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PROVINCIAL PROBLEMS.

The following editorial from the St. John Times may not meet with the approval of the patronage dispensers and those who are today feeding from the public crib, but it undoubtedly voices the sentiments of thousands of independent men of both political parties who are anxious to put an end to the carnival of graft which has disgraced New Brunswick during the past eight years:

"New Brunswick is soon to have a change of government. A grave responsibility rests upon the Opposition party which, when the elections take place, whenever that may be, will include a great many people who were supporters of the present Government until it proved itself unworthy of their confidence. It should now be the duty of his best men in the province to get together in each constituency and see to it that the candidates chosen to oppose the Government are such as will command public confidence, and from whose members a strong and business-like cabinet can be selected. We have been governed too long by the rule of graft and by the patronage committee. There is now an opportunity to break away and demonstrate that there is still honor in public life, and capacity for unselfish public service. There is something of infinitely greater value than mere partisan activity in public affairs. The fair name of New Brunswick has been sullied by the conduct of men elected by the people to represent them. The stain must be wiped out. Better men can be found. The self-seeker, the man who makes promises that can only be fulfilled at unwarranted cost to the province, the designing man who regards bribery as a political virtue, the man who has one code of ethics in private and another in public life, is a menace to the public welfare; and it is not true to say there are no other men. It is at this crisis in provincial affairs the duty of the best men and women to unite their efforts, not to replace one sort of bad government by another, but to create a public sentiment that will stand for nothing short of good government. THE INDIVIDUAL WHO SAYS THERE CANNOT BE ANY IMPROVEMENT DOES NOT WANT ANY IMPROVEMENT, AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE BEST MINDS IN NEW BRUNSWICK TODAY. To perpetuate existing conditions would make the name of New Brunswick a by-word, and its people the target for well-merited contempt."

Many of the camp followers of the present Provincial Government, observing that the grass on the other side of the fence has a more attractive appearance, are already shaping themselves for a flop. It is a sign of the times and proves conclusively that the Government has even lost the confidence of those who supported it for a consideration. No change for the better in the administration of provincial affairs can be expected from the incompetent outfit which has humbugged the people and disgraced the province for the past eight years. The people demand a better state of affairs, and they will get it if they do away with the self-seeking, time-serving politicians and elect good men to the Legislature who will see to it that none but trustworthy men are appointed to public office. The remedy for the present intolerable condition of affairs is in the hands of the people.

Journal of Commerce: A New Brunswick paper states that it cost \$5,826.89 to collect the succession duties of the province last year. The amount, it appears, was paid in fees to the Attorney General. Premier Clarke held the office for six weeks, which proved to be the fruitful period, as he received \$5,350.80 of the amount, while the Hon. Mr. Baxter, who held the office for ten and a half months of the year, found his time a lean one, yielding only \$476.09. It is a pity that the province adopts this ancient and objectionable method of paying its officials. The salaries allowed to the Ministers are miserably small. The remedy would seem to be the increase of the salaries to respectable figures. The system of allowing Ministers to receive part of their remuneration in the form of fees is not a good one.

Germany now shows an inclination to hedge on her submarine policy and has thereby postponed a diplomatic break with the United States. It is claimed that new and definite instructions have been issued to submarine commanders. Similar assurances were given before, but the pirates went right on torpedoing unarmed merchant ships without warning. The same thing will undoubtedly happen again.

The official reply to Hon. John Morrissey's letter as published in the St. John Standard, furnishes facts enough, if facts were wanting, to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the present provincial administration has miserably failed to carry out the solemn promises which its members made when they sat in the cool shades of Opposition. In other words, they are condemned out of their own mouths.

The official reply to the letter of Hon. John Morrissey was handed out to the St. John organ of the Government. The Fredericton organ, being thus given the go-by, got square with the Government by ignoring the document.

The "official" reply to Hon. John Morrissey's letter practically admitted that there was a hold-up of St. John liquor licensees, as alleged by Mr. E. S. Carter. The public quite naturally are anxious to know what "the two legal gentlemen" did with the money.

Nine days have elapsed now since Hon. John Morrissey resigned as Minister of Public Works, and no successor has yet been named.

The British Parliament has adopted the daylight saving scheme by almost unanimous vote.

Hon. John Morrissey seems to have by far the best of the argument thus far.

ON THE SIDE.

The rubes are coming along with the rhubarb.

That garden fence seemed so durned small until you began to whitewash it.

"To keep piano keys clean," make the kids wash their sticky fingers.

What a girl likes about a love letter is the fact that she can keep reading it over and over.

A little girl hates to wash dishes almost as badly as a small boy hates to wash his neck.

"Advice concerning baby." Most of them at a very early age begin to believe they can get along without advice.

A blind man in Ohio got married recently and recovered his sight a few days later. Marriage is certainly a great eye-opener.

In Wisconsin they are advocating a gum rack in public schools. Even then there would be lots of 'em still sticking it under the desk.

If the baby is pretty, tell the mother it is the very image of her. If it looks like something the cat dragged in, intimate that it takes strongly after the old man.

