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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

WHERE COL. FOWLER CAME IN.

The St. John Standard, in the course of an editorial dealing with Hon. Mr. Morrissey's case, says:

"A year ago, members supporting the Government investigated the cost of painting steel bridges in the province and were astonished to find that Mr. Morrissey had made a contract for the work with The Concrete Constructions, Ltd., a company consisting principally of Mr. E. C. Colby.

"Under that contract the Department of Public Works, over which Mr. Morrissey presided, paid to the Contractors 30 per cent. over and above all actual expenditures that the company was put to. This seemed a high percentage when applied to labor and material alone, but when it was found that it included everything, even to the railway fares of the workmen employed, it was more than could be tolerated. Yet that contract was awarded, as stated, by the gentleman who now talks of his sense of duty."

As a matter of fact no action was taken by the members supporting the Government to have the contract cancelled until it had been exposed by the Opposition in the House and the Opposition press.

The Standard, while it censures Mr. Morrissey, omits to make mention of the fact that it was largely through the influence of its friend Col. George W. Fowler, M.P., that Colby's company secured the contract. The following letter from Col. Fowler read in the Legislature last session in reply to an enquiry, speaks for itself:

Ottawa, May 28, 1913.
Hon. John Morrissey, Minister of Public Works, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Mr. Morrissey.—The bearer of this, Mr. E. C. Colby, is a gentleman well known to me and I would recommend him to you, bespeaking for him the best of possible treatment. Mr. Colby is managing director of the Concrete Constructions, Limited, a corporation which is at the top of the tree in its particular line, and as I understand you are considering the expenditure of a small portion of public money looking toward the preservation of some of the bridges of the country, you cannot do better than to give Mr. Colby and his processes a trial. I am satisfied that the result will be more than gratifying to you and extremely beneficial to the public service.

As Mr. Colby is a personal friend of mine, any kindness along this line which you can extend to him will be appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,
(Sgd.) Geo. W. Fowler.

At the time the above letter was written Col. Fowler was a stockholder in Colby's company to the extent of \$5,000. The company was capitalized at \$100,000, of which \$1,000 was paid up at the time it was "at the top of the tree." From this it may be assumed that Col. Fowler's cash outlay was not a heavy one.

It is now said that the by-election for the Legislature held in York county two years ago cost the so called Local Government Party at least twenty thousand dollars. We have the statement of Hon. Mr. Morrissey that Mr. Harry Woods brought in \$4,000 which he raised in some mysterious way. Then there were the proceeds of the now celebrated big note, amounting to \$5,000. Col. Guthrie is quoted as stating that the election cost him \$2,000; then there were a number of smaller contributions, including one of \$500 from Mr. J. K. Flemming, ex-Premier of the province. The rival candidates were both members of the Conservative party.

The feeling appears to be growing throughout the province that the Lieutenant Governor should exercise his prerogatives and put an end to what has become an intolerable condition of affairs with respect to provincial politics. If one-half of the statements made in the letter of Hon. John Morrissey are true, His Honor should lose no time in getting rid of his present advisers.

Regina Leader: The Tory organs of Western Canada are right in their element these days. They are able to invent a new cabinet crisis in Saskatchewan every twenty-four hours. It was some five years ago that these same organs were announcing Walter Scott's retirement from the Premiership. Ten years ago their favorite statement was that Mr. Scott was merely a "provincial" Premier. A year ago, when the Hon. George Langley gave a hint of the government's temperance reform policy, these same organs invented a cabinet crisis. In fact, there has never been a political development in this province that the Tory organs did not see in it the resignation of Mr. Scott and the overthrow of the Liberal party.

In his report of the operations in East Africa, General Smuts, the skillful Boer leader, makes this quaint and interesting statement:

"The mounted troops then established themselves on the hills south-east of Kahe, in contact with the enemy. This threat against their line of retreat decided the enemy to hold on throughout the whole day of the 21st, with a view to effecting a further retirement under cover of darkness. Reinforcements reached him from the south by railway during the operations. Thus we were enabled to inflict heavy losses, which would not have been possible had the Germans been free to abandon their positions earlier. As it was they maintained an obstinate resistance."

