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THE POLICE SCANDAL

If any evidence were wanted to show that Ald. Percy Guthrie has been running the police department as an adjunct to the Tory political machine it was furnished by the editorial utterances of the local hack organ in its issue of Saturday. The hack organ is naturally very much worried over the exposures made in the department which is under the control of its dear friend and contributor, Ald. Percy Guthrie, and it is trying its level best to save the machine from going to smash by drawing a large sized herring across the trail. The organ knows that the Tory machine has held its grip on this city and county by resorting to methods that will not bear the light of day; and now that the public are getting an insight into those methods, it feels that as a dutiful party hack it must do something to break the force of the storm which is brewing. The grafter sheet admits that all is not right in the police department, and while it makes a pretence at criticizing the members of Commission, (Ald. Guthrie excepted) it comes down heavily on the members of the police force. "They are the real culprits," it says in effect, "they have been false to their trust, and it urges thoughtful citizens to back up the members of the Commission in their efforts to bring about a much needed reform."

In the light of the shocking revelations made last week no citizen who has the welfare of Fredericton at heart will deny that reform is needed, and needed badly, but there will be difference of opinion as to the proper methods to be employed to bring it about. The police commission proposes to reform the police force, but the great majority of citizens demand and rightly so, that the work of reform begin with the commission itself. The only way to purify a river is to go to its source and if we are to reform the police department we must begin at the fountain head. Chairman Guthrie has proved himself unfit for the position he occupies. He was elected to the Council by the votes and support of men engaged in the liquor traffic and he has played the game for his masters. He has thwarted the efforts of the chief of police to enforce the law and under his maladministration of the department a condition of affairs has sprung up for which the police annals of Canada furnish no parallel. He has catered to a vicious element who do not want law enforcement and he will continue to do so. It is about as reasonable to expect a leopard to change its spots as it would be to expect any radical measure of reform in the police department so long as it remains under the domination of 'Ald. Guthrie. The methods he has employed have made Fredericton a laughing stock in the eyes of the world, and any newspaper that would defend them would defend Sodom just as readily if by doing so it could serve a party purpose.

There is every reason to believe that Ald. Guthrie's conduct of the police department has met with the strong disapproval of some of the men elected on the ticket with him in March last. It would be a matter for surprise if such were not the case. Some of the city's heaviest rate-payers are members of the present Council and surely it is incumbent upon them to take drastic measures to reestablish public confidence in the police department. We cannot to what political party they belong, it is plainly their duty to repudiate Ald. Guthrie and his machine methods at the first opportunity and thus assist in removing the odium which has been cast upon the fair name of the Capital City of New Brunswick.

The Local hack organ claims that the Flemming Government has passed some useful temperance legislation. Yes, it has done something along this line, but it has been terribly slack in providing machinery for carrying it into effect.

We are told by the mouthpiece of the Flemming government that it has given us the most advanced temperance legislation enjoyed by any province of Canada. When a candidate was wanted to oppose Mr. W.G. Clark, a strong temperance advocate at the last civic election here, one was found at the eleventh hour in the office of Provincial Secretary McLeod. It is also a well known fact that several Conservative who were asked to become candidates on the good government ticket in the same election were threatened by henchmen of the Flemming government with loss of patronage if they entered civic politics and their threats proved effective. If the Flemming government is the friend of temperance, how comes it that liquor dealers in Fredericton and elsewhere gave it their hearty support at the last election.

The local hack organ has made the startling discovery that a majority of the city council are Liberals. It carefully avoids to mention the fact however, that three of the five members of the Police Commission are Conservatives and two of them are officials of the Flemming Government. Of the two Liberals one has only been a member of the Commission since June and the other is in delicate health and has not actively interested himself in the work of the commission. Chairman Guthrie has been running the show and his work speaks for itself.

UNDERWRITERS HAVE THE ROYAL GEORGE

Toronto, Nov. 11.—The Canadian Northern liner Royal George has been abandoned to the underwriters. The vessel is still in the same position on the rocks one mile east of Point St. Lawrence, and the owners, preparing for the worst have notified the insurance companies that the vessel is now on their hands. The message was called to London Sunday by Vice President D. B. Hanna, who has charge of the Steamship department. Mr. Hanna stated that it was not owing to the belief that the Royal George was fairly damaged that the step was taken, but that the company were assuming the worst and that in such a case they had but taken the proper steps to protect both the underwriters and themselves.

BORN.

On November 9th, to Mrs. J. A. Richardson, wife of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Fredericton, a daughter.

HONORED IN ENGLAND.

Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, while in England, has been the guest of honor at several social events. Last week he was entertained by the Carlton Club and also by Mr. and Mrs. F. Williams Taylor, of London. On Trafalgar Day he was a guest at the Navy League banquet.

HARKINS COMING

Mr. W. S. Harkins and his excellent Company will begin a three nights engagement at the Opera House here beginning on Monday, Nov. 18th.

CITY CLERGYMEN COMMENT

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with all the resources at their disposal, the man whom they knew would be indifferent to law enforcement and those whom they could depend upon to further their interests? The liquor business has a peculiar history—it damns everything it touches. It damns the man that drinks it, it damns the man who sells it soon or later and it damns the man who suffers himself to become its tool. Some of our citizens are just now waking up to the fact that liquor may be a good thing to get into power by, but it is a merciless taskmaster when it gets on there.

"There are some wholesome lessons that ought to come home to us at this time. One is that hypocrisy, as well as actual sin, is sure to find men out. Some of our city fathers were grieved beyond measure not long ago because aspersions were cast upon the good name of the city and because it was stated that crime existed and was condoned. Those who dared to hint such a thing were stigmatized as traducers and the civic stains were covered with official whitewash. But the corruption and lawlessness which even then in a measure prevailed, had found its way to the surface and has become all the more flagrant because of the certificates of immaculate purity which adorn the background.

"We need all around a more wholesome respect for the majesty of the law. This needs to be instilled into all our citizens. People, by way of

apologizing for the lax enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, assume statesmanlike airs and tell you that there are other laws of equal importance. Of course there are and all of them should be respected. Nothing is more demoralizing than disregard for any law. But the one thing which must become apparent so far as the police department is concerned—enforce the liquor laws and you strike an effective blow at a large percentage of all other crime and make it an easy matter to handle it; but wink at the liquor business or condone it and then lawlessness is sure to prevail even among the guardians of the law themselves.

"We hope for better things. But with all charity, which virtue is kind but never blind, one is led to wonder whether those in authority are sorry because of the sins of the city or because they were caught. If the repentance is of the latter sort we cannot hope for much. But from this day forward there should be on the part of all good citizens a supreme and united effort to make Fredericton a clean and wholesome city for whose fair name we shall have no further need to blush. But before that day dawns those set to administer our laws must absolutely and irrevocably cut themselves clear of all complicity with the liquor traffic. There is no civic righteousness apart from this."

BISHOP KINGDON MEMORIAL

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Conforming to the poet's type of the gentle student, Bishop Kingdon seemed ever happiest among his books and even in the twilight of a very busy life he continued to devote himself to the critical study of God's word.

Laying no claims to oratory the bishop's sermons were characterized by exact scholarship, a wide culture and original presentation. Eminent as scholar, as critic as sermonizer, Bishop Kingdon was also an able administrator and was possessed of excellent powers of executive. Those powers he devoted ungrudgingly and successfully to the service of the church. He did much to strengthen and consolidate the financial interests of the diocese and the excellent condition of the various beneficiary funds of the Synod are themselves a tribute to his foresight and keen business ability. In his relations to the Cathedral he was ever zealous of its honor, careful in every way to preserve its fabric and most scrupulous and successful in conserving its endowments. His younger energies were largely devoted to the missionary expansion of the diocese and several missionary districts were established through his energy and zeal. His unstinted charity and his special kindness to the junior clergy with his many other admiral qualities endeared him to very many.

THE THRONE

The Bishop Kingdon Memorial throne was designed by Jones and Willis Ecclesiastical artists, London. With some trifling alterations suggested by the Cathedral architect, Mr. F. Delancy Robinson, to bring it into full harmony with the architecture of the Cathedral. It is made of quartered Oak (dark) is exquisitely carved and bears the arms of the Cathedral and the bishop. The desk is thoroughly in keeping with the throne. The gift is an adequate memorial and adds much to the dignity of the Cathedral. A memorial brass, appropriately inscribed, will be affixed to the throne. The cost of the throne and desk was over £100 sterling.

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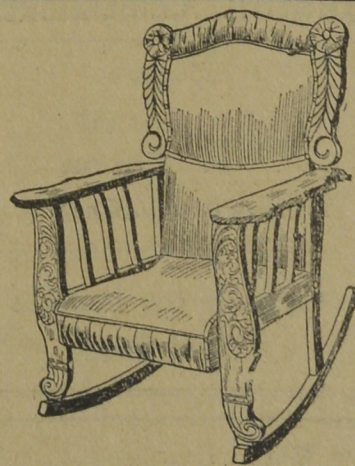
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