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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.

THE PEOPLE'S INFORMATION.

One of the most valuable rights of the people is to demand information concerning their business from the government. It is not easy under our election procedure to place a government in power one year and to dismiss them the next. But the people have the unquestioned right to question the government and its individual members as to what they are doing and how they are going about it.

These interrogations are, in this country, usually made by members of the opposition. In Ottawa the order papers every day have pages filled with inquiries. They became so numerous in fact that it took up too much time for each member to read them and they are now sent to the proper official, who has them printed on the order paper. Unless requested, the answers are not even read in the House, but are printed in Hansard with the questions.

In the British parliament, "the mother of parliaments," there are often more than a hundred queries of the government in one day. The utmost care is always taken to give correct information. Woe betide the minister who deceives the people and evades a question or gives a misleading answer.

How different here! New Brunswick, in former days, used to be just as particular as they are at Ottawa or Westminster. But we have fallen upon evil days. Ministers either do not realize their responsibilities, or they disregard them. Evasion seems the order of the day. A full and frank answer to an inquiry is the exception. What would be thought of a Minister of Agriculture who placed an answer on record that the government had not given any authority for a letter of credit to a potato buyer, and then, when the correspondence is brought down, finds himself caught with a false statement?

He would not dare do such a thing in England, and it would not be tolerated in Ottawa. But here, while acting Premier, he has given the most contradictory answers respecting a transaction in which the people are deeply interested and about which there is much suspicion.

Minister Murray cannot hide behind Deputy Minister Daggett. He is responsible for his deputy or his secretary, or any official of his department. The time has passed when he can place the blame upon his officials. Had he done that at the start and dismissed them, there would have been some excuse for him. But he knew what was going on with respect to the Patriotic Potato scandal. He knew that a large amount of the people's money was being used to advance the interests of the politician, but which was intended to express "the loyalty of New Brunswick for the Motherland."

And now, after the exposure of reckless overbuying, extravagant charges for handling and every other service in connection with the patriotic and Belgian gift, every possible effort is being made to hide the rascality. For this purpose there is an item in the auditor's report crediting over \$32,000 from the sale of "surplus potatoes, etcetera." Now what does "etcetera" mean? Does it mean that there was an amount received from some other source—a refund of some of the booting charges, for example.

The Mail knows from documents it has read that the sales in Cuba could not have amounted to \$32,000, or anything like it. There were some small sales acknowledged in St. John in addition.

But what the people want to know, and what they have a right to know is how many barrels of "surplus" potatoes were sold, to whom they were sold, what prices they brought and

how the \$32,000 item was made up?

Mr. Kyte, in his great speech in Parliament, had no difficulty in hitching Sir Sam Hughes and the Shell Committee up to the infamous contract made with the Yankee mushroom concerns for \$22,000,000 worth of shell fuses. He read a copy of the agreement made with the Yankee high-binders, to which was attached the following:

I, Major General the Honorable S. Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada, in accordance with authority duly conferred upon me by His Britannic Majesty's Government, hereby ratify and confirm on its behalf the foregoing agreement between the American Ammunition Company, Incorporated, and the Shell Committee.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 19th day of June, A. D. 1915.

SAM HUGHES, Major Gen. Minister of Militia and Defence. Witness—JOHN F. ORDE.

Is it any wonder that Sir Sam has been summoned home from England?

The American Ammunition Company and the International Arms and Fuse Company, the two mushroom concerns which secured a \$22,000,000 war order from the "no truck or trade with the Yankees" government at Ottawa, started business with a paid-up capital of \$4,000. Mr. Lignanti, the Italian flute player, is said to have put up the necessary cash, while Mr. B. F. Yoakum and Col. Allison did the negotiating. In September last, after he had been paid \$50,000, Lignanti quarreled with the others over the division of the spoils, and was let out of the deal.

The Teed report, which has been in the hands of the Attorney General since last Thursday week, is, according to an answer to an inquiry in the House, not yet in the hands of the Government. What miserable quibbling! What contemptible methods! Will they keep back the Teed report as they have the Chandler report? Why spend the people's money to investigate irregularities and then hide the result? The Government that will stoop to prevarication about such a small matter will not hesitate to give false information where greater issues are at stake. Mr. Baxter earned a reputation as a clever manipulator in the old Common Council in St. John. He has brought some of his methods to the Legislature, where they are singularly inappropriate.

Tory politicians and grafter newspapers who used to howl about sawdust wharves when the Liberals were in power, seem to have been staggered by the disclosures which Mr. Kyte made in Parliament last week. Think of giving a \$22,000,000 contract to Yankee mushroom concerns and advancing them \$3,000,000 in cash! As Mr. Kyte pointed out, the \$3,000,000 advanced to the Yankee high-binders would have established ten fuse factories in Canada. This infamous deal was put through by a government which is so anxious to build up Canadian industries, you know.

His Majesty the King has set a magnificent example to servants of the state by donating one hundred thousand pounds to the Imperial treasury. It would be too much to expect certain of His Majesty's representatives in Canadian provinces to do that, but they could help out some by paying for their own flags and at home paying for their own aces and at home cards while the war is on.

