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WAS ROPER ROPE IN?

Another example of the centralizing tendency of the admiralty has come to the front within the last few days in the efforts of Commander Roper, who was for two years chief of staff in the Canadian Naval Service, to attack the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. The matter arose over a memorandum alleged to have been made by Commander Roper in 1911 to the then Liberal minister of naval affairs, in which he criticized the government for delay in its naval program.

There are curious features about the whole proceeding. According to Commander Roper, his memorandum was composed during August and September, 1911, and handed it to Admiral Kingsmill on 20th September, the day before the elections. That is, he chose the time when every minister was engrossed in election work to prepare his criticism of the government which employed him, and then selected the day before the defeat of that government to hand this memorandum in to his superior officer, not to the Hon. Mr. Lemieux, then minister of naval affairs. Hon. Mr. Lemieux states that he never saw this document at all.

It was not until long after, when Commander Roper had returned to England, that Hon. Mr. Hazen, minister of naval affairs under the Borden government, produced this document in parliament and read it in an effort to show that the Liberal government had not been sincere in its naval program. Hon. Mr. Lemieux, knowing nothing about this memorandum, was naturally surprised and unable to immediately reply.

However, he investigated and discovered the peculiar circumstances under which this criticism of the Liberal government was alleged to have been hatched the day before the government was overthrown. Having ascertained this, Hon. Mr. Lemieux last May replied to Mr. Hazen, declaring he had never seen this report and that it had evidently been concocted in order to serve the purposes of the new government.

Commander Roper then wrote Hon. Mr. Lemieux a sufficiently impertinent letter on the subject, evidently designed for publication. Naturally the Canadian ex-minister of naval affairs did not care to enter into controversy with his ex-employee and later on Commander Roper's letter was sent to the Conservative press and published with a great flourish. The whole proceeding was carried out in a partisan manner and in line with Hon. Mr. Lemieux's criticism.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux has made the position perfectly plain, both with regard to the naval progress of the Liberal government and Commander Roper. The latter from the first has been injudicious. After coming to Canada in 1910 he made a speech at Ottawa in which he undertook to defend the idea of a Canadian navy against the "tinpot navy" attacks of the Tories, which brought for him condemnation in parliament at the hands of Mr. Monk and other Conservative leaders. Canadian naval affairs progressed and in 1911 tenders for the construction in Canada of the nucleus of a fleet unit were invited, involving an expenditure of upwards of \$11,000,000. But immediately after that the imperial conference was on at London, and was followed by the election, forced by the decision of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to accept the Tory challenge and appeal to the people on the reciprocity question.

In these circumstances the Liberal government did not consider it the part of wisdom to let so great a contract in a matter regarding which there were grave party differences. Could the present government be suspected of such a generous course as postponing this immense contract under similar circumstances.

When Hon. Mr. Lemieux attacked the bona fides of this memorandum which he declared he had never seen or heard of, it was admitted by Hon.

Mr. Hazen that this report had been sent by Commander Roper to Admiral Kingsmill the day after the elections. Mr. Lemieux remarked that this was a very shady and shaky explanation. "Does it not look," said Hon. Mr. Lemieux, "as though Commander Roper were now anxious to support the admiralty policy of colonial tribute which has been so zealously undertaken by Mr. Borden rather than support the policy of a local fleet as proposed by the Liberal government, which engaged him?"

It is of interest to note that shortly after the Conservative government came to power, Commander Roper, who considered himself a sufficiently prominent naval officer to criticize the course of his employers, the Canadian government, was one of the applicants for the humble post of harbor master at Montreal—an unsuccessful candidate at that.

Hon. George E. Foster returned on August 20th from his tour as the commercial traveller of the Dominion. He started this trip on February 19th, when he left for Australia. During his journey he has visited New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan and has stopped off at various places. Mr. Foster's six months' journeying cannot be said to have resulted in much benefit to Canada. It has not widened our markets one inch. Mr. Foster has brought back no orders. The only apparent result of his long and expensive journey is a "prospect" from Australia. Possibly at some future time the Australians may agree to a mutual preference with Canada. As the Dominion's commercial traveller Hon. Geo. E. Foster can hardly be called a success. Undoubtedly, however, like Hon. Mr. Crothers, he has enjoyed a magnificent trip with a big expense account for the Dominion to pay.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Aug. 28.—Bryan calls Huerta's latest note encouraging. Lind may go back. Herald hears Huerta will yield. Congress praises President's message and adjourns until noon today.

Consideration of Currency Bill in caucus expected to be concluded Friday. Leaders plan House debate early next week. Caucus adopts section dealing with note issues and re-funding of government 2's and the amendment providing gold reserve instead of gold and lawful money.

New Haven's change in application for issue of six per cent. convertibles omitting mention of underwriting committee taker, as recognition of opposition to the commission. New Haven executive member of committee says amendment to application only a formality.

American Express Company appointed general European passenger agent of Union Pacific in important cities of Europe in effect Sept. 15.

Bankers estimate Oklahoma cotton condition at 50 to 60.

