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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.

CONSERVE OUR FORESTS.

The Provincial Government, instead of boasting of its big revenue from Crown Lands, should make a determined effort to put a stop to waste due to the cutting of under-sized logs. The Crown Lands are by far the most valuable asset which the province possesses, and it is important that they should be protected and conserved for the benefit of present as well as future generations. A number of the big lumbering concerns now operating in New Brunswick are controlled by men who reside in the United States, and they are not particularly concerned about the future of the lumbering industry in this province. The Government's claim that the big increase in stumpage receipts is not due to an increased lumber cut has in reality very little to support it. Those in a position to speak with authority do not hesitate to say that in many sections of the province our Crown lumber lands are being swept clean by reckless operators, and if the brake is not soon applied there will be very little left for future generations.

The need of exercising prudence in the administration of our public domain is clearly pointed out by Hon. Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin, a native of this province, who has been identified with the lumbering industry the greater part of his life. In a book telling the story of his life, which he lately compiled, Senator Stephenson says:

"Within the limits of a single lifetime, a rather long lifetime, perhaps, what once seemed to be illimitable stretches of virgin forest in New Brunswick, in Maine, in Wisconsin and Michigan, have melted away. * * * East of the Rocky Mountains timber has been cut so rapidly that there is now a scarcity of raw material for lumber, ties, pulpwood and other products. The question of reforestation is upon us. Devastated areas must be replanted and the resources that still remain to us must be husbanded. * * * From now until our efforts have yielded fruit we must look to Canada. * * * There are still great forests in California, Oregon and Washington, but I prophesy that in another twenty-five years this supply will be practically exhausted if restrictive measures are not imposed upon the activities of the lumbermen. What with the cutting and waste, the devastating forest fires and the persistent and resistless extension of the cultivated land areas, timber will be scarce and we shall be obliged to look to the British possessions for our supply."

A LITTLE HISTORY.

It is interesting at the present time to recall some of the many assurances given the Province of New Brunswick in its Legislature respecting the route of the Valley Railway. For example, in 1912, according to the synoptic report on pages 35 and 36, Hon. Mr. Flemming said:

"The bill called for the construction of a road from St. John, or a point on the I. C. R. near St. John to Grand Falls. If the hon. gentlemen opposite had any doubt as to where the road would run, he would refer them to the Enabling Act of 1910, the act in amendment thereof, and the Agreement to lease, which had been signed by the two governments and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, all of which specified that the route of the railway should be from St. John, or a point on the I. C. R. near St. John, to Grand Falls. He was not surprised that there were unbelievers. He expected that there would always be unbelievers and that there would be those people who, when the construction of the road on the first sections commenced, would go about saying that it would never be built past Centreville and Gagetown. HE SUPPOSED THAT, EVEN

"AFTER CONSTRUCTION WORK WAS STARTED BEYOND CENTREVILLE AND GAGETOWN THESE UNBELIEVERS WOULD BE GOING ABOUT WITH SOME NEW STORY TRYING TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE INTO THE BELIEF THAT THE REST OF THE ROAD WOULD NEVER BE BUILT. To his hon. friends opposite he would say that Scripture gave an awful illustration of the fate of unbelievers. The hon. gentlemen opposite would no doubt remember those people in the olden times who would not believe Noah when he told them there was going to be a flood, and they all perished, and he feared that the hon. gentlemen opposite were hastening to the same kind of a political drowning."

And again on page 84 Hon. Mr. Flemming said, referring to the same subject, "that while in Ottawa he had received a telegram from a Victoria county gentleman and had sent a reply as follows: 'Railway will be built from St. John to Grand Falls.'"

And now, just look at what they are trying to do—Centreville to Westfield.

St. John Times: "The people must be more alert and watch this legislature more closely. The debt of the province is over \$15,000,444, and we are threatened with another railway bond issue, even while the government is casting about for new sources of revenue from taxation. With a far greater revenue than any previous government enjoyed, the present government has spent it all, increased the debt and brought about a critical financial situation. There would be less complaint about expenditure but for the fact revealed by royal commissions that so much of the money took the form of graft. It is said that quite a number of members of the legislature are showing symptoms of alarm over the situation, and it is hoped this is true. If there are any whose partisanship has been so intense as to blind them to the facts, it is time they were roused to a realization of the conditions."

All will be glad to learn that the health of Premier Clarke is showing signs of improvement. Yesterday he appeared in the House for the first time this session, and actually cracked a joke, which is something unusual for the premier. He is thus reported in the official debates: "But he felt, nevertheless, that both the members of the Government and the members of the House would continue to give that honest administration of affairs which had been characteristic of the government of the province since 1908." The Premier's little joke was followed by vociferous applause led by Messrs. Stewart, Robichaud, Jones, B. Frank Smith and J. L. White.

ON THE SIDE.

Some people are kicking because there is no mud to kick about.

It may be hard work to reach the top, but it is often much harder to stay there.

A girl always knows intuitively when a man wants to marry her; the difficult thing is to prove it to him.

The Tories are promoting another railroad in New Brunswick. Help!

It is almost time that Stewart of Gloucester was rising in the House to a question of privilege.

Yes, Mr. Simp, it may be perfectly correct to speak of "the past winter," but you better not pull it off around here.

Why should the people of New Brunswick be called upon to pay for flags for Government House, when we have no Government House?

