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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.

## DEBT AND TAXATION.

Debt and taxation are two words that will cause New Brunswick people much worry in the years to come.

The era of extravagance and waste is over. Economy—rigid economy—must take the place of lavish expenditure—expenditure that was not always in the public interest, but much of it for private benefit.

The wretched example of our leaders, particularly for the last few years, has had a bad effect upon those people who are always willing to sacrifice the public good for their own private gain.

The "get rich quick" schemes of Government members induced some of their supporters to try their trick, and their heelers or parish workers in their turn devised ways and means to break into the public treasury.

By such methods men like Flemming, A. J. H. Stewart, and Robichaud and Sheridan were possible, and subordinates such as Val Robichaud, Bou dreau, Chaisson and Berry came as a matter of course.

The list did not begin or end with these men. The first taste from the proceeds of guaranteed railway bonds was had when, to develop the Gloucester iron mines, the Seaboard Railway was given guarantee bonds to the extent of \$297,000.

All of this money did not go into that work. The Drummonds could afford to be generous. One of them subscribed for \$8,500 of stock on the St. John Standard—the newspaper of the party in power—and a further subscription of \$5,500 was made through the gentleman who acted as solicitor for the Drummonds and is held "in trust."

The Standard was thus financed to the extent of \$14,000 out of public moneys of the province of New Brunswick, and the people today are looking upon deserted mines and an idle railway which they paid \$297,000 to encourage. More than that, if the truth is ever told, as we hope and believe it will be as soon as the Opposition gets a chance, it will be known how and through whom New Brunswick provided \$14,000 to start and keep in operation the Standard newspaper. A mighty poor investment.

It is too early to say much about the additional taxation hinted at with respect to the crown and granted lands. How the lumber interests, that are paying large sums for mileage every year on much territory that they hold and do not operate, will view the new proposals, remains to be seen. It seems right to get some revenue from the lands of the New Brunswick Railway Company as well as from the large areas of "granted" lands which were given away in the first place and have become of immense value. Taxation must come in a greater degree in New Brunswick. The very men who will now pay the extra levies were mainly concerned in keeping the vandals in power who have made it necessary to have more revenue. We have no pity for them. They were warned in season and paid no heed.

## SCURVY TREATMENT.

Up in the Parish of Southampton last year the "business like Local Government" found it necessary to appoint two men to serve in the capacity of Chairman of the Board of Revisors. Mr. James T. Masten was appointed on the recommendation of Messrs. Pinder and Morehouse, M. P. P.'s, and a week or two later Mr. Ralph Brooks, son of ex-Warden Frank R. Brooks, a prominent Tory heeler, was appointed on the recommendation of Messrs. Young and Guthrie, M. P. P.'s. Both men attended the revisors meeting and our information is that each drew pay for his services. In the Legislature yesterday Hon. Dr. Landry, in reply to an enquiry, stated that Mr. Brooks was chairman of the Board of Revisors. If this is so, why was Mr. Masten also paid for performing the duties? Is it necessary to have two chairmen in the one parish? Or was the Young-Guthrie influence more potent than that wielded by Pinder and Morehouse? Surely Mr. Pinder, with his fifty years of experience in public life ought to be able to recommend a

suitable man for appointment as revisor without having his recommendation vetoed by the Government. In the days of the old administration we used to hear a lot about responsible local self-government from the members of the then opposition. They were then ready to die in defence of this great principle; but a term of office seems to have brought about a great change. As Mr. Pinder resides in the Parish of Southampton and supports the government, he should be allowed to name a revisor for his parish. Why should he permit a political nondescript like Mr. John Young to dictate appointments in the parish of Southampton?

The people of York are wondering how long Messrs. Pinder and Morehouse will continue to support a government that treats them in such a shameful manner.

## OUR DEBT TO THE ALLIES.

The entire philosophy of this war, the pith of its big issue, is clearly set forth by Elizabeth Robins in a letter in the New York Times:

Until August, 1914, England was cultivating the art of peace and broadening the democratic basis. Besides carrying on her commerce she was occupied during the time the enemy was arming for her destruction, meeting the complex claims entailed by her responsibilities in her colonies, and in discharging her responsibilities in such a way as made those distant populations fly to her aid with money and with men in their tens of thousands to defend her and to die for her.

Here we see that the dominion of force, however triumphant at any given time, is never a safe dominion. There is a practical certainty that a yet greater force will arrive to drive the victor of yesterday out of the field. There is no safety under heaven except in voluntary co-operation.

There is no shadow of doubt as to the great power of the German people to serve mankind. Their tragic failure is, in essence, a lack of faith. Germany would drag the people into order and prosperity. She will do anything for them under heaven except trust them.

To make people responsible by giving them their responsibility, to induce the spirit of voluntary co-operation, was England's contribution to the world.

The policeman in England is your friend. He is the public's friend. In Germany he is your enemy and the public's enemy. Rude, tyrannical, hated by his own townsfolk, he is the symbol not of good sense and civic co-operation, but of despotism.

The German policeman conveys to you that you are to do this or that, not because it is reasonable and for the common good, but because obedience is your first business.

With the German terror, not sense of justice, is held to be the best security for obedience.

If that view should prevail the men of the future will not find themselves inheritors of thousands of years of progress; they will find themselves back at civilization's starting point.

The question for us to answer is: Shall we follow the leader in this retreat to cave conditions?

