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"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—Abraham Lincoln.

EXIT BOODLER FALLIS.

The electors of the County of Peel, Ontario, yesterday relegated to private life Mr. J. R. Fallis, a war-time grafter who was seeking a "vindication" of his course as a middleman in the sale of war horses to the Federal Government. Mr. W. G. Lowe, Liberal, redeemed the constituency by the decisive majority of 306. At the general election in 1914 Fallis had a majority of 627, so that the polling of yesterday shows an overturn of over one thousand votes.

An investigation conducted by Commissioner Sir Charles Davidson into horse buying transactions in the County of Peel disclosed the fact that Fallis, a member of the Ontario Legislature, had acted as a middleman in the sale of war horses to the Government, and had raked in a profit of several thousand dollars. His conduct was roundly condemned by the Liberal and independent press, and he was forced to resign his seat in the Legislature. Instead of quitting public life for good he handed over a portion of his ill-gotten gains to an overseas battalion, and then had the impudence to offer as a candidate for re-election. The influence of the party machine secured him a renomination in spite of the fact that the Liberal executive of the county offered to let the election go by default if any other candidate except Fallis was chosen. Their generous offer having been rejected, there was nothing for the Liberals to do but accept the challenge and name a candidate. They did this, and the sturdy electors of the county have completed the job. In unmistakable terms they have condemned the war grafter and have shown that there is a public conscience in Canada which has been thoroughly aroused by the boodling propensities of Fallis and other patriots of his ilk. The verdict of Peel will be hailed with delight by friends of good government all over Canada. The public men responsible for the disgraceful boodling which has been going on in connection with war contracts might as well set their houses in order. For them the handwriting is on the wall. The people of Canada are making tremendous sacrifices to overthrow despotism in Europe, and they are not going to stand for graft and dishonesty in public life here at home.

GERMAN METHODS.

Among the officers on board of the steamer Appam when she was captured by a German commerce raider, was Lieut. J. H. Howell, of H. M. S. Astral, who took part in the campaign in the Cameroons. In an interview he made the following statement of German methods employed in the Cameroons:

The Germans had armed the natives for the most part with elephant guns, and had supplied them with explosive shells. It was the most brutal kind of warfare, for these shells, after striking a poor fellow, would explode inside him and tear his body to pieces. Dum-dum bullets were used by the millions by the Germans and some of the natives used poisoned arrows. The German advance pickets were almost always fortified by trenches or deep holes. It meant sure death to fall into one of these holes, for spikes similar to those used on harrows were on the bottom. Each of these spikes was tipped with a poison, which meant sudden and sure death to those who were impregnated by it.

All the above is in keeping with the poisoned wells which the German commander in Southwest Africa admitted having provided for his foe, and with the murders of Belgian civilians, the poison gas, the Lusitania, the Zeppelins, and all the rest. Our war is against a people diseased morally.

The grafter press intimates that the investigation into the charges preferred against the Deputy Minister of Public Works will be held behind closed doors. What good reason can be advanced for adopting star chamber methods in a matter of this kind? Only last week the Premier of the province asked for the resignation of the accused official, and friends of the government openly boasted that he was sure to be decapitated at the hastily called meeting of the Government

at St. John on Monday last. Well, the secretary of the Board of Works is still on the job, and Chief Whip Harry Woods has been spending most of his time this week explaining why the decapitation did not take place. The action of the government in appointing a commission of enquiry can scarcely be considered an endorsement of the action of Premier Clarke in asking for Mr. Blair's resignation right off the bat. There is only one course open to a prime minister who loses the confidence of his colleagues, and that is to resign.

The announcement is made in a Vancouver despatch that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper is to join the Liberal opposition in that province in the fight now being waged against the Bowser government. Sir Hibbert was an outstanding figure in Nova Scotia politics for many years, and is a former member of the Dominion cabinet. Since removing to Vancouver he has not taken a very active part in politics. He had a quarrel with Sir Richard McBride several years ago, and recently contributed a letter to the press in which he pointed out that Sir Richard's appointment as Agent General for British Columbia in London was illegal. As a stump speaker Sir Hibbert has few equals in Canada.

The Liberal government of Saskatchewan has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate charges of graft against members of the Legislature preferred by Mr. Bradshaw, a Conservative member. The chairman of the commission is Hon. E. L. Wetmore, ex-Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, who at one time practiced law in Fredericton and represented York in the Legislature. Hon. Mr. Wetmore is a Conservative in politics and the fact that the government has selected him for the position of chairman would seem to indicate that it is determined on a fair and impartial investigation.

ON THE SIDE.

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Believe us, all names don't look alike on those lists.

Forward or backward, when Grand Duke Nicholas starts anywhere he usually arrives.

Germany has but one proper definition of the word "crazy," and that is a neutral who isn't for Germany.

Any nation that can produce a Russian ballet with one hand and take Erzerum with the other is a considerable agglomeration.

If the Turks are superstitious they must begin to think it unlucky to fight against a thin general who stands 6 feet 6 inches in his socks.

