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## A POTATO COMBINE.

An Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Star says:

"If the Attorney General of that province consents, the New Brunswick Potato Exchange, of which the Hon. B. F. Smith, Provincial Minister of Public Works, is president, will be prosecuted under the Cost of Living Act, on a charge of combination to fix the price of potatoes."

"An investigation into the Exchange has been in progress for a considerable time, but difficulty was met in ascertaining the prices paid for the vegetables and those at which they are held for sale. In the meantime, the concern, said largely to control the output of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, is said to have been heavily exporting potatoes to Cuba at fancy prices, adding to the seriousness of the domestic situation."

"W. F. O'Connor, K.C., commissioner on the cost of living, is convinced that the organization is a restraining and illegal combine within the meaning of the Act, and prosecution probably will be instituted."

The announcement that the New Brunswick Potato Exchange was to be prosecuted was considerably withheld until after the provincial elections. If there is a combine to boost the price of potatoes, as alleged, it is not surprising that the name of Mr. B. Frank Smith should be mentioned in connection with it. The words "if the Attorney General of New Brunswick consents" will undoubtedly cause a smile to creep over the countenances of many people. We do not know whether the present Attorney General will consent or not, but we do know that there will be an Attorney General in office in the course of a few weeks who will gladly do so, and he may go so far as to suggest an enlargement of the scope of the enquiry.

## THE DOUBLE GAME.

The Winnipeg Free Press notes a fact, which is not generally known, that in the recent Dorchester by-election the literature circulated in support of Hon. Albert Seigney, included a fiery signed article by Mr. Henri Bourassa, denouncing Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the first to send Canadian troops abroad to aid Britain in her wars, as the first to raise a Canadian Navy and as the political leader who so changed the Militia Act that men could be called out for foreign wars and who, were he now in office, would enforce conscription in the present war.

Assuredly this blast by the Nationalist leader is quite in keeping with his deliverance at Sorel a few months ago, in which he denounced Sir Wilfrid as the most nefarious of public men for his supposed ultra-Imperialistic activities in the past. No close observer of current affairs will doubt that there is still a bond of sympathy and of union between Mr. Bourassa and the Nationalist members of the Dominion government. To the extent that they dare they do Mr. Bourassa's bidding and represent his views in the Government councils.

Meanwhile in Ontario the Government's chief newspaper supporter continues to tell the people that "a vote for Laurier is a vote for Bourassa." Also, outside of Quebec the approved version of the Dorchester by-election is that it was a rebuke to Liberal faint heartedness in the war and a declaration by Quebec in favor of active participation in the struggle. This campaign of misrepresentation and innuendo is carried on with the expectation that a very considerable section of the electorate rather enjoy being humbugged.

The graft newspapers, in an effort to explain away the disastrous defeat of their party on Saturday, are accusing their opponents with having raised the race cry in the French counties of the province. It is strange that this discovery was not made sooner. Only the day before polling the graft organs announced that the North Shore was "solid" for the Government, and the St. John Standard generously conceded the Opposition one seat in the entire province. It was the Government's shameless record of graft and mad administration that defeated it.

The great Opposition triumph on the North Shore counties is in a large measure due to the remarkable ability as an organizer displayed by Mr. P. J. Veniot, one of the successful candidates in Gloucester. Mr. Veniot has worked hard for years past in the interests of good government, and must be highly gratified over the result of his efforts.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., whom the reptile press "banished from public life" in September last, seems to be enjoying fairly good health at the present time. The coffin cartoon which the Standard used after the Carleton by-election was not reproduced on this occasion. Mr. Carvell's feelings must be hurt over the way in which he is being slighted by the Tory press since the election. Mr. Carvell will be heard from in due course.

The full returns of the provincial election show that the Opposition candidates made substantial gains in every constituency in the province. Even in the government stronghold of York a majority of 2800 was cut down to less than 400. And yet government party organs are saying the race cry did it.

The opposition in the next Legislature will number twenty-one members, providing they all stick. There is likely to be a scramble for Federal government jobs, but the absence in England of the Hon. J. D. Hazen may make it necessary for the majority of them to remain in the provincial arena for a time at least.

One of the canvasses successfully worked in Mr. Pinder's behalf in the late election was that he had been shabbily treated by the government. The new government will not be open to the charge of treating Mr. Pinder shabbily—it will have no truck with him.

Having been defeated at the polls, the Murray government should pack its duds and quit the job with the least possible delay. The new administration will have a big job on hand restoring order out of the chaos which now prevails and should get busy at once.

The new administration, when it comes into power, will lose no time dealing with the partisan officials who took such an active part in the late election. If these men are wise in their day and generation they will not wait to be kicked out of office.

Mr. John Young stated that the Opposition convention here a few weeks ago that he had buried the hatchet and jumped on it with both feet. He resurrected it on polling day and used it to chop the name of his ancient enemy, Mr. Pinder, from fifty ballots.

Premier Murray's back to the land policy did not prove much of a vote getter.

## Through Our Sieve

They're trying hard to make Hon. Mr. Slipp the goat of the campaign.

The real goat is some Kidd—and lives in Woodstock.

It is about time that Premier Murray was issuing a statement.

Doubtless the original board of Education was the blackboard.

And some still remember the effectiveness of the clabboard.

Economy supplies old age with an easy chair.

"Potatoes Climb Higher." Oh, these social climbers!

Platonic love is Cupid's best preparatory school.

The man who yells always attracts more attention than one who thinks.

There's many a slip; says the old saw, but the grafters around here seem to think there was only one Slipp.

The man who fails to reform the world can at least go out and kick the dog.

You can never chill the affection of a girl by taking her to the ice-cream parlor.

Considering the onion is a lily, and it is, we still think it is not worth its present price.

Somewhat a blonde never seems so pretty as when you're talking to a brunette.

How Minister Hazen must have frowned when he received the returns of the New Brunswick election by special cable.

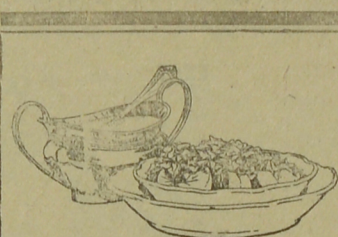
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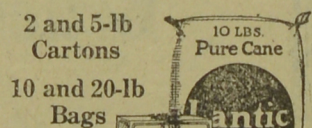
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The teams were:  
Fredericton: McAdam, Goal; Jarvis, Point; Kierstead, Coverpoint; Starr, Colwell; Rover; Shortt; Flett; Centre; Brydson; Jack; Barry; Rt. wing; Clark; Porter; Lt. wing; Scovil; Referee and judge of play—Lieut. Scovil and Lieut. McElvaney.  
Scoring Summary:  
First Period:  
1 Flett ..... 4 min.  
2 Porter ..... 3 min.  
3 Colwell ..... 17 min.  
Second Period:  
4 Colwell ..... 8 min.  
Third Period:  
5 Flett ..... 15 min.

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Some men like to tell the truth for the sake of stirring up trouble.  
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4 yards 52 in. Black Serge, reg \$1.75, for ..	5.00	7 yds. reg. 18c. Roller Towelling ..	1.00
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