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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1916.

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.

A SUM IN ARITHMETIC.

The books of the province were kept open last year for nearly two months to receive the amount of \$32,861 from "the sale of surplus potatoes, etcetera."

Mark the "etcetera." Wherein arose the necessity of delay for this sum of money? Potatoes were sold by the Government for cash. There was no credit given to the people in Cuba or the buyers in Cuba. The potatoes were sold in the late winter and spring—eight and nine months before December 22. Why, then, did the Department of Agriculture not have the money?

There is an explanation due the people, for this delay, as well as to how the sum of \$32,861 was made up.

How many potatoes were lost because of decay, and for other reasons? In one reply the minister said "less than two percent." Suppose we say two per cent. That would be about 1,400 barrels. The statement was made that none of these went overseas. They must therefore be deducted from the quantities bought after the patriotic and Belgian shipments were taken away. Get down to actual figures. The potatoes were bought by the barrel—165 pounds to the barrel. They were shipped by barrel and bag. How many pounds were in each bag? Was it a uniform bag? Were the bags sent to Cuba 180 pounds, as is the custom with many shippers? It is all a matter of arithmetic. The Havana quotations during the month the potatoes were shipped are at hand. They show the prices. These potatoes were no better, if as good, as the potatoes of other New Brunswick dealers. There were over 3,000 barrels sold for \$1.55 per barrel—not for New Brunswick account, says the Minister, but that gives an idea of the price at that time.

How many barrels of surplus potatoes were there? Who bought them? What was paid for them? It is all a sum in arithmetic. Why not get the potato experts in the department at work and make up a statement from those brokers' accounts?

A STAGED ATTACK UPON MORRISSY AND HIS DEPARTMENT.

The loneliness and bitterness of Morrissey's position was revealed in the stormy attack upon him and his department in the Legislature last night.

He was attacked by strong and influential supporters of the Government of which he is a member. He was ostracized and undefended by his colleagues.

No member of a government was ever in such a position and remained in the council of his own free will. THE ATTACK ON MORRISSY WAS STAGED AND PLANNED BEFOREHAND. EVEN THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LISTENED TO IT. THERE WAS NO MOMENT WHEN HIS ACTING LEADER COULD NOT HAVE CALLED PINDER AND SWIM TO ORDER AND INSISTED THAT THEY SHOULD WITHDRAW THEIR LANGUAGE.

But Murray was evidently content to see his colleague attacked. He or Landry or Baxter made no sign of protest AND THERE WERE SO MANY POINTS OF ORDER POSSIBLE TO BE RAISED.

One thing was made clear, not only by the attitude of Morrissey's colleagues but by the words of Tilley, of St. John, MORRISSY MUST SINK OR SWIM WITH HARRY BLAIR. IF TEED FINDS BLAIR CULPABLE, MORRISSY MUST RESIGN. If Teed exonerates Blair, it would seem as if Woods, Price and Pinder should resign. They are the men who stood behind Colby. They fathered the charges. IF THE CHARGES ARE PROVEN FALSE, WHAT REMAINS TO THESE MEMBERS BUT RESIGNATION?

Tom Cozzolino is a generous son of Italy who deals in contracts and with governments. He sometimes uses go-betweens, as Mr. W. B. Tennant, of St. John knows. He is part and parcel of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, which has a tender in for the un-

completed portion of the Valley Railway. Cozzolino has no excuse for concealment. He or his friends state that their deposit has been kept. So their hope is that they have the contract. It is time the cards were laid on the table. No more dealing under the cloth. The people won't stand for it.

The Government say they do not know or have no knowledge of whether Hon. Mr. Murray promised his constituents in Kingston to resign if the Valley Railway did not take the Rothesay route. Hon. Mr. Murray is the acting head of the Government. Does he not know what he said? What an answer to give the people of Kingston. Mr. Leonard Crawford is one of the most respected men in the parish. He stated publicly that Hon. Mr. Murray did make the statement. What has the Acting Premier to say?

A full report of the "bear garden" performance in the Legislature last evening will be found on another page. Read it and see if it will enhance your opinion of the outfit now in control of provincial affairs. The good old province of New Brunswick has certainly fallen on evil days.

To raise half a million dollars for the Patriotic Fund by taxation upon municipalities will cause many people to take a personal interest in the war who so far have kept their hands in their pockets.

According to some observations made by Messrs. Pinder and Swim in the Legislature last evening, Premier Clarke has not been able to "tear the strangling hand of the grafter from the throat of this province."

The term "honest government" is farcical as applied to the administration of provincial affairs today. It seems to be a case of every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost.

Some soiled linen was washed by government supporters in the Legislature last evening.

Mr. Robichaud, of Gloucester, did not participate in the row in the Legislature last evening.

The Government are fighting shy of many things. The Guthrie conscription resolution was postponed again yesterday. Why?

What will Titus Carter and J. L. White say in the Legislature about the sawed-off Valley Railway? And what will their electors say to them?

