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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.

DR. LANDRY'S GOOD BUSINESS.

Hon. Dr. Landry owes the House and Country a fuller explanation of the disposition of the timber bonus money, \$438,000. This money was paid by the Crown Land Licenses in August, 1913, and since that time should have been in the Crown Land sinking fund drawing interest to help meet the rapidly increasing provincial debt. Instead of that this large sum of money has been carried in Consolidated Revenue Account and used to pay the bills of the Province. Dr. Landry, in his very brief explanation to Mr. Dugal, said it was good business to use this money instead of borrowing from the banks at 5 or 6 per cent. interest.

There is just one comment to make on this. The Government had no right to divert this huge sum for the purposes of every-day expenditure. Under legislation passed a few years ago, all moneys from Crown Land sales, bonuses, etc., were to be placed in the Crown Land Sinking Fund. This money was largely available in August, 1913. The whole of it was available August 1st, 1914, and money was not dear at that time. Provincial bonds had been issued and sold during this period and while it may not always be the proper thing to invest our sinking funds in our own bonds, the Crown Land bonus money should have been removed from the treasury and placed where it belonged.

Since the war broke out, Dominion securities have been sold at attractive interest rates. What a splendid thing it would have been had the Provincial Secretary invested the Crown Land money in Dominion securities and helped along the war loan.

But, failing that, just about the same time this province sold \$702,000 of bonds to N. W. Harris & Co., of Boston and Montreal. They sold for 95, and brought five per cent. interest. If we had invested the \$438,000 in those bonds we would have had \$461,000 to the credit of the Crown Land Sinking Fund. But, no, Dr. Landry has this money, he says, in the banks drawing three per cent. This is the difference. Three per cent. on \$438,000 is \$13,140, and five per cent. on \$461,000 would be \$23,050.

So the Crown Land Sinking Fund is just losing the difference—within a few dollars of \$10,000 every year—because our wonderful financier, Dr. Landry, thought it "was good business."

TELL THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH.

We believe in outspoken criticism. Those who read the Mail will agree that it never tries to hide behind anybody else and insinuate what it thinks. What we mean by this is that there are several members of the House of Assembly who are in possession of information that should be in the hands of the people. Some of them, we understand, have been astounded at the answers to many inquiries given by members of the Government. If ever the truth can be told in politics, a minister is expected to speak it when the people through their representatives put a direct question to him concerning their affairs. We do not know exactly how far His Honor the Lieutenant Governor can pay attention to continued reports concerning these matters. He will be governed, no doubt, by constitutional custom. But there are times when the Chief Executive should be pardoned and applauded if, in the interest of the people, he makes some inquiries himself. He has the power which the opposition has not, of having every document, every account, every letter brought directly to him, and he can judge for himself.

There have been statements made and the Opposition is prepared to stand by the assertions, that false and evasive answers have been given to many

inquiries made in the House this session. For example—or one of many examples, let us recall the question asked by Mr. Pelletier on Friday, the 31st of March, concerning the expense accounts of departmental officials. Now, there are members of the House who know that the Auditor General did refuse to pay an expense account of an official because it had been already paid by the province. Wherever this member or members got his information, he knew that on a certain date in 1915, let us say Dec. 10, a certain letter was written by the Auditor General refusing to pay an expense account of an official which had already been handed in and paid through the Agricultural Department. The Minister of Agriculture, who is the Acting Premier, takes responsibility for the answer that was made to Mr. Pelletier to questions 2, 3 and 4 on March 31st of this session, and if somebody will kindly hand him a copy of the Mail he may see fit to amend the answers given to questions 2 and 3, and to bring down the words of the letter (for it was very short, we understand) in answer to question 4.

Just so there may be no mistake, we repeat the questions and the answers:

Question 2. Are all expense accounts subject to departmental inspection and by the Auditor General?

Answer—Yes.

Question 3. Has the Auditor General ever refused to pay an expense account of any official because it was, in effect, a duplicate account?

Answer—No. No duplicates of accounts have been presented for payment.

Question 4. If so, what reason did he give for refusing to pay the expense account, and to what official did he refer.

Answered by answer to question 3.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of this city is to be congratulated on the splendid legacy bequeathed to it by the late Mr. Donald Fraser. The deceased gentleman left no will, but he instructed those who will administer his estate to replace the building known as the Auld Kirk with a modern structure to be used for the Sabbath School and the different church societies. The late Mr. Fraser was a staunch Presbyterian and a regular attendant at St. Paul's Church. It is no secret among his friends that he had the very highest regard for Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, the popular and gifted pastor of St. Paul's. Not in the history of Fredericton has any church received such a magnificent gift from an individual as has fallen to the lot of St. Paul's.

The exclusive announcement in Saturday's Mail that the late Mr. Donald Fraser, before his death, made provision for the erection of a new wing for Victoria Hospital, was well received by all classes of citizens. The proposed new wing, for which plans were prepared some months ago, will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Increased accommodation at the hospital is urgently needed, and all will be glad to know that Mr. Fraser has left the trustees in a position to proceed with the work during the coming summer. Mr. Fraser's thoughtful and munificent gift will put the hospital in a better position than ever to perform its mission of mercy to this community.

