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A HUMILIATING SPECTACLE.

The gallant Colonel Sam Hughes, ex-Minister of Militia, and Mr. R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, by some called "the chinook wind," got into a lively clash in Parliament a few days ago. These good and loyal patriots do not entertain a very high opinion of each other and exchanged compliments rather freely during the course of the debate on the bill to provide salaries for the overseas Minister of Militia and two under secretaries. The following illuminating paragraphs are found in a report of the proceedings: "Sir Sam Hughes scored the incompetency of Sir George Perley, Overseas Minister, and stated that he secured and held his position because of "personal" friendship to the Premier. "If it was merely necessary to provide a place for Sir George Perley," declared the doughty ex-Minister, "it should be possible to find for him an ornamental position where he would not be a menace to the nation."

"Sir Sam's fellow-Conservative from Calgary (Bennett) rounded upon him. Sir Sam had confessed that he merely "tolerated" Gen. Gwatkin, whom he alleged to be inefficient and had no more to do with the mobilization of the first contingent "than that page boy standing beside you, Mr. Speaker." Mr. Bennett was equally eloquent and equally acrimonious. He defended General Gwatkin by attacking General Hughes. Gwatkin was a man, said the Calgary Conservative, who "got his work done without crying from the housetops and without travelling from ocean to ocean." When the history of the war was written, Gwatkin would get credit for much now claimed by another man—with a steely and direct glare at the ex-Minister of Militia. Gwatkin was not trotting around the streets "making every other man he met an honorary colonel."

Later in the debate Sir Sam got back at the member for Calgary in the following fashion:

"General Sir Sam Hughes, who had returned to the Chamber, then launched his reply to Mr. R. B. Bennett. It sizzled. Sir Sam declared Mr. Bennett to be the greatest failure and fiasco which the government had produced. He ridiculed Mr. Bennett's National Service campaign. Mr. Bennett stands "as having been at the head of the greatest failure that ever occurred in the public life of Canada." Sir Sam said he had addressed a recruiting meeting of 5,000 men at Calgary in zero weather, "despite the efforts of the member for Calgary to kill the meeting."

"He also referred to the Borden-Bennett Toronto meeting at the conclusion of the National Service tour. Preparations had been made by the loyal people of Toronto for meetings in Massey Hall and overflow meetings in the Metropolitan Church and the Orange Hall. That Massey Hall was half filled was due, said Sir Sam, to the soldiers, "and there was no need for the church or the Orange Hall, which remained empty." This was the way Mr. Bennett finished his tour with the Premier "in a blaze of glory." Sir Sam declared that the National Service scheme had prevented the boys at the front from getting reinforcements for nine months."

It is not much wonder that Liberals who voted a year ago for the extension of the life of Parliament repented of their action and this year refused to support such a motion. The fact that Tory members are scrapping among themselves is the best evidence that the present Parliament has outlived its usefulness. It may not be a bad plan for the government to amend the conscription bill so that it will gather in Sir Sam and the warrior from Calgary.

THE TRUTH COMES OUT.

The Gould arbitration proceedings in connection with the Valley Railway started by the Murray-Baxter government and carried on in a pussy-footed manner, have suddenly taken on life. The engagement of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. as counsel is largely responsible for the change. Yesterday Mr. Carvell secured from Mr. Gould the admission that he (Gould) had paid ex-Premier Flemming the sum of \$100,000 for the

contract. The money came from funds belonging to the province in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company, of Montreal. The money was paid over just prior to the local election of 1912. With the help of this big boodle fund, stolen from the people, the government swept the province and returned Flemming to power to continue his boodling operations. The timber land steal of \$73,000 was pulled off the following year, when there was no election in sight.

The Valley Railway enterprise appears to have been a steal from start to finish. In comparison with it, the famous Pacific scandal, which wrecked the Tory government at Ottawa in 1873, was in the kindergarten class.

The Canada Temperance Act, which has been in force in this city nearly forty years, was repealed yesterday by vote of the electors and will be replaced by the provincial prohibition law. The election was probably the quietest ever held in the city. The vote stood 283 for the Act and 452 against, a majority of 173 for prohibition. A little more than one-third of the registered vote was polled, which is evidence of a good deal of indifference on the part of the public. The vote shows that the poor old Scott Act still has many friends here, although they did not go to the trouble of organizing on its behalf. The result of the election was a foregone conclusion, and the result occasioned little surprise, although many expected the majority for prohibition would be larger.

Mr. A. R. Gould had to pay Flemming \$100,000 for the Valley Railway contract. Eventually Flemming lost his job as Premier and Gould had his contract cancelled. The world turned on in the lathe of time, and a new contract was let to a company headed by Thomas Cozzolino, a native of Sunny Italy. It was not necessary for Mr. Cozzolino to see Flemming, but he saw Tennant, and for the privilege of finishing Gould's work he had to flash up \$120,000. In both cases the taxpayers of New Brunswick paid the indemnity.