The French claim to have made 317 inventions since the war, but at inventing things about the war they haven't anything on the Turks.

Some men marry to get a cook, and then kick about the cooking. Other men marry to get a beauty, and kick at her dressmaking bills.

After the wedding the happy pair sigh wearily: "Well, thank heaven, it's all over," but alas, everybody else knows that it has just begun.

After spending millions on the Valley Railway the grafter press is getting indignant because the people of the Valley really want a railway.

As the price of gasoline soars, the assertion comes along that for the first time in 25 years the price of horse-shoes to the consumer is to be raised 25 p.c. The price of shoes for common pedestrians long ago went up. It's lucky no one can boost the price of feet?

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS OF ST. PAUL'S HELD BANQUET

Enjoyable Program Provided After Banquet—About Seventy Were Present.

The Young Men's Bible Class of St. Paul's Presbyterian church held their annual banquet in the Auld Kirk last evening. Covers were laid for upwards of seventy guests. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. E. Leslie McFarlane, supported on his right by Prof. Peacock, teacher of the class, and on his left by Mr. W. M. Burns, president of the York County Sunday School Association. After partaking of the very enjoyable supper provided by the young ladies of the congregation, the following program was carried out:

The King.
Violin and Piano Trio, by Mr. L. P. Smith and Messrs. Willard McDonald.

The Army and Navy, proposed by Mr. Morrison, responded to by Mr. J. McIntosh.

The Ladies, was proposed by Mr. Walter Adams and responded to by Mr. Gulliver.

Mr. Leslie Mavor proposed a toast to the teacher of the class and Prof. Peacock responded.

The Guests was proposed by Mr. Murray Baird and responded to by Messrs. Gordon Willet and Ross Flemington, representing the Methodist organized Boys' Choir at Gables, and Mr. Charles Harrison, vice-president of the Boys' Class of St. Paul's church.

Songs were sung by a quartet composed of Messrs. Adams, Baird, Gulliver and Smith.

Next a few remarks were made by Mr. W. L. McFarlane, president of the Young Men's Bible Class, and Mr. W. M. Burns.

The banquet then closed with the National Anthem.

LIQUID FIRE HELPED THE HUNS

Paris, March 23—Liquid fire has been the means by which the Germans gained the portions of trenches mentioned in recent official communications, says The Journal Des Debats, and the military committee of the Chamber of Deputies is inquiring into methods for the protection of the French troops against such attacks and the use of similar weapons in reprisal.

"One can easily understand," says the newspaper, "the superiority of this terrible arm over the bayonet. Even though it may expose the man who carries it to the danger of death in case a fragment of shell should strike it, on the other hand it gives to an attack the power and cruelty to which our communications are bearing witness."

The newspaper adds that France has every means at her disposal for paying the Germans in their own coin and therefore should employ them.

THINKS THAT STEWART SHOULD BE KICKED OUT

(St. John Globe.)

Mr. A. J. H. Stewart continues a member of the Legislature, despite ostracism from the committees of the House. Mild measures having failed, is it not time to try harsher? Cannot the Legislature purge itself when a properly constituted commissioner reports a member of that Legislature guilty of wrongdoing? Cannot some way be found, and without delay, to deal with Mr. Stewart, who apparently has not the grace to efface himself and defies public action? Why should consideration be shown him? Why should he be treated with greater leniency than would be extended a more humble offender? If, for any reason, Mr. Stewart's case cannot be dealt with by the law officers of the Crown, it surely can be dealt with by the Legislature itself. Twice recently the Legislature has resounded with cheers for members who have done their duty. So long as Mr. Stewart occupies unchallenged a seat in the Legislature, it must be impossible for the country to cheer that Legislature for doing its full duty.

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DOMESTIC SANITARY AND HEATING ENGINEERS

COUNT ZEPPELIN TO RETIRE SOON

(Canadian Press.)

New York, March 24—A special London cable to The Words says that Count Zeppelin will be retired soon from an active part in the construction of Zeppelin airships, leaving the work to his chief engineers, headed by Herr Durr.

So states a despatch to The London Daily Express from Geneva, which adds that the announcement of Count Zeppelin's impending retirement comes from Friedrichshafen, the great German airship base on the shore of Lake Constance. Count Zeppelin, in his seventy-eighth year, has been in indifferent health for the last eight months and his physicians advise him to retire from public life.

The hundredth Zeppelin has just been completed, according to Swiss and Munich newspapers.

More than half that number have been constructed at Friedrichshafen. Austria has been helping to build them since the war began. It is probable that at least a quarter of these airships have been destroyed. The

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CORPORATION COMMITTEE HELD A MEETING

The Corporations Committee of the House met this morning under the chairmanship of Capt. Tilley and took up the consideration of the bill

people of Friedrichshafen are demanding that the Zeppelin fleet celebrate the building of the hundredth airship by a great raid on London and Paris.

to incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses. Considerable discussion ensued on several of the sections and it was ultimately decided to further postpone consideration of the matter until Friday next in order that the promoters of the bill and any other nurses who might be interested might have an opportunity to attend before the Committee and give their views. On Tuesday the Committee will take up the bills to incorporate the Campbell Library and relating to the St. Croix Power Company, and on Thursday the bills relating to the Northwest and Southwest Boom Company and the Miramichi Hospital.

TO-NIGHT "Little Lost Sister"