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The Smoke-Screen

The civil service in Ottawa will be investigated and well investigated. Both the Senate and the House at Ottawa have both started a probe, but will both use the same information. The peculiar part of the proposition is that two branches of Canada's government are duplicating in an investigation of duplication. They are meeting charges of waste even with waste in the investigation for duplication of effort and the money necessary to put information received into a report cannot be termed anything but waste and wanton waste.

Playing politics covers a multitude of sin, or is an excuse for it. All ready it is not hard to visualize the two reports. The Liberals in the House will see that the former Conservative regime will get the blame while the Conservatives in the Senate will see that the Liberals will get the blame. And the taxpayers of the country will pay for those two reports and all they will get for their money is something with which the politicians can make political capital at the next election. A temporary flurry may result in which some of the fellows who have not enough pull may lose their jobs just as a smoke screen to shield some of the bigger operations of waste. Then, in six months, no matter what party is in power, things will be back on the old basis with money thrown away just as usual, the spending having as the main object the getting of votes and the cementing of party loyalty.

The investigation is the result of an insistent demand on the part of the people and people may be aroused to make such a demand, but history has shown that they do not stay aroused. The powers that be know that and they know just how much fees they have to make to convince the people they have turned over a new leaf and intend to be good. It is the old story of "when the devil was sick..." Parties must have votes to get into power or to stay in power. They have to reward their friends who helped them and the people who pay the taxes pay the rewards. They don't know it and they do not get a receipt for the payment, but there is just that much less in their pockets and sometimes they wonder where it has gone. Some of it gone in sales tax on everything that is bought. The sales tax is supposed to be six per cent, but when that rate is collected two or three times, the consumer is paying nearer 15 per cent. Then there is the tax on receipts and the stamp on checks and the income tax, which costs almost as much to collect as is received from it, and some more while the farmer wonders at the multiplication of the

value of a cow hide from the time he sells until he buys it back in the shape of a pair of shoes. Then once in a while the people wake up to the fact that political debts are paid by giving certain persons jobs with much salary and not much work. An investigation follows which costs the people more money, because they had the audacity to question the doings of the mighty, the smoke-screen clears away and things settle down into the same old rut.

Yes, smoke clears away, the people keep on paying. They may wonder a little because the coin in their pockets is no heavier. Then just before another general election the cry goes over the land again. They are aroused once more. They are more investigations and more promises and more money to pay. And so it will go on until the people who pay the taxes forget their loyalty to party and begin to vote for themselves rather than for party. It will go on until they become more interested in government and until they learn that they have the voice of authority in the final count and until they learn that they themselves are to blame if they remain at home on election day, or neglect to become familiar with what governments are doing, or vote for party's sake alone.

Facts and Fancies

Too Good a Bargain
Mrs. Knagg—Before we were married you said you would give the biggest part of your life to live the rest of it with me.
Mr. Knagg—I know, I did, but I find that I've reserved too long a portion to be lived with you.

Do you believe in transmigration of souls? asked the Little Man.
"Sure," replied the Big Man. "But why?"
"Nothing," replied the Little Man. "But it says here that there are birds in Africa with bills a yard long."
"Well, what about them?" demanded the Big Man.
"I was just wondering if those birds are not the spirits of departed plumbers," replied the Little Man.

Pensive
First Feller—And you say both of your sons are making a living by their pens?
Second Feller—Judge for yourself. One of them is the leading hog raiser in the country and the other writes home from college.

The Right Place
He—Miss Prim won't tell whether she is engaged or not. She intimates that both Bob and Harry have proposed to her, but that at present she can't make up her mind about their respective merits and so is on the fence.
She—The cat!

Progress
"Tell me, in a few words, the plot of this play."
"Washtub, limousine, duke."
"That's a little too brief. I don't quite understand."
"Well, in other words, it's the story of a social climber."

Terrible
"How'd you like to be a fireman?" They have a snap!
"Yes, but not for mine. I saw a fireman get soaked wid water wunst."