Mr. Frank B. Carvell, M. P., seems to be doing very effective work at Ottawa rounding up the war grafters. It is said that the amazing documents read in parliament last week by Mr. Kyte were the result of Mr. Carvell's detective work.

The Provincial Government practiced economy last year in one respect. It reduced the grant to the Fredericton Tourist Association from \$1,000 to \$500. It then turned around and expended \$800 on repairs to a cottage on Old Government House property which rents for \$100 per year.

Two great patriots with historical names, who have been busily engaged since the war broke out in saving money for the Empire: Benjamin Franklin Yoakum, of New York, war fuse middleman; Benjamin Franklin Smith, M. P., Florenceville, patriotic potato middleman.

Hon. J. A. Murray and Hon. M. Baxter have returned from Ottawa. Watch out for some new scheme with respect to the Valley Railway.

Hon. J. A. Murray and Hon. Mr. Baxter. Once more New Brunswick has a Premier and an Acting Premier on the job.

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MONTHLY MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD

President VanDine occupied the chair at the regular meeting of the Hospital Trustees yesterday afternoon, and the other members in attendance included His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Kitchen.

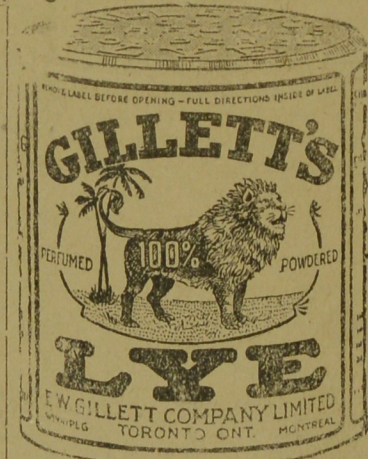
The secretary-treasurer's financial statement for March showed a large expenditure, but the receipts were correspondingly large. From the report of Miss Murray, the superintendent, it was shown that fifty-five patients received treatment in the main hospital and six in the contagious wing. Several welcome donations found their way to nurses and patients, and these included pickles for the nurses from Mrs. R. G. Lee, turkey from Mrs. J. D. McKay, baked apples and cream for patients and nurses from Mrs. Dr. McNally, one dozen night shirts from the Daughters of the Empire, flowers from Miss McGoldrick, cake for the nurses from Mrs. Lindsay.

Miss Elizabeth Groom, who has been on probation during the past three months, has been accepted as a student nurse upon the recommendation of Dr. VanWart, Dr. Crockett and Miss Murray, the superintendent.

Miss Winfield Dunn, who, through illness, was obliged to suspend her studies last fall, returned a few weeks ago and completed her course. She having passed a satisfactory examination, final, by Dr. VanWart and Dr. Mullin, the usual diploma was ordered to be issued to her. This young lady at once volunteered for overseas duty and has been accepted. District Training.

Mr. Hughes, who, with the president, was appointed to enquire into the plan for giving the student nurses a better system of dietetic training, reported progress and he

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



Russian General Has Retired

Petrograd, April 4.—General I. N. Ivanoff has retired from the command of the Russian armies in Volhynia and Galicia, and Emperor Nicholas has addressed a complimentary rescript to him. General Ivanoff's successor has not been announced.

Our Annual Curtain Sale Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4th and 5th.

SHOULD INTEREST EVERY CELESTIAL HOUSEKEEPER

We can only give details of a few items placed on sale during these two sale days, and many Bargains will be found which space will not permit us to mention. Carefully note these items

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| 1 Only, WHITE NET CURTAIN for Large Window, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, reg. \$4.00 for \$2.25. | 1 Pair Only, WHITE IRISH POINT CURTAINS, regular price \$5.50, for \$3.75. |
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| 3 Pairs WHITE NOVELTY NET CURTAINS, regular \$4.50, for \$2.98 pair. | 2 Pairs WHITE NOVELTY NET CURTAINS, regular \$5.95 pair, for \$3.75. |
| 2 Pairs CREAM SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.85 pair, for \$4.65. | 2 Pairs CREAM SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$7.50, for \$4.95 pair. |

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| 4 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$5.50, on sale | \$3.25 pair |
| 3 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.50, on sale | \$3.85 pair |
| 2 Pairs ARABIAN SWISS CURTAINS, regular \$6.85, on sale | \$4.25 pair |

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lieved permanent arrangements would shortly follow.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins it was decided to have a complete revision of the by-laws, which are claimed to have become obsolete. This work was delegated to Hon. Judge Crockett, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Gregory and Dr. Holden.

In view of the large quantity of milk and cream consumed at the hospital it was decided to invite tenders for the supply from the first day of May next. For the past several years milk of a satisfactory quality has been supplied by the Dairy Depot. The hospital requires six to eight hundred quares of milk a month, besides considerable cream.

Miss Bastin, the recently appointed assistant superintendent, who is an honor graduate of one of the large American hospitals, is daily expected to present herself for duty. Up to this time the duties of assistant have been most satisfactorily and skilfully discharged by Miss Lella Kitchen, a graduate of the local hospital.

Before adjournment considerable routine business was disposed of, including payment of accounts.

The British Weekly says that by the end of June Australia will have three hundred thousand men in khaki. This is certainly a wonderful showing for a country with a population of four and one-half million people.

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