would give the city further time to develop its own power project. It was unlikely he felt that any power concern would come into the city unless it had the privilege of distributing power in the city and, on the other hand, it was unlikely the citizens would approve of such a project. Therefore, he thought that the city should take over the dry dock plant, change it from coal to oil burning, and then it would be possible for the city to supply such industries as the Cold Storage with power.

City Engineer McLean, who was also present at the meeting, was called upon for his advice but stated that, as he had not gone into the proposition thoroughly, he was not prepared to give his opinion at this time.

**ONLY SOLUTION**

Ald. Larsen felt that the city would sooner or later have to face the problem for further power development. In the meantime, the only solution he could see was to utilize the dry dock plant. He would not be in favor of taking over the dry dock, however, unless the revenue received would pay for its operation.

Ald. Jos. Greer believed the whole crux of the matter lay in what kind of an agreement the city was going to make with the dry dock. There would have to be further information and advice before any definite answer could be given the Cold Storage.

Ald. Brown pointed out that if there was delay the city might lose the Cold Storage. He was in favor of taking over the dry dock plant even if it got the one cent rate. It might be possible, however, to do better than that. City Solicitor Jones was of the opinion that the city could get a better rate from the dry dock by dealing personally with Mr. Keeley.

Ald. Brown then asked how long the Cold Storage could wait for the city's decision.

Mr. Johnson, in reply, said that, if it were imperative, the cold storage could wait two or three days. He explained that the cause for haste was because, if the plant could get the city power, it was the intention to install during the close season new machinery to the value of \$70,000 or \$80,000. It would take perhaps thirteen weeks to have the machinery delivered here and further time to install it. It could be readily seen that no time was to be lost if the work were to be completed by February 15, when the halibut season would be open again. The company could not have its plant tied up after that date, as to the rate, Mr. Johnson said the company would be satisfied with the same rate that was given the elevator though he pointed out that competitors in the south were getting a better rate. As for the problem before the council, Mr. Johnson saw the taking over of the dry dock plant as the only solution since it would be necessary to have in any way to supply the elevator with power.

Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant officiated at the wedding of Miss Lena Peterson and Jonnad Lindseth which took place last night in the Windsor Hotel. The bride has been on the hotel staff and the groom is a well known local fisherman.

### THE MAN IN THE MOON

says:

Apparently Vancouver got it in the neck for voting wrong.

Young mothers are beginning to wonder if it is worth while teaching baby to walk since they have a car.

We have had a "protect the forests" week, a "clean-up and paint up week" and a "Mother's week." Now there is said to be an "anti-jazz week" proposed.

There is a scarcity of game birds this year and it is said the Dominion Government is to blame but whether the trouble happened during the Meighen or the King administration is not very sure. Perhaps the new member for the district would look into the matter and try to place the blame where it belongs.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Nancy. But in winter time 'tis clear his fancy turns to thoughts of beer.

It's all right to be tidy, but the lady who hanged herself in the clothes closet was carrying tidiness rather to extremes.

Last week Edmonton people were almost all out after the chickens. I didn't think Edmonton was that kind of a city.

Twinkle, twinkle little star  
I can see you from afar,  
Winking with your bright clear eye—  
Wicked little star, oh fief!

No unusual soreness is left as a result of the recent election. Of course there is the usual crop of chronic sore heads but nobody takes any notice of them.

It was only a year or so ago when nurses were not allowed to have their hair bobbed. I suppose there will be the same fuss if they wish to wear long hair again.

The experts said Dempsey would win and a few days ago they were saying New York would win. Prior to that they said Meighen would win. Who are you going to believe anyway?

### Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

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The Morning Journal declares that Prince Rupert must have a part in the handling of Canada's immense grain production if the trade with foreign countries is to be retained.

There is a shortage of fish throughout the continent with the result that halibut prices in Prince Rupert are much higher than a year ago. Most of the Prince Rupert catch is being shipped East to the United States as fresh fish and there is little being left here for freezing.

Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant officiated at



### Vapors Check a Cold Overnight

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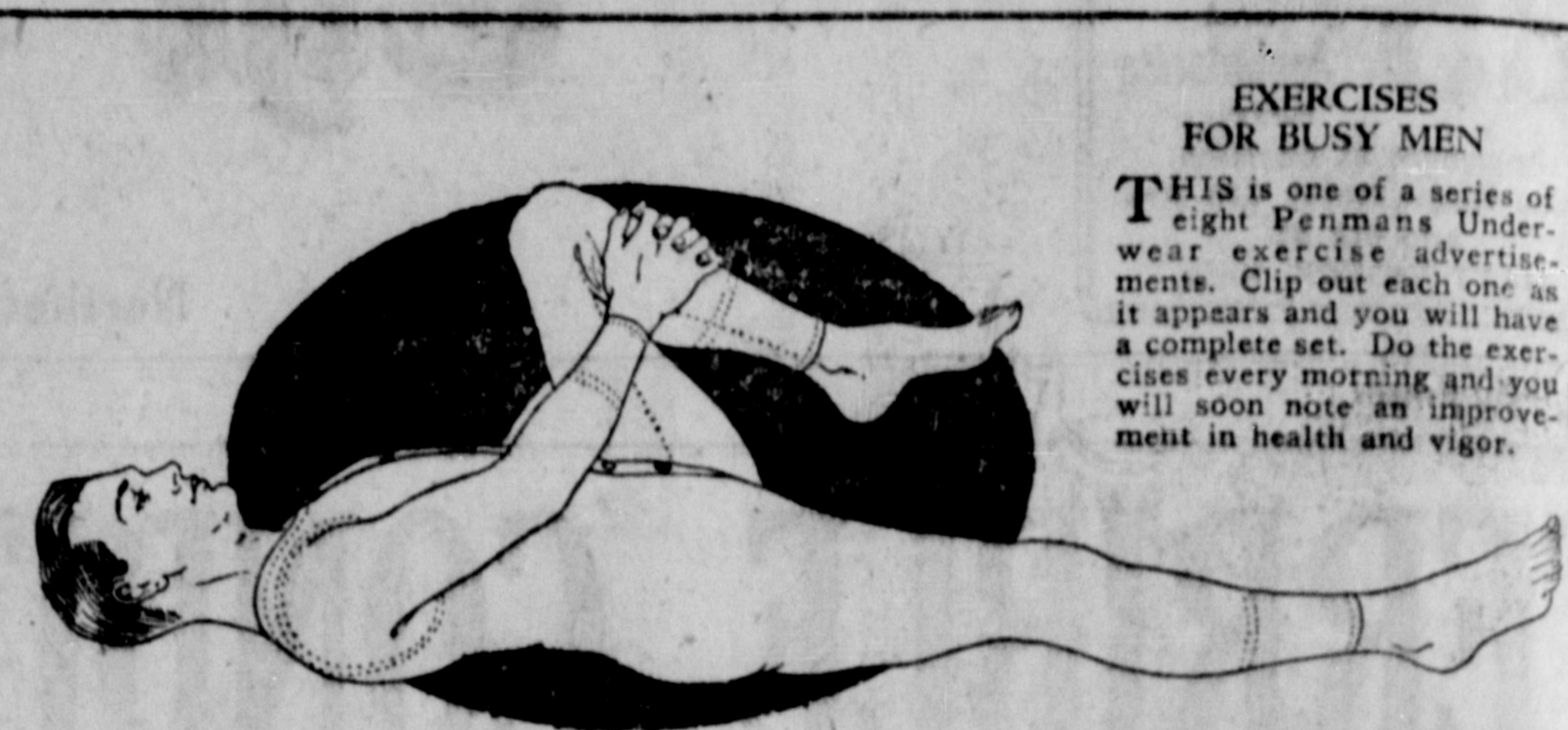
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