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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.

HON. BOB ROGERS' BLUFF.

The Toronto Globe thinks that it is not the character or the conduct of Mr. Justice Galt that is the real issue in Manitoba just now. Neither, it says, is it the fact that prior to his appointment to the bench he was consistently a Conservative in politics. Nor is it the more penetrating fact that since his appointment he has been before all other things a Judge, and held himself as the partisan of no leader, with an appreciation for honesty and an abhorrence of public plunder and graft.

These facts are interesting and important. So is it of interest to all Canada that the character of the bench and the reputation of Judges be preserved against the vulgar attacks of compromised individuals and the sinister insinuations of suborned or prejudiced newspapers. All this, and much more about which a hullabaloo is being raised, is involved in Canada's reputation for justice and respect for law. But this, most emphatically, is not the real issue in Manitoba. And no cuttle-fish tricks by the Hon. Robt. Rogers and his henchmen on the Winnipeg Telegram should be allowed to call off public attention and public investigation from the thing the people desire to know.

The real issue, the thing on which the people of Manitoba and of all Canada desire clear and steady light, is the facts involved in the public charges of corruption and theft in connection with the construction of public buildings in Manitoba.

If those charges, in so far as they have to do with the construction of the Agricultural College buildings in Winnipeg, touch very seriously the Hon. Robert Rogers, now a member of the Federal Government, the people of all Canada have a right to know the facts. And if there are still uglier facts, and facts that have to do with the construction of the Parliament Buildings, and involve even more criminality, the people of Canada will not quarrel with Mr. Justice Galt if his probe lets in some light on those facts too. It only adds to the suspiciousness of the whole situation, and it confirms the public mind in the opinion that the Federal Minister has good reason for shutting out the light and calling off the investigation, when Hon. Robert Rogers attacks so viciously a judge of his own recommending and of his own political affiliations, when his newspaper servants so outrageously exceed the limits of decent journalism, and when any of his party defenders pretend to know little of Mr. Justice Galt's character "and nothing of his political sympathies or relationships." A cause that needs so much covering up must indeed be bad. But whether good or bad, all patriotic people in Canada, Conservatives as well as Liberals, will be disposed to insist that Mr. Justice Galt, or some other equally just and fearless Judge, go on and go through with the mess, the offence of which has smelled to heaven.

Hon. Bob Rogers is undoubtedly the champion ward politician of Canada. He expects Judges whom he appoints to continue to play the game for the Tory party, and the failure of Justice Galt to live up to Hon. Bob's expectations in this regard is largely responsible for the present trouble in Winnipeg. Hon. Bob's game is to block the enquiry which has been started by the Manitoba government, and thus prevent his conduct while Minister of Public Works in the Manitoba Government from being exposed to the light of day. Rest assured, there is a hidden motive behind his quarrel with the Judge.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

The Boston Post has been discussing the daylight saving scheme, and thus gives its views on the subject:

It would be a futile and absurd thing for Massachusetts, or New England, or even half the United States to adopt the "daylight saving" scheme suggested by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, unless the whole country were to become converted to the idea and were to put it into practice. And even if such an agreement could be made, the benefits of setting the clock ahead an hour have not been sufficiently proven.

The French authorities are by no means enthusiastic over the working of the "daylight saving" plan over there. They say that no more has been accomplished than under the old system, nor are the people any happier or more healthy. As to the financial saving expected by the lessened use of artificial light, the City of Manchester reports that the larger employment of gas and electricity for cooking and industrial purposes has practically nullified the saving in illuminants.

A committee of the French Senate has found that this clock-advancing is of doubtful economy and of serious inconvenience. The members of the committee declare that it is "not wise to regulate artificially the lives of persons who go to bed too late, at the expense of the portion of the population which already carries out daylight saving."

This is a large country. It has not a single standard of time, like most countries. With its four areas of standard time, putting the clock ahead an hour would be apt to result in serious inconveniences. We would mix up time tables. There would be a wrench of business and industry each time the hands of the clocks were turned back again in the fall—for no one proposes that the scheme last through the year. As the Engineering Record sensibly remarks: "The logical method of daylight saving is frankly to shift the customary business and working hours in summer without fooling with the clocks. This, if carried out systematically, would gain everything to be accomplished by shifting the clock, as proposed by daylight saving."

These arguments fully apply to Canada. While there may be some advantages in the "hour ahead" scheme itself, yet those advantages only exist in connection with a nation-wide adoption of the same system. And even this is attended with disadvantages in a country stretching across so many degrees of longitude as the Dominion.

Through Our Sieve

Only one more September morn.

If you can't do anything well yourself, be a critic.

There are no new arguments in love and politics.

What a fool a man can be when he tries his best to be wise.

People don't seem to get homesick as much as they formerly did.

Are those tanks as monstrous as the stories about them?

The wages of sin are paid by the women; the men are willing to owe it.

Every man has ambition, but only a few have application with it.

When a man is uneasy himself, he asks everybody else to have confidence.

General J. Frost, no doubt, is simply laying up munitions for his general advance.

After a woman passes thirty, some think it doesn't make any difference how old she is.

When a man is discharged his wife thinks it was because he was too honest to suit his employer.

Perhaps a certain amount of humiliation is necessary to keep a man where he belongs.

When a man is economical and saves money for a rainy day, is it Providence that sends the rainy day?

Yes, Mr. Simp, after experiences teaches some people they don't know any more than they did before.

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THE SUPREME COURT
DELIVERS JUDGMENTS

The Appeal Division of the Supreme Court delivered judgment in three cases this morning, and then adjourned. The judgments were as follows:

Fawcett vs. Hatfield—Chief Justice McLeod, Judge White and Judge Grimmer. Judgment read by Judge Grimmer. New trial granted with costs.

Hand vs. Warner—Chief Justice McLeod, Judge Barry and Judge Grimmer. Judgment read by the Chief Justice. Appeal dismissed with costs.

Boddington, administrator, vs. Donaldson et al and the Donaldson Line, Ltd.—Chief Justice McLeod, Judge Grimmer and Judge White. Judgments read by Chief Justice McLeod and Judge White. Appeal dismissed with costs.

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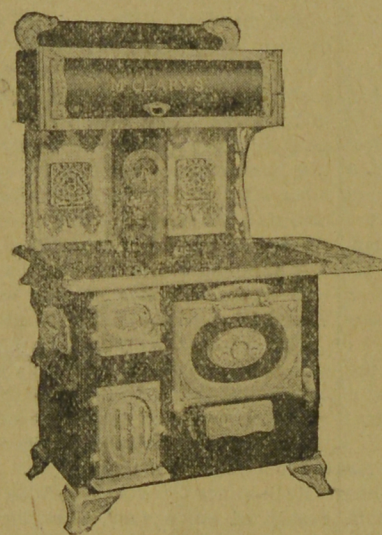
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