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THE OPPOSITION'S GOOD WORK.

The Government of this province for a long time has been under suspicion by many people who have been following affairs closely. After the disclosures since the beginning of the last session none who have eyes to see could remain blinded to the terrible state in which the province now is. What a tremendous debt of gratitude the province owes to four men who have perseveringly labored in the exposure of the corruption and wrong-doing of which the present executive has been guilty.

If it had not been for Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier in the House of Assembly, very little could have been accomplished. Two more conscientious and painstaking representatives could not well be found. Handicapped tremendously by a scanty knowledge of English, these two—gentlemen both, in the highest sense—have had to study patiently and laboriously the difficult and complicated matters which came to their attention in order to ascertain if the information should be acted upon and if charges made were well founded. And if, upon investigation, they were satisfied that the public interest demanded that they should act, then no suggestion of personal interest could turn them from their duty.

Behind these gentlemen in the magnificent work which has been performed, have stood the two organizers of the Opposition—Messrs. E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot.

Mr. Veniot is a power in the French-speaking districts; a tireless worker; a terror to the grafters; a typical representative of the best in the Acadian race. He is an orator in both French and English, and he speaks both languages with equal facility. His English is without a particle of foreign accent. Mr. Veniot has already driven two representatives out of public life for grafting, and he has the fate of at least one other hanging in the balance. He is one of the recognized leaders of his race in New Brunswick.

Mr. Carter, the fourth member of the group of tireless workers, is the best known of them all, and has been exposed to the most vehement attacks from the Government party and press. No man has worked so perseveringly and continuously in discovering and exposing wrong-doing as Mr. E. S. Carter, and the wonderful change in public opinion throughout the province towards the provincial administration shows the success which has attended his labors.

It was Mr. Carter who first brought to public attention the fact that Premier Fleming had been grafting in the Crown Land business in his department, and through his (Carter's) labor as much as that of any other man, Mr. Fleming was driven from public life. Ever since that time Mr. Carter has been constantly on the trail of the wrong-doer; he has exposed the nefarious hold-up of the liquor dealers in St. John; he has been a constant thorn in the side of the ever-scheming Attorney General Baxter, and the whole body of grafters that infest the Government party in this province hate him with a deadly hate. He is a man of keen intellect, extensive knowledge, and possesses a retentive and accurate memory. Mr. Carter is an experienced journalist and his superior as a political writer cannot be found in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Carter has for years made a close study of provincial affairs. He knows what ought to be done and can generally form a pretty correct idea as to what course the Government is likely to pursue on a particular question. Indeed, his forecasts, based on some small clue which would escape the ordinary observer, have often been so accurate that the Government party believed that he had secret sources of information. As the man behind the numerically weak Opposition in the Legislature, Mr. Carter has rendered a signal service to the province of New Brunswick.

The Moncton Transcript hands this one to Dr. Price, the man with the abnormal bump of self-esteem, who represents Moncton in the Legislature. "The local M. P. P. has either by indifference or ignorance been a party to a betrayal of the interests of the citizens of Moncton in the matter of the constitution of the police commission. Such a representative ought to place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker. He has demonstrated beyond any doubt that he is not qualified so far as the public interests are concerned to retain his present position. He should resign in self-respect, as the only amendment he can make for the injustice he has

"done to the interests of the people of Moncton."

The Government papers, which have been telling their leaders that the Kyte charges have fallen flat, are commended to the evidence given by Mr. Lloyd Harris before the Royal Commission at Ottawa yesterday. Mr. Harris stated among other things that Col. Carnegie told him that he had been under pressure to let the fuse contracts to American firms. He also stated that he brought the matter to the notice of Sir Robert Borden.

The Standard tells of an enthusiastic meeting of the St. John Conservative club during the course of which Mr. F. L. Potts announced that he would be a candidate in the coming provincial elections. This same Mr. Potts was a candidate for the office of commissioner in St. John a few weeks ago, but was "knocked out" in the first round.