Dr. Morehouse, a Government supporter in the Legislature, yesterday rose to a question of privilege and replied to statements of a graft newspaper which criticized him for being absent from the House when Colonel Guthrie delivered his speech on the address. He explained his absence by stating that he was on a mission of mercy, administering to a member of an overseas corps who should have been looked after by the regular military doctor. It is most singular that a legislative supporter of the Government should be called upon to defend himself from attacks by the Government press in these days when every thing is alleged to be straight and above board. Dr. Morehouse gave a most satisfactory explanation of his absence and those who know him will accept his word much more readily than they will accept that of his critic. Dr. Morehouse may have his faults, but his worst enemy will scarcely say that he ever made any money out of politics.

Judging by the vigorous letter which he has addressed to Attorney General Baxter on the subject of "Freak Legislation," it is to be assumed that Mr. J. L. Stewart, M. P. P., is recovering his health. The letter referred to will be found in another part of this issue and will be read with great interest.

The Government is busy devising new schemes of taxation. Why not apply the pruning knife for a change.

## HONORS WON AT FRONT.

Several promotions among New Brunswick men at the front are reported in last week's London Gazette as follows:—Captain G. B. Peat of Andover, N.B., C.A.M.C., to be temporary major; Lieutenant T. R. McNally of Fredericton, 1st Battalion, temporary captain; Captain W. Bates, 26th Battalion, to be temporary major in 25th. P. H. Wright of the 6th Mounted Rifles, has been given a commission in the artillery.



## PROPOSED TAX ON LUMBER LANDS

## Government Appoints a Committee to Deal With New Scheme to Raise Money

The serious question of how to raise more revenue was discussed by many supporters of the Government in the House on Wednesday, and the resolution of J. L. White, proposing to place a tax upon granted lands not included in the school districts was enlarged upon and an amendment offered by L. P. D. Tilley to have a committee of the House inquire into the advisability of taxing both crown and granted lands was adopted.

There are 7,000,000 acres of crown lands and it is said about 4,000,000 acres of granted lands. Some propose a tax of two cents an acre upon crown lands, which would yield about \$140,000. An equal tax upon granted lands would bring \$80,000, but it is said some propose that granted lands shall pay four cents per acre, which would yield a revenue of \$160,000, or \$300,000 in all.

The amendment by Mr. Tilley was as follows:

"That a committee of ten members of this House be appointed by Mr. Speaker to take into consideration the matter of assessing the private owned wilderness lands together with the crown wilderness lands under lease in the province as suggested in the resolution moved by the honorable member for Victoria, and that said committee submit its report to the House during the present session."

Mr. Lockhart seconded the amendment.

The amendment carried without division.

Mr. Speaker appointed Messrs. White, Carter, Mahoney, Jones, Culligan, Woods, Hachey, Tilley, Lockhart and Slipp as the committee.

The interest burden is oppressive. The announcement on Wednesday by the Provincial Secretary that the bonded debt is nearly \$11,000,000, which includes the second mortgage bonds of the Valley Railway, but does not take in the first mortgage bond issue of \$4,250,000. Add this and New Brunswick has a bonded debt of more than \$15,000,000 which does not include the guaranteed bonds of the Southampton Railway, \$155,000, or \$297,000 of Seaboard Railway bonds.

The situation is grave and the members of the legislature are beginning to realize just what the schemes of their leaders have placed the province.

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.

## OFFICIAL VISIT.

There was a large number of members present at the regular meeting of Fredericton Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, last evening, on which occasion Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Provinces, Hugh H. McLellan of St. John, paid an official visit. He was accompanied by Past Chancellor Wetmore of New Brunswick Lodge, St. John. There were speeches by Grand Chancellor McLellan, Past Chancellor Wetmore, Grand Inner Guard R. B. Wallace of Fredericton Lodge, and others. A very interesting session was held and an enjoyable time spent by all. During the evening refreshments were served and a social hour spent. The Grand Officers will officially visit Marysville Lodge this evening.

## CLERGYMEN IN LUCK.

Chatham World:—As two reverend gentlemen were driving near Derby Junction on the way to Newcastle on Monday morning, they saw a very much worn and dilapidated looking leather handbag lying on the road. They decided to investigate and to their surprise found the sum of \$270, together with two bank books. They telephoned into Newcastle to the manager of one of the banks and in that way found out who the money belonged to and were enabled to return it.

Mr. L. B. Smith of St. John, is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. E. M. Wilson of St. Stephen, is in the city.

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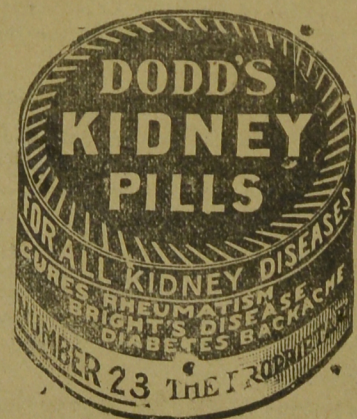
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Scott, Churchill Stewart, Ernest Taylor, Albert Buchanan, James D. Ward.

Coun. James T. Douglass was the chairman of the meeting, which was held in the Grange Hall. The speakers were Rev. Mr. Robinson, Anglican clergyman at Stanley; Mr. M. McDade of St. John, and Corporal J. D. Pugh and Allen. The meeting was highly successful and the two soldiers, who organized it, are being warmly congratulated. Corp. Pugh is arranging to hold another meeting at Cross Creek on Saturday night next. The speakers will be Lieut. F. deL. Clements, Mr. McDade and others.

Mr. E. R. Machum of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. D. J. Purdy, ex-M.P.P., of St. John, is in the city. He is a guest at the Queen.



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