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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.

PATRIOTIC POTATOES.

The members of the Government and its subsidized press are having a hard time explaining the notorious potato deal. The scandal in connection with the patriotic efforts will not down. There have been explanations galore from Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. B. Frank Smith, the Minister of Public Works, and Mr. J. B. Daggett, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, but the atmosphere still remains unclear.

Now the St. John Standard comes forward with a tabulated statement which pretends to give the particulars of the sale of "surplus potatoes." It is described as a "certified copy of collections made by A. C. Smith & Co. on account of potatoes sold by New Brunswick Government." The name of the Auditor General appears as the party who certified to this remarkable statement, but he of course had nothing to do with the purchase or sale of potatoes, in fact he never even saw them. Now, the statement of "surplus potatoes" as published in the last Auditor General's report gives the total as 13,712 barrels. The return made by A. C. Smith & Co. shows a total of 16,351 barrels. Only 11,351 barrels, according to the statement, were disposed of in Halifax and Cuba, and we are given to understand that the philanthropic firm of A. C. Smith & Co. (a firm now in liquidation) purchased the alleged balance of 5,000 barrels and paid \$1.30 per barrel for them. They were also good enough to purchase the culls in "job lots" and for these are alleged to have paid \$863.69. The Auditor General's report shows that these generous souls sold potatoes to the Government for patriotic purposes, 292 barrels at 80 cents, and 290 at \$1.10, and the public is now asked to believe that to help the Government out of a hole they bought them back for \$1.30 per barrel. About the only evidence there is to support this claim is that the firm is now in liquidation, and if they employed the business methods attributed to them it is not to be wondered at.

But there is another side to the potato sale to A. C. Smith & Co. It will be remembered that Hon. John Morrissey in his now famous letter to Premier Clarke, quoted Hon. Dr. Landry as stating to him that the books of the province were being kept open for a refund or payment of \$10,000 on the patriotic potato account. Now, let us see how much A. C. Smith & Co. are alleged to have "refunded." Here are the items as taken from the Standard's statement:

Sold to A. C. Smith & Co., St. John, 5,000 bbls. at \$1.30... \$6,500.00
Proceeds of culls sold to A. C. Smith & Co., job lots... 863.69
Shortage on turn out of cars in final packing, paid by A. C. Smith & Co., on acct of B. F. Smith... 2,375.70
Total... \$9,739.39

Now, if we add to the above the item of \$602.50 refunded by the C. P. R. on account of demurrage, which is omitted from the Standard's statement, we have a total of \$10,341.89. There is nothing in the statement to show on what date the amount was paid over to the Government, but the facts strongly support Hon. John Morrissey's version of the conversation he had with Hon. Dr. Landry, and it is further strengthened by evidence, which is now a matter of common knowledge, that the firm of A. C. Smith & Co. was in hard financial straits at the time. The details of the patriotic potato transaction certainly justified the local graft organ in stating a short time ago that "B. Frank Smith had already brought trouble enough on the party."

A graft newspaper intimates that Mr. R. J. Arnill, who recently made public some interesting information in

regard to a booting transaction, is non compos mentis. The same might be said of Mr. Luther B. Smith and Mr. E. L. Merrithew, each of whom came across with an amount equal to that which Mr. Arnill found it necessary to flash up. It is certainly difficult to believe that in this enlightened age three men can be found possessing a complete mental equipment, who would contribute \$2,500 to a graft newspaper merely out of friendship.

St. John Times: The temperance people of New Brunswick have been urged to support the present Government because of its attitude upon the liquor question. In Westmorland, and now in Carleton county, the Government party, the party which held up the liquor dealers for a large fund, has taken in large quantities of liquor to debauch the electorate. What do the temperance men of the province think of such a party and its appeals?

Conservative heelers in Carleton county are going about the county blaming Colonel H. F. McLeod, M. P., for the present troubles of the party. Colonel McLeod has a brother-in-law in Carleton who is an active worker for B. F. Smith. One would expect him to resent the insidious attacks being made upon a relative who is overseas doing his bit for the Empire.

Chatham World (Con.): The Bowser government has been badly defeated in British Columbia, and it deserved its fate. The New Brunswick Government will be the next to go. The people will not endorse the Flemming black-mail conspiracy nor the men who condoned the offence and whitewashed the offender. They will have to go, even as the Bowser government has gone.

