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"Instead of getting representative government since the election of the present legislature in 1912, the people of New Brunswick have suffered a period of misgovernment and incompetence and political corruption. One Prime Minister has been convicted by a royal commission and forced to retire; another royal commission has reported broadcast petty thieving and dishonesty among political officials and members of the legislature."—Ottawa Citizen, Ind. Con.

WHY HONOR THIS MAN?

According to the St. John newspapers, nearly one hundred business men of that city are invited by Mr. Percy Thomson to a dinner at the Union Club this evening, at which P. P. Gutelius, general manager of government railways, will be the guest of honor. No person will question for a moment Mr. Thomson's right to invite his friends to do honor to any particular friend of his, but when he enlarges his list to include the principal citizens of St. John and the gentleman honored is the manager of the Canadian government railways, one may well ask, Why?

What has Mr. Gutelius done for St. John in the past that its citizens should confer on him such a signal favor? It was not so long ago that the people of St. John regarded this manager of the Intercolonial with anything but a friendly eye. The "Gutelius agreement" was a sore subject in the commercial metropolis. It was and is yet a sore subject in New Brunswick. Mr. Gutelius may be a clever, wide-awake, railway man, but he made himself obnoxious to many citizens of Canada, first by his partisan report upon the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and later by his high-handed methods in managing the Intercolonial.

The position of General Manager of Canadian Government Railways should not be held by any man of German descent, who became naturalized after he secured his job. Such facts as these are alluded to with regret, but we must remember the treatment accorded Canadians and Englishmen in Germany since the war began, and take no chances in our own country.

THE SHELL COMMITTEE.

The case of the old Dominion Shell Committee, and the responsibility of the Borden government for all of its acts, as well as its duty to the country in affording a full and complete investigation of all the charges which have been made against the Committee, is clearly set out by the Hamilton Spectator, Conservative, as follows:

"The new Imperial Munitions Board is appointed by and directly responsible to the Imperial Minister of Munitions; but the Shell Committee was appointed by the Canadian Government, at the instance of our Minister of Munitions, and was therefore responsible. It sought to assist the Imperial Government in opening up a new source of munitions, but organically it was a creature of the Canadian authorities. Upon the Do-

minion Government rests the duty of setting on foot a most thorough and rigid investigation of its operations from beginning to end, and we cannot doubt that the ordaining of such an investigation will be regarded as one of the first tasks of Parliament at its present session."

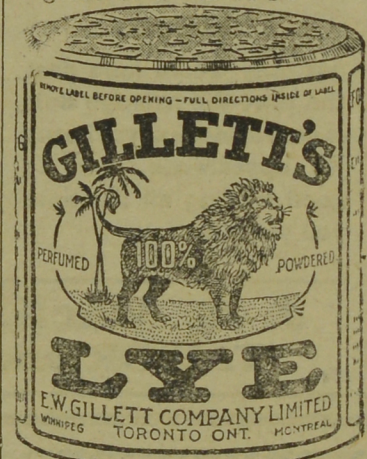
Hon. Mr. Hazen's reference to Hon. C. W. Robinson as one of those who secured a contract for shells was incomplete. He should have added that Mr. Robinson was managing director of the Record Foundry & Machine Co., of which Hon. Josiah Wood, Governor of New Brunswick, is the largest stockholder. Mr. Fred W. Sumner is another large stockholder. The Merchants' Bank of Canada also is represented upon the directorate of the company. Why not get a statement from Mr. Robinson as to how great the interest of the company is in the contract and how much it expects to make from the transaction?

President Wilson, thoroughly aroused by the criticisms heaped upon him during the past few months, is to start this week on a tour of the Middle West. He will speak at Pittsburg, Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. He will break his long silence and reply to statements made by Col. Roosevelt and Mr. W. J. Bryan. Incidentally he will explain just what he meant when he made the statement at Philadelphia some time ago that there was such a thing as a nation being too proud to fight.

Mr. W. E. Foster, the chairman of the Opposition leadership committee, is regarded as the natural successor to Hon. Mr. Robinson and the next Premier of New Brunswick. To have a business man who has had large mercantile experience as a provincial premier will be a new experience for New Brunswick. It is time there was a change.

The Prudential Trust Company has \$600,000 belonging to the people of New Brunswick. Altogether too much. It will be interesting to know what has been charged up against this fund for expenses—for lawyers' fees, for junket trips to Fredericton to oppose provincial legislation, and over and above what was allowed by the Dugal Commission as proper legal expenses.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



COLD WEATHER ON PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 24.—brought the Pacific Coast floods and cold weather conditions prevail today that impede railroad traffic. Heavy snowfalls, landslides and also washouts are obstructions with which trainmen are contending. A sudden cold snap gripped the northwest last night, records being made for quick changes in temperature. Great Falls experienced a drop of from thirty above to four below zero in thirty minutes. British Columbia reported unusually cold weather and heavy snow. Exceedingly low temperature was reported from the interior of Alaska, Eagle recording sixty-eight below zero.

RAILWAYS IN THE WEST ARE TIED UP

(Canadian Press.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Heavy snow which began falling in the Cascade mountains last night and continues today, increased the difficulties of all the northern transcontinental railroads, which since Saturday have been battling with the worst snow conditions they have experienced since 1910. In Canada no overland trains have been moved on either the Canadian Northern or the Canadian Pacific, while on the American side of the boundary the Great Northern transcontinental line is still tied up the many avalanches which swept down the mountain sides on Saturday and Sunday. The two other American lines, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, reported their lines clear and trains moving without serious difficulty. The Canadian roads have been snowbound since Saturday.

The task of clearing tracks has been retarded by a shortage of men, due to the large number of physically fit who have enlisted for service in the war.

THE STOCK MARKET

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen street.)

American Car Foundry	68
Amer. Smelting	103 3/4
Atchison	106
C. P. R.	172 3/4
California Petroleum	31
Crucible Steel	66
Erie	38 3/4
Maxwell Common	66 1/2
Maxwell first	87 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	105 1/2
Northern Pacific	114 1/2
Reading	79 1/4
Anglo-French bonds	95 1/2
Canada War Loan bonds	97
Studebaker	153 1/4
Sterling	476 3/4
Union Pacific	135 1/4
United States Steel	85

Ames	22 1/2
Brazilian	54
Canada Car.	72
Cement	48 3/4
Dominion Iron	45 1/2

SOMETHING LIVELY PROMISED AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Some fireworks are promised in Parliament today when F. B. Carvell, the militant and aggressive member, will resume the debate, to be followed, it is expected, by the equally strenuous Minister of Militia. The shell contracts will be again the piece de resistance.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Paris, Jan. 25.—The French War Office statement on the progress of hostilities, given out this afternoon, says that last night there was continued artillery activity in the vicinity of Neuport, Belgium. The results of this fire are described as favorable to the French. German troops at one point penetrated the French first line of trenches, but they were at once driven out after a very spirited fight.

The Dunkirk Raid.

London, Jan. 25.—A British official report from Dunkirk states that two aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk about six o'clock this morning. It is added that a German sea plane was forced to the water by a British machine northeast of Neuport, about 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. M. L. Sturges of Montreal, is in the city.

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PERSONAL

Mr. Frank Dickson of Barker's Point, left by I.R.C. express last night for Moncton to attend the funeral tomorrow of his brother, the late Hon. W. B. Dickson, M.P.P.

Moncton Times.—Mr. George Allen, general baggage agent of the C.G.R., is able to be out again after a week's illness of la grippe.

Mr. E. S. Carter of Fairville, Kings county, is a guest at the Queen.

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