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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.

SPOTLESS PINDER.

"What are they howling about?" asked James K. Pinder yesterday in the Public Accounts Committee, when it was brought out that B. Frank Smith paid back some thousands of dollars into Patriotic Potato account.

Poor Pinder! Pure and immaculate Pinder! The difference between "meum" and "tuum" was never made clear to Pinder. "Meum" he is fond of. So long as everything goes Pinder's way, Pinder is satisfied. For a long time—ever since the Bear Island bar—the field of graft in York was Pinder's. He felt that everything loose in which the Government was concerned belonged to him. He wanted the Public Works portfolio when Hazen went into power. He had to be satisfied, however, first with \$10,000 per mile for his Southampton Railway, and further satisfied with an additional \$2,000. Thus he levied tribute upon the Federal Government.

With thousands upon thousands of public money in his pockets—money that he had no right to—Pinder appears all at once as a reformer. He forgets the mote in his own eye and he seeks the beam in another man's. He places his Southampton graft behind him and attacks the expenditure upon a highway road in St. Marys. Why? Not because of the cost to the province. Mr. Pinder has proved his disregard for this, but because he thinks there was graft in it for somebody else. He thinks there was graft, he says there was graft, but he does not produce the proofs. He stops short of that and, taking advantage of his privilege of speech in the Legislature, makes statements concerning official and minister that he should prove or withdraw.

SPOTLESS PINDER.

When the report of Commissioner Teed is brought down in the Legislature it will certainly be up to Hon. John Morrissey to make a few remarks. During the wind storm of Tuesday evening Hon. Mr. Morrissey declared that Blair was not guilty of the charges made against him, and that if every other man in the province went back on him he would still have Morrissey for a friend. There is not the slightest doubt the members who attacked Morrissey in the House Tuesday evening were familiar with the contents of the Teed report at the time, and manoeuvred things with a view of placing Honest John in a deep hole.

'Christian Guardian: "The man who takes advantage of his country's time of stress and difficulty to fill his own pockets with unrighteous gain is a traitor of the meanest and most sordid as well as of the most dangerous type, and ought to be taken out and shot, just as any other traitor would be. No man sells his country's cause in a more cowardly fashion than he does, and by discouraging probity and self-sacrifice no man can work his country a more wicked and fatal injury."

If the Secretary of the Public Works Department is to be fired for conduct unbecoming a public official, the least the Government can do is to refund to him the amount he got stuck for as an endorser of the celebrated big note negotiated in the interests of probity at the time of the Guthrie-Scott by-election in York.

Commissioner Teed made the discovery that one half of the block of \$10,000 worth of stock in the Concrete Constructions, Limited, presented to Mr. H. M. Blair, was turned over to Mr. C. J. Morrissey, of Newcastle, a son of the Minister of Public Works. This is a transaction which will need a lot of explaining.

The business like provincial government must accept responsibility for the acts of its officials. There is no getting away from that.

When thieves fall out honest men get their deserts.

ON THE SIDE.

The roadmaster is also some letter writer.

They call the Mexicans greasers because they can slip out so easy.

Will the chief whippersnapper bag the vacant job?

A whole lot of people saw the first robin this week.

If bronze leather runs short there are still other ways of attracting attention to the feet.

It is now up to the enterprising graft newspaper to explain to its readers that Blair is a Grit.

Perhaps you have noticed that those who are most fond of making a display usually have the least to show.

And sometimes the noise a man makes when he resigns office can be heard in unexpected corners.

One little cold snap now and the peach crop will be frozen so hard that we won't have any peaches—till next August.

An interesting feature of the war is the unwillingness of armies to be bottled up in forts to be starved out and captured.

THE GLOBE CONDEMNS ROBICHAUD

Declares the Usefulness of Gloucester M. P. P. is at an End and He Should be Got Rid of

(St. John Globe.)

Mr. A. J. H. Stewart's resignation from the Legislature, although made tardily and under pressure, is one of the healthful signs of the times. Another member of the Legislature, Mr. Robichaud, should follow Mr. Stewart's example and get out. With his reputation stained and sullied by the evidence presented at the Chandler investigation, Mr. Robichaud is no longer entitled to the respectful consideration of his fellow members, no longer entitled to the respectful consideration which members of the Legislature should command. It would be well if those forces which compelled Mr. Stewart's resignation were again exerted to force the retirement of Mr. Robichaud. It would be well if the Legislature acted as its own policeman in all cases of this kind, making members understand that they cannot act as Mr. Stewart and Mr. Robichaud acted, and still retain their seats and still command the friendship of those who are endeavoring honestly to administer public affairs. Nothing that could be said or done would exert so great an influence in support of clean politics as a cleaning up from within of any and all political scandals. The disclosures of the past year or two in Ottawa, in British Columbia, in New Brunswick, in Nova Scotia, in Manitoba, in Ontario, in the great prairie provinces, make impossible any argument that wrongdoing is confined to any one party or that a political change will of itself bring political purity. The men in public life who want public business done honestly must impress their views and opinions on their fellow members, and by their influence create an opinion within the party ranks which will make the grafter and the friend of the grafter understand that such acts as have brought shame on practically every Canadian province will not be countenanced. There is little hope of actual reform from without, but if the movement starts within each party much may be accomplished. The beginning made in New Brunswick by the resignation of Mr. Stewart should be followed by the forced resignation of Mr. Robichaud, thereby providing an inspiration for other provinces and for the Federal parties also.

