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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.

REAL OFFICERS AND "URGERS"

The best recruiting can be done by the men who have been at the front, or are ready to go. Splendid work has been done by civilians here and at other places, not only in recruiting men, but raising money for patriotic purposes, but the young men whom the country expects to wear the uniform, will listen best to the officers who have been to the front or have trained and are ready to go.

It is absurd for a recruiting officer to simply wear a uniform and give the young men an impression that he is for overseas service, when in reality he is not attached to any battalion. When intending recruits learn the difference they hesitate and postpone their decision. On the battlefield men will go where their officers lead, and in the field of recruiting the officer who makes the call for service to their country must be able to say, "I have done what I could," or "I am ready," and name the battalion to which he is attached.

Many letters were sent out by the recruiting committee in St. John to young men whose names were handed in as among those who should join the colors. Many mistakes were made. Some of those who received the letter had done their best to enlist, but had been turned down for one reason or another; others would have been exempt for family reasons, while many needed such an appeal to bring their duty home to them. But of this latter class there were many who resented the appeal and sent sharp personal replies stating that when the recruiting officer did his duty, or when a young staff captain or an ex-artillery colonel very prominent in public life, led the way and showed that they were ready to do their duty overseas, then it would be time enough to remind private citizens of their responsibility.

We do not think the excuse of these men was valid. No man can shirk his responsibility by saying someone else has not done his duty, but the efforts of recruiting committees should not be hampered or nullified by any "make believe" soldiers while there are enough of the real stuff in khaki—officers and privates—at home to do the work.

THE NEED OF A STRONG MAN.

There never was as great a need in any province for a strong, independent Auditor General as there is in New Brunswick at the present time.

Some years ago, when the brother-in-law of Mr. Loudon, the present Auditor General, was Governor of this province, he did dare to protest against expenditures made by the administration, and the correspondence between him and the treasury board was published in his report. Since 1912, however, there has not been a word of protest from the man who is supposed to stand guard over the treasury box of the people.

His powers of audit are very large. He can inquire into prices and charges and is supposed to detect any attempt to cheat the people.

How can he ever defend the charge of over thirty cents per barrel and twenty cents per bag for sorting and packing the patriotic potatoes?

How can he explain an over-payment of \$500 to the Gleaner, Ltd., in 1913, and a refund of this amount in 1914? Did he exact any interest for the use of the money?

These are but trifles compared with some of the expenditures. We need a strong man as Auditor General, a man who cannot be coerced, a man who is bold enough to say what he thinks and in whom all the people of New Brunswick will have confidence.

B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., has been added to the Committee on Agriculture. This was a happy thought on Hon. Mr. Murray's part. There is no sense being Acting Premier unless you can help out your friends. It is said that Mr. Smith has discovered a new variety of potato and has named it "Patriotic." Patriotic potatoes were popular and profitable last year—who knows but the luck may stick to them! There is, of course, the possibility that another variety called "Conscience"

may even prove more popular. It is said that the Minister of Agriculture has had experiments made with this tuber and that it was difficult to persuade his deputy, Mr. Danduff, and his chief buyer, Mr. Smith, of its excellence. But perseverance works wonders.

As our old friend Mr. Pinder seems to be of an enquiring turn of mind just now, how would it do for him to use his influence as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and have the searchlights turned on the expenditures for the new draw-span of the Fredericton highway bridge? This work cost something like \$80,000, and Mr. Pinder is said to have expressed the opinion that it could have been done for half that sum. He might at least find out what it cost per day to carry water from a spring below the Parliament buildings for the use of the men employed on the job. It will be remembered that the heaven-born statesmen now ruling the province, when in opposition promised that all public works would be let by tender. Mr. Pinder might find out why the tender system was not followed in the case of the highway bridge job.

ON THE SIDE.

March winds—raw, raw raw.

That election pill was hard to swallow.

Spring is reconnoitering and presently will make a serious attempt to break through.

What this world needs is a compromise between the wild March winds and spring's ethereal mildness.

The Bois des Corbeaux, the "wood of the crows," will merit its designation after the battle.

Henry, after one look at the fjords of Norway, decided he couldn't compete, and beat it home.

Being "dead in love" is a habit that somehow never proves fatal. The really "deadly" part comes after marriage.

When a man says he's "sorry, dear," he doesn't mean that he's sorry he tried to kiss you, but that he's sorry he didn't succeed.

Sometimes a girl's only vital reason for wanting to get married is that she hates to see the fascinating boudoir cap which somebody gave her for Christmas utterly wasted.