M. G. TEED TO PROBE THE CHARGES

(St. John Times.)

M. G. Teed, K. C., has been appointed a commissioner to inquire into the charges laid by E. C. Colby, former manager of the Concrete Construction, Limited, against H. M. Blair, Deputy Minister of the Provincial Public Works Department. At the last meeting of the Provincial Government, as the Times announced, an investigation was ordered.

When asked about the matter this morning, Mr. Teed said that he had accepted the appointment and would commence the investigation as soon as possible, probably next week. He expects to hold the inquiry in Fredericton, as most of the witnesses are located there.

As the charges relate to a departmental matter, Mr. Teed said that he was not sure whether the sessions would be open to the public. He had not been informed whether counsel would be retained by the government to aid in the inquiry.

BOODLER FALLIS WAS SNOWED UNDER.

Brampton, Ont., Feb. 24.—W. J. Lowe, Liberal candidate in Peel county, was today elected to the Legislature by a majority of 305 over J. R. Fallis, former Conservative member, whose resignation of his seat owing to the disclosures in the recent investigation into the horses purchased in Peel opened the constituency. Mr. Fallis' majority at the last election was 627. The turnover in the Liberal candidate's favor was thus something like 1,000 votes.

PREPARING FOR VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN

Executive of Temperance Alliance Held Important Meeting Last Night.

The New Brunswick Branch of the Dominion Alliance met here yesterday and last night, and took first steps toward organizing a province-wide campaign for prohibition. Rev. W. D. Wilson, the newly appointed field secretary of the Alliance, was present.

The meetings were held in the Methodist church. President Donald Fraser Jr., of Plaster Rock, was in the chair and others present included Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, Rev. A. F. Newcomb, Rev. J. B. Wilson, Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead, Ald. J. M. Lemont and A. C. M. Lawson of this city; Rev. C. Fleaington of Gibson, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea of Fredericton Junction, C. W. Weyman of Sussex, W. B. Evans of Minto, E. S. Hennigar of St. John, C. N. Vroom of St. Stephen, and Rev. F. E. Bogthroyd of Oromocto.

Communications were read from the following, who were unable to be present: Rev. R. H. Stavert of Norton, J. Willard Smith, E. N. Stockford and Rev. W. R. Robinson of St. John; Rev. Dr. Harrison of Newcastle, W. G. Clarke of Fredericton, and F. S. Spence of Toronto.

FIELD SECRETARY.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, late of Prince Edward Island, the new field secretary for New Brunswick, reported for duty. He was introduced by President Fraser and addressed the executive. His engagement by the officers of the Alliance was endorsed by the executive and he will make his headquarters in Fredericton, which will be the centre from which the prohibition campaign in New Brunswick will be carried on. The new field secretary was added to the committee on legislation who were asked to consult with the attorney general with reference to the framing of the prohibition bill which will go to the legislature.

A substitute executive will act as an advisory board and a resolution was formally passed instructing the field secretary, under direction of the advisory board, to proceed to a thorough organization of all temperance forces in the province, looking towards an organization for each county and, as far as may be considered advisable, for every polling district. This action, it was explained, was taken in preparation for the referendum which the temperance people believe will be provided for in the bill which is to be introduced in the legislature.

Rev. F. E. Bogthroyd of Oromocto, was added to the membership of the executive.

ORGANIZATION.

An advisory committee was organized to provide all necessary literature, including pledge cards, for carrying on the work. The following resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Kierstead and adopted:

"Resolved, that in view of the great importance to our cause of securing a satisfactory prohibitory law, it is essential that our full committee, which now includes the field secretary, must, as soon as possible, consult with the attorney general with regard to the drafting of the bill."

The secretary, Rev. Mr. Fleming, was instructed to communicate with the attorney general informing him of the meeting of the executive and also to send a copy of the above resolution to him and notify him that Rev. Mr. Wilson has been added to the legislation committee from the Alliance and further, to inform the attorney general that the committee on legislation are waiting an opportunity to confer with him regarding the principles of the proposed prohibitory act.

BISHOP'S CHARGE.

It was also decided to publish that section of the charge of His Lordship Bishop Richardson to the Anglican Synod that relates to prohibition in pamphlet form and to circulate it broadcast throughout the province.

A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution for the county Alliances and the field secretary and the president were named to interview the Roman Catholic bishops of St. John and Chatham, asking for a pronouncement from them regarding the movement for prohibition.

A communication from the Fredericton W.C.T.U. was read. It stated that the sum of one hundred dollars, which had been voted to the work of the Alliance, would be available early in March. A letter was also read from the Provincial W.C.T.U. promising financial aid.
Field Secretary Wilson is to visit the Grand Lodge of Orangemen, I.O.

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G.T. and the Sons of Temperance and present the claims of the movement to those organizations, while the Rev. Dr. Smith and the field secretary will visit the Farmers and Dairy,em's Association conventios to be held here next week, on a similar mission.

Mr. Theodore Jarvis arrived from the west on a well earned vacation, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jarvis, Bayview street.

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