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DIFFERENT IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Speaker Sheppard, of the Saskatchewan Legislature, has resigned his seat in order to secure the judgment of his constituents on the finding of a royal commission which reported that he had improperly accepted a political contribution from an applicant for a liquor license. In a statement given out he says: "The public conscience is now in such a state that matters which formerly were considered as legitimate, or at the worst, of trivial impropriety, are now looked upon with reprobation and any political connection between a member or a candidate and the liquor interests, of the nature of those which I admit, is now condemned."

The public conscience has evidently been awakened in the west, but here in New Brunswick it is apparently still dormant. It is a pretty well known fact that not long ago certain holders of liquor licenses in the city of St. John were held up and compelled to contribute the sum of \$6,000 for political purposes. The government of New Brunswick evidently considered it of "trivial impropriety," as it refused to allow a royal commission to investigate charges made in connection with the matter. In the Province of Saskatchewan, under a Liberal administration, they do things differently.

The Toronto Globe, in commenting on Mr. Sheppard's statement, says:

"There is need of a Dominion-wide application of this rule, not only in the case of the liquor traffic, but of the subsidy hunter, the government contractor and applicants or prospective applicants for positions in the public service. THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHO PROPOSES MOTES OR VOTES FOR A SUBSIDY, OR A CONTRACT, OR AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE, KNOWING THAT FROM THE PERSONS INTERESTED IN THESE THINGS SOME PART OF HIS ELECTION EXPENSES HAVE COME, OR WILL COME, IS NOT PLAYING FAIR WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS AND IS NOT TRUE TO HIS OATH OF OFFICE."

It is a matter of common knowledge that just before the local election of 1912, Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, the then Premier, collected from railway contractors and other seekers of government favors, an enormous boodle fund which amounted to \$137,000. The largest contributor to this fund was Mr. A. R. Gould, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, a concern which at that very time had a contract with the provincial government involving millions of dollars. The money—or the larger portion of it—was expended in the interests of government candidates in the election of 1912. They all benefited from it, and two years later they rose in their places in the Legislature and dutifully voted away another two million dollars of the people's money to help the company out of a hole and enable it to complete its contract. The same bunch of politicians—Mr. Flemming excepted—is still in control of the affairs of the province and have the impudence to boast of their "business-like administration." It will be a grand thing for this province when its public conscience awakens to such an extent that it will no longer tolerate the form of corruption under which contractors and others who contribute to party funds or to the coffers of graft newspapers are recouped by favors from the public treasury.

Tory newspapers are indignant because Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declined to join a parliamentary committee of the National Service Commission. Sir Wilfrid has been a long time in the game of politics, and is generally able to justify any act of his. Sir Thomas Tait was appointed chairman of the National Service Commission, but he found it necessary to resign because of political interference on behalf of the government. Sir Thomas is himself a Conservative, but his resignation is proof that he does not approve of the government's methods. Sir Wilfrid does not approve of the government's methods either, and as he will soon be called upon by the people to once more conduct their affairs, he probably feels that in the meantime he can allow Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues to work out their partisan schemes without his assistance.

Dean Fernow, of Toronto University, was a witness before the Dominion Royal Commission at Toronto last week on the subject of Canada's lumber business.

He urged Federal control over licenses given for the cutting of lumber. He stated that "the total stand of commercial timber (excluding pulpwood supplies) in Canada is between 500,000,000,000 and 600,000,000,000 feet. The cut in any one year has never exceeded 5,000,000,000 feet, so the supply may be considered inexhaustible, or at least reproducible, by merely keeping fire out."

A number of Presbyterians from all over Canada, at a meeting in Toronto last week, passed a resolution pledging themselves to maintain the Presbyterian Church as at present organized. The text of the resolution unanimously adopted was as follows:

"It is hereby resolved that our present duty is to maintain and continue the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and to this duty we solemnly pledge ourselves."

Through Our Sieve

Of course we miss the flowers and the blossoms and the trees.

And the mumble of the hummingbirds and buzzin' of the bees.

Indian summer is no doubt so called because of its ability to steal silently away.

It may be several million miles to the nearest star—but no one has ever proved it with a tape line.

When Columbus once got the idea that the world was round no one could convince him it was on the level.

Again cotton registers a new "high." All cotton will become gun cotton before long at this rate.

J. Whitcomb Riley still holds the record as the fall poet. All the rest of 'em seem to try only for the spring championship.

There is something alike after all in the study of the stars in the heavens and stars in musical comedies. Some think there are heavenly bodies even in the ballet.

A man begins to acquire real wisdom when he discovers that he is capable of making just as many mistakes as his neighbor does.

War conditions are going to cause a raise in the price of eye glasses. Now even the short-sighted will be able to war conditions.

W. M. MARTIN, M. P., IS THE NEW PREMIER

He Succeeds Hon. Walter Scott as Head of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Regina, Sask., Oct. 19.—William Melville Martin, M. P. for Regina, upon invitation of Lieut. Governor Lake, this morning accepted the responsibility of forming the new government for Saskatchewan. This afternoon Mr. Martin again saw the Governor and submitted his cabinet slate, which was duly approved, as follows:

Premier and Minister of Education—Hon. W. M. Martin.

President of Council and Minister of Railways—Hon. J. A. Calder.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. W. R. Motherwell.

Attorney General and Provincial Secretary—Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon.

Minister of Public Works—Hon. A. P. McNab.

Minister of Telephones—Hon. G. A. Bell.

Minister of Municipal Affairs—Hon. Geo. Langley.

Provincial Treasurer—Hon. Charles A. Dunning.