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SENATOR CLORAN
WANTS INFORMATION

Ottawa, March 14—In the Senate tonight Senator Cloran of Montreal, moved for a return showing the names of all employees of enemy race, by birth or extraction, in the federal service, and also for the names of Canadian subjects in the public service of the enemy nations.

The Senator said that German prisoners had been encouraged to escape from the internment camp at Amherst, N.S., by the commanding officer of the camp. He said he had many letters on the subject since he had brought it up before, one from "a friend of Canada" in the United States, warning him not to put all the blame on the guards because there are others outside the camp who are worse traitors. He would give names if the government desired them. Senator Cloran also said a prominent resident of New Brunswick for several months, had watched the shipment of war material from Humphrey's Mills, N.B., to the Militia Department at Ottawa, and had been communicating the information to the head of the Huns at St. John and Halifax.

The motion for the return was adopted.

Mr. R. O'Leary of Richibucto, is at the Queen.

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THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE FOR
PROHIBITION BILL?

Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary of the N. B. Alliance, is meeting with very satisfactory success in his work of organizing branches of the Alliance in every constituency in the province and is obtaining signatures to the Alliance pledge from voters to support only those candidates in the coming election who are supporters of the Prohibition Bill approved by the Alliance.

It is understood that strenuous efforts are being made by the liquor interests to have introduced into the bill a clause requiring a three-fifths majority or some other equally unreasonable proposition. It is hardly to be expected, however, that the legislators of New Brunswick can be persuaded to endorse a principle that has been discarded by other provinces but will give to the people the same right that the Legislature itself enjoys of deciding legislation by majority vote.

GOVERNOR BLACK
PLAYS MANY PARTS

George Black, Commissioner of the Yukon, a former Fredericton man, has been attracting some attention in the House of Commons. Relating the debate in which his name cropped up, the Ottawa Free Press says:

Yonder in the faraway Yukon is a real potentate of positions before whom the mythical Pooh-Bah pales. Charles A. Wilson, of Laval, discovered him while parliament was in supply last night. Mr. Wilson is a K. C. as well as an M. P. He has a thirst for knowledge and a habit of exercising it through cross-examination. He got Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, and Dr. Thompson, member for the Yukon, on the parliamentary witness stand while the estimates of the land of snow and gold were under consideration. When he got through with them he had discovered a reality which shames the amateurish comic-opera creation of Gilbert and Sullivan. Canada's Pooh Bah is George Black, Conservative, of Dawson City.

"It appears," commented Mr. Wilson, at the conclusion of his quest, "that this gentleman is commissioner, interim judge, public administrator, prosecutor, clerk of the court, sheriff, jailor, policeman and hangman."

"Not all at the same time," protested Dr. Thompson artlessly. He admitted that Mr. Black held a number of positions. It was true that he was judge, clerk of the court and public administrator, but he didn't act in all these capacities at one and the same time. He circled round, as it were.

"On a rotation schedule?" hinted Dr. Pugsley in dulcet tones. The member for St. John understood that he couldn't be clerking when he was judging, and couldn't be public administering when he was judging and clerking.

Dr. Thompson was annoyed. Liberal members, he protested, were so hard to satisfy. They demanded economy. When the government sought to economize by "merging a number of offices" they attacked from a new quarter. "I admit that in normal times this state of affairs would not be permitted to exist," said he, "but the basic reason for it is economy."

"Mr. Wilson could not understand

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the idea of justice which permitted one man "to be judge, prosecutor, policeman and hangman."

Dr. Pugsley characterized the situation as "disgraceful."

"Does he announce himself when he changes from one position to another?" queried Dr. Pugsley.

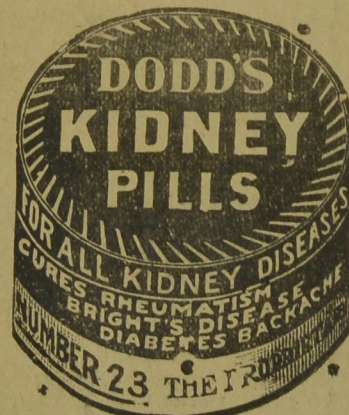
Neither the minister nor Dr. Thompson deigned a reply, but the item stood over.

It rather looks as if there has been a mix-up in reference to the above. The acting judge of the Yukon court, our former townsman, Mr. John Black, uncle of the Commissioner, and he is also clerk of the court and legal adviser to the Yukon Commissioner.

A tight man and a loose dog are equally dangerous.

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