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### EDITORIAL

#### LITTLE EXCITEMENT SO FAR

There is very little excitement over the coming election. So far as we have been able to ascertain the local feeling is that Olof Hanson will be re-elected if he can only be persuaded to be a candidate. So far there is no other in the field except the C.C.F. candidate who was nominated some time ago. Mr. Weaver is a man who fought in the last war and as such is deserving of serious consideration. It is quite possible there may be a Manion candidate but it seems hardly likely he could be elected. Yet stranger things have happened in Prince Rupert. It will be remembered that a man named Brady once lived here.

#### THE REICH IS INSULTED

According to a despatch from Berlin, Germany is insulted over statements that the Poles do not like their beneficent rule. They evidently seem to think any one should be glad to suffer under them. It seems that the Pope is all wrong and so are all the other good people who have sympathized over the seeming brutalities of the Nazi. They are not really brutal—simply training the Poles in Nazi culture.

#### HELP THAT COUNTS

Two hundred American airplanes have been landed in Norway on their way to Finland. That is the kind of help that really counts. If there are some trained men with them the Finns should feel the effect of the addition to their forces right away. Two hundred planes now is better than two thousand in three months time.

#### A VICIOUS SYSTEM

In the United States Congress just now there is a conflict going on between those who wish to curtail expenditures and those who want to please a section of the people and thus be re-elected to office. So in Canada we shall soon find two or more political groups bidding against each other for support of various sections of the voters. One of the most important of these is what is known as the farm vote.

The prairie farmers are getting more for their wheat than they have received for many a year but they ask more. They are planning to organize to support the party that bids highest for this vote. This is a most vicious system. There is no end to it. If the farm vote is strong enough it will win eventually if not now. Then the rest of the country will have to organize against the farmers.

We have no objection to the farmers getting all they can for what they have to sell as long as they use legitimate means to attain their end. The modern political development by which the state takes part in business affairs, makes it possible to get bonuses for any particular industry. Wheat growers, being the strongest numerically, can exert the strongest pressure.

Fishermen might unite to secure a bonus on fish but there are comparatively few fishermen so there are only comparatively few apple growers, comparatively few grape growers, comparatively few hop growers, so none of these can exert much pressure. Wheat growers, by uniting, can compel almost any government to guarantee them big prices. The system has been established and there is no end to its effects. It is anything but a pleasing picture. It is thoroughly vicious. The people sell their vote to the highest bidder.

### ALL THEY KILL NOW IS TIME



German soldiers, who were taken prisoners of war somewhere on the Western Front, are shown in the recreation room of the French camp where they will remain until the war is over or they are exchanged for French prisoners in German hands. The deadly doing nothing is the worst kind of punishment for a prisoner.

### HIS CAREER SUCCESSFUL

MONTREAL, January 31 (CP)—Canada's first minister to Japan, Sir Herbert Meredith Marler, who died yesterday was a prominent figure in the life of the Dominion. In the practice of law, the world of politics, and finally the broader field of diplomatic association, as minister to Japan and also to United States, enjoyed a success which marked him as a man of judgment and ability.

Two governments reposed confidence in Sir Herbert Marler as representative of Canada to the Orient. Appointed by Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to be minister plenipotentiary to Japan in 1929, his services were retained in that capacity by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett when he succeeded Mr. King as Prime Minister in 1930. Mr. Bennett also took occasion to express appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Marler performed the duties connected with the office and of the capability displayed by the minister.

#### His Career

The political career of Sir Herbert, while not extensive, saw him attain ministerial rank in the Mackenzie King Government before going down to defeat in the general election of 1925. He had been elected in 1921 to represent the Montreal constituency of St. Lawrence-St. George. Shortly after his appearance on the floor of the Commons he began to display the qualities of clear thinking and reasoned utterance which marked him as an outstanding member. Almost inevitably he became one of the leaders in difficult committee proceedings in which much of the important work of legislation is performed.

The session of 1922 saw Sir Herbert chairman of the important committee on pensions and soldiers' civil re-establishment. Subsequently he became chairman of the committee on transportation in the negotiations which resulted in conclusion of the Canada-West Indies trade agreement. He was active at the time of the last Bank Act revision. He made important studies of Dominion and railway finance, and also figured as a debater in the tariff field. His manner in debate was quiet and moderate.

Sir Herbert was elevated to cabinet rank in September, 1925, when Mr. Mackenzie King appointed him minister without portfolio. His defeat at the hand of the electors followed shortly after the appointment, however, and he returned to private practice in Montreal. He found time for participation in matters of public interest, and in 1927 was honorary treasurer of the National Diamond Jubilee Com-

mittee. His appointment to Tokyo followed two years later in January, 1929.

#### Born in Montreal

Sir Herbert was born in Montreal on March 7, the son of W. de M. Marler, professor of law of real estate in McGill University. He came of two of the oldest English speaking families in Canada. On his father's side Sir Herbert was descended from David Francis de Montmoulin, one of the first Protestant priests who was sent out of Quebec by the King in 1768. His granddaughter married Leonard Marler, an officer of the British army who was stationed at the historic Chateau de Ramezay, now used as a museum in Montreal. Sir Herbert was a grandson of this officer.

After graduating from McGill University with first class honors and the degree of bachelor of civil law Sir Herbert became a notary.

He associated with his father formed a real estate business and they were associated together in this enterprise for 30 years.

Sir Herbert's public service be-

gan when he was made a member of the Council of Education of the Province of Quebec. In 1917-18 he held the wartime appointment of local administrator in Quebec.

Sir Herbert married Margaret Beatrice Isabel Allan, granddaughter of the late Andrew Allan, one of the founders of the Allan Steamship Line, and Matthew Gault, one of Canada's leading wholesale drygoods merchants.

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