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DAWN OF A BRIGHTER DAY.

The people of New Brunswick will be able to breathe easier now that the Murray-Baxter government has pulled up stakes and quit. The Murray-Baxter government, which was nothing but the Flemming government revamped, was condemned by an outraged electorate on February 24th, and it clung tenaciously to power for thirty-three days before throwing up the sponge. It should have got out a fortnight ago, but it had never anticipated such a thing as defeat at the polls, and having an extraordinarily large amount of "unfinished business" to dispose of and numerous crooked transactions to cover up, it was obliged to take more time than should have been the case with a government which always boasted of its business-like capabilities. However it is gone now, and it is a case of good riddance to bad rubbish.

No government ever took office in this province with higher professions of lofty virtue than that which resigned yesterday, and it is doubtful if any provincial government in Canada since Confederation had such a miserable administrative record. It promised to give the people honest government and it violated that promise in the most shameful manner. The milestones in the history of this corrupt administration include the timberland steal, the Valley Railway steal, the patriotic potato scandal, the hold-up of liquor licensees, the hold-up of contractors, and a number of other scandals great and small. It has disgraced New Brunswick and made it an object of reproach in other parts of Canada. Five years ago the government which went out of office yesterday was returned to power with forty-six supporters in a House of forty-eight members. In the election of February 24th, notwithstanding the fact that it had at its disposal an enormous boodle fund which was expended in a most reckless and lavish manner, and had in addition the influence and patronage of the Federal government, it was only able to elect 21 supporters, which left it in a minority of six. There never was such a political overturn in the history of this province. Yet in spite of this remarkable verdict, members of the defunct administration and their journalistic apologists have the impudence to accuse their opponents with having made use of unfair canvasses. The opposition faced great odds in the late election and won the victory. They are now called upon to administer the affairs of the province and carry out the will of the people as expressed at the polls. We believe that they will be true to their pledges and principles and give the people a clean, honest and progressive administration. They cannot possibly do worse than the ministry which resigned yesterday, and we feel confident that they will do a great deal better.

Mr. W. E. Foster arrived from St. John today in response to a summons from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and has undertaken the task of forming a new administration. The responsibility placed upon his shoulders is great, but we believe that he will prove himself equal to the occasion, and will form a government that will administer the affairs of the province wisely and well. The new Premier, although only forty-four years of age, is four years older than the late Hon. A. G. Blair was when he was called upon to take the reins of government. He has had a long and successful business career, which is certain to stand him in good stead in carrying on the important work which he has undertaken.

Moncton Transcript: Many a Tory general, since August, 1914, has, with much eclat and enthusiasm, volunteered for overseas service, donned the khaki, sought to raise a battalion, sailed with partially filled ranks to the Mother Country, trained there for six months in camp and never saw the battle line except as a visitor. The method has been too often practiced as a means of creating party political capital for individuals supporting the government to attract much attention when it finds some belated imitator, even in Quebec.

While poking for paper and rags in a Dwight street dump at Chicopee, Mass., John Gelono uncovered an old coat with \$40 in moldy bills which he longed to the wealthy recluse, John J. Linehan, who died recently of exposure and starvation. The find was made near Linehan's home, the coat having been taken from the house after the hermit died and thrown into the dump. The finder took one of the frayed bills to a saloon and offered it in payment

for a drink, but the bartender questioned its denomination because of its age. It was dated 1872. The Cabot rust Co changed it for the finder.

Toronto Globe: No slackers can be as mean and contemptible as those who have faltered in their duty to the returned soldiers. They are the slackers who are weakening and undermining Canada's military strength. No man responsible for this neglect has a right to use the term "slacker" except in self-condemnation.

Mr. J. B. Daggett, perhaps the narrowest and rankest partizan who ever held office under any government in this province, has resigned his position as secretary of agriculture. By taking this course he has saved the new administration the trouble of kicking him out. For once he has displayed excellent judgment.

What becomes of the story now, started by the die-hard newspapers that the defunct Murray government was to meet the House and perhaps force another dissolution of the Legislature. The Premier evidently disregarded their advice to "prepare for another appeal to the people."

Premier Foster and his colleagues, when they assume the reins of power, may be sure of one thing, they will find nothing in the provincial treasury except the finger-marks of the gents who yesterday gave up the seals of office.

When the Russian government purchased the dredge J. D. Hazen it immediately changed the name to "Mikul Selianovitch." Many people are wondering if this is a Russian translation of the name of the Minister of Marine.

Through Our Sieve

Going—going—gone!

At last the Murray government has gone to the block.

This is a good year in which to junk the junkers.

We will sort of miss Harry Woods now at government meetings.

Man proposes, but the weather does just what it pleases.

At any rate the die-hard government established a record as a distributor of lemons.

The mansion on Waterloo Row near the site of the Benedict Arnold homestead, will have a change of tenants too.

The advent of a new government will mean that some lawyers about town will have to work for smaller wages.

Constantine of Greece also might find it timely to begin looking about for another job.

