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ALWAYS WANTING CHANGE

We are always wanting change. We want new methods of doing things. Happily we are never satisfied. Mostly we move in circles, and that it true to a large extent in the matter of taxes. Just now the Union of Municipalities asks for an addition to the income tax in order to relieve the burden on land. Only a few years ago people were imbued with the justice of the single tax idea and they taxed the land and not the improvements. We keep on trying things and then throwing them off and trying something else. What we seem to forget is that taxes must be paid. If the money does not come out of one pocket it must be extracted from the other. We are continually asking for improvements, for new things and then when we feel the burden of taxation we try to shift it to somebody else.

ORIENTALS AND THE LAND

Oriental are having rather a bad time in this country. We want to keep them out of the fisheries, out of the lumber camps, out of the mills, and out of everything in which we fear their competition and the latest is to keep them from owning or farming the land. We like to make money out of them if we get a chance but they must not compete with us. Merchants object to them being in business and everybody objects to them for some reason or another.

We have stopped them coming to country and we refuse to give them a vote. If they voted, politicians would fear to say anything against them and they would be pretty well in control of the situation because they could be voted as a bloc. Then they would get everything they ask and a lot more.

FREE HOSPITALS TO ALL

There are a great many people think hospitals should be free to all. And there are many arguments in favor of it. When people are sick they cannot earn and to also ask them to pay hospitals and doctors means to cripple them financially for years if they are wage earners.

The arguments against free hospitals are first that people have no right to be sick and should be penalized for it. The rest of the community should not have to suffer for their sins. The next argument is that if hospitals were free there would be more people sick than there are today because doctors are not infallible and many a man would go to the hospital who today continues working.

Another thing is that the mass of the people object to any more taxes than they pay at present and any additional burden means an addition to the taxes.

There was a time when it was thought that sickness was a visitation from the Almighty, but today we know that usually it is our own fault if we are not well. We cannot send people to jail for being ill but we can make them pay hospital fees.

GRAIN SHIPPING TO BEGIN

Grain shipping is about to begin again. Next week should see the arrival of the first grain of the season from the prairies and the first grain ship in port. This will tend to improve conditions here. It will bring money into the city and make things much more lively than they otherwise would be. It is expected that there will be at least twice as much shipping here this year as last, so we should look forward with cheerfulness to the coming winter.

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GREAT RENUNCIATION

Dream of Richard Bedford Bennett Came True on That Fateful Wednesday

(By T. R. B., in Winnipeg Free Press)
Richard Bedford Bennett has two very nice suits of clothes. A grey suit with a cut-away coat, excellent for the rougher and gruder work of preliminary proceedings such as accepting a nomination for the leadership of the great historic Conservative party. He wore the grey suit on Tuesday, and accepted his nomination in it, too.

The other suit is more impressive. It is dark and decorous; the tailoring of the jacket is a miracle at the shoulders; a white filling goes with the vest. It is a suit for high and monumental occasions, such as accepting the leadership of the great historic Conservative party of Canada. Mr. Bennett wore his official suit on Wednesday. He put it on very carefully when he got out of bed on Wednesday morning, saying, "no doubt, as he did so—Richard Bedford Bennett, my lad, there may be a stir in the trees today. Good-bye, summer, good-bye, good-bye."

There were two ballots only. The second ballot was announced at 5 o'clock in the evening. It required 778 votes to elect the leader, and Mr. Bennett got 780, two more than he required. Mr. Bennett was elected. How very, very fortunate that he had put on the dark suit in the morning!

WAS SO SUDDEN

Senator Robertson read out the result. Elected! Mr. Bennett was sitting on the platform, and the news nearly overpowered him. It was so frightfully sudden; so—almost—unbelievably unexpected. He sank deeper in his basket chair. His features worked a little under his glasses. "Success; so that is she!" "Leader!" His emotions, unprepared for the shock, almost unmanned him; almost, but not just quite. He would of course, he realized in a sudden illuminating flash, presently have to make a speech. What a providence that he had worn the dark suit that morning! There was a destiny in these things. And Providence, really, was very good. Providence, really, had always been just simply splendid. Senator Robertson, or Mr. Rhodes, or somebody else—what did it matter?—was clanging the microphone. They were cheering. The great dim spaces of the hall; the upturned thousands of white faces; cheering; for him. How the heart beat faster! And so it had happened; it had, after all—come off. Far off—deep in the dim vista—he saw a scene take form and grow distinct. The long green-floored chamber in Ottawa; the thronging benches; the crowded galleries; and a figure rising amid applause to speak—rising on the Speaker's righthand side; a not entirely unimpressive figure; appropriately garbed; Prime Minister "of this great Canada of ours." The mist grows thinner; he sees the figure more clearly; it is—Oh, heavens; there is no mistake—it is his own—the vision of the years. Emotion floods him in a sudden tide.

RIVALS CONGRATULATE

But they are thronging round him now. Shaking his hand. Dr. Manion, Sir Henry Drayton, Mr. Rogers—his rivals for the leadership. Telling him with smiles that they are glad. Mr. Guthrie, the taste of leadership now like worm-wood on his palate, the lines on his face biting deeper, the light gone sadder in his tired eyes; he, too, comes and shakes the victor's hand. They smile on him, they tell the audience, these beaten ones, that they are glad he won. The rules of the great game! The smile of the rejected! "Smiles in their eyes and ashes in their hearts."

WELLS OF HOLY WRIT

Mr. Bennett, in the intervals between his studies of law and of finance (and he has had good success in both as he himself, later on in his speech, will admit), has drank deep at the wells of Holy Writ. In this moment it is in Biblical phraseology that he expresses his feelings to his audience.

It may have been, says he, that in some great religious celebration we may have seen a man renounce many things in order that he might be consecrated for a life of service. This is how Mr. Bennett sees himself now. He feels that he "has been set aside for a life of service to his country through the Conservative party," and furthermore he, only quite recently, had a peculiar dream, which he will now tell them.

He dreamed, lying on his bed in the watches of the night, that he was here in this great convention hall, thronged with its multitudinous host, and he dreamed—O most prophetic dream!—that this mighty throng had just elected him—(it is really most surprising)—leader of the great historic Conservative party of Canada; and he dreamed he had come forward to say something to "this vast audience," and the words he found in his heart were not his own words; "they were the words of the Man from

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Galilee—And whosoever of you will be chiefest shall be servant of all." That was the high note he would strike there in the sight of assembled Israel, and in sight of the Lord and of Gideon. Service!

RICH YOUNG RULER
He must "put behind him now the claims of his profession and his business." "No man," said Mr. Bennett, quoting and adding to the text—"can serve two masters, or two mistresses either." There was once a rich young ruler, and all the world knows what he did. Let us have none of that.

"It has been said," said Mr. Bennett, "and not improperly said, that I am a man of some wealth. It is true. It is absolutely true! But I earned it by my own untiring efforts in this great country, and such as I have I consecrate to the great purpose on which I now enter. To this purpose (whatever, really, it is) I devote all the resources placed at my disposal by a kind Providence." There's a star that guides the humble.

He spoke a little longer—minor variations on the theme above—and then ended on quite a simple note—"Men and Women, Fellow-Canadians, I thank you," Loud cheers.

That was the end. The end of the Convention. The end of everything. Night wrapped the prairies in her dark mantle.

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