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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.

THE END IS NOT YET.

The hue and cry is over. The chase is ended, and Harry Blair is out of official life. He was a good secretary of public works. Even his enemies admit his ability. But he was indiscreet and Royal Commissioner Teed did not approve of his relations with Colby of Ottawa, whose reputation in any place where he is known is such that his evidence alone should not condemn any man.

But when one thinks of the organized effort there was to "get" Blair, much surprise cannot be felt at the result. The whips of the Government party, Messrs. Woods and Price, were particularly active in this respect. They journeyed to Ottawa, hunted up Colby, secured an affidavit from him, and then paid his expenses to Fredericton to get his evidence. How much more Colby was promised remains to be told. Since then Colby has been made an officer of the Forster's Battalion, and now wears the King's uniform.

The men who were once Blair's political friends are responsible for his being made the scapegoat today. They are the kind of men "who strain at gnats and swallow camels." They accept Pinder and his record; they close their eyes to the report of Royal Commissioner Pringle, who found him guilty of practically defrauding the country of over \$40,000; they sit in the same house with Robichaud; they voted to whitewash Flemming, who was condemned by another Royal Commissioner; they accept the money paid out by tens of thousands to assist them to get elected, and then they turn upon the man who has assisted them more than any other and, proving accusations which are trifling in comparison, drive him from his position.

Blair is the custodian of many party secrets. So is Pinder. They are bitter enemies. The Government had to choose between them. They chose Pinder. They have discredited Blair and discounted in advance any statements he may make that are not backed up with documentary proof. They even have other affidavits in reserve to scare Blair to silence. In the past he has not been easy to scare. His accusers have backed up before him. Today, encouraged by their success, they are piling up Blair's misdeeds until the mountain of his crimes will topple over of its own weight.

We are not defending anything wrong this official has done, but his accusers are so guilty, so deep in the mire of their misdeeds, that they are forced to direct public attention elsewhere. Yet there are not a few men in high places who are more uneasy today than Harry Blair.

A LOSS TO YORK COUNTY.

The County of York, particularly the Parish of Stanley, will suffer a distinct loss by the removal of Dr. D. R. Moore to Newcastle, as noted in our news columns today. The Doctor has for thirty-five years practiced his profession in the Parish of Stanley and along the Valley of the Nashwaak his name has become a household word. While the arduous duties connected with a large country practice kept him very busy, Dr. Moore's indomitable energy and pluck found scope in other directions, for the benefit of his fellow men. Upwards of twenty years ago he constructed a telephone line which connected the City of Fredericton with Stanley Village, and fifteen years ago he built the Stanley branch railway, connecting Cross Creek with Stanley Village, and later extended it to Ryan's Brook. He has managed this road since its completion and has given the people a satisfactory service. He has always taken a warm interest in public affairs, and for a period of four years represented York in the Legislature as the colleague of the late Hon. A. G. Blair. Dr. Moore has long been recognized as one of New Brunswick's most skilful surgeons, and he is leaving Stanley at the urgent request of leading citizens of Newcastle, who are anxious to enlist his skill and experience on behalf of the splendid new hospital donated

to that town by Mr. Ernest Hutchinson. While Dr. Moore's departure from York county will be deeply regretted, there is satisfaction in the knowledge that he is to remain in the province. The town of Newcastle is to be congratulated on securing such an important acquisition to its citizenship.

HON. MR. MURRAY POSES.

Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, showed some anger yesterday when talking about farms and other matters. Well he might, but his anger should not be directed against Mr. E. S. Carter or anyone else except those of his own party who got him into trouble.

If Mr. Murray wants to accept responsibility for the activity of Mr. Jones, his colleague, he is welcome to do so. Both Messrs. Jones and Murray were largely dependent for support in one section of their county on one Mr. John E. McAuley, and it turns out that McAuley claimed his recompense by selling small farms which he had stripped of their greatest asset, the lumber. He sold four in one block for \$2,500, and another for \$1,300. Mr. McAuley, like Mr. A. J. H. Stewart and others, started in to make money out of the Farm Settlement Board. Could he have succeeded without the knowledge and consent of Minister Murray? Of course he could not, and Mr. Murray knows it, and the people of Studholm, Kings county, know it, and they will show Messrs. Murray and Jones on polling day that they are becoming acquainted with their methods in permitting their political friends to sell farms to the Government.

Before that time the full history of the farms sold by McAuley, and the profit he made, will be told. The deal by which McAuley got the Cain lumber in West Scotch Settlement will be exposed, and the pressure brought by Mr. Jones upon Michael Guilfoyle to sell his lumber to him in order that he might dispose of his farm to the Board will be dealt with.

Mr. Murray may well fear the Liberal organizer, Mr. E. S. Carter, for that gentleman is on his trail. And the trail is broad and easily followed. It is as plain as the street railway tracks running in the direction of Kings county. Does Mr. Murray understand? We have no doubt about the matter.

Mr. Murray invites more investigation. Is he not weary of them? We can assure him that the Opposition will welcome an investigation into Farm Settlement Board purchases. Mr. Murray knows he dare not order such an investigation. He knows that the province has been robbed, that the settlers have been deceived in many—very many—instances, and all because his political friends wanted to fill their pockets at the expense of the people.

