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SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

The case from St. Mary's pending before the Police Court can hardly be permitted to drop where it now stands. The Mail will make no comment on the facts of the case, since these are not yet finally disposed of. But the public is interested in the principle adopted. If as the counsel for the accused said it was a "glaring and shameful attempt to prostitute the criminal law" the public interest demands that the matter be investigated.

The law deems every man innocent until he is convicted after an impartial trial. Even a sworn information does not cause him to be considered guilty. There is no method known to the law of this country by which a man can be found guilty or rendered liable to punishment except through a proper conviction in a court of justice.

The man who was held in gaol for almost a week in this case was therefore legally innocent. There was not even a sworn information against him. He was merely held on the unsworn assertion of one of the camp-followers of Mr. P. A. Guthrie, chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee of this city, and upon that bail was denied to him. IMPRISONED FROM SATURDAY NIGHT UNTIL FRIDAY AT NOON BECAUSE OF AN UNSWORN STATEMENT OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWERS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THIS CITY. THAT HAPPENED IN THE CITY OF FREDERICTON; AND IN THE YEAR 1912.

That is something which is calculated to make thoughtful citizens pause. On what foundation do our boasted liberties rest? If one man can be arrested and imprisoned thus, every citizen is liable to similar treatment. If one man can be arrested and imprisoned upon the statement of any poltroon and kept imprisoned by having the chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee as counsel against him, every citizen is liable to similar treatment; No man is safe, no matter how innocent he may be. If one man can be refused bail although substantial bail is offered, every citizen is liable to similar treatment.

In the light of the principle adopted this case is of vital importance to every resident of this city and county. In the public interest it should be investigated.

THE OPPOSITION SCORED ONE

The St. John Valley Railway bill passed its third reading in the Legislature yesterday. An amendment by Mr. Tweeddale, the object of which was to have construction work begin on the sections of the road between Andover and Grand Falls and between Gagetown and Rothesay simultaneously with work on other sections of the line was voted down by the government supporters in the House after the most spirited debate of the session. Although the amendment merely called for fair play for the people of two important sections of the province, its effect upon the members of the government and their supporters was cyclonic. The Premier was almost beside himself with rage, and poured a torrent of abuse upon the unsophisticated head of the member for Victoria. He also said hard things about the Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell and accused the members of the opposition of employing obstructive tactics. He fumed and raged and gave such an exhibition of temper that even his own supporters became alarmed and twitched nervously in their seats. It is many years since such an exhibition of anger has been witnessed in the Legislature.

In marked contrast to the ravings of the Premier was the manly and straightforward statement of Mr. Copp, the Opposition leader. He declared that the opposition had always stood for Intercolonial operation for the Valley Railway as a means of safeguarding the public interest, and they had also advocated connection with the Transcontinental at Grand Falls. He branded as false the Premier's statement that the Opposition had placed obstacles in the way of carrying out this great project. He argued that one section of the railway should be built as soon as another and the people of all sections of the Valley should be treated alike.

The government by the aid of its brute majority succeeded in bowling out the amendment. The members for the counties of Kings and Queens were among those who lined up against it, but it was quite evident to them at least the pill was a bitter one.

Hon. Edward L. Wetmore, distinguished Canadian jurist will be seventy one years old tomorrow. He was born in this city on March 24, 1841, and received his education at the University of New Brunswick. He soon attained prominence at the bar and was elected mayor of Fredericton and later became a member of the New Brunswick Legislature. His career on the bench dates from 1887 in which year he was appointed Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. Since 1907 Judge Wetmore has been Chief Justice of Saskatchewan. In the same year that he was named as Chief Justice he was also selected as Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Perley M.P.P. delivered his maiden speech in the Legislature last night. Of course he upheld the principles of Toryism and defended the Government. He gave the Opposition to understand that the bouquets they had been throwing at him were worse than wasted; that they could not get him over to their side. Mr. Perley should not give himself unnecessary worry. The Opposition do not want him and he will probably learn when the next Tory convention is held in Sunbury that the government has no further use for him.

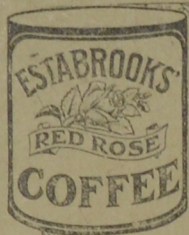
The statement of revenue and expenditure from the close of the fiscal year until March 6th, tabled in the Legislature on Monday substantiates the charge of the opposition that many accounts were unpaid on Oct. 31st. The revenue since that date totalled \$422,976.08 and the expenditure \$569,501.84 leaving a deficit of \$146,524.76. What do the honest taxpayers of the country think of this wretched showing made by a government which went into power pledged to economy.

It is said that Attorney General Grimmer at the request of decent Conservatives put his foot down upon those who were attempting to prostitute the criminal law in the case of a St. Mary's man charged with attempted assault. This probably accounts for the sudden collapse of the prosecution. Fortunately the Attorney General is of larger calibre than some other members of the government whom we could name.

In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Copp extracted from the Government the information that the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission gets a salary of \$900 that \$750 each is paid to the two members and that the secretary Mr. F. P. Robinson of this city received \$600. So far as the records show, Mr. Robinson is the only farmer in the province who has derived any benefit from the commission.

The appointment of Mr. L. H. Bliss to the postmastership of Fredericton makes vacant or should make vacant the position of engrossing clerk in the House of Assembly. As the job is worth \$300 a year, some Tory with the necessary qualifications should lose no time in getting after it.

It is now stated that the bonds for Mr. Pinder's Railway have not yet been guaranteed by the Provincial Government although necessary legislation was passed last session. We did not know that the old gentleman was such an easy mark.

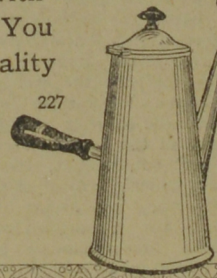


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Hon. A. A. McDonald of Prince Edward Island who died at Ottawa yesterday is the sixth senator to pass to the great beyond since the Tories took office six months ago. He was 83 years of age and has been in public life since 1853. His death leaves Sir Charles Tupper as the sole survivor of the Fathers of Confederation.

Our old friend Mr. Pinder was heard from in the Legislature last night in defence of the Government. Mr. Pinder has always stood up manfully for honesty in public life and in his opinion the present administration comes pretty close to perfection. This in itself should have a tendency to make other people suspicious of the government.

PERSONAL

Rev. F. L. Carney was in St. John yesterday attending the funeral of his niece the late Miss Elizabeth Oullinan.

Mrs. Hetherington of St. John who has been the guest of Mrs. J. K. Flemming at the Barker House for the last two weeks returned to her home yesterday.

Senator Gilmour of Montreal is among the visitors to the city today.

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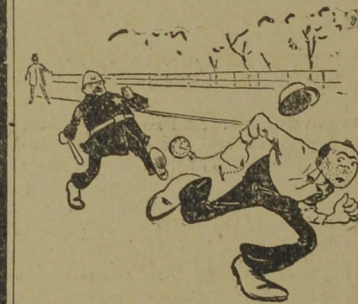
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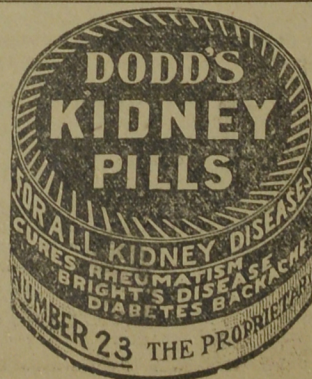


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