The grafter in public life should be shunned and despised by all, while even more drastic treatment might not unfairly be accorded the grafter who makes the war his opportunity.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. B. Lemont is here from Ontario, visiting his brother, Ald. Lemont.

Mr. Matthew Tennant is confined to his bed by illness.

Mr. R. O'Leary of Richibucto, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton, arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. James E. Bryant of Fairville, is at the Barker House.

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M.P.P., of Upper Keswick, is at the Barker.

4TH DIVISIONAL TRAIN C.A.S.C. RECRUITS

Thirty-Two Recruits Enlisted Here This Week—58th Battery Now Up to Strength.

Recruits are urgently needed for the 4th Divisional Train, Canadian Army Service Corps, which will be mobilized at Halifax. Instructions have been received by the local recruiting officer to enlist men for this unit.

Lt. Col. E. C. Dean is to command it. Among the specialists wanted are 143 teamsters, 6 shoeing-smiths, 7 saddlers and 7 wagon-makers. As many drivers as possible are to be enlisted, men who are good horsemen preferred and so far have been scarce. For the present recruits are to be billeted at points of enlistment.

Battery Up to Strength.

The 58th Howitzer Battery is now reported to be up to strength. At battery headquarters in this city there are 103 men. The balance of the full strength is divided among a number of recruiting stations. Major C. M. P. Fisher, the officer commanding, is visiting other recruiting stations and inspecting recruits. The full strength of the Battery will be here this week.

Recent recruits for the Battery are: Hazen H. Jones, 21, Prince William.

George Briggs, 42, Lincoln.

J. P. Cook Morrison, 22, Onslow, N.S.

Erwin N. Hendry, 18, Brookfield, N.S.

William E. MacRae, 24, Waterville, N.S.

Hugh D. Ellis, 28, Truro, N.S.

David E. Collis, 31, Westville, N.S.

George E. Barry, 33, Yarmouth, N.S.

Allen E. Smith, 18, Fredericton.

Charles F. Whitcomb, 20, Upper Gagetown.

Charles R. Davis, 19, Truro, N.S.

Two men enlisted here this morning for the 140th Battalion. They are Walter A. Elliott, 20, Lower Hainesville, and Thomas W. Elliott, 18, Lower Hainesville.

Up to noon today thirty-two recruits had been enlisted here this week.

LOCAL BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY MET YESTERDAY

Annual Convention at Gagetown on May 22—Delegates Appointed.

At a meeting of the Branch Bible Society held in the secretary's office yesterday, Mr. J. W. Spurden, president, occupied the chair. The other members in attendance included Vice-President Weddall, Rev. S. A. Baker, Dr. C. C. Jones, Mr. J. Simon Armstrong, Mr. R. B. Wallace and Secretary Sampson.

Reports were made bearing upon the work of the past quarter and a feeling of disappointment was manifested that Fredericton's annual contribution to the Society fell short of that of the previous year. The deficit was not admitted to be caused by the war but was rather traced to the inexperience of some of the collectors.

A letter was read from Rev. H. R. Boyer, district secretary, asking the Fredericton Branch to send three delegates to the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Society, to be held in Gagetown on the 2nd May next. President Spurden and Mr. J. S. Armstrong are members of the N. B. Society, and Rev. A. F. Newcomb is to deliver an address on the occasion, so that this Branch may really have six representatives at the meeting.

At the meeting yesterday Rev. S. A. Baker, Mr. R. B. Wallace and Mr. C. A. Sampson were elected to represent the local Branch at the Gagetown convention.

Crew Of French Steamer Landed

Palma de Majorca, Balearic Islands, via Paris, April 14.—The Barcelona packet, Jaime II, arrived here today with the crew of the French steamer Vega, from Bahia, which recently saved 143 passengers of the Spanish steamer Principe de Asturias, which sank off Santos on March 5, with the loss of a large number of her passengers and crew.

The Vega was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine with ten minutes notice, according to the captain. The

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