According to information brought to The Hague by a neutral traveller who is in a position to speak with authority, the German privates and non-commissioned officers stationed in the garrison towns are no longer provided with uniforms. Those have been taken away from them and they are obliged to wear suits of workmen's corduroy which are given to them by the government. Cloth for the manufacture of uniforms of the ordinary field gray type is no longer obtainable.

A Tory organ has the following in large type: "Sir Wilfrid threatens to resign Liberal leadership." Every now and again, to cheer up the drooping spirits of the Tories, their organs get off similar announcements. At one time it is "Sir Wilfrid is very sick," at another "Sir Wilfrid is going to resign." The wish is father to the thought.

Ireland is not to be included in the military compulsion bill now before the Imperial House of Commons. Premier Asquith stated in the House yesterday that to include Ireland would precipitate a controversy which would prevent the bill from becoming law at the earliest possible moment.

ON THE SIDE.

The season for black salmon is now on.

Local angles will soon be telling of "the big ones" which got away.

No man ever saved a milliner's bill by praising his wife's last spring hat.

The lowest degree of fame is a reputation for being a good imitator.

Fredericton has some 41 amateur gardeners, many of whom served an apprenticeship on the farm.

Lots of men, once infant prodigies, have hard work to make both ends meet.

The marriage that is the greatest success is the one you hear the least about.

The generosity of some husbands ends with giving their wives their names.

Just why it is a person can't take a cold plunge bath without bragging about it?

The way of many who are not transgressors is likewise hard, but there is no ready explanation for that.

A woman may consent to a ride in a flivver, but when it comes to a flivver Easter hat, the line has to be drawn somewhere.

When the prohibition bill is put on a working basis fishing trips are likely to lose some of their old time popularity.

The man who usually gets the short end of it is the man who thinks he is just a little smarter than the other fellow. He finds out his mistake when it is too late.

PERSONAL

Frank Risteen, who enlisted with a Highland regiment at Amherst N.S. is here visiting his parents.

Sackville Post:—Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Campbell and Miss Campbell left Sackville Wednesday for St. John, where they expect to reside for the summer at least. The former will likely go to England this autumn and Mrs. Campbell may join him there.

MEAT VERY SCARCE
IN GERMAN CAPITAL

London, May 9.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that the police of Berlin searched the shops and dwellings of the butchers today for hidden stocks of meat. The result showed that the supply of meat in Berlin is sufficient for only a few days. For this reason the food question overshadows all others.

All the butcher shops, including Wertheim's large meat market, have been closed. The best quality of meat now costs fourteen marks per kilo (220 pounds).

SUMMARY OF MORNING'S WAR NEWS

The French and German forces fighting to the northwest of Verdun apparently, for the moment at least, are deadlocked, the Germans being unable to advance further and the French attempts to expel the invaders from captured positions being unavailing. To the east and north-east of Verdun, where respectively violent infantry attacks and bombardments have characterized the recent fighting, only intermittent cannonading is now going on.

The only infantry engagement reported anywhere along the French front was launched by the Germans against a French trench to the west of Hill 304, west of Verdun. The French, however, brought into play their curtain of fire, and the German were unable to debouch.

The shelling by the Germans of the Russians at the Ikskull bridgehead on the eastern battle line, which has been in progress for many days, still continues. There has been artillery activity on various other sectors of the Russian front, but no infantry manoeuvres of importance have been reported.

The Russians in Armenia, however, have put down, with heavy casualties, a stubborn Turkish attack and southeastward, in the region of Mush driven the Ottoman forces from their defences in a mountain chain. In addition, the Russians operating westward from the Persian frontier toward Bagdad, have dislodged the Turks from fortified positions and driven them further westward.

The Gorizia bridgehead and the region around San Martino, in the Austro-Italian theatre, have been heavily bombarded. At San Martino Vienna asserts that the Italians suffered heavy losses through the explosion of an Austrian mine. Bombardments have featured the fighting on the other sectors of this front.

Despatches received in Paris from Saloniki are to the effect that there has been vigorous artillery activity on the Macedonia front. An Athens despatch says the Germans and Bulgarians in this region have heavily bombarded the village of Mayada, their shells causing much damage.

