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THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

Although prohibition should not be an issue in the present election, the Government and its barnstormers, in their desperation, are making a strenuous effort to keep it in the forefront with the hope that it might be the means of staving off defeat which is so richly deserved. The Government at the last election had the undivided support of the licensed liquor trade of the province. The support was so pronounced in St. John that a former clergyman and staunch advocate of temperance put up by the Opposition as a candidate, failed to save his deposit. For several years following the last election the Government was not particularly concerned in furthering the cause of temperance. Delegations waited upon it and asked for prohibition, but the Government stood them off with promises. The temperance people, however, insisted upon something being done, and finally, when it looked as if the Government might be forced to take action, the liquor licensees of St. John were graciously tipped off by heelers of the Government, and subscribed to a boodle fund amounting to \$6,000, with the understanding that it was to be used to fight temperance legislation. Mr. E. S. Carter exposed the plot and made charges which he asked Commissioner Chandler to investigate, but without success. The organ of the government in St. John, which is controlled by Attorney General Baxter, made a bitter personal attack on Mr. Carter, which resulted in the latter instituting proceedings for libel, thereby hoping that the facts concerning the daring hold-up of licensees would be given to the public. The Attorney General, however, scenting danger, succeeded in terminating the proceedings for libel by taking advantage of a technicality in connection with the service of the writ. This put the case out of court. Had it gone to trial there is no doubt that Mr. Carter would have proved his charges right up to the hilt.

It was not until after the Opposition party had made prohibition a plank in their platform that the government decided that the temperance question was worth grappling with in a serious manner. Having been hard hit by grave scandals, it felt that something must be done if it was to stand a ghost of a chance of escaping the wrath of the people. With this object in view, at the last session of the Legislature it gave the liquor dealers the double cross and placed on the statute book a prohibitory act which can be brought into force by proclamation on May 1st next. Having adopted prohibition as a sort of death-bed repentance, the Government is now asking the temperance reformers of the province to line up with the cheap partisans, bootleggers, grafters, whitewashers and hold-up men on Saturday next, and vote to give it an extension of its miserable life. It is a most barefaced and impudent proposal, and it should be indignantly spurned by the temperance people. There are facts enough, if facts were wanting, to prove that this Government was openly hostile to the temperance cause until brought to account by the force of public opinion, and a desire to cling to power.

Surely the temperance people of Fredericton, after the bitter experience they have had with this Government, are not going to allow themselves to be fooled by it on this occasion. Surely they have not forgotten the cold-blooded manner in which the Government spurned their humble petition praying for the appointment of Dr. B. C. Foster as a member of the city police commission! Surely they have not forgotten the words of

Premier Clarke to the effect that "the Government must look after its friends," spoken to a large delegation which asked that the late Mr. Matthew Tennant be appointed police magistrate in this city. If the temperance people have forgotten these incidents, they must have short memories. Because the Government at the eleventh hour stole the clothes of the Opposition and passed a prohibitory act, it does not necessarily follow that it is entitled to the support of temperance men who fail to see eye to eye with it on other questions. This is a free country and every man is justified in voting against a government if he cannot consistently approve of its conduct and general policy. After all, public men are only the servants of the people and do not rule by divine right. The very fact that the Government has been guilty of double dealing on the temperance question should deprive it of the support of all honest men, who should at a time like this place the interests of the country before party.

One of the most damning indictments of the present government was published by Commodore Stewart, M. P. P., in April last. He urged the appointment of a royal commission by the Governor General to investigate the whole New Brunswick Government outfit, and declared that the people of New Brunswick have necessarily no confidence in the honesty of men who publicly endorsed the blackmail conspiracy of ex-Premier Flemming. And he added: "The only way to reform this government is to kick it out." According to the doctrine laid down by Hon. B. Frank Smith, Commodore Stewart is one of the men unfit to unlatch Flemming's shoes, and yet he heads the government ticket in Northumberland.

If it cost the Local Government a boodle brigade \$20,000 to defeat Mr. James M. Scott in a by-election in this county three years ago, how much is it prepared to spend this time in order to try to defeat the four men who are running on the Opposition ticket? Incidentally it might be mentioned that at the time of the by-election, the scandals which have since shocked and disgraced the province had not developed.

