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WANT CLEANER POLITICS.

"I believe that we have arrived at a time when the people of Canada want cleaner politics. I have never believed it necessary to be dishonest in public life, while being honest in private life. I believe the people of Canada are looking for better things, and are expecting service from the public men, men who occupy positions of trust in the different. And never in the history of Canada has there been a more opportune season than while this struggle is on. Let us have cleaner politics and more honest business in the conduct of our public affairs."—Premier Norris, of Manitoba, at London, Ont.

MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unerring light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

SIR SAM'S LETTER.

Sir Sam Hughes' letter of resignation to Sir Robert Borden is one of the most sensational documents which the public life of Canada has ever produced. Sir Sam, whatever his faults may be, is a master of terse expression, and no words are wasted in his reply to the Prime Minister.

* Sir Sam's letter to Sir Robert says at the outset that he is pleased to tender his resignation, and intimates that it would be impossible for him to remain in the cabinet unless the Premier concurred in the correctness of statements made in his letter of November 1. As one of the statements made in his previous letter was to the effect that Sir Robert had deviated from the truth, it will readily be seen that he was putting a rather stiff proposition up to his leader. The public will, under the circumstances, be inclined to excuse Sir Robert for non-concurrence.

Sir Robert, in his reply to the first epistle of Sir Sam, said: "I have done my utmost to support you in the administration of your department."

Sir Sam, in his reply, does not accuse the Premier of falsehood, but tells him in polite language that "this is pleasing news to me, but I learn it now for the first time." As Sir Sam was administering the Department of Militia and Defence, he should have a fair idea as to which of his cabinet colleagues supported him and which did their best to knock him. It is evident that Sir Robert Borden's support was of the low visibility kind.

Sir Sam goes deeper into the question of support in council when he says: "Moreover, it is difficult for me to recall where you have actively supported me in the passage of any order-in-council concerning the upbuilding of the militia, when opposed by two members of the cabinet usually antagonistic to anything proposed by me. As you are aware, it took up four months in the midst of this great war to fight through the principles of purchasing, for the second division, trucks at lowest wholesale prices, instead of allowing large commissions to local agents who would have nothing whatever to do with securing the order."

The first part of that statement will be astonishing to those who have been led to believe that the members of the Borden cabinet have been working together in the greatest harmony with the sole object of prosecuting the war to a successful issue. If Sir Sam's statement is true, they seem to have taken time to squabble among themselves something after the fashion of the old Tory Government which was bowled out of office in 1896. Then we have the most amazing statement that the second overseas contingent was held up for four months while patronage grabbers quarreled over the matter of supplying motor trucks to troops. This is certainly a most damning indictment of the Government, and will no doubt be fully ventilated on the

floors of the House when Parliament meets. In the meantime, what must the people of Canada think of a Government which allowed such a condition of affairs to exist.

Sir Sam's letter contains many breezy passages; in fact, is a most amazing document from beginning to end. It clearly discloses the inside of the political fortress at Ottawa to the gaze of the people of Canada. It amply justifies all the criticism which has been levelled at the Government in connection with military and other matters since the great war began. The only conclusion that one can come to in the light of the facts is that the Government at Ottawa is grossly incompetent and the best interests of the country demand that it be got rid of with the least possible delay.

A FALLEN IDOL.

The Government organs, without an exception, seem to be delighted because Sir Sam Hughes has at last been thrown overboard by Sir Robert Borden. So long as things were going well, these organs were willing to bask in the reflected glory of "the greatest military genius" of all time, or, as the late Lord Roberts is said to have expressed it, "the greatest driving force in history," but now that Sir Sam has lost his job and the patronage which goes with it, there is a rush to repudiate him. Only a few months ago, when grave charges reflecting upon the integrity of Sir Sam Hughes were made in Parliament, the Government organs rushed to his defence and heaped the vilest calumnies upon the heads of those who dared stand up in Parliament and criticize the doctory Minister of Militia and his methods. Mr. Carvell, Mr. Kyte and other Liberal members of Parliament who took exception to Sir Sam's way of transacting public business, were denounced as enemies of Canada, while Sir Sam was proclaimed as a real man and a patriot. Now that Sir Sam has been ousted from the Government, we find these pap-fed newspapers are expressing cordial approval of the action of Sir Robert Borden and telling their readers that Sir Sam has got what he richly deserved. One thing must strike the ordinary mortal quite forcibly and that is, if the Tory organs are telling the truth about Sir Sam now they must have done a tall amount of lying concerning him during the past few years. It seems rather strange that the name of Colonel H. F. McLeod, M. P. for York, has not been mentioned in connection with the vacant portfolio of Minister of Militia. Col. McLeod has had a long military career and is holding down the position of commandant of the Canadian camp at Shorncliffe, England; but he would no doubt willingly exchange his job for the more lucrative one recently vacated by Sir Sam. No doubt any movement to switch the vacant portfolio in Col. McLeod's direction would have the cordial support of Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., Dr. Morehouse, M. P. P., and Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., and other prominent Conservatives who are known to be ardent admirers of the gallant Colonel.

