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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed." Premier Asquith.

STEWART HOLDS THE FORT.

While friends and opponents alike rejoice that the health of Premier Clarke has improved, there will be deep regret that there has been no improvement in his political methods. A year ago Premier Clarke sat in his place in the House and allowed two of his most unprincipled supporters to force through a resolution whitewashing ex-Premier Flemming after he (Flemming) had been condemned as a boodler by a Royal Commission.

Yesterday Premier Clarke sat in the House and allowed Speaker Melanson to rule out of order on a technicality Mr. Dugal's resolution declaring that Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, the convicted boodler of Gloucester, was not a fit and proper person to sit in the House. It was thought that the limit had been reached when the Flemming whitewash resolution was allowed to pass, but the action of the Premier and his followers yesterday in bowling out Mr. Dugal's resolution shows that they have been able to reach even a lower depth of political degradation.

The ground on which Speaker Melanson gave his most remarkable ruling—a ruling which, by the way, was heartily approved of by Premier Clarke—was that the Chandler report, on which Mr. Dugal based his resolution, had not yet been laid on the table of the House. Such a miserable quibble is unworthy of Premier Clarke and an insult to the intelligence of the people of this province, whose servant he is. In the first place, the report of Royal Commissioner Chandler has been in the hands of the Government for a period of nearly six months. More than three months ago copies of it were handed to the newspapers by Attorney General Baxter and published broadcast throughout the province. The very resolution moved by Mr. Dugal, embodied in its preamble copious extracts from the report which condemned Stewart in the strongest language. In the second place, the Legislature has been in session now for nearly four weeks, and if it was necessary, as alleged, to have the report on the table of the House before action could be taken, why was it not tabled during the early days of the session? What good reason can the Government advance for the delay? The only conclusion that the public can arrive at is that the Premier is afraid to deal with Stewart, and seized upon a technicality as a means of putting off the evil day as long as possible. As a political procrastinator the Premier is in a class by himself. The coterie of grafters and parasites now in control of affairs in this province are all tarred with the same stick. If one of the number is so unfortunate as to be caught with the goods, and the Government is forced by public opinion to make a show of doing something to purge the atmosphere, it is politely told that "if I go, you go too; we sink or swim together."

Words to this effect were used by an official of the Public Works Department when the Premier intimated to him a few weeks ago that his resignation would be in order, and he still holds his job, while the report of a Royal Commissioner who investigated charges against him is conveniently withheld by the Government. Mr. Stewart takes the same stand, and the Government outrages public opinion by knuckling to him. By its action of yesterday it declared in effect that Stewart is a fit and proper person to occupy a seat in the Legislature. This is the most charitable view that can be taken of yesterday's proceedings. Stewart may not be the highest type of legislator, but he is generally supposed to be quite as good as some others who occupy seats in the House. An investigation by a Royal Commission would undoubtedly prove this to be the case. Mr. Stewart has shown himself to be some class as a stand patter, and if he only continues to stand pat he will remain an M. P. until the end of the term, because the Government, for reasons we have stated, dare not disturb him. After all, Stewart is only one of forty-four members who bought their way into the House four years ago with money stolen from the people. There is no doubt that had Mr. Dugal's motion been a little broader and singled out all the mem-

bers in the House who should in the public interest be out of it, and the aforesaid members had refrained from voting on it, for personal reasons, the resolution would have been unanimously adopted. Thanks to Premier Clarke's intervention in his behalf, Stewart is still a member of the House and, like Marshall McMahon, on the tower of Malakoff, there he will remain—at least so long as the present corrupt and extravagant outfit is permitted to misrule the province and outrage public decency.

The St. John Board of Trade met last evening and after a vigorous discussion of the latest phase of the Valley Railway project adjourned until next week in order to have an opportunity to hear what the government has to say. Prominent Conservatives were at the meeting and several of them, including Mr. W. F. Hatheway, A. H. Wetmore and R. G. Murray, strongly denounced the proposal to have the road enter St. John by the west side. There is a feeling in St. John that the proposed Vancorb connection is nothing more than a scheme hatched by Gutelius to sidetrack Canada's winter port, and the people do not propose to stand for it.

The Provincial Government is never hard up for money when claims of political supporters are to be settled. For instance, the Government engineer reported that the contractors for the substructure of the St. John spandril arch bridge were entitled to \$675.56 for extras. What did the Government do? Did it act on the engineer's report? No. It paid the contractors \$10,200. As the Messrs. McVey hail from Charlotte county, it is presumed that Premier Clarke had a hand in arranging the terms of settlement.