It is quite useless for Hon. Mr. Murray to try to evade the charges made in regard to the patriotic potato deal. Everybody knows why the government refused to order an enquiry. It was "a rotten deal" in more ways than one.

The Government heelers are claiming that they have a cinch in the Carleton county by-election. All the same emissaries are going about the province collecting a bootie fund. Actions sometimes speak louder than words.

Mr. Harry Woods, M. P. P., is reported to be doing some missionary work in Aroostook county. He is conducting a hunt for potato diggers who have votes in Carleton county.

The people of British Columbia last week defeated a Tory government and adopted prohibition and woman suffrage. Certainly this was a good day's work.

It rather looks at this distance as if the Opposition have the bootlers' brigade in Carleton county thoroughly frightened.

The "old flag" does not appear to be a potent factor in war time elections for the Conservative party.

ON THE SIDE.

You can't push ahead by merely patting yourself on the back.

The summer garden fades, alas, and life goes back to market sass.

The Greek cabinet can do more totter than the price of sugar.

No man ever got a real pain in the back from carrying his neighbor's burdens.

Some men are so mean that they even refuse to let their wives have the last word.

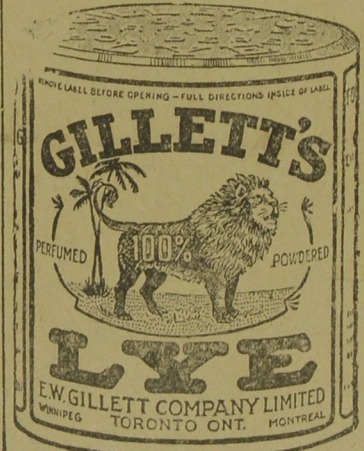
Demitrapopoulos, Kalageropoulos—now do you know why things are wobbly in Greek politics?

You may fool the insurance doctor as to how many drinks you take per day, but it is harder to keep the truth from the undertaker.

Plenty of people will tell you how to live, but dying is a thing each person has to get through with all by himself.

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CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Casualties among Maritime men with the Canadians at the front are reported as follows:

Engineers.
Wounded—Corp. Andrew Phillips, Upper Kintore, N. B.

Artillery.
Wounded—Bombardier M. Masson, Newcastle, N. B.

Infantry.

Wounded—Duncan McKay, Grand River, C. B.; Corp. Robt. M. Gillespie, Maccan, N. S.; Pte. R. Snelling, Moncton; Pte. F. McKenzie, Glace Bay, N. S.; Pte. Alexander Mackenzie, Glace Bay; Pte. N. J. McNeill, Glace Bay.

*Killed in action—Pte. Jean Baptist, St. Louis, Kent County, N. B.

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WHY IS THIS?

The following is from a recent Militia order:

*Military District No. 6—18th Infantry Brigade. To be brigade major, Lt. Col. E. F. McNeil, from the reserve of officers, vice Lieut. Col. C. A. Andrews, who reverts to the reserve of officers on expiration of his tenure of appointment. March 20, 1916.

Lieut. Col. Andrews is now in Fredericton, attached to the 236th Battalion, and holds the rank of sergeant. He is still a young man and there is some surprise that he has not been given a commission with an overseas unit.

MARYSVILLE COUNCIL

HAD WARM SESSION

Marysville, Sept. 19.—At a special meeting of the Marysville Town Council held in the lockup last night, a hot discussion arose in reference to the condition of the roads, also to the over-expenditure on the same. On motion, Ald. Horace Pugh was removed from the chairmanship of the Road Committee and Ald. Stewart was appointed, the change to take place at once. Wellington Estabrooks was dismissed from the office of Road Commissioner, Harry Stephenson was appointed health officer, at a salary of \$25 a year.

It was a warm session, all the members of the board being present with the exception of Ald. Pugh. A number of interested ratepayers were present and took a keen interest in the proceedings.

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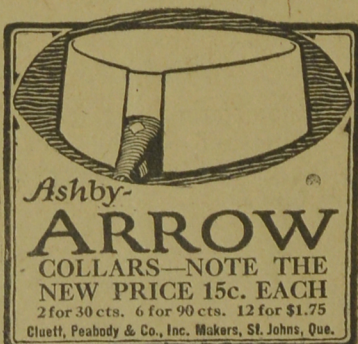
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