Come on with your investigation! Mr. E. S. Carter authorizes us to invite you to do so. Appoint an independent commissioner to inquire into the purchase of all farms, and the public will be astonished at the revelations. Don't pose, Mr. Murray. It does not go down with those acquainted with you. Such an investigation as you seem to count would enlarge the circle of your acquaintances and give them wider knowledge of your activities.

The Government should thank Mr. Dugal for his services in assisting to collect the revenue of the province. On March 25th Mr. Dugal enquired in the House as to the amount of shorthand fees paid in by Mr. L. E. Young, clerk of the Carleton Circuit Court. Mr. Young, it seems, was behind to the extent of \$165, but on March 27th, two days after Mr. Dugal had put in the enquiry, he got busy and came across with the money. This information was furnished in the House yesterday by Mr. Baxter in reply to a third inquiry on the subject by Mr. Dugal. A year ago, it will be remembered, a question by the Opposition brought a refund of \$100 from Mr. George P. Olts, of Meductic, who was supposed to be operating a ferry service on the St. John river.

All this talk about providing government positions for returned soldiers is nothing more than hot air. An opportunity was offered this week to do something, when a letter carrier attached to the Fredericton post office resigned to go to the front. Was the vacancy filled by the appointment of one of the twelve or more soldiers back from the front who are now here? No, they did not even get a look-in. A big strapping ex-farmer, who lately removed to the city from the Parish of Queensbury, got the ear of the patronage committee, and of course landed the job right off the bat. If Col. Guthrie, M. P. P., has anything to say about patronage matters, he should interest himself in this matter, and if an ap-



ANOTHER "REMITTANCE" FROM CARLETON CO.

Mr. L. E. Young Came Across With Court Fees After Question Had Been Asked in the House.

Another example of evasive answers to inquiries was given in the House on Wednesday, when the government had to answer the inquiry in re Louis E. Young of Woodstock, and the shorthand fees he has collected since 1910 as clerk of the Supreme Court in Carleton county.

When the notice of inquiry was first given, Mr. Young had not paid any of these moneys into the province, but before the answer was brought down in the House, March 28, Mr. Young had made a hurried payment of \$165, so the government was able to answer "Yes" to the query whether Mr. Young had paid or not. Then the opposition went back with another question asking how the government explains its answer, inasmuch as the auditor general has not recorded any payment from Mr. Young in the years 1910, 1900, 1913, 1914 and 1915. And the government answered very tartly that they were not responsible for interpretation placed upon answers.

Still the opposition was not satisfied and the plain question was asked:

"Has Louis E. Young paid any moneys received from shorthand fees, and when and how much?"

This shot hit the mark and the coon came down. The government's reply was:

"Yes, the amount of \$165 was paid March 27, 1916, to cover the years since 1910."

TO REMOVE DANDRUFF

Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, pour a little into your hand and rub well into the scalp with the finger tips. By morning most, if not all, of this awful scurf will have disappeared. Two or three applications will destroy every bit of dandruff; stop scalp itching and falling hair.

ROTH OF DORCHESTER, MASS WON BOSTON MARATHON

Boston, April 19—Victor's honors in the annual American Marathon road race were won today by Arthur V. Roth, a youth of slight build, who ran for the Dorchester Club of this city. From the fourth mile of the twenty-five-mile course his speed kept in his wake three score of the sturdiest distance runners in this country and Canada.

Less than eleven seconds separated Roth from the sprinting second man at the finish, Villar Kyronen of the Millrose A.A., New York, having run almost to his heels out of a place in the rack at the half-way stage. Sidney Hatch, the Illinois Athletic Club's veteran, was third, and J. J. Corkery of Toronto, whose amateur status was cleared only at the last moment, fourth, his time being 2:30:4.

Roth's winning time was 2 hours, 27 minutes, 16 2-5 seconds, eleven minutes behind the record for the event.

Arthur L. Jamieson, Hamilton, Ont., finished eighth in 2:41:09 4-5.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

The funeral of Eva Grace Belyea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Belyea, took place this afternoon from the home of the parents, Charlotte street. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. Death was caused by indigestion. The child was three years old and is survived by three brothers and one sister.

Miss Helen Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Walsh, left for St. John this morning to spend Easter.

pointment has been made he should insist on its cancellation. The position should go to a returned soldier.

There was a very fearsome rumor around town last night. Associated with President Wilson's departure from his policy of "watchful waiting" was another report that Colonel J. B. M. Baxter, the Attorney General, had insisted upon his right to go overseas and take his place in the ranks. Two reasons may account for this sudden but yet tardy determination—the danger of the conflict in the Legislature is greater than the perils at the front or from submarines. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Colonel may be spared to his country. The crisis in the British cabinet is nothing compared with this dilemma.

It is six weeks today since the Legislature met, and prorogation is not yet in sight. A "business like government" of the Clarke-Baxter type is certainly an expensive luxury.

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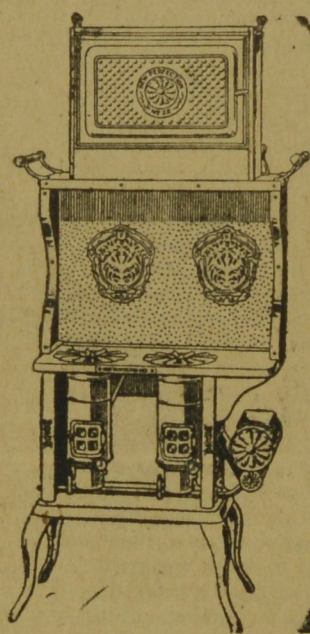
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