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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.

THE YORK CONVENTION.

All those who are opposed to the methods of the present Provincial Government should rally in force at the Opera House next Saturday afternoon to nominate four candidates for the Legislative Assembly. The great county of York has been rather unfortunate in its representation for several years past, and the electors are clamoring for a change; and the opinion prevails among Liberals as well as Conservatives that it cannot come too soon. It is certainly not in the interests of a constituency to have its elected representatives pulling three or four different ways and constantly squabbling over patronage matters. The men who represent York county today, although they give a slavish support to an incompetent and corrupt administration, are scarcely on speaking terms. When such a condition of affairs prevails, and every intelligent man knows that it does prevail, the public interests must necessarily suffer. It is certainly time for a change, and if one can read the signs of the times there is going to be a change. The honest electors of the county of York, in these days of self-sacrifice, are not in a mood to give quarter to the self-seekers, grafters and political bandits who control their affairs at the present time. It is clearly the duty of every man who has the interests of the country at heart to attend the convention on Saturday and assist in the selection of four candidates who will worthily represent the interests of this noble county in the Legislative Assembly.

CLOTHING AND SHOES.

We are told that Hon. A. E. Kemp is entitled to knighthood because our soldiers are, by his efforts, "well clothed and well shod," says the Toronto Star. But are they well shod? If they are, why is it that they do not get supplied with Canadian shoes for wear in France? The fact is, we are told, that except for a few hundred pairs which were sent over for trial, no Canadian shoes, up to a recent date, had gone to France. The reason is that the Imperial authorities do not think our soldiers would be "well shod" on the cobble roads of France if they wore the Canadian shoes. If this be true, then Mr. Kemp's title should be conferred for some other reason than that which has been given.

As for "well clothed," says the Star, we have an interesting letter from a member of the quartermaster's staff of one of the Canadian battalions now overseas. He says that all the uniforms supplied in Canada to his battalion and others were discarded on arrival at Bramshott as not being up to the Imperial standard. Our inquiries regarding this extraordinary statement have elicited the explanation that it must mean the War Office considers that the Canadian uniforms are rather small for service. They are "cut to the figure," whereas the War Office thinks they should be looser. We do not know how this may be, but if there is a difference of opinion between the Imperial authorities and Ottawa as to clothing and shoes, and in consequence quantities of these articles must be bought for our troops in England, would it not be wise to get together? If the Imperial authorities have the last word as to what our soldiers ought to wear, we think Mr. Kemp might find out exactly what is needed, so it can all be made in Canada. Meantime, suppose we allow the title to stand over for the present.

Winnipeg Tribune: August 6 was the first anniversary of the general election in this province which returned the Norris government to power,

but nobody remembered the date because there was not enough of a fight to fix it in the public mind. On that day the electors of Manitoba, with virtual unanimity, vested the Norris Government with power and authority; and everything that has happened since tends to confirm them in their conviction as to the wisdom of their action. Apart from a sorry, malignant, insignificant, powerless rump of the old Roblin party, there is universal thankfulness that Mr. Norris is at the wheel in Manitoba.

Canon Scott Holland, in a note in the July Commonwealth, with the heading "Peace and Ireland," says: "On our knees we pray for Ireland. Surely we have been through the fire of bitter and cruel humiliation. We have been placarded before our Allies, before our dominions, before our foes, as once more holding rebel Ireland down by fire and sword. We thought we were past all that shame. We had done so much; yet still the old sins bore their dreadful fruitage. If only it may be the last! If only now we can win our way to peace! All our pride is broken. We desire only one thing—reconciliation. We dare not stand out for free peoples and not have our own Ireland free to herself."

The local graft organ announced last week that Hon. P. G. Mahoney was about to resign the portfolio of Public Works. It is evident that the graft organ is either not in close touch with the government, or that there has been a hitch somewhere. At last accounts Hon. P. G. Mahoney was still holding on to his job.

ON THE SIDE.

Now we'll have to do without a ride-out.

Perhaps we made too many of the force walk-out.

In Wall Street recently motor stocks have been backfiring.

Imagination spends more money than any other nation.

"Burns Up \$250 in Bills." Must have tried to buy a pair of shoes for a lady.

Train your dog not to look too much like a wolf when he goes in the woods.

And there are still people willing to believe there are wolves in the Bay of Fundy and sharks in the N. B. forests.

Come to think of it we have heard a great deal of and on about timber land sharks.

There are moments in these moonlit nights when a man cannot help wishing he were young.

It strikes us that it is almost cool enough for the girls to put away their summer furs.

Perhaps it was wrong to issue so many walking tickets before we were sure of a ride out.

The weather may be spoiling the potato crop, but we'll bet it won't do a thing to the price.

The Russians have struck the Austrians a terrible blow on the Upper Lipa, which has caused them to abandon a large Stripa territory.

