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# OPPOSITION CONVENTION POSTPONED.

Many of the farmers who are desirous of attending the Opposition Convention in the County and thus take a part toward obtaining better government, have asked, in view of the unusual lateness of the haying season, to have the convention called for Saturday next postponed.

In view of the urgent request, the local committee has agreed to this. The Opposition convention will, therefore, be postponed, to meet at a date to be announced later.

GEORGE F. BURDEN,  
County Convener.

Dated August 17, 1916.

# NEW MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The elevation of Mr. B. Franklin Smith, M.P.P. for Carleton, to the provincial cabinet with the portfolio of Public Works, is further proof of the utter helplessness of Premier Clarke to bring about any improvement in political conditions in this province. After standing out against Mr. B. Frank Smith for months and hawking the portfolio about the province, the Premier, under pressure from Minister Hazen, it is said, has at last been compelled to capitulate in Mr. Smith's favor, and we are not paying him any very great compliment when we say that it must have been decidedly against his better judgment. The Premier has been called a genial weakling, and the term is a very apt one. When he took over the reins of leadership two years ago after the almost tragic downfall of Mr. J. K. Flemming, he made high sounding promises of reform. The people were given to understand that with the departure of Flemming would also go Flemming methods, and that under the new regime there would be honest and progressive government. The Premier may or may not have made some effort to carry out his solemn promises, but in any case the result has not been what the public were led to expect. Things have gone steadily from bad to worse. We have had the patriotic potato steal and the hold-up of liquor licensees and farm settlement board scandals since Premier Clarke took office, and in each case an investigation was refused after definite charges had been preferred. Then we had the disgraceful spectacle of the Legislature adopting a resolution the object of which was to give ex-Premier Flemming a clean bill of health after he had been condemned by a royal commission. In the wake of all these scandals—sufficient as they are to eternally damn a dozen governments, we have the announcement that Mr. B. Franklin Smith, of patriotic potato fame, has been elevated to the cabinet and placed in charge of its greatest spending department. This is certainly the last straw, and it ought to be sufficient to break the back of this corrupt and incompetent administration. It is perhaps only fair to Premier Clarke to say that he did not call Mr. Smith to his council until actually compelled to do so as a matter of political expediency. The portfolio was hawked all over the province and declined with thanks by several to whom it was offered. Available cabinet timber was scarce and things finally narrowed down to Mr. Pinder of York and Mr. Smith of Carleton. Mr. Pinder was unable to command the support of a section of the graft press, and in the final toss-up Mr. Smith won out.

Premier Clarke can very well plead justification for his choice on the ground that it was the best he could do. Mr. Smith's elevation to the cabinet has one redeeming feature—it will hasten the downfall of the worst administration New Brunswick has ever known.

# A CORRECT PROPHECY.

A correspondent tells an American newspaper that in looking over some old papers he found a copy of the Saturday Evening Post, dated November 19th, 1898, containing an article headed "What is prophesied concerning the Kaiser." From that article he clipped the following extract:

"The German Emperor is very fond of being photographed, and is astonishing his photographers by the rapidity with which he changes his dress. The other day he had no fewer than forty separate portraits taken of himself in his pilgrim's dress. As if this

were not enough, he had a couple of cameras simultaneously levelled at him, the Emperor seizing the opportunity while her husband was in the view, to secure some portraits on her own account. The Imperial Pilgrim, if tradition goes for anything, should enjoy himself while yet he can. It is an old tradition of the house of Hohenzollern that three Emperors of the house will reign in Germany in one year and that the third will have seven sons and will bring ruin to the nation as well as an end to his empire. The first portion of the prediction was fulfilled when the present Emperor came to the throne, his father, the Emperor Frederick, and his grandfather, the old Emperor William, both having died within the year prior to his accession."

It certainly does seem as if the prophecy were in a fair way of being fulfilled. Here's hoping that it may eventuate in all its details before the snow flies.

Westminster Gazette: Today's papers are simply peppered with the name of Hughes. We read of Sir Sam and his daughter inspecting U C5 both inside and out, of Mr. W. M. declaring that he will never desert Mrs. Micawber—we mean the Commonwealth—and of Mr. Charles making his first campaign speech as Republican candidate for the U. S. Presidency. This is a pretty good one day's record for the bearers of one name. Perhaps the most notable thing about the speech of Mr. Hughes, U. S. A., is that Mr. Roosevelt first heard it from a private box and afterwards issued a statement endorsing it. Thus the old quarrel in the Republican ranks seems definitely closed, but even so, Mr. Woodrow Wilson will be a difficult candidate to defeat, if the betting on the result can be taken as some criterion—and we think it fairly may be.