Another Look
"I'll look for work," a man once said. A job came round his way. He gave one look and turned his head. And looked the other way.

MEMORIAL TO LISTER



A very beautiful memorial has been erected in Portland Place, London, to the great British scientist and surgeon, Lord Lister, who made the use of anaesthetics in surgery possible. The picture was taken on the day of the unveiling.

Evidence
Weary Bo—No matter what happens to Willie Downmout he always has the outward sign of spirit.
Dreary Dan—Yes; his nose shows it.

A Lot Said Sotto Voce
"I suppose," said Heck, "your wife always has the last word."
"No," replied Peck, "but she always has the last word that's spoken aloud."

Legal Notice

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APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING
The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board hereby appoints Tuesday, the Eighth Day of April, A.D. 1924, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Regah Theatre, in the Village of Hagersville, for hearing the above application. All persons having an interest in this matter and desiring to be heard are directed to attend at the time and place as aforesaid.
Dated at Toronto this Nineteenth Day of March, A.D. 1924.
(Seal) (Signed) H. C. Small, Secretary.

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— Scene —
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Priscilla Dean
— Scene —
"Fishing Time"
— Comic —
"Jollywood"

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"Dead Game"—Eust Gibson
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"Crossed Wires"—Grace Walton
"Out to Win"

WOULD REDUCE OTTAWA SOLONS

Progressive Would Cut the Number of Members of Parliament by Third

Ottawa, April 2.—Premier King has introduced in the House of Commons his bill providing for redistribution of electoral areas in the Dominion of Canada.

The measure received second reading and was referred, by unanimous consent of the House, to a select committee, shortly to be named.

The bill, Mr. King said, was identical with that of last session, which had not progressed beyond committee. As a guiding principle, Mr. King laid down that the committee should follow, as far as possible, the county boundaries; secondly, that the unit of representation for urban ridings should be larger than for rural constituencies. The Premier hoped that, in their deliberations, members would bear in mind that they represented "all classes" in their communities.

H. C. Hocken (Conservative, Toronto West) contended for "equality of representation" as between urban and rural electorates. Toronto, he said, should have 15 seats in the Federal House, and Montreal 19 or 20.

Mr. Hocken's suggestion that the "dominating influence" with the countryside was refuted by Robert Forke, who thought the facts pointed the other way. As a matter of justice, he thought rural areas entitled to a "little better" than equality basis in respect of election of members of Parliament.

Reduction by one-third of the membership of Parliament was urged by Harry Leader (Progressive, Portage la Prairie), who advocated also a similar "cut" in the Senate, and proposed at the same time to reduce the Cabinet to ten Ministers. This suggestion brought from Hon. George P. Graham the rejoinder that comparison with the United States resorted to by the member for Portage was quite unfair, in that United States Cabinet Ministers did not have to spend their time at the sittings of Congress, but were free to devote most of it to administrative work.



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A Gentle Hint
Mabel—I do admire the little waves they're so affectionate.
George—Affectionate?
Mabel—Yes, they're always kissing the sand."

Marital Assent
"I have just met your wife, sir, and she is a dear creature."
"Don't I know it? I have just been paying some of her bills."

FOR SALE—Red clover seed, \$10 per bushel; Timothy seed, \$5 per bushel. W. J. Law, RR 2, Port Dover. 1-3tc

FOR SALE—Barr'd Rock eggs for hatching. A. E. Doughty, RR 1 Nanticoke; phone 41-35. 1-3tp

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs, pure bred O. A. C. Barr'd Rocks, bred to lay, utility good; 50c per dozen. A. C. Bryant, RR 3, Jarvis. 1-12tp

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FOR SALE—Rhode Island Reds, bred to lay strain. Setting eggs, 15 for \$1.00; clover honey, 10-lb. pails, \$1.50. A. T. Cade, RR 5, Simcoe, one mile west on Scotch Line. 1-3tc

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