A good husband may be the salt of the earth, but most women seem to be a lot fonder of the sugar and taffy variety.

Many a man after attaining a high position in life, forgets all about the laws of gravity until it is everlastingly too late.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT
FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING

London, May 8.—The House of Commons today, after a short discussion, adopted the motion of Sir Henry Norman, favoring daylight saving. The vote was 170 to 2.

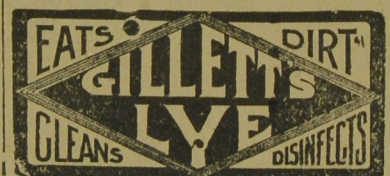
The government will introduce a bill immediately, and if, as seems virtually certain, it passes all stages this week, the daylight saving measure will go into effect Saturday, May 20, when at midnight, clocks will be advanced one hour.

Very little objection was raised against the motion and what there was came mainly from those representing agricultural interests. Sir Henry Norman estimated that the economy in lighting alone would be 2,500,000 pounds yearly. Herbert L. Samuel, home secretary, on behalf of the government, said that under such a measure there would be an enormous saving of coal, which was greatly needed by the Entente Allies in the matter. Mr. Samuel concerning the government's intention said it was deemed advisable to seek parliamentary sanction, rather than to proceed by an administrative order. The bill, he added, would be operative only for the duration of the war, so that afterward the question could be reconsidered in the light of experience. He suggested that the normal time be restored on September 30.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. M. Blair and Mr. T. V. Monahan left Saturday night for Ottawa. While away they will also visit American cities.

Mr. R. M. Phillips, Ford representative, is on a business trip to Carleton county.



ROSS RIFLE FACTORY
OUTPUT RISEN 15-FOLD

Ottawa, May 8.—Since the outbreak of the war, the output of the Ross rifle factory has been increased fifteen fold.

But even at that the militia department cannot find quite rifles enough to keep pace with enlistments. This was the information given to parliament tonight by Sir Robert Borden during the discussion of the military department estimates.

Sir Robert, as acting minister of militia, piloted the five millions of the estimates through the House.

Hon. Frank Oliver objected to a vote of \$100,000 for cadet services, urging that the money might better be spent on giving rifles and training to adults who joined the active militia or the home guards. At present, said Mr. Oliver, there were no rifles at all available for adults who trained for home defence.

The prime minister said the supply of rifles was only sufficient for the overseas recruits. He declared that the Ross rifle factory had produced more rifles since the war began than any other rifle factory on this side of the Atlantic.

Mr. J. G. Turriff and Mr. Oliver both criticized the Ross rifle. Mr. Turriff said that just before the war began the government had sold fifteen thousand Lee-Enfield rifles to New Zealand at one dollar apiece. And now the Canadians at the front were picking up Lee-Enfields whenever they got a chance. Perhaps some of them were even now armed with the Lee-Enfields discarded by General Hughes.

Mr. Oliver thought that the government should institute a searching investigation into the Ross rifle and ascertain the real truth as to some of the disquieting stories from the front.

Sir Robert said that General Alderson had recently reported that the Canadians were better riflemen than any other troops in the British lines. It was partly because of their marksmanship that they had been moved up along the line held by the British.

\$2,000,000 FOR DISCOVERY

New York, May 7.—The formula of Dr. Lewis Enricht's substitute for gasoline, which costs a cent and a half a gallon to manufacture, was bought today by the Maxim Munitions Corporation. The price was reported to be \$2,000,000.

While neither the inventor nor officials of the corporation would say what price was paid for the green fluid that turns water into engine fuel, it was said that Dr. Enricht received \$1,000,000 in cash and one hundred thousand shares of stock in the Maxim Munitions Corporation. This stock was quoted at \$10.50 a share today.

Dr. Enricht's discovery was announced several weeks ago. It consists of a mysterious green fluid that is mixed with ordinary water. He was visited at his laboratory in Farmingdale by many interested persons. Among them was Henry Ford.

TERMS ON WHICH
GERMANY CAN HAVE PEACE

London, May 8.—Lord Northcliffe says that Germany can have at once the peace she is so obviously anxious for by getting out of Belgium, France, Serbia, Poland and Russia, paying full indemnities to those countries and making reparation for the outrages of her submarines.

ELWOOD BERT'S MILL

(Continued from page eight.)

Manager Walter Jackson last night received word from Mr. J. Fraser Gregory of St. John, that all drives on the Upper St. John had reached the Upper Corporation limits. This however, does not mean that the lumber is safe, as many drives have been hung there. The conditions are very encouraging, however.

Mr. Gordon C. Grant, who has charge of the Lower Corporation drive, telephoned Mr. Jackson from Woodstock that the water was falling but that logs were running freely.

Fresh boiled lobsters at Washington's Cafe.

AIR RAID ON PORT SAID.

London, May 9.—A Reuter's despatch from Cairo says that two hostile aeroplanes dropped eight bombs on Port Said on Monday morning. Three civilians were wounded and the attackers were driven off by fire from anti-aircraft guns. There was no property damage.

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