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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.

THE SHELL CONTRACTS.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley's demand in the House of Commons for a thorough investigation of the shell game has incurred the wrath of the graft newspapers of the country, and they have responded with a tirade of abuse directed at the ex-Minister of Public Works. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor General of Canada, who acted as chief apologist for the Government when the Canadian Northern deal was before Parliament, was put up to reply to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, and Conservative papers under glaring headlines are telling their readers that he wiped up the floor with the eloquent member for St. John. Hon. Mr. Meighen, who is known as Hon. Bob Rogers' understudy, is an ambitious young politician and a good speaker, but he is in the bantam-weight class as compared with Hon. Dr. Pugsley, and Conservative papers are insulting the intelligence of their readers when they endeavor to make it appear that the ex-Minister of Public Works came out second best in a debate with him. Hon. Dr. Pugsley is one of Canada's ablest and most experienced parliamentarians, and when he states on his responsibility as a member of parliament that he can establish charges of wrongdoing in connection with the purchase of munitions and war supplies, it is up to the Government of the day to give him an opportunity to make good. In connection with the very grave charges made by Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the Montreal Star, an independent Conservative newspaper with a wide influence, has this to say:

Charges of the gravity of those which Dr. Pugsley has made against the late Shell Committee should not be allowed to remain as the mere casual remarks of a debater on the speech from the throne. So old a parliamentarian as Dr. Pugsley knows that there is a proper way to bring statements of this sort before the House; and doubtless he will make good his accusations by some such formal step before the session is very much older.

In any case the Government cannot permit these shocking and humiliating charges to remain uninvestigated. We are confident that no Canadian government will hide behind the technicality that the money, said to be worse than wasted, was British money entrusted to us to be carefully spent amidst the strain of a great war, and not our own money. That would be to confess and proclaim that we would be less honest in dealing with sacred trust funds than in handling our personal property.

If a pound of British money, entrusted to a Canadian committee to buy the greatest possible amount of war material, was allowed to be diverted to Canadian private purses in inordinate profits, then the men guilty of this sordid and despicable treason were guilty of weakening by just so much the fighting forces of the empire in the face of an appalling peril. They might as well have gone to the trenches and taken the rifles out of the hands of our boys, fronting a German attack; and then sold those rifles for their own personal profit to the first second-hand dealer whom they met. If this has been done, the country wants to know it, regardless of legal technicalities or prizer politics. A thorough investigation into this whole shell game should be set on foot at once.

Abuse of Hon. Dr. Pugsley by heavily subsidized newspapers will not satisfy the people of Canada. If the Government has nothing to fear, as alleged, it should lose no time in ordering a thorough enquiry into all matters connected with the purchase of shells and supplies for the army. The people would like to know why Lloyd George found it necessary to send Mr. D. A. Thomas to Canada and they would also like to know why before his departure it was found necessary to reorganize the Shell Commission.

The death at Moncton on Sunday of Hon. W. B. Dickson, Speaker of the

Legislature, makes three vacancies in that body. A seat in St. John city was vacated nearly a year ago by the appointment of Hon. J. E. Wilson to the Government Savings Bank, and a seat in Kent was vacated by the resignation of Col. Sheridan to accept the office of Indian Commissioner. Speaker Dickson has represented the County of Albert since 1908.

"Good roads will do more for the farmer and for rural life than almost any other conceivable physical reform," says the Toronto News in announcing the creation of a new department of highways by the Ontario government. The Minister of Public Works in Ontario is now known as the Minister of Public Works and Highways.

Some of the Canadian political colonels who led their battalions into Shorncliffe, appear to be able to combine the glories of war with the safety of peace.

Mr. J. W. Edwards, Conservative member for Frontenac, has given notice in the House of Commons of a question as to whether Lieut. Col. Armand Lavergne, M.P.P., is to be allowed to retain his rank in the Militia.

Mr. John T. McLean, editor of the Huron Expositor and former Liberal M.P. for South Huron, is dead, aged 73.

ON THE SIDE.

The busiest place in town—a downtown party telephone line between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m.

It is against orders for the boys in khaki to stand on the bridge at midnight.

The snow shovelling surface on the post office steps has been materially reduced.

The oft-repeated statement that the Valley Railway begins nowhere and ends anywhere is not correct. It begins at Centreville and ends at Gagetown.

Dorcas is Dorcas—but even at that she is interested in how Jezebel does her hair.

Genevieve has had her defenders, but never Xanthippe.

The new three-cent postage stamp is here at last, and it will stick with one lick.

The law of compensation is still working. You don't have to buy your wife an expensive hat to wear in an expensive automobile.

The Allies have paid America \$34,000,000 for horses since the war. What trading that would have suggested to David Harum!

