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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

## PARTIOTIC POTATOES.

Mr. E. S. Carter, the energetic Opposition organizer, who is directing the Opposition campaign in Carleton, has placed the cards on the table face upward with respect to the notorious patriotic potato deal. His speech at Centreville on Friday evening was a powerful indictment of the Government, and low personal abuse of the Opposition organizer cannot becloud the issue. The independent voters of Carleton county, the greatest potato growing country in Canada, cannot fail to take heed of the facts so skillfully marshalled and placed before them by Mr. Carter. Hon. Mr. Murray and Hon. B. F. Smith, in their speeches in the Carleton campaign, have found it necessary to make reference to the patriotic potato transaction. They have complained that the Opposition, instead of preferring definite charges, have dealt in insinuations. The ground has been pretty effectively knocked from under them by Mr. Carter's speech. Here is the way in which Mr. Carter puts the case, and every statement which he makes can be supported by hard-fisted facts:

"I charge that that feeling of loyalty was used to make a profit and outrageous overcharges, particularly for B. Frank Smith and his business associates and political friends.

"I further charge that the responsibility for this rests upon the government of the day, and especially upon B. Frank Smith, now a member of the government, and Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, and his deputy, J. B. Daggett.

"I also charge that the large sum of money authorized by the Governor was lavishly spent and much of it was wasted; that false information and contradictory answers were given in the Legislature from time to time to mislead the people; that the accounts of the province were held open for nearly two months to close the potato account and to receive money for sales of potatoes that had been made and were paid for from eight to ten months previously.

"I charge further that thousands of barrels of these potatoes bought and paid for by the people of New Brunswick to succor suffering Belgians were permitted to rot in the warehouses of St. John or were peddled around the streets of that city—sold for a mere song—and what were not hauled to the hog pens in Lancaster were eventually shipped to Cuba and taken from port to port in the West Indian market to find a sale.

"I charge that B. Frank Smith took advantage of a letter of credit given the bank at Florenceville by his friend, the Deputy Minister, J. B. Daggett, to ship thousands of barrels of potatoes more than were asked for to be paid for by the first warrant of \$75,000, and that 18 carloads of these potatoes arrived at St. John in a condition unfit for handling and shipment, being heated and soft, and were rejected by the inspector, Leslie Slipp.

"I further charge in connection with this that Deputy J. B. Daggett and B. Frank Smith insisted on these rejected potatoes being received, and they were taken into the warehouses and were largely lost, but that no refund was made by Smith or others for this loss. There is not a word or a line in the Auditor General's reports for either 1915 or 1916 to show that B. Frank Smith either refunded one cent or one dollar or rebated his profit of ten cents per barrel on 11,946 barrels—the so-called "surplus stock"—he shipped over and above the first order.

"I charge that because of this greed of Smith and his business associates, A. C. Smith & Co., to make profit out of the loyalty of the people, and their haste to ship potatoes so early that

they rotted, the poor people of Belgium—the starving children of the men and women who had sacrificed their lives, their homes and their country to save England and France from the horrors of the Germans—were deprived of that food and assistance so necessary to them."

This patriotic potato transaction was handled by the Government of New Brunswick in a disgraceful and scandalous manner. It is sufficient to condemn the Government in the eyes of all honest and right-thinking men, and in exposing the matter to the light of day Mr. Carter has rendered a public service which should never be forgotten. Mr. Carter puts the whole case in a nutshell when he says: "I know how serious these charges are and were I not able to prove them I would have no justification for saying that which should make it impossible for B. Frank Smith or James A. Murray to remain in public life." There is not the slightest doubt in the world that, given a chance before a proper tribunal, Mr. Carter can prove every statement he makes, right up to the hilt.

## A WHACK AT BAXTER.

Hon. B. Franklin Smith, in a speech at Hartland, is reported to have said: "My only son is fighting in the trenches in France or Flanders. He enlisted and went across the seas, not without causing some sacrifice to himself and his home. He never wore the uniform of the King until he enlisted for service at the front, and didn't earn money from the militia of this country during peace times, parading about the country and then, when war broke out, sink into civilian clothes."

It rather looks as if the Honorable B. Franklin was taking a fling at his colleague, Lieut. Colonel the Honorable John Babington Macaulay Baxter, who commanded the 3rd Regiment of Canadian Artillery in ante-bellum days. If the relations between these eminent war politicians is not already strained they are apt to be when the gallant ex-colonel reads the report of Mr. Smith's speech.

The graft newspapers are publishing extracts from the report of the Central Railway Commission. Why don't they get down to modern times and give their readers some extracts from the report of the Royal Commission which investigated the timber land steal and the Valley Railway graft. It is the present Government which is on trial in Carleton and not the administration which went out of office by the will of the people in 1908.

Premier Clarke and his colleagues have in private conversation denounced Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, yet they are permitting this mental and moral phenomenon to take an active part in the Carleton by-election. As the man on the street would express it, "they are certainly a nice bunch."