It will be news to the people of the Parish of Maugeville to learn that they owe the Provincial Hospital the sum of \$477.79 for the support of David Ladds, a former resident of that parish. This information was given out in the Legislature last week by Hon. Dr. Landry in reply to an enquiry by Mr. Dugal. Mr. Ladds has been in the Hospital since 1909. The parish has contributed the sum of \$65 for his support, and \$507.21 was realized from the sale of his property.

St. John Times: Moncton and Fredericton will not know what they missed until they turn the clock ahead one hour and see what happens. But they have no curiosity.

Chief Whip Harry Woods has not yet explained where he got that \$4,000 which he dumped into York at the time of the Guthrie-Scott by-election. As a political purist Mr. Woods is some class.

ON THE SIDE.

Fredericton is only one hour behind other parts of the province.

The City Council meetings seem to have taken on some spirit of late.

Honest John, like his prototype of old pugilistic days, knows how to reach the solar plexus.

The city fathers evidently picked up a few pointers on the scrapping game during the recent session of the House.

On the level, it's great fun buying horses and wagons when you don't have to put up the money yourself.

An appropriate place for the war to end would be Dead Man's Hill—and perhaps it will.

In these backward seasons there is always some danger of a double house-cleaning.

Opinion accumulates that the current spring is considerably more coy than necessary.

And just think, it was the same fellows that told us that the east side was the proper route for the Valley railroad.

Lovers of political sensations, who are now being served with fresh tid-bits every day sometimes think of how they used to live for months on nothing but a sawdust wharf or a few bales of pressed hay.

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SOME INFORMATION
ABOUT DAVID LADDS

Parish of Maugeville Owes the Provincial Hospital Nearly \$500 For His Support.

The following reply to a query concerning David Ladds, of Maugeville, now an inmate of the Provincial Hospital was handed out in the Legislature by Hon. Dr. Landry last week:

1. Is the Department aware that the property of David Ladds, a lunatic, of Maugeville, Sunbury county, was sold in 1909 and returns made of the personal property sales to Hospital Commissioner H. F. McLeod by the Sheriff of the county, and that the real estate has been sold since that time and handed over to the Hospital authorities?

Answer—The Department is aware that Hospital Commissioner H. F. McLeod paid over to the hospital authorities proceeds of the sale of the personal property of David Ladds, of Maugeville, an inmate of the Provincial Hospital, and that at a later date the proceeds of the sale of the real estate, after deducting the expenses, were paid over to the Hospital authorities.

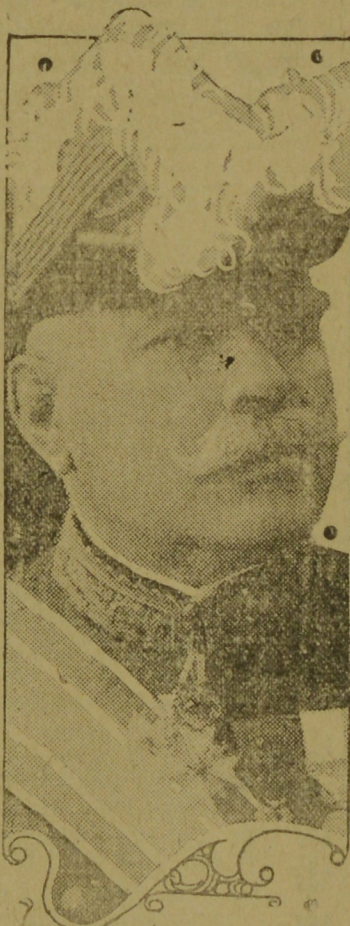
The total amount handed over to the Hospital authorities since 1909 was \$507.21. This amount, together with expenses, which included costs of court and registration fees, made up the total amount of returns of the sale of the personal property and real estate, which amounted to something over seven hundred dollars.

2. Will the parish of Maugeville have the moneys they have paid since 1909 for the maintenance of David Ladds in the Provincial Hospital returned and placed to its credit with the County Treasurer of Sunbury?

Answer—No moneys will be returned to the Parish of Maugeville, as there is still money due on account of the maintenance of David Ladds, as will be shown by the following statement:

By amount paid in to Hospital from sale of personal property	\$193.00
Ditto, real estate	314.21
Amount paid by Parish of Maugeville for year 1914 and to 31st March, 1915 (this is the only amount paid by the Parish of Maugeville)	65.00

Total	\$572.21
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