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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

THE B. C. ELECTIONS.

The province of British Columbia was not far behind Manitoba in getting rid of a corrupt government which disgraced the province and made it an object for reproach in other parts of Canada. The election on Tuesday seems to have been a complete rout for Premier Bowser and his administration. Every member of the government went down to ignominious defeat, and out of the wreck it is unlikely that the Conservatives will save more than six or seven seats. Some idea of the tremendous overturn may be derived from the fact that in the election four years ago the Liberals did not elect a single member to speak for their party on the floors of the House, while on Thursday they returned at least thirty-five. The Bowser machine seems to have gone by the board, lock, stock and barrel.

The campaign has been a lengthy one and both sides had ample opportunity to place the issues squarely before the people. Premier Bowser, who is an experienced campaigner, toured the province from end to end, made a strong bid for public support. The Liberal leader did likewise and had a stalwart ally in Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, who is easily one of the best stump orators in Canada. Sir Hibbert is a life-long Conservative and called upon the members of his party to vote against an administration which he declared had disgraced the province. No doubt thousands of independent Conservatives, men who place country before party, responded to his appeal. The great centres of population, where the Conservatives are supposed to be strong, recorded overwhelming majorities for the Liberal candidates. Federal and provincial patronage was employed on behalf of the government candidates, but the independent voters seem to have lent a deaf ear to all such influences. The result shows that in the Pacific province as elsewhere the silent, independent vote decides elections.

The great victory in British Columbia places the Liberals in control of six of the nine provinces of Canada. Last year the people of Manitoba turned out a Conservative government. There was an election in Prince Edward Island a year ago and the Conservative government barely escaped defeat. In May of this year there was an election in Quebec, which resulted in an overwhelming triumph for the Liberals. The people of Nova Scotia in June last renewed their confidence in the Liberal government of Hon. George H. Murray. The Conservative government of Ontario has lost three by-elections this year, including one in Toronto, the citadel of Toryism, and it is pretty generally believed that it will go out at the next election. In New Brunswick we have a Conservative government which will be swept from power just as soon as the people get a chance at it, and the opportunity must come before the month of June next. Should the pending by-elections in Carleton county go against the administration, which seems likely to be the case, it will be up to Premier Clarke and his colleagues to put their house in order immediately. This government has already lost a by-election this year, and a reverse in Carleton will be the finishing touch.

If the members of the Federal government at Ottawa are not able to discern the handwriting on the wall, they must be very near sighted. Exposures of graft and war profiteering made by Mr. F. B. Carvell and others has stirred the people of this country, and they are giving effect to their feelings by turning the rascals out whenever opportunity offers.

The local graft organ, in attempting to explain away the little \$2,500 trans-

action with the firm of Smith & Merrithew, claims that the firm declined months ago to continue Mr. Arnill as a member of the firm. It is pretty generally known by the people of this community that the firm of Smith & Merrithew was one of very few concerns which had sub-contracts on the Valley Railway and came out ahead of the game. It is also known that Mr. Arnill was the only member of the concern who had any previous experience in railway construction. Mr. Arnill is no longer a member of the firm, because his former associates having availed themselves of his practical knowledge, felt that somebody with a political pull would better serve their purpose.

At Woodstock on nomination day Hon. J. A. Murray read a letter from the Auditor General in which the statement was made that the \$2,400 refunded by Hon. B. Frank Smith was included in the return of \$32,463.89 made by A. C. Smith & Co. for the sale of surplus stock. The item in the Auditor General's report simply says: "Less received from the sale of potatoes, \$32,861.39." A refund of \$602.50 made by the C. P. R. on demurrage is shown, but no mention is made of the B. F. Smith refund. If he made the refund, and it was straight business, why was the item suppressed in the report?

One would think that from the graft organ's lame explanation of the Arnill affidavit that the Smith & Merrithew "hold back" claim was paid by the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. Irving R. Todd, former president of the company, may have signed the check, but the money came out of the treasury of the province of New Brunswick, and the people are today paying interest on the \$2,500 which went into the capacious maw of the graft organ.

Toronto Globe: At the very hour when a second Quebec bridge disaster occurred, for which the Laurier government assuredly was not responsible, the News was still harking back to 1907 in this fashion: "It would be ungenerous and inhuman to hold the Laurier government responsible for the fall of the Quebec bridge, and yet politicians who must have that disaster in memory insist that the new Parliament buildings shall be erected on doubtful foundations."

How is this for a list:
MANITOBA
QUEBEC
NOVA SCOTIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA
NORTH PERTH
PEEL
SOUTHWEST TORONTO
WESTMORLAND

Will Carleton join the honor roll on the 21st?

The Opposition henchmen are no longer going about boasting of a thousand majority for B. Frank Smith in Carleton county. They are beginning to realize that he is up against a pretty stiff proposition. It is generally admitted that the Flemming "come back" has not made any votes for the Government.

A St. John paper wants to know what action Premier Clarke will take with respect to the Arnill affidavit. That's easy. He will scold a bit because the facts leaked out and will let it go at that. Why should a do nothing Premier be expected to do something?

In the face of the shocking story of graft told in the Arnill affidavit, Government spellbinders in Carleton county still have the impudence to talk about "honest, progressive and business like administration." It is to laugh!

It now turns out that the \$2,500 which Smith & Merrithew paid out in order to secure the settlement of their hold back claim for work done on the Valley Railway was merely "a contribution to a personal friend." Now isn't that rich.

For the first time in the history of this province a deputy head of a department has been dragged from his office and compelled to go on the stump. Is any further evidence wanted to show how desperate is the position of the provincial government?

The local graft organ accepted the tidy little sum of \$833.50 from Mr. R. J. Arnill as a free gift without any strings attached to it, and now turns around and abuses him for telling all about it. Looks like rough treatment to hand out to a philanthropist.