Sir Sam Hughes' letter of resignation to Sir Robert Borden reminds us not a little of a document which Hon. John Morrissey addressed to the Premier of New Brunswick when he quit the local cabinet in May last.

The Change Was Sudden.

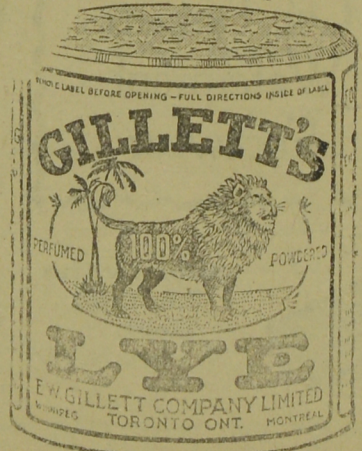
The sudden change in the weather this week was a surprise to everybody and even the "oldest inhabitant" is at a loss to find a parallel case. Dr. J. W. Robertson, of Keswick Ridge, crossed the river at Crock's Point on Tuesday by the ferry boat, and today was able to walk over on the ice.

Situation Improving.

The local diphtheria situation is improving according to Health Officer McKay. There are now only four cases in the city, and no new case has been reported in the past week. One death has been caused by the disease.

Belgian Fund Increasing.

Complete returns of the collections made by the school children of Fredericton yesterday on behalf of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund will not be announced until tomorrow. About \$500 had been received since yesterday from outside schools for the fund.

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SUIT BEFORE COURT

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court, continued its session this morning, a

Trafton vs. Deschene—The Attorney General for the defendant moved to set aside the verdict for the defendant and to enter a verdict for the plaintiff. A. T. LeBlanc, contra. Court considers.

Culligan vs. The Graphic, Ltd.—A. T. LeBlanc for the defendant moved to set aside verdict for the plaintiff for libel and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for reduction of damages, or for a new trial. Case unfinished at recess.

Several cases were heard yesterday afternoon.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health met last night and conferred with Dr. B. M. Mullin, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health. Dr. Mullin gave information concerning recent decisions of the Provincial Board. The most important was that quarantine must be declared in measles, cerebro-spinal meningitis and infantile paralysis, and for diphtheria a quarantine of not less than three weeks.

To Winter in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker are to leave early in December for the West Indies and South America, where they will spend the winter months.

Will Return Home.

Lieut. Beverley Lawrence, of Burit's Corner, who went to England with the 104th Battalion, has failed to pass the medical examination and it is understood will shortly return home.

Through Our Sieve

"5,000 Prisoners on the Ancre." Some anchor! Sure, Somme Ancre.

After all, maybe this early snow will give Santa Claus a better chance than usual.

The goosebone prophet predicts a mild winter—and just remember it isn't really winter yet.

It's surprising how quickly a man recovers from what he imagined was a fatal attack of love.

The millennium will be due when women are paid wages that will enable them to support husbands as they should be supported.

The young lady next door says she can't understand how the soldiers in the trenches have so much time to go on drives.

The man who has gone through all the varying stages of a love affair has travelled around the universe with stop overs in heaven and purgatory.

Living in memory is one of the happiest pastimes of life—remembering how you sat on the bank of a stream last summer, for instance, waitin' for the fish to bite.

Considering how many years it has taken the giant intellects in the Conservative party to read an open book like Sam Hughes, treasure hunters ought to know where to look for some solid ivory.

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