AN AIR RAID ON KENT, ENGLAND

London, Jan. 23—A hostile aeroplane appeared over the east of Kent at one o'clock this morning and dropped nine bombs. It then made off to the eastward. The official report says one man was killed and two men, one woman and three children were injured slightly. Some damage to property was caused by fires.

An official account of the raid, given out here today, follows:

"The war office announces that, taking advantage of the bright moonlight, a hostile aeroplane visited the east coast of Kent at one o'clock this morning. After dropping nine bombs in rapid succession, it made off to seaward.

"No naval or military damage was done but there was some damage to private property. Incendiary bombs caused fires, which were extinguished by two a.m.

"The following casualties occurred: One man killed, two men, one woman and three children slightly injured."

"A second attack, this time by two hostile seaplanes, was made on the Kent east coast early this afternoon. No casualties have been reported. The raiders escaped.

The war office announcement concerning the second attack says:

"Following on the aerial attack on the east coast of Kent, early this morning, two hostile seaplanes made a second attack upon the same locality, shortly after noon.

"After coming under a heavy fire, the raiders disappeared, pursued by our naval and military machines.

"The enemy effected no damage and no casualties have been reported."

COLORADO WOMAN DIED AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Mail.) Woodstock, N.B., Jan. 24—A colored woman, said to be a Mrs. Leskey, fell on Connell street this morning and was carried into a nearby house, where she expired almost instantly. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of her death. An inquest will probably be held.

HON. W. B. DICKSON DEAD AT MONCTON

Speaker of the Legislature Passes Away After a Lingering Illness

Hon. Walter Britain Dickson, M.P.P. for Albert and Speaker of the Legislature, passed away at his home in Moncton on Sunday afternoon, after a lingering illness. He was sixty-seven years of age and is survived by a widow, three sons and four daughters. The children are R. Percy of the Sumner Company, Moncton; LeBaron of Winnipeg, Frank of the I.C.R., Moncton; Mrs. Rupert Steeves of Dawson City, Mrs. Herbert Bain of Hillsboro, and Misses Frances and Jessie at home. Mr. Frank Dickson of Barker's Point, York county, is a brother.

The late Mr. Dickson was a native of St. John but for over fifteen years prior to his last illness, resided at Hillsboro, where he acted as agent for Mr. Malcolm McKay of St. John. He was elected to the Legislature in 1908 as a supporter of Hon. J. D. Hazen and was re-elected in 1912. He was appointed Speaker to the House in 1913 in succession to Hon. George J. Clarke, who resigned to enter the government.

The late Mr. Dickson was a man of distinguished appearance and being of genial disposition, enjoyed considerable popularity among his fellow members, among whom he was known as "Baron Dickson of Mount Shepody" and "John Bull." As a presiding officer in the House he was dignified, courteous and easy of approach. The funeral will take place at Moncton on Tuesday afternoon and will be attended by members of the government and legislature.

THE STOCK MARKET

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

Air Brake	149 1/2
American Smelting	104 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio	91 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	149 1/2
C. P. R.	174 1/2
California Petroleum	31 1/2
Crucible Steel	66
Erie	39
Mexican Petroleum	110 1/2
Reading	79 3/4
Anglo French bonds	95 3/4
Canada War Loan bonds	97 3/4
St. Paul	98 3/4
Studebaker	153
Union Pacific	135 7/8
United States Steel	83 3/4

Brazilian	54
Canada Car	73
Cement	48
Steel of Canada	36 1/2

NOTED PUBLISHER DIED SUDDENLY

(Canadian Press.) New York, Jan. 24—John Alexander Mill, prominent in this country and England as a writer and publisher of scientific periodicals and books, died today while driving in an automobile from his home at East Orange to his office in this city. Death was due to arterial trouble. He was fifty eight years old.

HOCKEY PLAYER SENT UP FOR TRIAL

(Canadian Press.) Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24—"Skene" Roman, the Canadian professional hockey player, was committed for trial this morning when he came up before Magistrate Denison, charged with assaulting Alf Skinner of the Toronto team, on Saturday night. The case will go before a jury. Police constable Dan Robinson, the well known athlete, said that the assault was the most deliberate he had ever seen. The magistrate, in commenting on the case, said that the next hockey player who came before him would be given the option of a fine, or a man is out on bail.

WAS HANDED OVER.

A soldier of the 104th Battalion as arrested by the city police last night on a charge of drunkenness. He was handed over to the military authorities.

GOVERNMENT MEETS TOMORROW

Hon. George J. Clarke, premier of New Brunswick, arrived here today on St. Stephen and is at the Barker House. The government of the province will meet here tomorrow to prepare for the session of the legislature, which is expected to begin February 17 or 24.

SCOTT ACT CASE.

The Scott Act case against the Barker House was resumed this morning. Four witnesses, two of whom had previously given evidence, were examined. They could not recall whether or not they had purchased quor on February 11 at that hotel. Two witnesses failed to appear. The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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