American stocks in London firm 1/2 to 3/4 up.

12 industrials declined .14.

20 active rails declined .35.

CONFERENCE OF INSPECTORS.

The semi-annual conference of school inspectors with the Chief Supt. of Education, opened here today with all the inspectors in attendance.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

WINDSOR HALL.

C. C. Corkin, St. John.  
F. R. Woods, Boston.  
M. E. Taylor, Boston.  
B. Herbert, Boston.  
John G. Bliss, Boston.  
L. Orr, Boston.  
Miss H. Studobaker, Decatur, Ind.  
Miss A. B. Morrison, Decatur, Ind.  
D. E. Studobaker, Decatur, Ind.  
I. M. Tompkins, St. John.  
R. B. Miller, City.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gilpin, Philadelphia, Pa.  
F. Eason, City.  
Miss McArthur, Riverside, N.B.  
W. Brenton, City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Boston.  
W. Matheson, Andover.  
A. J. Simms, Tampa, Fla.  
George Simms, Meductic.  
L. B. Clarke, Centerville.  
W. R. Belyea, St. John.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Abbott, New York.

KILLED BY BLOOD POISONING

Used an old razor for paring his corns. Foolish, because a 25c. bottle of Putnam's Corn Extractor will cure all the corns in a family for a year. Safe, because purely vegetable. Use only Putnam's Extractor, 25c. at all dealers.

COMPLAINT OF PLUMBER'S BEFORE C. SCHOOL BOARD

(Continued from page one)

ing of the schools would not be interfered with but that if the sanitary arrangements were not satisfactory at the end of the year, the trustees would effect changes. In view of this situation the trustees did not feel it to be their duty to again open up the matter.

In response to a letter from Prof. Harrison, the secretary will suggest to two or three of the teachers the advisability of qualifying in order to give instruction in the method of music now imparted to pupils in the city schools.

A LITTLE PREMATURE.

The secretary laid on the table voluminous correspondence and circulars from certain parties under the impression that a new school building is to be at once erected. A letter was also read from Architect Campbell, offering to submit plans and specifications for same.

Miss Anna L. Jackson of this city, applied for a school at Morrison Mill in the event of a vacancy there. Her name was added to the applicants list.

A lad from Marysville who in 1912 passed the entrance examination for High School asks permission now to enter. If the secretary can verify the statement he will be admitted.

Mr. Sharkey from the committee, explained the location of several lots in the west end of the city which were thought to be suitable for the erection of a new school building. Several sketches were submitted, showing the size and position of the lots, but the most desirable ones did not seem to be large enough. It was suggested that other sketches be obtained and that members visit the locality.

The chairman from the committee appointed to provide enlarged school accommodation, reported that the chemical department on the upper floor of the High School building had been transferred to a section in the basement and the vacated room is now fitted up for a class-room.

After considering the situation carefully it was, on motion of Mr. Spurden, decided to open an additional department for the accommodation of Grades V and VI and then re-adjust several of the other grades. The secretary is now making arrangements accordingly.

A number of bills were ordered to be paid and as other matters were not completed, including the appointment of another teacher, the meeting was adjourned to meet again next Tuesday.

WEDDED IN MONCTON.

Mr. Ivan McKnight of this city, the well known grocer of Regent street, was married last evening in Moncton to Miss Ada Snow of that place. Mr. Martin Horneastle of this city, was groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight will reside in Regent street.

FAREWELL GAME.

The Fredericton baseball team is making its farewell appearance on the local diamond at Scully's Grove this afternoon, when it is playing St. John. The batteries are, Fredericton—Morey and Murphy; St. John—Howard and Flaherty. The team will play at St. John Friday, Saturday and Labor Day. It will disband here Monday night.

THE GIRL WITH THE TAN

The hot Sun knows no pity for the skin that is fair and tender. The girl with the tan owes it to herself to quickly restore her skin to its natural clearness and ruddy glow. If you care at all about your personal appearance—and want to preserve and clarify your skin—you will appreciate

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Elder Flower and Witch Hazel Cream  
25 Cents a Bottle.

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John J. Weddall & Son

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25 Gal., 30 Gal., 35 Gal., 40 Gal.,  
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Our Prices on these Boilers are very Low.

Also Black Sheet Steel for making  
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George Y Dibblee

EVENINGS  
7.30 to 10.30

UNIQUE

MATINEES  
DAILY

TWO BIG WESTERN  
FEATURES - TODAY

GAIETY	GAIETY	GAIETY	GAIETY	GAIETY	GAIETY
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Breezy Western Drama "THE GIRL BACK EAST" Two fellows fall in love with a fickle and calculating girl. Both go west to seek their fortune. A story abounding with human interest.			Thrilling Photoplay "DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND" Eclipse Feature "BEHIND A MASK" A story of mystery, brimful of heart gripping sentiment.		
Educative Offering "THE LIFE OF A BUTTERFLY" Colored			Coming! Soon. Big Feature Drama "The Great Ocean Disaster"		
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