The returns from the British Columbia provincial elections will not likely add to the peace of mind of Hon. B. Franklin Smith. There seems to be a



well developed public conscience out in the Pacific province.

Surely the electors of Carleton county, apart from those who are feeding at the public trough, are not going to vote to continue in power this corrupt administration.

ON THE SIDE.

Don't mislay your Steel Common.

Who's bringing trouble on the party now?

That \$2,500 was certainly easy money.

Really the Libs must have an option on these war time elections.

It's always fair weather when good fellows get together.

"Tired of Digging Down." We all are at times, Alphonso, we all are.

The old flag used to round up votes for the Cons, but that was when war was only a dream.

And the fellows who coughed up had been in the habit of accepting "friendly drafts."

A friendly draft is one which usually synchronizes with the publication of the picture of some Tory politician.

The moon is making courtship a rare delight these sweet September nights.

"Striped and Plaid Sandwiches." Well, those striped outfits always did make us feel hungry.

When a man and woman argue the woman invariably gets the last word; but when two women argue it's always a draw.

Men are known by the company they keep—and the moving pictures they like to see.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Paul's Church.

Services at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. A. Burrows, D. D., will be the preacher. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Men's Bible study class will meet in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 2.30 p. m., and will organize for the year's work. All are invited to attend all the services.

Brunswick Street Baptist.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb, M. A., B. D., pastor. 11 a. m., subject, The Buried Book; 2.30 p. m., Bible school rally in the main auditorium; special exercises, 7 p. m., subject, Young People and the Kingdom, a sermon for thoughtful young people. All cordially welcome.

Methodist Church.

Rev. T. Marshall, pastor. 10 a. m., prayer meeting. 11 a. m., Rally Day service; singing by the Sunday school choir; preacher, the Rev. T. Marshall. 2.30 p. m., Sunday school; special Rally Day service. 7 p. m., preacher Rev. T. Marshall. All seats free, all welcome.

Reformed Baptist.

The Rev. H. C. Archer will preach morning and evening. Sabbath school at 2.30.

The Salvation Army.

Special Harvest Festival services. Saturday, 8 p. m. Sunday, 11, 3 and 7 o'clock. Monday, sale of produce, etc.

STRANGE EXPERIENCES

(Continued from page 8.)

S. A. With the outbreak of trouble with Mexico he was sent to the Rio Grande with his regiment. War in Europe followed shortly.

Butler, of "Boyle," determined to fight for his own country. He deserted and crossed to Mexican territory, and made for the coast with the intention of getting on a British ship. He was captured by Carranza's troops and charged with being a spy in the employ of Villa. He was sentenced to death and to save his life appealed to the British consul at the nearest town and admitted that he was a deserter from the United States Army and an Englishman. The Carranzistas were convinced of this, but instead of letting him go took him to the border and forced him to re-enter the United States. There he was captured by the military authorities and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Good behaviour shortened the term.

He rejoined his regiment, and deserted again in an effort to reach British territory. He again was captured. This time he got a two years' sentence. He served part of it, but was released by General Fred Funston, as troops were much needed by the United States and Butler's record apart from desertions, had been good.

Finally Reached Canada.

At this time he wrote a friend in Fredericton telling of his experiences and asking for financial assistance.

Later he wrote from San Francisco, evidently having left the United States Army.

The latest tidings of him was from British Columbia. A man who had known him in the R. C. R. saw him under arrest in the guard room at Esquimalt. It is thought he eventually reached Canada and reported to the station of the R. C. R. at Esquimalt as an absentee.

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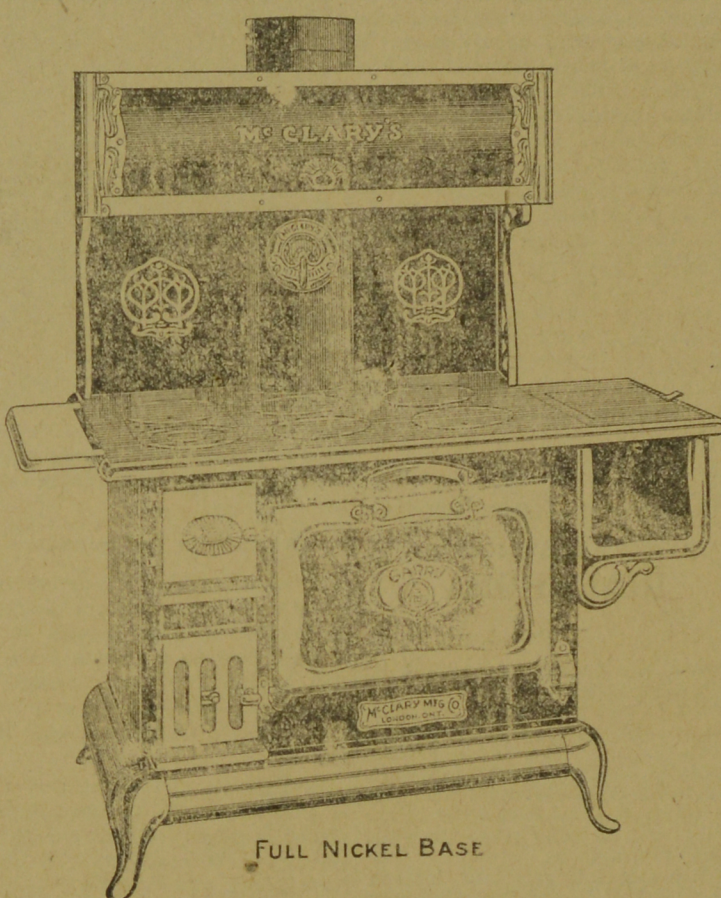
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