Unrestrained murder on the high seas is likely to be done away with for good and all before this war is ended.

Some day the son and heir of Nicholas Romanoff may grow up to reproach his abdication parent for being too generous with other people's crowns.

Tailors say that men's clothes will fit more tightly around the waist this spring. Not unless old H. Costoffling climbs down.

FOOD PRODUCTION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Ottawa, March 29.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire has addressed the following letter to the Ontario resources committee through Mr. Fred Cook, its local representative.

"In view of the interest which is being taken by your committee within the Province of Ontario to stimulate the production of food to a greater extent than hitherto. Next in importance to the provision of men and munitions comes the provision of food, and as in the case of the army, men who had retired into civil life have again come forward and taken their places in the ranks. The same spirit should animate those who under ordinary circumstances might have considered that they had merited a well advised rest only should realize that the exigencies of the imperial need require them again to put forth their best efforts."

GERMAN SUBS IN THE ATLANTIC

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—German submarines are in the Atlantic ocean, according to reports brought here by foreign merchant ships. Warnings of the presence of these hostile craft were sent out as early as last Monday by Allied warships patrolling the coast, according to reports. The position of at least one of the U-boats

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YOUNG CANADA MUST PAY THE PRICE

Men Who Range up to the Age Limit Do Not Have the Staying Qualities.

(By Stewart Lyon, correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Mich. 29.—Officers out of the trenches who are in a position to judge of actual conditions here, strongly deprecate what they speak of as the undue optimism voiced in some Canadian journals and by public men.

The only possible result of this optimism, they point out, is to make the people at home think the war is won and that there is no need for more men than are now in France and England.

The truth is that during the period of relative inactivity on this front, the wastage pace has been going up and down the lines, and one can see the result in the relegation of elderly men to work behind the lines. Young Canada will face the foe on this part of the front in this year's operations, and young Canada must pay the price.

Some battalions doing their first turn in the trenches may have in their ranks a certain number of men ranging up toward the age limit, but they do not last, and from the point of view of staying power they are not a good investment.

CANADIANS NOT SUBJECT TO HEAD TAX IN U. S.

Ottawa, March 29.—Some misunderstanding seems to exist as regards the proposed head tax on Canadians entering the United States. It is not a Canadian, but an American regulation. Heretofore foreigners entering the United States, excepting Canadians, have been subject to a head tax of \$4. There has been no tax on Canadians or any persons who had resided a year or more in this country. Under the new American regulations to go into effect on May 1st, the head tax is increased to \$8 and it is understood that it may be applied to Canadians entering the United States for residence.

Authorities here are in doubt as to the text of the regulations, but it is understood that Canadians visiting the United States may obtain identification cards, otherwise they may have to pay the head tax, which will be refunded if they return within a certain specified period.

United States officials here say they have not yet been apprised of the regulations to be farmed.

was mentioned in the warning, but masters of foreign vessels arriving here declined to divulge it.

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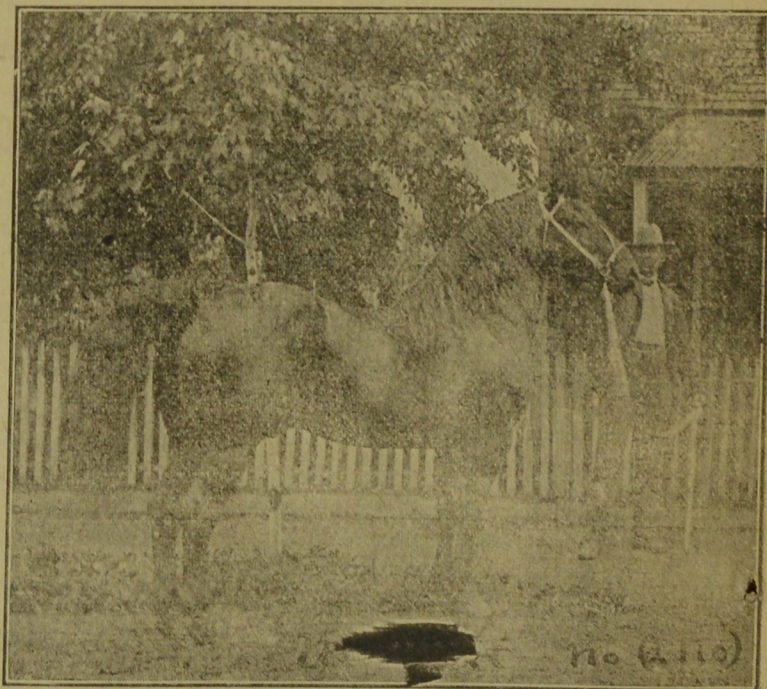
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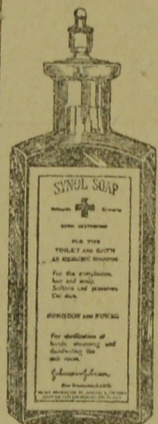
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