

## SOME SIDELIGHTS ON B. F. SMITH'S HAY CONTRACTS

When Fighting Frank Carvell Turned on the Searchlight Profits Began to Dwindle ---Evidence Brought Out Before the Courts in Montreal.

A copy of evidence taken in the district supreme court of Montreal relative to the assets of James McDonald and others who were sued by Michael Connelly, gives an interesting sidelight upon the hay contract and the profits of the Atlantic Hay Company, of New Brunswick, which is the concern in which B. Frank Smith, of Centerville, and James McDonald and others were much interested.

This company obtained a hay contract from the Agricultural Department of the Dominion Government to ship hay from New Brunswick overseas, and the contract was of such a character that it was exposed by F. B. Carvell, M.P., in Parliament.

The debate that followed was read with great interest in New Brunswick, but James McDonald, one of the company, now supplies the missing statements on oath in the court above referred to, which proves that F. B. Carvell's exposure of the transaction saved the country at large the considerable sum of \$30,000.

James McDonald is a hay and grain merchant in the city of Montreal, and on pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the court record the following sworn testimony appears:

Q.—Now, when is the financial year of the Atlantic Hay Company ending?

A.—It will end as soon as the contract ends.

Q.—What do you mean by that?

A.—If the contract ends tomorrow, then the year ends. If it does not end, it will continue on, until the contract ends.

Q.—Well, surely you strike a balance some time?

A.—They do not strike a balance until the contract is completed.

Q.—What contract is that?

A.—The contract with the Government for pressing hay.

Q.—And you are going along all the time without striking a balance?

A.—It only takes three or four months. They only work in the winter time. They do not work in the summer. It is only a small contract.

Q.—So you cannot tell me what profits have been realized by the Atlantic Hay Company?

A.—I could not tell you because the government has limited them to \$1 a ton, and an auditor is going to be put on the books.

Q.—You are limited to \$1 per ton profit?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How many tons?

A.—Fifteen thousand tons.

Q.—"Carvell Got After Them."

A.—So the Atlantic Hay Company will realize \$15,000?

A.—Yes, and the Government has limited it to that. They had a better contract before in which they made about \$45,000 or \$50,000, but it was cut down after Carvell got after them in Ottawa. He is responsible for getting \$2 a ton cut off.

Q.—When do you expect to finish the contract?

A.—I think they will have about another month's work—three or four weeks.

Q.—And then you close up the year?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And divide the profits?

A.—Yes, whatever the Government allows us to divide. The Government has been very good this year.

Q.—Now, about this contract between the Atlantic Hay & Grain Company and the Government, you say that originally the contract was for \$23 a ton and you were to make \$3.

A.—We were making \$3 out of the \$23.

Q.—And you say it has been cut down now?

A.—Yes, so as to let us make \$1 a ton. That is all the company can make.

Q.—When was that done? When did this order come to the company?

A.—I could not tell you that, but I know it has come. It is mentioned in the papers that Burrill and Carvell

were at one another about it. I know we are to make \$1 a ton out of it.

Q.—Well, that is for the present, but for the past, you must have received the \$3 a ton?

A.—No, from the start of the contract. It is retroactive.

Q.—And you agreed to that?

A.—B. F. Smith agreed to it. I had nothing to do with the making of the contract.

## HERE'S A GUIDE FOR AMATEUR GARDENERS

(By Prof. Spade.)

It isn't always a safe plan to follow the almanac and the seed-planting calendar, for the weather man may slip one over on you and your crop will be ruined.

Our fathers let nature tell them when to plant, and they did fairly well too.

They followed the good old rule of planting corn when the apple trees blossomed; onions and peas when the peach trees put out their first blooms, and beet seeds when the cherry trees burst into flower.

However, every city gardener hasn't a bunch of fruit trees handy for his observation, so it is necessary for him to have some kind of written guidance as to when to sow.

Among the early planting should be: Onions, lettuce, radishes, beets, early carrots, early cabbage, parsnip, peas, spinach, salsify, and if the gardener has the space, turnips, potatoes, early cabbage and early cauliflower.

From two to four weeks later, depending upon the weather, he may plant: Bush beans, lima and pole beans, late cabbage, late carrots, sweet corn, cucumbers; and after warm weather is assured, egg-plant, peppers and tomatoes. The last three should have been started under glass and transplanted after all danger of frost has passed.

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## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHOULD DISSOLVE HOUSE

The Moncton Transcript Hands Out a Few Plain Truths on Local Politics--Impossible to get Pure Government From a Mass of Politicians Who Grovel and Grapple Over the Hog Trough.

(Moncton Transcript.)

A remarkable natural phenomenon has developed at Fredericton. In some parts of the world it is well known there are boiling mud springs, which for a time are seemingly quiet, but which without the slightest warning suddenly bubble and boil with a series of short, sharp, snappy explosions, and then suddenly overflow, carrying destruction wherever they touch. The whole face of a neighboring, smiling nature may be turned in a few seconds into a wilderness of repulsive looking devastation. Such a phenomenon has apparently become manifest at Fredericton. The situation in the Legislature was comparatively serene when suddenly, with a series of sharp, snappy explosions, an outpouring of boiling mud took place, with which the supporters of the provincial government are mutually fighting to a finish, and threaten to overwhelm themselves with the hot, seething mud-throwing.

Should Brute Force Govern.