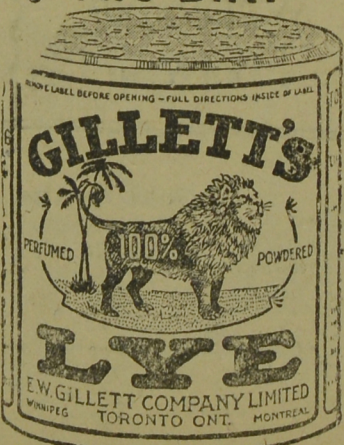
The office holders and contractors who are running the government campaign in York, feeling that their government's cause in York is desperate, have sent an S. O. S. call to Hon. B. Frank Smith of Carleton to come down and try and save the situation. Why didn't they send for the new Minister of Lands and Mines? Surely he ought to be able to give a little time to York county.

At the nomination proceedings at Gagetown, Candidate Slipp was asked to explain why he shirked the vote on the Flemming whitewash resolution. The question was a pertinent one and brought forth no satisfactory explanation. If it was right and proper for Mr. Slipp to shirk the vote, how can Premier Murray, J. K. Pinder, John A. Young and the other members who applied the whitewash brush justify their conduct?

Speaking of big notes, how about that note for one hundred thousand plunks which Mr. Gould gave to the Prudential Trust Company prior to the last local election, and then turned the proceeds over to Mr. Flemming to be used as a corruption fund? The money was borrowed from funds belonging to the people of this province, and has not yet been repaid.

In the provincial campaign of five years ago, when Flemming was in the hey-day of his power and no serious scandals had developed, the Government had a boodle fund of \$137,000. How large a fund will it take to purchase another elase of life for this outfit?

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"Glad to meet you," says the optimist—and the pessimist wonders if he really is glad.

Science has at last discovered why automobiles skid. This should be of great help to the pedestrians.

Having given Andy Humble lessons in grafting, the next thing we know Mr. Young will be telling some old fellow how to swipe a fur coat.

A woman always thinks she is better than other women and a man thinks he's no worse than other men.

And now the cruel courts have begun confiscating a poor man's automobiles to pay overdue alimony.

You may have noticed that when some men promise you things they always qualify the promise with a great big if.

Any married woman can tell you that the explanation offered by a husband who gets home at 2 a.m. does not explain anything.

According to the local graft organ we have three hitherto unknown politicians in our midst—"J. F. Pinder," "Richard L. Hanson" and "J. B. M. Daggett."

A New Jersey inventor has patented a device whereby the music of a piano and a phonograph can be combined. Strange to relate, the neighbors permit him to live.

The queer thing about the German idea of "frightfulness" is that to be effective it depends upon the existence of civilization and civilized ideals among Germany's enemies.

TRAINS COLLIDE ON INTERCOLONIAL

Quebec, Feb. 19.—Heavy material damage, but no loss of life nor personal injuries was caused Saturday at St. Leonard, Nicolet county, when two Intercolonial freight trains collided.

The two trains were coming east from Montreal and the one ahead had stopped. Into its rear end the second train crashed, smashing the van and four cars.

Brakeman Bolduc de Levis was on a small trestle between the two trains and when he saw the second train approaching had barely time to let himself down between the ties and keep a hold with bare hands while the train rolled on overhead.

LATE MRS. ISAAC KILBURN.
Funeral This Afternoon Largely Attended—Interment at Rural Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Isaac Kilburn took place this afternoon from her late residence, 228 Queen street, and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Thomas Marshall and interment was made in the Rural Cemetery.

The mourners were as follows: Fred Kilburn, George Kilburn, C. F. B. Estey, Frank B. Estey, Chas. K. Palmer, William Palmer, James Palmer, W. A. McLellan, Hedley Kilburn, Randolph Kilburn, Isaac Kilburn, Wardlaw Kilburn, R. B. VanDine, Bert Smith, Robt. VanWart, Lloyd VanWart, John Day, E. R. Blackmer, William Minto.

The pall-bearers were Albert Kilburn, John Kilburn, Harry Forbes, F. H. Everett, Henry Forsey, M. L. Stevenson.

Mr. C. N. Crowe, of Bridgewater, N.S., arrived in the city last night.

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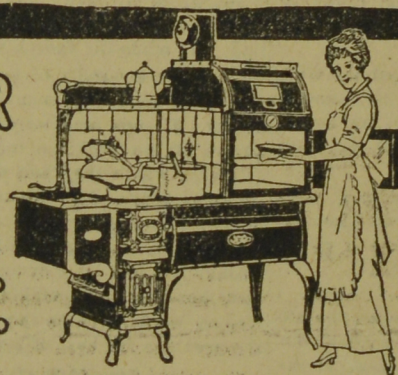
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