And now we're beginning to have doubts about that Red Riding Hood incident. Come to think of it, it was just about that time Mother Hubbard returned and found her dog dead.

WOLF STORY EXPLAINED.

A Citizen Who Once Had Two Dogs Now Has But One.

(St. John Telegraph.)

A citizen who had two huge dogs last Saturday missed them both on Sunday morning, and on Monday night one of them returned—alone. It is possible that they were the "wolves" seen by another citizen at French Village on Sunday. One was shot.

The dogs are believed to have gone away on the trail of a deer. They were kind and harmless, but they were so big and so formidable looking that the average city man encountering one in the woods might well mistake them for wild animals and think them dangerous.

At all events, unless the second dog comes home, the owner will decide that his big pet died as a "wolf."

There are no wolves in New Brunswick so far as is known, and hunters say that the wolf in summer is a shy animal which gives man a wide berth.

BAND CONCERT.

Programme to be Played at Parliament Square This Evening.

The Fredericton Brass Band will render the following programme in Parliament Square this evening:

O Canada.
March—National Emblem—Luscomb Selection—Bohemian Girl—Balfie.
Waltz—Sunshine and Shadow.
March—Invincible—Ruth.
Serenade—A Night in June (by request)—Allen.
Descriptive—A Hunting Scene (by request)—Baccolosi.
Waltz—Sweet and Shy—The Mother of Widow Macree; (b) Good Luck, Good-bye and Good Bless You.
March—The Gladiator's Farewell.
God Save the King.
G. H. Offen, bandmaster.

B. FRANKLIN SMITH
CONFERS WITH PREMIER

Patriotic Potato Hero is Striking Out for the Portfolio of Public Works.

Woodstock, Aug. 15.—Reports, rumors and surmises are in the air concerning B. Frank Smith and the government. He was hurriedly sent for Sunday night, and rushed here from Florenceville to catch the early train for McAdam. He returned at noon after a conference with Premier Clarke, and was met by his advisory board, J. C. Hartley, George Balmain, W. S. Sutton and others. They immediately went into session and it is said that Smith informed them he was offered the office of Minister of Agriculture and was very forcibly advised not to take it, and so informed the Premier at Sackville.

Then he was tendered the portfolio of Public Works, which he would accept under certain conditions.

He declines to be in the government with Premier Clarke at the helm, and the Premier and his friends are pressing Governor Wood to resign at once, when the Premier will be appointed to fill the Governor's chair and thus be out of the way.

Smith's friends say it is a case now where the place seeks the man and not the man the place, and they are rejoicing that such is the case. They say that when Morrissey was put out Smith wanted the job, but on account of his record in the patriotic potato business he was turned down.

The Conservatives will hold a convention next week to nominate two candidates, one of whom will be Smith, if matters get straightened out. There are numerous aspirants for the second place, and a fight is promised before a selection is made.

There are some amusing incidents in connection with the mix-up. Smith has been running over the county ordering road work to be opened up on a scale never before heard of. Kilburn Currie is said to have been especially instructed to start work on the Houlton road; and when he mentioned the scarcity of men for such a big undertaking he was told to get men no matter what the cost.

If the warring factions get squared away and an election is brought on, the potato hero will find out that he is up against the stiffest proposition he has ever encountered in his political career.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD" AT
OPERA HOUSE LAST NIGHT

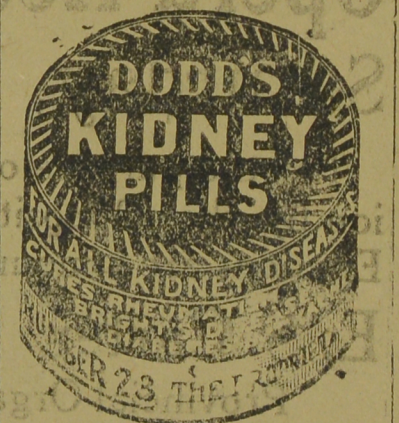
Popular Rural Play Made Great Hit With Large Audience Last Evening.

The delightful old New England drama, "The Old Homestead," was put on at the Opera House by the Urban Stock Company last night before a large audience. It was an admirable production and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The stage settings were most appropriate and the cast was an exceptionally strong one. The musical and other specialties were of a high order and were repeatedly enjoyed.

This evening the company will put on the world famous comedy drama, "Nearly Married," by Edgar Selwyn. This play had a year's steady run at the Cohan and Harris Gaiety Theatre, New York, drawing crowded houses nightly. If you want to enjoy a good laugh, go and see it. Reserved seats at Ryan's drug store.

Horse Racing Today.

There is a large number of people in the city today to attend the horse races. This morning Pipers Farquharson, Hayter and Stewart, of the 236th Battalion, were driven about in a motor car to advertise the race meeting. Bingen Light, a St. John horse, is the only entry which did not reach Fredericton. The 2.20 pace and 2.19 trot are on this afternoon, and the 2.28 trot and free-for-all come off tomorrow.



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