Montreal Herald: But for Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., and men like him, there is no knowing to what limits the looters of the treasury would have gone, or to what infamous depths they would have descended in pursuit of "blood-stained graft." Every influence that could possibly be brought to bear has been used to cover up infamous transactions carried out in the name of patriotism; in fact, those who have insisted on a stop being put to grafting in connection with munitions, and who have called for exposure of the criminal methods by which millions of the people's money have been squandered, have been branded with the ugly name of traitors. Undeterred by such intimation, Mr. Carvell has turned the withering light of publicity on this grafting. In spite of threats and denials, he has given facts and figures in the most explicit detail to back up the charges launched.

The residents of Kingston, Kings county, at a public meeting recently, adopted a strong resolution protesting against the proposal of the Provincial Government to divert the Valley Railway from the east to the west side of the river, and thus cut out that section of the country. One speaker quoted Acting Premier Murray as stating that he would resign if this railway did not pass through Kingston. This man's advice was, "Put out any party that will make such a pledge as that and break it."

Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., of St. John, was in the city yesterday.

WILL SIR SAM GO OVERBOARD?

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

It is apparent that a very considerable section of the Conservative party at Ottawa are prepared to make terms with the Opposition in the matter of the charges against the Shell Committee on the basis of throwing Sir Sam Hughes overboard, and calling it square. The resistance to the proposal to have an investigation into the operations of the committee weakened when it began to appear that Sir Sam had placed himself, or had been placed by his friendship for J. Wesley Allison, in a dangerous position.

Mr. Rogers' newspaper here in Winnipeg is, for instance, quite prepared to think the worst of Sir Sam, and is already reconciled to the prospect of losing him. It intimates that he is to be the victim of a major excommunication and is to be turned out not only from the Government, but from the party as well.

Sir Sam will not be surprised at this manifestation of family affection and regard. The stilts he has been drawn behind his back more than once since the outbreak of the war; but he has been saved on those occasions by the protection of the public. With all his faults, and despite many freakish performances, Sir Sam Hughes has had a strong hold on the public. They like his energy, his unconventionality, his breeziness, his artless egotism; and in particular they have thought well of him because of some of the enemies he has made. He was, in point of fact, after the Prime Minister, the best political asset the ministerialists had, until the probing into the work of the Shell Committee carried on by the Liberals placed him in jeopardy.

Sir Sam plainly need not look for sympathy to his friends; for him it is already a case of "thumbs down."

But the public, and even his political opponents, have no desire that he be condemned without being heard. He has a right to ask that judgment be kept open until he submits evidence in his own defence. This is all the more desirable in the interests of fair play, because there is no getting away from the fact that the charges established will be quite fatal to him, even though it should be shown that he is chargeable only with misplaced confidence in men who should not have been trusted and who betrayed his trust.

R. B. BENNETT'S VIEWS ON CONSCRIPTION

(Canadian Press.)

Kingston, Ont., April 10—"For reasons that I need not discuss here, I do not think that conscription will ever be passed in Canada," said R. B. Bennett, M. P. for Calgary, addressing a recruiting rally on behalf of the 146th Battalion at the Grand Opera House last night.

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Mr. Clarkson's Appointment.

To the Editor of The Mail, Dear Sir:—As you published yesterday the names of the Nominating Committee of the City and County Alliance, including the name of Mr. E. H. Clarkson, it is only right that I should state that Mr. Clarkson was prevailed upon to consent to allow his name to be placed in nomination for president only after the very earnest pressure of the rest of the Committee.

Thanking you for the opportunity of this word,

Yours truly,
A. F. NEWCOMB.

April 8.

CIVIC ELECTIONS IN ST. JOHN TODAY

(Canadian Press.)

St. John, N.B., April 10—After four years of commission government in St. John, that system is on trial at the polls today. The alternative on the ballot is a return to the ward system. The electors also are voting to fill the positions of Commissioners McLellan and Potts,

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whose terms have expired. Both are in the field again, also four other candidates, including a labor representative. The polls will close at seven p.m. Next Monday will be the final, the two low men today dropping out. At the second election also, a contest between Mayor Frink and R. T. Hayes, wholesale shoe manufacturer, for the mayoralty, will be decided.

ON THE SIDE.

Looks as if Germany might be in for a Dutch treat on the frontier.

Try this on your piano: "I didn't raise my boy to be a policeman."

Perhaps what happened to the Sussex was just spontaneous combustion.

An optimist is a man who looks at the mud, chips and bark in the maple syrup and says that's a sign its the pure stuff.

"Fredericton Gaslight Co. anxious to pass bill," said the newspapers recently. We are willing to let them pass ours.

Father just now is hesitating between the need of buying a little coal for next year or a large refrigerator for the summer.

We don't know whether the early bird that looks for a worm on a morning like this is an optimist or just a plain bonehead.

Don't let anybody tell you that you can do something which you know you cannot do, or that you cannot do something which you believe you can.

Statistics lately compiled at Princeton show that 43 members of the senior class of that university have never kissed a girl. Some philosopher has said the mendacious are divided into three classes, "liars, damned liars and statisticians."

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