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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 TEED REPORT.

The Teed Report, which has been in the hands of the Government nearly three weeks, was given to the Legislature yesterday. The Attorney General, who has had it in his possession, has so slight an acquaintance with parliamentary custom, courtesy and etiquette, that he handed the report to the newspaper he is said to control—the St. John Standard—before he gave it to the House. It may be possible that Hon. Mr. Baxter mistakes a Government caucus for a session of the House. The report was read in caucus and considered by the Government, and an order-in-council passed dismissing Mr. Blair before the people had any official knowledge of its contents. This Government pays no attention to precedent and owes nothing to courtesy. The interests of the party and its own pleasure are the principal considerations.

Mr. Teed did not confine himself to the charges made by Mr. Colby in his investigation. He apparently seized upon every bit of evidence which showed him a new trail, and his report consequently covers many things of which the public knew nothing.

It would appear by the report and the evidence of Mr. Blair that the Minister of Public Works was made acquainted with the offer of stock by Colby and the conditions attached. The Minister (Hon. Mr. Morrissey) advised him not to "drop the bone for the shadow." This would indicate that Hon. Mr. Morrissey advised his chief clerk not to resign his position as secretary of the Public Works Department until he was sure of something better. If that be true, then Mr. Teed should have been convinced that there was much truth in Blair's explanation. Hon. Mr. Morrissey should have been called to give evidence upon this and other matters. His son says his father was entirely ignorant of the \$5,000 stock gift to him. How much better would it have been had Hon. Mr. Morrissey gone upon the stand and told Mr. Teed that he knew of Colby's offer to Blair and that he advised his secretary not to "drop the bone for the shadow," that Blair finally refused the offer, having acted upon his advice. Evidence such as this and a denial of any knowledge of a large gift to his son might have had a great effect with the commission and the public.

But to confront the whole story now with explanations and denials is most unsatisfactory. Mr. Teed shows his distrust of Mr. Blair's story, and he reflects strongly upon the evidence of Messrs. Smith. In fact he scores Colby severely—very severely—he has some doubt of the evidence of the Smiths—he places little reliance upon Blair's story, and apart from documentary evidence he apparently did not think he had much to rely upon.

The legislative committee of the City Council should be on the alert these days. Bad legislation is usually jammed through the House during the closing days of the session, and already there is evidence of the usual crop this year. Yesterday Attorney General Baxter put through an amendment to the Judicature Act, which provides that the Court of Appeal shall hold one of its five yearly sittings at St. John. Fredericton is the capital of the province and any encroachment upon its rights should meet with strenuous resistance. The Supreme Court Chamber and the law library are located here and it is here that the Supreme Court should meet. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and the members for York, the City Council and the Board of Trade should be on the alert against Baxterian schemes, the object of which is to deprive this city of its inalienable rights. The proposed amendment to the Judicature Act should be opposed when it comes up for a third reading.

Sir Sam Hughes held the floor in Parliament yesterday and vigorously defended himself against the serious charges made in connection with munitions contracts. There was a crowded house and the Minister was warmly greeted. On a previous occasion the Minister referred to Col. Allison as

"the soul of honor," who had saved millions for the Empire. Yesterday he admitted that Col. Allison may have his faults like other men. The explanation was made that in order to give Sir Sam a free hand to fight the charges made against him before the Royal Commission, Sir Robert Borden would take over the management of the Militia Department. The Royal Commission will get right to work and the proceedings promise to be very interesting.

In his speech in Parliament yesterday in defence of the munition contracts, Sir Sam Hughes is reported to have said:

"I know nothing about Colonel Allison's connection with these companies. I may say frankly that I think Colonel Allison, if he did get anything out of these concerns, is as much entitled to it, because he has delivered the goods, as gentlemen who sell sausages, boots, leather, breeches and other commodities up and down the Dominion of Canada." (Laughter.)

This looks like a rap at Chairman Flavelle, of the new Shell Commission, who is a pork packer.

The Halifax City Council has adopted the daylight saving scheme, and it will go into effect on the night of April 30th. The Mayor will issue a proclamation and at midnight on April 30th the citizens will set their clocks and watches one hour ahead. The merchants and manufacturers of the city have promised to conform to the change. It is believed that every city and town in the Maritime Provinces will go in for the change. It simply means cutting off an hour from the early part of the day and adding it to the evening.

Halifax Chronicle: The Admiralty is sending over a recruiting party to enlist men in Canada for the navy; and they can get no better anywhere than our seafaring Nova Scotians. We hope that they will not be met by the cry of those "Little Canadians" who used to belittle the courage and enterprise of their countrymen. If we had a Canadian navy there would be no need of a recruiting party from the Old Country.