Semi-official advices from Berlin say that the Turks are rapidly constructing a railroad through the desert, preparatory to another advance on Egypt.

Five batches of sick and wounded British soldiers from Kut-el-Amara, aggregating 1,073 men, have reached the British headquarters on the Tigris. A hospital ship is proceeding to Kut-el-Amara to take away the remainder of the sick and wounded.

BI-LINGUAL QUESTION IN FEDERAL HOUSE

Ottawa, May 9.—Something of a bomb was dropped in parliamentary circles today, when Mr. Lapointe, of Kamouraska, introduced the long-threatened bilingual resolution in the House of Commons, calling upon the Ontario Legislature not to interfere with the teaching of the French language in the schools attended by the French-Canadian pupils in that province.

The government appeared thunder-struck and the Premier and Minister of Trade and Commerce pleaded for the withdrawal of the resolution.

Mr. Knowles, Liberal M.P. for Moose Jaw, promptly challenged the resolution as being out of order, and the Speaker considers this point, reserving his decision.

In an eloquent speech, quoting precedents of British history, Sir Wilfrid Laurier advised grappling with the problem and settling it for all time.

107 SURVIVORS OF CYMRIC LAND

New York, May 9.—Denial was made today at the offices of the White Star Line that the torpedoed Cymric was in the service of the Admiralty, as widely reported.

"Since December, 1914," read a statement issued by the line "the Cymric has been regularly employed in the New York-Liverpool service of the White Star Line, and operated solely on account of her owners. She carried no guns and was simply an ordinary merchant steamship carrying cargo between New York and Liverpool."

The White Star Line received early this afternoon the following cablegram from their home office in Liverpool: "Understand 107 men landed in Ireland from the Cymric. Five killed by explosion. No details."

American Consul Frost, of Queens-town, has gone to Bantry to ascertain if any Americans were lost.

Mr. W. H. Campbell of Toronto, is a guest at the Barker House.



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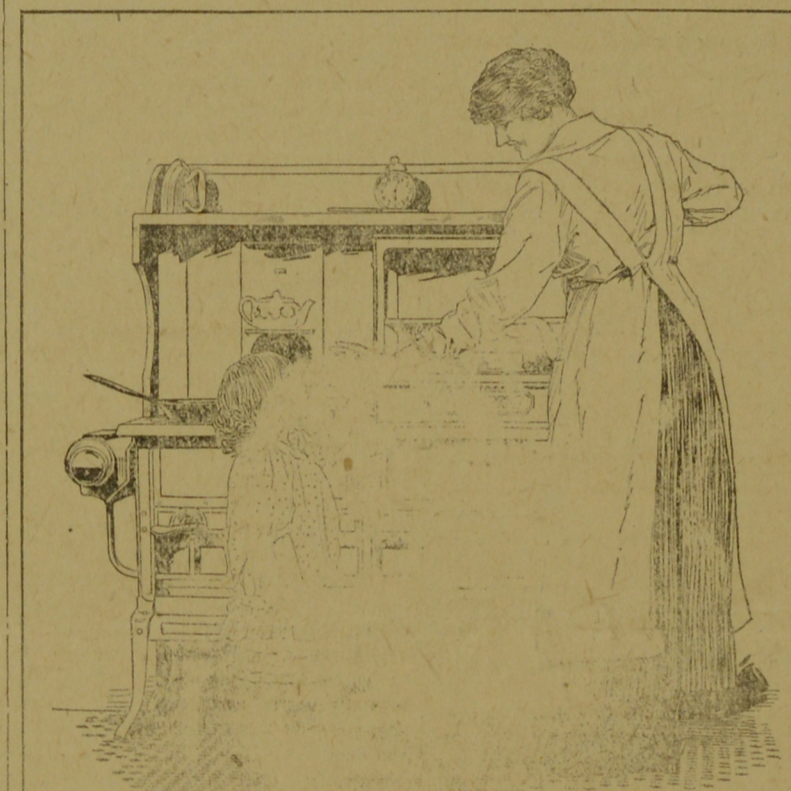
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