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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

GRAFT, GRAFT, GRAFT!

Has New Brunswick gone graft crazy? A glance at the occurrences of the last four years would seem to indicate that the answer must be "yes." When the resources of the province are taken into consideration it will be found that we have fully kept pace with Manitoba and British Columbia in that respect.

In 1913 we had the sensational disclosures before the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the timber limits and Valley Railway charges. The result is summed up in the report of the Commissioners, who practically found the charges sustained. Tens of thousands of dollars were levied on the lumbermen and railway contractors ostensibly for an election fund. A PREMIER WAS ACTUALLY DRIVEN OUT OF OFFICE, ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS MADE TO SHIELD HIM.

It has transpired that Mr. A. R. Gould, the contractor for the construction of the Valley Railway, was levied upon for a contribution of \$100,000 toward the election fund of 1912. THAT SHREWD YANKEE BORROWED THE MONEY FROM THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE PROVINCE IN THE HANDS OF THE PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY OF MONTREAL, GAVE THE NOTE OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS FOR IT, AND PLEDGED THE STOCK OF THE ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY AS SECURITY FOR THE LOAN. THE PROVINCE IS NOW STUCK FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE NOTE AND THE TRUST COMPANY HAVE THE MONEY IN THEIR OWN HANDS TO PAY IT OUT OF. Yet in the light of this transaction members of the government have the impudence to stand up in the House and boast of the business like administration which they are giving the affairs of the province, and the grafters who have their snouts in the swine trough grunt words of approval.

The Chandler investigation, with its sickening details of deception, forgery and perjury, comes next in order, and has already forced one member of the House to vacate his seat and take refuge in a Dominion office; another has resigned his seat and a third is trembling in his shoes. In connection with the Royal Commission is the stifling of the investigation of the charges of laying tribute upon the liquor licensees of St. John. THIS WAS PROBABLY THE MOST BAREFACED PIECE OF BLACKMAIL THAT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN THE PROVINCE, AND WE MAY ADD THE EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH IT IS READY AT HAND AND CANNOT BE REFUTED. The Government, particularly the Attorney General, exercised all its influence to shut off the enquiry. It refused to allow Commissioner Chandler to probe the matter, and when Mr. Carter sought to get the sordid tale before the public through the medium of a libel suit, the crafty Attorney General had the case bowled out of court on a technicality.

Next in order came the Blair investigation, which needs no comment. It is only necessary to read Mr. Teed's report to be convinced of how rotten conditions have become under the present administration.

Then to cap the climax we have Mr. Joshua Malakoff Chappel coming forward with an affidavit to the effect that, inspired by Col. Guthrie and Harry Blair, he was forced to make a graft contribution on account of a concrete job he had in connection with the Legislative buildings, and failing to find any other person who did not feel that it was a shame to take the money (\$75) he turned it over to the tender mercies of Mr. Terry Monahan, of the Barker House. It is also pretty well understood that all the workmen employed around the public buildings here have been obliged to pay tribute out of their earnings. Some refused to do so with the result that they were switched off the job. There are a number of gentlemen who are shaking in their shoes, but are trusting to the Government to prevent an investigation.

Surely the good old province for New

Brunswick has fallen on evil days and the sooner a change takes place the better. Some what may, it cannot be worse. The watchdog of all good citizens from now forward should be TURN THE RASCALS OUT.

PATRIOTIC TAXATION.

The bill providing for patriotic funds for 1917 is an interesting measure. In round figures the valuation of the real and personal property and the incomes in New Brunswick total about \$120,000,000. We have no accurate figures. Every incorporated town and city and county is supposed to send in a statement to the Provincial Secretary showing its resources and its bonded debt. But there are some who do not pay any attention to this requirement and the Provincial Secretary's office apparently permits these officials to do as they please.

But those returns which are in reveal a curious state of affairs. Some counties have large valuations, while others equally valuable do not show half the value.

This is because there is no uniform assessment. The men appointed in each parish act upon their own judgment. They value their property in too many cases as low as possible, with the false idea that if their valuation is low their taxes will be less. Because of this some school districts pay apparently a tremendous rate, while as a matter of fact their rate is high because their valuation is too low.

This is one of the most important matters any provincial government has to take up—uniform assessment. No man objects to his property valuation if he is treated fairly in comparison with his neighbors. Really the fairest way to arrive at an agreeable and reasonable assessment is to call the property owners together and, taking one property as a basis of comparison, fix the values of the others.

This extra taxation for patriotic purposes may bring this question up. St. John city will contribute upon an assessment of about \$35,000,000, or a little less than a third of the whole amount required to support the families of all the soldiers from the province. Kings county has a valuation of about \$6,000,000 and Westmorland the same. Because there are several counties and towns which have not filed their valuation with the Provincial Secretary according to the Journals of 1915, it is not possible to give an exact comparison. No doubt that will be remedied and the complete data given by the Patriotic Committee before very long.

The notice calling for tenders for the lower section of the St. John and Quebec Railway stipulates as follows:

"Tenders for each section are to be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank for the sum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) made payable to the order of The St. John and Quebec Railway Co., which cheque will be returned to the respective contractors whose tenders are not accepted. In case of the acceptance of any tender, said cheque will be retained as a guarantee for the due completion of the contract."