Surgeons who operated on Miss Margaret Quinn, of Memphis, a Normal School student, for appendicitis, found 14 small gun shot, two pieces of glass, a small particle of an oyster shell and a chipped particle of iron in the appendix. The girl has suffered for several days. She said she remembered swallowing the shot ten years ago, but does not know where the other things came from.

A young British subaltern met with a singular accident, which incapacitated him for some time. He took part in a charge—not against the Huns, but against a swarm of rats which made their home in the trenches. An exceedingly large rodent sprang at him and bit him so severely on the thumb that he had to undergo medical treatment. Needless to say, the rats were routed.

ON THE SIDE.

Lots of us have never saved anything but daylight.

Save all the scraps of daylight that you find kicking around the house—everybody's doing it.

But it may be doubted if even turning all the clocks in Germany an hour ahead will hasten the end of the war.

The average wife doesn't have to think very hard when she is telling her husband what she thinks of him.

Yes, there are some people who believe that turning night into day is one way of saving daylight.

Some of us would like to save a whole 24 hours, etc., by cutting out rent day.

It never seems to occur to a man to glance at himself in the looking glass before criticizing the beauty of the other fellow.

The man who invented the "minimum charge" for electric light parrot to get on the party line and do saving plan first.

Mr. T. D. Regan of St. John, is in the city.

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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY FORMED IN FREDERICTON

Mr. J. W. Spurden Was Elected President—The Object of the Organization

A Children's Aid Society for the City of Fredericton was recently formed under the provisions of 3 George V., Cap. XXVII.

Societies of this kind have been doing splendid work in other provinces, notably Ontario and Nova Scotia. In the latter province there are eleven active Children's Aid Societies outside of the City of Halifax. In the latter city the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty has been approved as a Children's Aid Society.

Recently Police Magistrate Limerick brought to the attention of the Ministerial Association the need and desirability of forming such a society for this city. At the request of the Ministerial Association he was present at a meeting of the citizens held in the City Council Chamber in January 1916 and explained the provisions of the Act passed by the Legislature of this province authorizing the formation of such societies. He stated that frequently children were brought before him for offences for which he did not think it advisable that they should be sent to prison as common criminals, thus endangering their future prospects of becoming respectable citizens. He also stated that if cases such as those to which he referred, could be dealt with by a Children's Aid Society, or some such organization, many neglected and dependent children might be placed in suitable homes, where they would have a chance to grow up to be respectable men and women, which privileges were denied them under other circumstances.

At the January meeting a temporary organization was effected and a committee was appointed to procure information with regard to the societies in other places, and to prepare and submit a constitution at a meeting to be called by the President at a later date.

A meeting to receive the report of this committee, and to effect a permanent organization, was held in the office of the Mayor on April 3rd, and the following officers were elected:

J. W. Spurden, President.
Rev. Thos. Marshall, Vice-President.
Miss Stella Sherman, Secretary.
G. N. C. Hawkins, Treasurer.

R. W. McLellan, Hon. Solicitor.
Council—Dr. W. S. Carter, R. B. Wallace, H. G. Kitchen, Archibald Fraser, J. D. Palmer, Mrs. John Harvey, Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson, Mrs. G. C. Vanwart, Miss Ella Thorne, Lady Ashburnham.

The above officers constitute a board of management. Any person paying the sum of one dollar annually may become a member of the society, subject to the approval of the board of directors. The ministers or clergymen of the City of Fredericton and the County of York are ex-officio members of the society.

The objects of the society are set forth in the following provisions of the constitution:

1. To carry out the provisions of an Act for the Protection of Children (3 George V., Cap. XXVII.) in receiving and providing homes for neglected and dependent children.

2. To systematically agitate against all that tends to rob children of the right to grow up in an atmosphere of purity and moral cleanliness.

3. To prosecute parties who contribute towards the delinquency of children.

4. To create a sentiment for the establishment of wholesome uplifting influences, such as parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, free baths, social centres and the like.

5. To maintain an education campaign in subjects relating to child protection.

When the constitution shall have been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the society will have a legal status as a body corporate, under the act authorizing its formation.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

Another government caucus was held last evening, lasting until after midnight. Some attention was given to the prohibition bill and there were also other matters considered. Several members who last year did not take the trouble to attend party caucuses have not missed any this session. At least one of them is known to be aspiring to a seat in the cabinet.

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