MR. DONALD FRASER, SR.

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tion by fire about twelve years ago. The loss was a heavy one and the mill was not rebuilt. Shortly before its destruction the firm purchased a mill at Plaster Rock and have since operated it with great success.

In 1899 they established a mill at Cabano, Que., where they manufacture large quantities of deals for the Transatlantic trade.

The concern was ultimately formed into a stock company known as Donald Fraser & Sons, Ltd. Three subsidiary companies, the Fraser Lumber Company and the F. & M. Lumber Company and Fraser Limited were afterwards formed.

Donald Fraser & Sons, Ltd., own mills at Cabano and Gendyne, Que., and at Baker Brook, N.B. The Fraser Lumber Company owns and operates a mill at Plaster Rock; the F. & M. Lumber Company own and operate mills at Whitworth, Que., and Escourt, Que., while Fraser Limited have mills at Edmundston, Fredericton and the lately acquired Lynch mill at Nelson. The Victoria mill was purchased three years ago and at the same time the company opened general sales offices in this city, through which the enormous business of all their mills is transacted.

The Fraser concern had intended purchasing the Gibson Lumber property when it was on the market a few years ago, but gave up the idea. Soon afterwards they acquired the Murchie lumber interests at Edmundston. They purchased the Lynch property on the Miramichi only last year.

Mr. Fraser was a director of the F. & M. Lumber Company and president of the other three. He maintained an active interest in the business up to the time of his death.

A Great Career.

Old Scotia has given many splendid men to the Province of New Brunswick but none have filled such a position of usefulness and done so much to develop the resources of New Brunswick as the late Donald Fraser. From a humble beginning he came to be recognized as New Brunswick's foremost captain of industry, and his career was one which should prove an inspiration to the young men of this province. His business dealings were ever characterized by the strictest honesty and integrity, and he enjoyed the respect of all who knew him.

A man of generous impulses, he gave largely of his means for the promotion of religious and philanthropic purposes, and was a most generous contributor to the patriotic and Belgian funds.

In politics he was a staunch Liberal, and in religion a devout member of the Presbyterian church. During recent years he travelled a great deal and made frequent visits to the land of his birth. A few years ago he made an extended visit to the Antipodes, where his brothers, Archibald and James Fraser, reside.

The deceased gentleman was seventy-four years of age on the 5th of last February. He is survived by two sons, Archibald, of this city, and Donald, of Plaster Rock. Mrs. Fraser predeceased him by twenty years.

The hour of the funeral has not yet been announced, but it will probably be held on Tuesday afternoon, with services by Rev. Dr. Smith. Interment will be made in the family lot in the Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. J. D. Black is visiting friends in Bangor for a few weeks.

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A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if Cross, Sick, Feverish, Constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." It's action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs" which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

CUSTOMS RETURNS SHOW INCREASED DUTIES FOR YEAR

The customs returns for the last month and also for the first quarter of 1916 have been issued by Collector L. C. Macnutt, together with the returns for the fiscal year which closed yesterday. The returns show a decrease in duty collected last month compared with March 1915, but the returns for the quarter show a substantial increase. The year shows an increase in duty of upwards of \$20,000, but a decrease in value of imports of \$26,000. Inland revenue and war tax stamps sold during year were to the value of \$2,000.

Monthly Returns.

The monthly returns are: March, 1916—Free goods, \$883; dutiable, \$43,580; total value, \$44,463. The duty collected, \$9,290.74. March, 1915—Free goods, \$13,514; dutiable, \$81,899; total value, \$95,413. Duty collected, \$11,896.16.

Decrease in duty collected for March 1916 as compared with March 1915, \$2,605.42.

Quarterly Returns.

The quarterly returns are as follows:

Quarter ending March 31st, 1916—Free goods, \$7,658; dutiable, \$171,883; total value, \$179,541. Duty collected, \$28,782.63.

Quarter ending March 31st, 1915—Free goods, \$49,340; dutiable, \$127,960; total value, \$177,300. Duty collected, \$20,233.11.

Increase in duty collected for 1916 quarter as compared with corresponding quarter of 1915, \$8,549.52.

Annual Returns.