William Melville Martin, M. P., the new Liberal Premier, was born at Norwich, Oxford county, Ontario, in 1877, and removed later to Exeter, where his father was minister of the Presbyterian church for twenty-six years. Mr. Martin was educated at Exeter, at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall and afterwards taught in Harrison high school. In 1903 he removed to Regina and commenced to practice law. He was elected to the House of Commons first in 1908.

Joins Flying Corps.

Mr. N. R. Norman, better known in athletic circles as "Rollie" or "Cork," the well-known Monctonian, and representative of the Northern Electric Co., Halifax, is making preparations for departure into active service during the war. Mr. Norman has been granted a commission in the Imperial Royal Flying Corps, having successfully passed his examinations before Capt. Lord A. R. Innes-Kerr, D. S. O., Royal Flying Corps.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Robt. Sinclair, an efficient member of the staff of the Maritime Penitentiary, who has been enjoying a holiday at his old home in New Maryland, returned to Dorchester on Saturday.

Mrs. A. Laing, accompanied by her mother and two children, left on Monday evening for their home in Peterborough. Mr. Laing, of the A. S. C., is leaving here the end of October, having been transferred to Halifax.

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL

The first of the series of organ recitals was given yesterday afternoon at Christchurch Cathedral by the organist. The following programme was very much appreciated by a very large number of musical people:

1. Allegretto Grazioso..... Tours
2. Prelude and Fugue in C Major..... J. S. Bach
3. Tenor Solo—"God is our Refuge"..... Carey
4. A Song of the Breeze..... Meale
5. Duet—"So Thou Lifest Thy Divine Petition"..... Stainer
6. Trocena in G..... Dubois
7. Quartette—"God is a Spirit"..... W. Sterndale Bennett
8. War March of Priests..... Mendelssohn

The organist was able assisted by Mrs. W. S. Carter, Miss L. Pabst, Mr. F. W. deMille and Sergeant Major Irving D. Appleby of the Kilties, whose rendition of the different numbers delighted those present. The next recital of the series will be held at the Cathedral on the afternoon of Nov. 26 at 4 p. m.

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PREMIER OF AUSTRIA HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED

London, Oct. 21.—The Premier of Austria has been shot.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says the Premier, Count Karl Stuerghk was shot today by the publisher of a Vienna newspaper, Dr. Friedrich Adler, according to a telegram received at Amsterdam from Berlin.

Count Karl Stuerghk's ministry was formed Nov. 13, 1911, and was reorganized Nov. 30, 1915.

A wireless despatch from Rome reports that there were grave riots in Vienna following the assassination of Count Stuerghk, which the police were powerless to quell.

The wireless also reports a renewal of the manifestations in Athens in favor of the United States intervening in behalf of the Greeks against the occupation of Athens and Piraeus by the Allied forces.

BIG INCREASE IN CANADA'S TRADE

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Aggregate Canadian trade, exclusive of coal and bullion, for the twelve months ending with July, totalled \$1,587,933,707, as against \$919,178,659 for the corresponding period ending with July, 1915. This is an increase of \$668,755,048 or over half a billion dollars.

Imports of merchandise totalled \$622,886,350, an increase of over \$200,000,000, as compared with the total for the twelve months ending July, 1915. Exports of merchandise totalled \$965,047,457, as against \$499,872,322, or an increase of \$465,585,135. The balance of trade in favor of exports during the calendar year was \$340,000,000.

The total duty collected during the twelve months was \$121,906,788, as against \$78,787,427 for the twelve months ending with July, 1915, or an increase of about \$43,119,361. The average ad valorem rate of duty on dutiable goods for the twelve months was 34.44. On all goods imported the average rate of duty was 19.45 per cent.

MRS. FRASER'S DEATH.

Esteemed Lady was a Member of a Well Known Fredericton Family.

The death occurred on Friday night at the home of Mr. F. P. Robinson, on Queen street, of Mrs. Mary Eloise Fraser, widow of Mr. D. St. George Fraser. She was a daughter of the late Mr. John Gregory, of this city, and was well known and highly respected. For a number of years she made her home at Saco, Me., but has resided here for the last six years.

The deceased lady is survived by three brothers and three sisters. They are Mr. J. B. Gregory, Mr. Albert J. Gregory, K. C., Mrs. J. S. Armstrong and Mrs. F. P. Robinson, of Fredericton; Mr. Edward F. Gregory, of Kansas City, and Mrs. G. M. Donham, of Portland, Me.

The late Justice Gregory and the late Dr. Gregory, of this city, were brothers of the deceased.

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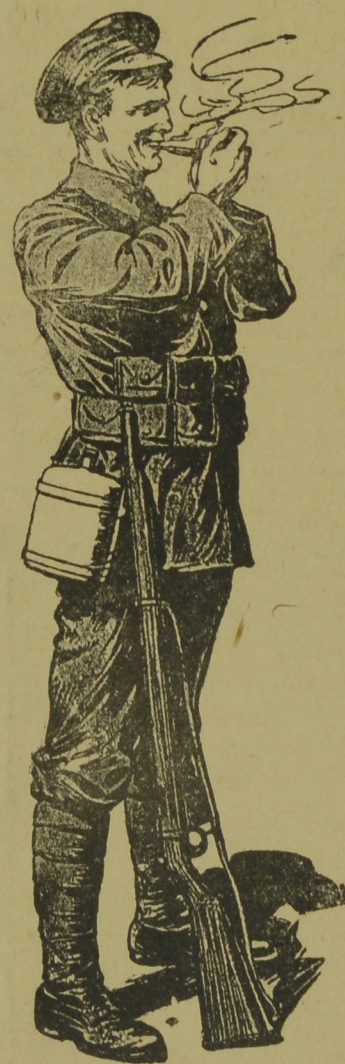
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