WALKED FROM BOSTON AND JOINED RANGERS

(Montreal Mail.)

Francis Hugh Stroud, hearing of the crack quality of the Irish Rangers Battalion in this city, came from Boston port, northward, making the latter part of the journey on foot, and is now on the strength of the battalion.

Stroud is a wanderer but he has never forgot the land of the Shamrock and all that it means to the Irish heart. He has been all around the world but his thirst for adventure is not satisfied yet and so he donned the khaki. First a stationer, then a bank clerk and then a sailor, he has tried out various phases of life. He arrived at Boston as a ship's steward several weeks ago and there read of the formation of the Irish Rangers in Montreal. He took train to St. Albans, Vermont, and there his finances got exhausted. How he made the rest of the journey he alone can tell, but he got here, tired and weary, but enthusiastic for the Rangers.

He is a man twenty-nine years of age and of fine physique. He was at one time in the Bristol Artillery and has a brother an officer in one of the Hussar regiments in England and another in the Bristol Guards.

CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEAL

The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court resumed this morning, Chief Justice McLeod, Mr. Justice White and Mr. Justice Grimmer being present.

In the case of The King vs. Dimmock, Judge Gimmer delivered judgment of the court, Judge McKeown being advised to quash the conviction.

In the case of Paul Cote vs. O. F. Tardif, Mr. W. P. Jones, K.C., for the defendant appellant, supported an appeal from the Madawaska County Court. Mr. T. J. Carter, K.C., contra, Court considers.

Ex Parte Denis Doyle. Mr. P. J. Hughes moved for a rule absolute for a certiorari to quash a conviction for storing intoxicating liquor contrary to the Canada Temperance Act on the grounds that the liquor seized was never stored. Rule nisi with stay returnable Wednesday, April 26, were given.

"THE WHITE FEATHER" COMING APRIL 14 AND 15

Seats for "The White Feather" engagement at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday of this week, are meeting with an unusually heavy demand and the chances are that there won't be a vacant seat when this sensational success comes to town. "The White Feather" is a play based on the present European war, without any actual war in it, being the story of a man who stayed at home and gained the approbrium of his sweetheart and friends. But really he is a representative of the British War Office, instructed to cover German secret service agents seeking



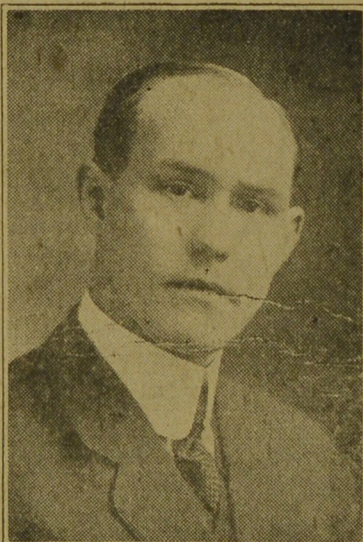
Vira Rioli, one of the leading actresses of the all-English company to be seen in "The White Feather" at the Opera House Friday and Saturday April 14 and 15.

the promotion of a submarine attack upon the English coast. In the end he wins back his lady love and gains the graceful regard of his King and country. A specially imported company of English players, picked from the leading theatres of London and Manchester, has been provided by William A. Brady Ltd., for the Canadian tour.

RETAIL MERCHANTS

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selling all other lines accordingly. Resolved, That now, as well as after the war is over, that we, as retail merchants will use our best endeavors to prevent the handling or selling of goods of all countries now at war with the Allies and at the same time to encourage the sale of goods of Canadian manufacture.



A. Murray, 1st Vice-President, New Brunswick Retail Merchants' Association.

Resolved, That we would recommend that all stores and places of business be called by Canadian names and in all advertising to emphasize "Made in Canada" goods.

Mr. E. M. Trower, secretary of the Dominion Board, Toronto, arrived on the noon train today and will be present at this afternoon's session.

Banquet Tonight.

Tonight the Association will hold a banquet at the York Hotel. A large attendance is expected at this gathering, which will be one of the most pleasant features of the convention. The attendance of delegates is large and representative.

Q. M. SERGEANT FOR 58TH HOWITZER BATTERY NAMED

Major C. M. P. Fisher, officer commanding the 58th Howitzer Battery, has appointed Gunner Gilbert O. Rogers to be Battery Quartermaster. Sergt. The new B.Q.M.S. has been

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Yarmouth, N.S., enlisting here Monday. He is a well qualified man and has had previous experience as a military man. Before coming to enlist he resigned an important position as accountant.

The statement that the orderly room of the 58th Battery would be removed to make room for the military hospital is not correct. The orderly room will remain where it is.

Qualifying examinations for infantry non-commissioned officers will be held here tomorrow. The examiners will be Major Stethem and Lieut. Corelli, N.C.O.'s of the 104th and 140th Battalions will take the examinations.

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