The annual returns are as follows: 1915-16—Free goods, \$51,373; dutiable, \$483,761; total value, \$535,134. Duty collected, \$90,095.21.

1914-15—Free goods, \$219,070; dutiable, \$342,049; total value, \$561,119. Duty collected, \$69,804.88.

Increase in duty collected for fiscal year ended March 31st, 1916, as compared with previous year, \$25,985.

Miscellaneous Returns.

The number of express parcels under \$50 value entered in year ending March 31st, 1916, was 2,526, as compared with 2,329 for year ending on March 31st, 1915.

The duty collected on these for 1915-16 was \$5,515.64, and the amount collected in the previous year was \$4,103.36, an increase for the past year of \$1,412.28.

The number of postal parcels received in the year ending March 31st, 1916, was 4,364, as compared with 4,390 the previous year, and the duty collected on the same in 1915-16 was \$2,215.35, and in 1914-15 \$2,341.36.

The number of freight and express manifests received in the year ending March 31st, 1916, was 3,222, and in the year previous 2,960, an increase of 256. Freight entries for 1915-16 numbered 2,146, as against 2,436 in 1914-15.

The value of inland revenue war tax stamps sold during the past fiscal year was \$2,000.38.

Five Children

Burned To Death

(Canadian Press) Scranton, Pa., April 1—Five children were burned to death early today in the fire which destroyed the home of Patrick Marion, in this city. The children ranged from thirteen months to ten years.

Our Annual Curtain Sale

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th and 5th.

SHOULD INTEREST EVERY CELESTIAL HOUSEKEEPER

We can only give details of a few items placed on sale during these two sale days, and many Bargains will be found which space will not permit us to mention. Carefully note these items

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| 1 Only, WHITE NET CURTAIN for Large Window, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, reg. \$4.00 for \$2.25. | 1 Pair Only, WHITE IRISH POINT CURTAINS, regular price \$5.50, for \$3.75. |
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| 3 Pairs WHITE NOVELTY NET CURTAINS, regular \$4.50, for \$2.98 pair. | 2 Pairs WHITE NOVELTY NET CURTAINS, regular \$5.95 pair, for \$3.75. |
| 2 Pairs CREAM SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.85 pair, for \$4.65. | 2 Pairs CREAM SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$7.50, for \$4.95 pair. |
| 4 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$5.50, on sale \$3.25 pair | |
| 3 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.50, on sale \$3.85 pair | |
| 2 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.85, on sale \$4.25 pair | |

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25 PER CENT DISCOUNT off all Colored Madras (excepting plain colors).
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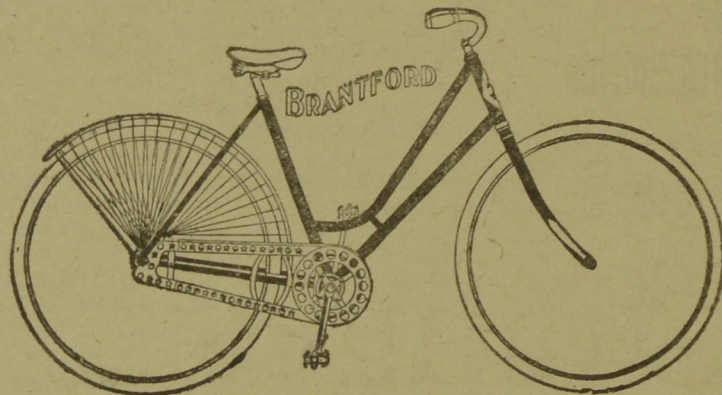
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A PUBLIC MEETING of all interested in Temperance will be held in Fredericton on THURSDAY, April 6th, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of organizing a Branch of the Provincial Alliance for York County.

All Churches, Sunday Schools and Temperance Organizations are requested to send delegates, and any person interested in the present Prohibition movement is invited to attend.

A Mass Meeting will be held in the City Hall on the evening of the same day, commencing at 8 o'clock, to be addressed by several prominent speakers, including Rev. W. D. Wilson, the new Field Secretary of the Provincial Alliance. All are invited to attend.
C. FLEMINGTON,
Secretary.

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Comparative Statement.

The customs collections for the past eight years were as follows:
1908-09\$54,457.53
1909-1058,730.85
1910-1150,204.38
1911-1256,728.21
1912-1385,587.36
1913-1475,421.50
1914-1569,804.88
1915-1690,095.21

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