It will be remembered that Contractor A. R. Gould was compelled to come across with a cheque for \$100,000, not as "a guarantee for the due completion of the contract," but as a contribution to the Government election fund. The present Government is strong on precedents.

Mr. P. G. Mahoney, M. P. P., is telling his friends that there wasn't any truth in the report that he was to have Hon. John Morrissey's job. Now what does Mr. William Humphrey, M. P. P., say to that? "P. G." is a good fellow—far too good to get into any such trouble as he would have if he became a member of this Government.

Mr. Harry Woods, the organizer of the Tory party and the gentleman who was so horrified by Mr. Colby's charges—and yet encouraged them, was the same Mr. Woods who when the Guthrie-Scott election was on brought \$4,000 to Fredericton and handed it to one of the managers of Mr. Guthrie's campaign. Where did Mr. Woods get this money?

The percentage of alcohol is the "joker" in the prohibition measure. Some want it more, some want it less. The liquor men hope to get it at least three per cent., but the Dominion Alliance has set its face against anything stronger than two—perhaps less.

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Important Judgements Yesterday Afternoon by Supreme Court

Argument in the case of The King vs. Walter Limerick, police magistrate of Fredericton, ex parte the defendants in twenty-three Canada Temperance Act cases which were heard in the police court last winter, was completed yesterday before the Appeal Division of the Supreme Court, Mr. R. B. Hanson showing cause against a rule absolute for a certiorari to quash convictions. Messrs. P. J. Hughes and J. J. F. Winslow contra. Court considers.

In the case of The King vs. James Lawlor, ex parte Doyle, court considers. Judgment was given in three cases. In the case of Rossborough et al, committee of J. D. Walker vs the Trustees of St. Andrew's church, Judge White read the judgment of himself and Judge McKeown. The Chief Justice read a dissenting judgment. The appeal is dismissed with costs to the Trustees of St. Andrew's church to be paid by the committee of John D. Walker out of his estate. No costs to defendant, executor of the James Walker estate.

The effect of this judgment is to cancel a mortgage on St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, St. John, which was held by the late James Walker.

In the case of the Canadian Bank of Commerce vs the Canadian Pacific Railway and Frank McDonald, the Chief Justice and Judge Grimmer read judgment. The appeal is dismissed with costs.

In the case of Gregory vs Williams, Judge Grimmer read judgment. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION FROM UNITED STATES

Montreal, Jue., April 27—An interesting phase of recent immigration into Western Canada from the United States during the past five months, has been the very material increase in settlers' effects. For a period of three months the cost value of these shows an increase of \$480,000 during the week ending April 18. The C.P.R. report immigration of 473 persons into Western Canada from the U.S. as compared to 284 last year. Of these 237 were farmers and 235 laborers. During the same week there were 525 homesteads entered as compared to 460 last year.

KING'S CO. MURDERER DECLARED INSANE

Hampton, April 26—The trial of Daniel Canning, charged with the murder of Thomas O'Brien and his wife, Bridget O'Brien, at Ward's Creek, near Sussex, ended most unexpectedly today when the jury unanimously decreed that the prisoner is insane and not responsible for his actions. Canning was immediately remanded pending further directions from the Lieutenant Governor and will be placed in the Provincial Hospital at Fairville.

The trial had only been opened yesterday and at the morning and afternoon sessions witnesses had been called by the prosecution and adjournment was made until this morning. When the court was opened today His Honor Judge Crocket directed that an issue be made to determine the mental stability of the prisoner. Accordingly, Dr. J. V. Anglin, superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, and Dr. Burnett of Sussex, who had examined the prisoner and had had him under close observation, were called. Their testimony was strongly along the line that Canning is mentally unbalanced. This evidence was immediately submitted to the jury, who retired and, after a short interval, returned with a verdict that Canning is insane, whereupon further proceedings were stopped and the prisoner remanded to Hampton jail pending further action.

Daniel Mullin, K.C., appeared for the attorney general and Lieut. Col. G. W. Fowler, K.C., M.P., for the defendant. Dr. Anglin was in attendance at the request of the government's lawyer, while Dr. Burnett had been called in order to testify by Lieut. Col. Fowler.

RECIPE OR PATTERN.

Stella called on her newly married friend, Bella, and found her attired in a businesslike overall, while her arms were full of fashion papers and cookery books. "Hallo," she exclaimed. "What are you going to make?" "Some cakes," replied the young wife proudly. "But why have you got out those fashion papers, as well as the cookery books?" "You see," confessed Bella, rather shamefacedly, "I'm a bit of a novice at rooking. Tell me, do you make cakes from a recipe or a pattern?"

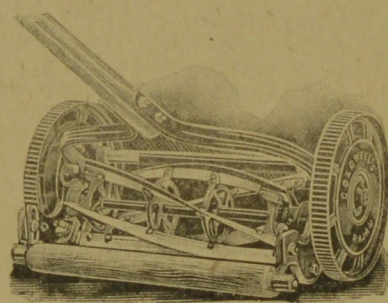
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