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming has delivered another speech in the Carleton campaign, but the published reports show that he once more skated over the letter which Hon. H. F. McLeod, M. P., prepared for publication and which he declared was "absolutely of public importance."

## ON THE SIDE.

And now both flour and potatoes are taking a rise out of us.

We don't mind hearing a hymn or two at a Sunday band concert.

Bakers may fix the price of bread and rolls, but the price of a bun is still controlled by the police.

Most of us are becoming firmly convinced that the best way to pursue happiness is in a nautomobile.

Some of us are now beginning to notice that a Bulgar is not a burglar—and some don't know why they want an 'I' in either of the words.

If truth crushed to earth shall rise again there ought to be a noise like a million aeroplanes in Carleton county soon.

A subtle wa yto persuade a girl to do anything beneath her is to start out by telling her how far above such things we know she really is.

A woman marries a man for the comfort of leaning on his manly strength—and then learns to love him for the boyish weaknesses which make him lean on her for comfort.

Somebody has hit upon a more or less bright plan to shorten the ten commandments. How would it do to lengthen the memories of those who should recollect them?

There are young men who can dance a summer night right down to sunrise without tiring, and yet if the boss were to ask one of them to put in an extra half hour the little thing would sweat that work was killing him.

**FIGHTING NEW YORK'S SCOURGE.**  
Measures to Guard School Children Against Infantile Paralysis.

New York, Sept. 10.—On account of the infantile paralysis epidemic, extraordinary pains will be taken to clean and disinfect the class rooms of all New York public schools before pupils

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DECORATION DAY WAS  
OBSERVED YESTERDAY

Knights of Pythias Turned Out at Marysville—Sons of England in City.

The decoration day proceedings at Marysville yesterday afternoon by the Knights of Pythias were very impressive. Members of Marysville Lodge, No. 18, Marshall Company, No. 9, Uniform Rank, and members of Fredericton Lodge, No. 6, assembled at 2.30 and, headed by the Kilties' pipers, proceeded to the Methodist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Harrison preached a very able, instructive and interesting sermon. After the service the Knights marched to the Methodist Cemetery, where the graves of four departed brethren were decorated, Mr. A. D. Macpherson reading the impressive decoration service, while Mr. Bert Denison acted as prelate.

The procession then went to the Baptist cemetery, where the graves of two departed members were decorated. The dismissal at the hall was very interesting. Mr. A. D. Macpherson acted as chairman. On motion of Lt. Col. Gray, seconded by Capt. Clayton, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to members of Fredericton Lodge and the Kilties' band for having helped to make the turnout the success it was.

Mr. Ernest A. McKay, on behalf of his lodge, replied, while Piper Farquharson replied on behalf of the Kilties.

**Sons of England.**  
Yesterday the Sons of England drove to the Rural, the Old and Forest Hill cemeteries, as is their custom each year, to keep in memory their departed brethren. Flags and roses were placed upon the graves with an appropriate prescribed burial service from the Grand Lodge.

At Forest Hill the graves of the late Canon Roberts and the late Postmaster Hilyard were included.

## DEATH AT HARVEY STATION.

John Pagan, a Former Resident of St. John and Fredericton.

John Pagan, who for some time past has made his home at the residence of his brother-in-law, Councillor Robert Thompson, Harvey Station, died there on Wednesday after a few days' illness of paralysis.

In early life deceased resided in St. John and afterwards in Fredericton. Forty-two years ago he came with his family to Tweedside, where he carried on farming and trading for some time. He afterwards moved to Harvey Station, built a store and carried on business for a few years.

He is survived by two sons, John T. and Frederick Pagan, of New York. He was in the 77th year of his age.

pils are allowed to enter them on the 25th inst.

Under a new plan evolved by the school and health authorities the walls will be sprayed with oil.

## First Showing of 1916 Furs

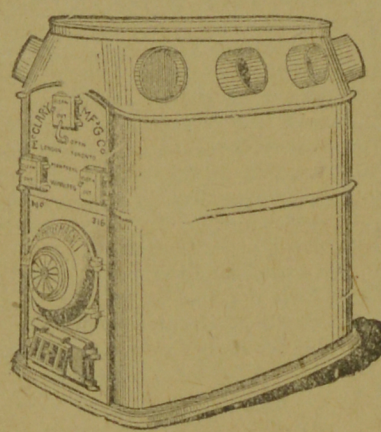
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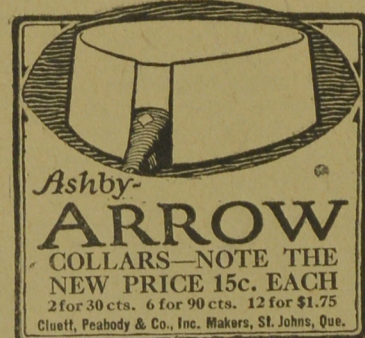
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