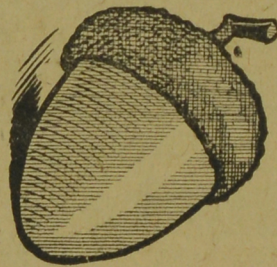
The penetrative power of the "silver bullet" of Lloyd George's boast is shown, says the New York World, by Chancellor McKenna's statement that if the war were to continue to April 1 the present British taxation could be reduced and still meet ordinary expenses, pay interest on war debt and settle the principal in forty years. His analysis will be read with envy in the other warring countries, not all on the Teutonic side, which make no pretence of paying even war-debt interest by taxation.

New Haven Register: Just now Berlin announces a great scientific discovery of the process of making paper from cotton stalks. We have been all through that. We have had our government scientists for years supposedly experimenting with the manufacture of paper from cotton stalks and corn stalks and other things. The value of these discoveries so far seems about equal to that of the numerous hopeful cheap substitutes for gasoline.

Premier Clarke seems to be determined to put the provincial ship of state on the rocks. Yesterday he took Mr. B. Frank Smith over to Sackville and installed him as an adviser to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

Albany Journal: If the battle of Jutland, or of Skagerrack, or whatever else it may be called, had really resulted in German victory, there would have been another one, we think.

Hon. P. G. Mahoney should have no love for the name of Smith. One member of this great family captured his seat in the Legislature and now another has come along and picked up his job.



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# HAS A GOOD WORD FOR CHIEF FINLEY

Newcastle Paper Says He Has Performed His Duties in an Efficient Manner.

Under the caption "Shall Newcastle Lose a Good Officer," the Newcastle Advocate publishes the following:

"We understand that Mr. W. H. Finley has received the appointment as Chief of Police and Scott Act Inspector of Fredericton, with increase of salary. This appointment confirms the opinion previously expressed in this paper regarding the efficient and honorable manner in which Chief Finley has performed his duties here.

"The citizens of Newcastle, in view of the excellent work Mr. Finley has done here, will do well to use every effort to persuade him to remain with us. Such a valuable officer as Mr. Finley has proved himself is hard to obtain. His receiving such an offer from Fredericton shows that a good Scott Act inspector and faithful chief of police is appreciated in this province, and that the days are past, or are fast passing, when the public will tolerate any looseness in the enforcement of laws against the liquor traffic. The latter has already reached its high-water mark and is rapidly on the down grade.

# PICKARD-CAMPBELL.

The Bride Daughter of Capt. the Rev. G. M. Campbell.

The wedding of Miss Jean Sangster Campbell, daughter of Rev. (Captain) G. M. and Mrs. Campbell, and niece of Premier Clarke and Mr. Justice McKeown, to Mr. Kenneth Stockton Pickard, son of the late Mr. Charles Pickard, of Sackville, was solemnized at Centenary Church, St. John, on Wednesday.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Richard W. Weddall, of St. Andrews, assisted by Rev. W. H. Barracough, of Centenary Church. The bride was given away by her father; otherwise she was unattended. Only relatives and immediate friends of the families were invited.

Following the ceremony a lunch was held at the Manor House, after which the bride and bridegroom left on a trip to the United States.

# INSPECTING VALLEY R. R.

(St. John Globe.)  
Messrs. Fred W. Sumner, Moncton; Richard O'Leary, Richibucto; Dominion Government Engineer Taylor; Mr. Connors, property valuator; Mr. Luther B. Smith, and others, formed a party which, starting from Westfield Tuesday morning, made an examination of the work being done on the Valley Railroad as far as Hampstead, arriving at the latter place at 7 o'clock last evening. This morning the section between Gagetown and Hampstead was inspected, and it is understood that the inspecting party will return to the city by boat.

# ON THE SIDE.

Soon Austria will not have even a back door left.

What's in a name?—why, how about a Game o' Chance?

Flatter a man if you want him to have implicit faith in your judgment.

Pool selling on a horse race with "a game of chance" eliminated is a bran new stunt.

Just think of the good old days when we could afford a new chief of police whenever we felt sore in the head.

The summer girl's idea of love is two souls with but a single hammock, two hearts that swing as one.

New York is organizing a "Sunset Club." What the world needs is more sunrises.

Ferdinand of Bulgaria could have saved lives, money and prestige if he hadn't guessed so soon.

One of the discoveries of 1916 seems to be that we have some very valuable police chiefs in New Brunswick.

Oh, yes, of course, Mr. Simp, it's all according to what happens whether Friday is an unlucky day or not.

Judging by Accounts, the front of Archduke Karl must by this time be pushed in close to his backbone.

Perhaps the name Mahoney reminds us all too much of the comic supplements to make headway in politics.

When the harvesting is over in the west it will be too late to start a harvest excursion to the east.

The fellow who lost on the races and is smiling in spite of it is some hero too; but few will purposely emulate him.

Some of those dyes the Deutschland brought over are said to have been sold for \$70 a pound. Living or dyeing, the high price man will get you.

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