Are the people of New Brunswick absolutely lost to all sense of provincial pride that there are leading men in our midst who are willing to continue this state of affairs. Has it descended to the point at Fredericton when brute force instead of intellectual force shall govern, when a representative of the people from his seat in the House practically challenges men inside the House and even outside the House to personal encounters to settle the truth and the untruth of statements. These things are not done in an ebullition of passion, but they are perpetually repeated.

The besetting idea seems to be from one of the members that a blow from a fist will settle an argument and demonstrate that a statement is true or untrue. Such threats degrade the Legislature and show the unfitness of the legislator for his position.

The Speaker of a legislature should govern that body so far as a decorum of debate is concerned, but a weak Speaker—like the present Mr. Speaker—will soon permit a deliberative body to drift into an undeliberative one. Order becomes disorder, decorum becomes chaos, and disgrace is incidentally brought upon a province.

A Bear Garden Scene.

But Mr. Speaker is not alone in this matter. It appears that there was a chairman presiding over a committee of the whole the other day, and during that chairmanship a most disgraceful scene took place, in which ministerial members uncorked the vials of their wrath and engaged in language and employed epithets and made charges against each other which would be more familiar in a low dive or bar room than in a legislative assembly. The general public have no time just now to find out whether the stories told by one set of the supporters of the local government against the other or by the other against the one set are true or false. The charges of course should be subject to an investigation by a royal commission, but this will take time, and in the meantime the province suffers.

The Governor's Duty.

It is the duty of the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the Legislature. If he does not deal with the situation firmly, it will soon slip from beyond his or anyone else's control. That the present provincial government ship is on the rocks is beyond question. It cannot be salvaged. It is a hopeless wreck, and a new cabinet and a new crew guiding a reconstructed ship of state should be called upon to take charge.

The Lieutenant-Governor has made efforts within the ranks of the present ministerial party to improve matters, and his efforts have been a marked failure. It is impossible for him to get a pure government out of a mass of politicians, who are corrupt as a body. That has been demonstrated under more than one Conservative premier. The time has come for a change. The Lieutenant Governor should dissolve the Legislature and allow the people to elect new representatives. We want men of high ideals in the House, who will look towards the pinnacles of nobler achievement and seek to reach them, and not imagine that the chief aim of statesmen is to grovel and squabble over the hog trough.

Like a Pirate Ship.

The ministerial mud-slingers brigade at Fredericton have succeeded in discrediting themselves and in discrediting the provincial administration if that were at all possible. The provincial government for some time past has been but a pirate ship, manned by a pirate crew, and now as the ship is sinking, through the disorganization of the crew and their poor

statesmanship, they are mutually engaged in recriminatory fighting even while the waters of the rushing ocean of defeat have reached the scuppers. They will go down to defeat in the waters of oblivion, more interested in personal fights than in any effort to save the ship or the crew.

The government and its supporters as a whole are hopelessly corrupt politically. They have brought disgrace upon the province. They have mortgaged its future prosperity. They have plundered shamelessly and openly the public treasury. Member after member has been forced by public indignation to resign and leave the Legislature or hesitate on the brink of doing so.

If Westmorland county is open, it will be the greatest battle ever fought in the political history of this province. It will be a fight by a clean people for a clean administration against men who seek to endorse through a local candidate the corruption which has become a public scandal. Not merely the province of New Brunswick, but the Dominion of Canada, will have its eyes upon the County of Westmorland to watch and to test as to whether the people of Westmorland county will endorse a corrupt administration.

COLLEGE STATISTICS THAT ARE NOT EXACTLY DRY.

Princeton Men Who Never Kissed a Girl, Tell Reasons.

(Boston Post.)

The senior class of Princeton University talk of many things and decisions and discoveries prove that they have lately straightway "gone and done it."

Their class statistics make it clear that 43 members have never kissed a girl and so their conclusions about matters of importance must be read with the tolerant understanding usually granted the inexperienced.

The statistics show that 136 members of the class, not having heard of Dr. Pease and his dear friend, Annette Hazelton, smoke pipes, cigars, cigarettes and water pipes. Of these 50 learned to smoke after they had recovered from being freshmen. Of dancers there are 194 in the class, while 36 regard dancing as morally wrong.

Thirty-five seniors have never corresponded with a girl, the others have various numbers of correspondents. Of the 43 who have never kissed a girl, three declared that it is not hygienic and the remainder contended that the practice is morally wrong.

The favorite fiction written is Booth Tarkington. Lincoln is the favorite character in history, but Mr. Bryan received many votes. The favorite dramatist is Shakespeare. Tennyson is the favorite poet, with "Crossing the Bar" the favorite poem. "Ivanhoe" is the most popular novel. The position of "worst poet" is awarded to Edmund Wilson, a member of the class, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox is a close second.

Marguerite Clark is the favorite actress and others with many votes are Elsie Ferguson, Mary Pickford, Maude Adams and Anita Stewart.

John Barrymore is the favorite actor and Charley Chaplin is a close second.



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## Canadian Soldier Heir to Earldom

Brantford, Ont., April 26.—Private S. P. Harris, 125th Battalion, has been notified by British lawyers that owing to deaths in the war he is the next heir to an English earldom.

According to the story he tells, the earldom, with 900 acres, is now held by his maternal uncle, 76 years of age. Harris was a Barnardo boy and with slight prospects until the war came and the heirs met their fate.

THAT "TOUCH" OF PPRING.

How do I know that the spring has come?

It is not by the sweet in the air, Nor the violet skies, nor my sweet heart's eyes,

Nor the daffodils everywhere! It may come to some with the song of the lark,

Or the note of the whippoorwill; But it came to ME like a blow in the dark,

Today, with my milliner's bill;