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## THE WAIL OF A LOST CAUSE.

"There never was a she-bear robbed of her cubs so ferocious as a Tory deprived of office." These words, uttered by a Liberal member of the House of Commons forty years ago are as true today as they were in the days of Alexander Mackenzie. They very aptly describe the attitude of members of the defunct New Brunswick government and its subsidized newspapers with respect to the elections. We have in this province today a government which was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls on February 24th. It sprang the election at the shortest possible moment after loading the dice to the limit against its opponents, yet it failed to carry the day. Having been weighed in the balance and found wanting, the decent thing for it to do would be to put its house in order as soon as possible and hand over the reins of power to the men in whom the people have expressed their confidence. In other words, under the British Constitution, a government defeated at the polls has no alternative but to bow to the sovereign will of a free and enlightened electorate. Possibly this government intends to follow the constitutional course, but the utterances of its poisoned press would seem to indicate that a strong effort is being made to induce it to make all the trouble possible for the men who conquered it.

Hon. J. A. Murray is Prime Minister of the government which was condemned by the electorate on the 24th ult., but he is not the whole show by any means. He has as colleagues two of the greatest political schemers to be found in Canada, viz., J. B. M. Baxter and B. F. Smith, and they seem to dominate the cabinet. These men would stop at nothing to attain their selfish ends, and it may be said with truth that there is no color too black to paint them dark enough. They are politicians who work on the principle that the end justifies the means, and do not hesitate to resort to strong arm methods in order to secure an advantage over political opponents. The defeat of the government on Saturday last came to these men like a bolt from the blue. They had implicit confidence in their ability to fool the people, and acted accordingly. They staked all in a desperate game of chance and lost. Now they are looking about for measures of reprisal against the men who defeated them. The fact that the counties which have a large Acadian population returned opponents of the government has given them their cue. An opportunity to array race against race and creed and creed has presented itself and has been seized upon with the eagerness with which a drowning man grasps at a straw. "Swat the Acadians," says Baxter, and the partisan newspapers, which see their graft about to disappear, eagerly adopt the suggestion. Accordingly the cry of Acadian domination is raised and the English-speaking people are frantically warned to be on their guard against it. The fact that both parties ran an equal number of Acadian candidates in the late election is conveniently ignored by the desperate, dying politicians, who have crooked work to be covered up, and they hope to be able to alarm the people. They failed to fool the electors on February 24th, and they will fail now. The game is so transparent that even a blind man can see through it.

Now, what are the facts? Forty-eight members have been elected to the new Legislature, and of these only ten are Acadians. The people are asked by the defeated party to believe that the ten Acadians will dominate the other thirty-eight members. Such a proposition is ridiculous in the extreme, but it is not uncomplimentary to our Acadian fellow citizens. When the House was dissolved a few weeks ago the call was issued for good men to come forward and serve their country. If the Acadians, in responding to that call nominated men of such great ability that ten of them can overcome thirty-eight of their English-speaking compatriots, they should be given praise instead of censure. There were twenty Acadian candidates in the field at the late election, and the people elected the ten who stood pledged to vote the present government out of office. The verdict was so emphatic that five of those who upheld the present administration and all its iniquities, lost their deposits. This is the whole story in a nutshell, and this is why the government press is damning the Acadians. It might be added that the number of Acadians who will sit in the new House is the same as that which sat in the last House. Nobody ever thought of such a thing as Acadian domination under the old regime,

and there is no reason why such a cry should be taken seriously by an intelligent public today.

It is most regrettable that at a time like this, when thousands of New Brunswick boys—both French speaking and English-speaking—are fighting for the liberty of the world on the soil of France, that an effort should be made by the hireling press of a beaten and discredited party to raise the race cry against men of French blood, who have long made their homes in this province. It only bears out the words quoted at the beginning of this article "that there never was a she-bear robbed of her cubs so ferocious as a Tory deprived of office."

It might be well to remind Hon. Mr. Baxter and the other schemers of the defunct Murray government that the Robinson administration was defeated at the polls on March 3rd, and on March 24th, exactly three weeks later, a new administration was sworn in. The old government bowed to the will of the people without any tomfoolery, just as this government is expected to do.

