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THE FALL FAIR

Hail the fall fair! It is the flamboyant harbinger that summer sun and soil and toil have produced another harvest for mankind.

Laugh at the prize pumpkin, if you must, but its round, yellow belly is a true reminder of what one little seed may do. Sneer at the fat pork-

er, but its contented grunts are merely a forerunner of the human sighs of satisfaction which will come later with golden-brown scrapple and sausage with hot buckheat cakes.

Rows of bright-colored jams and jelly glasses whet your appetite which greater ranks of serried peach, apple, plum and pear containers do nothing to allay. Listen to the cackle of Mistress Hen as she does her duty in showing her sister the way to a more bountiful supply of eggs, while Mr. Chanticleer, proud upon his blue ribbon perch, challenges in loud call his admirers to produce his equal.

Steele cattle in their stalls, colts that have not yet felt the cruelty of lash and collar, and huge sheep clothed with your future garment are all

attractions at the fall fair.

Gossip and good nature abound at the fall fair. One finds at fall fairs a grand swapping of tall stories, all redolent of unprecedented cornstalks, potato yields and even of physical prowess in performing some herculean agricultural job in a jiffy.

A fifty-cent piece wagered on the white trotter to beat the black and bay will yield a bigger dividend in thrills at the fall-fair race track than would ten thousand bet at the Derby classic.

So let us be thankful that the sharp tooth of time has left hardly a mark upon the fall fair. Other things may change, empires rise or fall, we sweep the world with a flash by radio and man crosses the continent in a day

on wings, but you can see at Jarvis just a few weeks from today exactly the same kind of crowds and joy your great grandfathers delighted in a century ago.

CANADA FIRST

Independent—of what? This is an Independent news-sheet, which infers that it is published in the efforts to establish among its readers the habit of independent thought. Just what is meant by independent thought?

Well, to illustrate—Several years ago, a Mr. Porter taught the boys of the Thirl Form in the Model School connected with Toronto Normal. A group of Normalites were observing one of his lessons. A lad was working

an arithmetic problem at the black board. The teacher interrupted him with—"That is wrong." The lad hesitated, looked at his work and laid down the chalk. The board was clean. A second boy was called up. The same thing happened. Then a third boy volunteered. He too, was interrupted, but instead of laying down the chalk, he said: "Pardon, Mr. Porter, but I think that is right," and he proceeded to explain the principle involved in his work. Mr. Porter listened attentively, agreed with the lad, then turned to the other two with "It's useless to think you are right unless you know also why you are right." Another day a lad looked to his neighbor after answering a question, and the teacher strongly re-

buked him with—"Have you no mind of your own? Learn to have a personal opinion founded upon your own knowledge regardless of what Tom, Dick or Harry thinks." He was trying to train those boys to be independent thinkers, disdaining to echo, or ditto anyone, or to be any person's rubber stamp.

Any system which is in principle antagonistic to the individual exercising his own powers of reason and discrimination is built upon a principle opposed to true democracy.

Because my forebears were socialists or any other kind of "ists" must I be one?

True, if I ally myself with any organization, I am in duty bound to con-

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The Customs Scandal

With the customs investigation still far from finished, the King Government already stands convicted of having co-operated with smugglers, bootleggers, dopesters and thieves, and of having thus been a party to defrauding the National Treasury, strangling legitimate business, debauching officials, high and low, thwarting the administration of justice, and bribing the electorate!

To cite but a few instances—already proven—from its appalling record of malfeasance:

- 1 Stolen automobiles, smuggled into Canada with the connivance of Customs officials, were sold for a pittance to friends of the King Government, and those found guilty were allowed not only to go unpunished, but to continue their nefarious trade.
- 2 Smuggled liquor selling was engaged in on a large scale by Customs officials whose duty it was to protect the Treasury.
- 3 Corrupt officials were unpunished and promoted; honest officials were punished and demoted.
- 4 Prison-made goods are on the prohibited list, yet tons and tons of such goods, produced in prisons where contagious diseases were prevalent among the inmates, were smuggled into Canada for sale to innocent Canadian consumers, with the direct knowledge and co-operation of Government officials.
- 5 Police officers—members of the incorruptible Royal Canadian Mounted—were withdrawn from the Quebec boundary line at the request of the smuggling ring. Honest traders had asked for increased police protection, but the King Government preferred to grant the request of those who were defrauding the public revenue.
- 6 Guilty knowledge even in 1923 of the frauds that were being practised has been proven against the King Government beyond the shadow of a doubt. Time and again, in 1924 and 1925, the Commercial Protective Association—an organization of business men—placed before Mr. King irrefutable evidences of it, that they had succeeded in tracing down at their own expense. With his Government hopelessly entangled with Canada's criminal element, Mr. King did not—dared not—take any action to remedy the appalling conditions.
- 7 A total revenue loss estimated at \$35,000,000 per year was the result of the smuggling thus condoned by the King Government.
- 8 A \$54,880 loss was sustained in one case alone when Mr. Cardin, Acting Minister of Customs and Excise, settled for \$3,200 with a dishonest importer, who, according to Mr. Cardin's own officials, had cheated the Treasury out of duties amounting to \$58,000. This deal was consummated just previous to the last election.
- 9 Free liquor, from Government warehouses in Montreal, was supplied in generous quantities to members of the King Government and to Government officials in Ottawa, in contravention both of the Federal Law and the Prohibition Law of Ontario.
- 10 The habit-forming drug traffic is one of the worst curses in the world today. Under the protection of the King Government, Montreal became one of the great dope-distributing centres of North America.
- 11 The peak of this corruption, and of this interference with the Customs collection and the administration of justice, is proved by the evidence to have been reached just prior to the general election of October, 1925, when, at the written request of Liberal candidates, Ministers of the Crown called off the Royal Canadian Mounted Police because they were enforcing the law, kept convicted crooks out of jail, and sanctioned Treasury frauds as a means of securing the return of the King Government to power.

Despite the fact that with Mr. Kennedy supporting them, the Liberals had a majority on the Investigation Committee, that the Chairman Mr. Mercier was a Liberal, and that the Prosecuting Council Mr. Calder was a Liberal candidate in the last election, and despite the further fact that the committee sat almost daily for five months, thus affording Liberal members ample opportunity to uncover malfeasance on the part of previous ministries, not one word of proof, not one breath of suspicion, was brought against the administration of the Customs Department under the Laurier, Borden and Meighen Governments, but only against its administration under Mr. William Lyon MacKenzie King!

Has anything more disgraceful ever besmirched the pages of Canadian history? Can a proud and honourable nation, whose people fear God and eschew evil, afford to condone such dishonesty, such corruption, on the part of its leaders and public servants?

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