On the day following the provincial general election of 1908, Hon. C. W. Robinson, then premier, whose government had been defeated, announced on the following day that the administration would resign without unnecessary delay. The present government was defeated on February 24th, but up to the present Premier Murray has not taken the public into his confidence and disclosed his intentions.

Premier Murray of Nova Scotia holds the record among Canadian public men for the longest continuous term of office as premier, and is still going strong. Premier Murray of New Brunswick has probably broken the Canadian record for shortest term as premier. What's in a name, anyway?

The St. John organ of the grafters pronounced Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., politically dead in September last, and laid him away in a coffin. One of these fine days the Standard and its political backers will wake up to the fact that Mr. Carvell is an exceedingly lively corpse.

## Through Our Sieve

Somewhere we've read or heard something about the Ides of March.

Lucky people are those who do not depend on luck.

The politicians whom the gods destroy they first make mad.

Clifton Springs sanatorium should do some advertising among the sick looking New Brunswick politicians.

It is said that the banquet prepared for a certain politician on Saturday evening went the way of the boquet.

When a girl of 14 is ambitious to become an actress it's up to her mother to do a movie stunt with her slipper.

A husband is what is left of a lover after the nerve has been extracted and the imagination cocained.

If Premier Murray had had any idea that there was a landslide coming he would have postponed the evil day until after the session.

No wonder the defeated government party is saying "Swat the Frenchman"—two Acadians didn't do a thing to the late government.

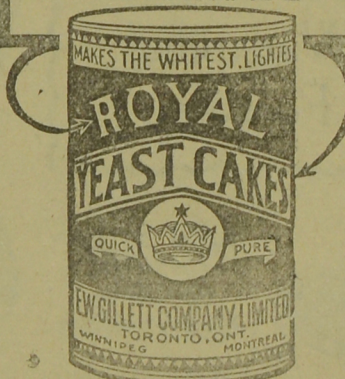
Optimism is what helps a woman to look upon a grouchy husband as a heaven-sent opportunity for self-discipline.

The members of the provincial government should wake up to the fact that the people who like good "sports" have no use for "bad losers."

The editor of the local graft organ can enjoy many a pleasant game of solitaire in the days to come by reading and comparing the editorials in some of his back numbers.

The fact that Nova Scotia has had a Premier Murray in power for many years might have led the N. B. Murray to think there was magic in the name; but what's the use—a man can't win elections on his name and shape.

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## PRESS OF PARIS AP- PROVES WILSON'S STAND

Paris, Feb. 28.—The morning papers while without exception commenting on President Wilson's prudence and his determination to serve the whole body of American citizens behind him, agree in recognizing his message to Congress as distinctly a further step in the direction of war.

Georges Clemenceau, in his paper L'Homme Enchaîné, reflects the sentiments generally expressed when he says: "A president of the United States does not stand for peace at any price. On the day when dignity and sovereignty of the United States are menaced or attacked, he will enter on another course. His first step was to exercise moral pressure on Germany. Such was the meaning of the rupture of diplomatic relations. As that failed, he has proclaimed armed neutrality, and has thus begun to exercise material pressure. This pressure will be transformed into material action and that means war."

## NEW PENSION PLAN FOR BRITISH ARMY

London, Feb. 28.—An order-in-council establishing a new pension plan for the British army, was issued today.

Under it privates totally disabled will receive a minimum of 27s. 6d. weekly. If this sum is insufficient to enable the soldier to live approximately to his before-the-war standard, he will be given an alternative pension based on his earnings previous to the war. No single pension, however, shall be in excess of 75 shillings weekly. The allowance for children is 5 shillings for the first, less for each subsequent child. A soldier not totally disabled will receive a pension based on the degree to which his disablement affects his earning powers. Widows will receive half the sum which their husbands were entitled to if totally disabled. A disabled soldier requiring the services of an attendant is allowed fees up to £1 a week for such services.

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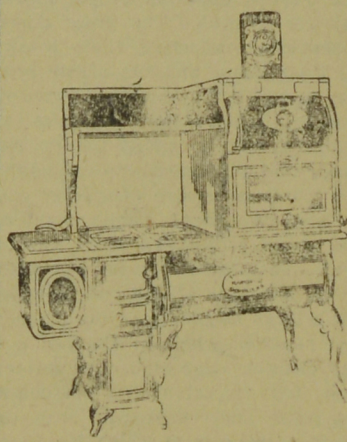
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