The next thing we know the St. John Standard, or some other Tory paper will be claiming that it was on the advice of Mr. Carvell, M. P., that Mr. A. R. Gould paid that \$100,000 over to Mr. J. Kidd Flemming.

The St. John Standard publishes the following exhaustive and illuminating report of the evidence of Mr. A. R. Gould given at the Valley Railway arbitration proceedings yesterday: "The only witness at the Gould arbitration case yesterday was Mr. Gould, and after his cross-examination had been concluded the case was adjourned until a date to be agreed upon by the parties interested, when argument will be heard."

Through Our Sieve

The Scott Act passed away yesterday. No flowers, by request.

The Germans are still holding on to Frozenberg—can you blame them?

As to seein' things, it cost Mr. A. R. Gould \$100,000 to "see Flemming." He says so himself.

Now that the Scott Act has taken the count what can we find to put the "tics" in civic politics?

The fellows who voted to whitewash Flemming in the House got a piece of that \$100,000 porker.

In one thing at least man is superior to woman. You couldn't give a man a shirt which buttoned down the back.

In building improvements at the bathing beach next year the authorities should not forget a grandstand.

What has become of the "young person" of the Victorian era? The young person of today will have an old-fashioned man blushing rosy red after five minutes' conversation on up to date stuff.

Perhaps the most startling of all the war time changes is the suddenly acquired prominence of the bridegroom, who threatens to displace the bride as the centre of attraction when the wedding guests assemble.

HUN REPORTS EXAGGERATED

Paris, Aug. 16.—The German official report of merchant ships sunk by submarines is exaggerated forty per cent., according to the result of the conference of admirals of Allied navies which was held at Paris July 25th.

NATIONAL SERVICE IN SEED GROWING

On behalf of the farmers of New Brunswick and the Departments of Agriculture, I am making an appeal to all patriotic citizens who could furnish one day's assistant to a national effort to furnish a supply of turnip seed for the spring of 1919.

As you know, the principal source of supply of root seeds for the Canadian farmer has been France, Belgium and Holland. On account of the devastation of much of this area, and the conditions due to the war over the rest of it, seed growing there has been practically discontinued, and the Canadian seed trade tells us we are facing a shortage of seed for the spring of 1919 of over a million pounds of turnip seed alone.

In an effort to assist in making up this shortage, and to demonstrate to our Canadian farmers that seed can be grown at home on a commercial scale, I have been asked to sow 45 acres of turnips, which plants will be cared for this winter and set out for seed production next spring. By strenuous efforts we have got 46 acres prepared and seeded, the plants are coming up and we now have to thin them out to the proper distance and hoe them. That means hand labor, and I find this is impossible to obtain in sufficient quantity for the short time it is required.

Beginning about the 21st or 22nd instant, about 100 helpers per day will be required for a few days, to make the work already done effective, and to enable us to do our share in the seed production effort. I have tried to enlist the Boy Scout organization, but there are several practical difficulties in the way on account of the lack of officers and organization.

I am making the appeal to all business men of Fredericton that they spare us one or more men for one day during the week beginning August 20th.

Will you help this movement to supply a great essential for the crops of 1919? I appeal to you from every patriotic motive to help. We will pay those who come to help us, by piece work, at a rate that will give the workers fair remuneration. I will call upon you personally, or telephone before the end of this week.

Yours truly,  
W. W. HUBBARD,  
Superintendent.

BERNSTORFF TO CONSTANTINOPE

Berlin, Aug. 15, via London, Aug. 16.—The appointment of Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, as German ambassador at Constantinople is forecasted. Count Von Bernstorff arrived in Berlin today and was in conference with Imperial Chancellor Michaelis. The former ambassador at Washington is well acquainted with conditions in Turkey and the Balkans. His first diplomatic assignment was as an embassy attaché in Constantinople thirty years ago. Later he was secretary of the legation at Belgrade and he has been German consul general in Egypt.

A PROBLEM

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and Coun. Goodine have signified their intention of running again. Six nomination papers were asked for from McAdam and it looks as if there will be "something doing" in the railway town. In St. Mary's Coun. Young retires and Warden Neill is doubtful, but ex-Coun. Goodspeed is reported to be considering nomination. In Canterbury Coun. Smith and Coun. Grant are to be candidates with several others, according to report.

PERSONALS.

Mr. N. Hutchinson of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. J. H. Cameron of New York is registered at the Queen.

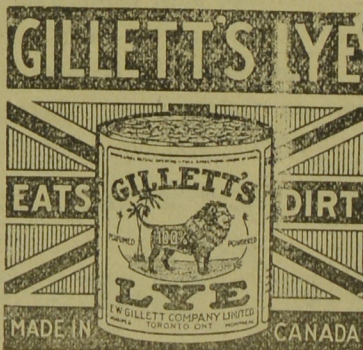
Mr. F. X. Arnold of New York is in the city.

Mr. E. R. Woodill of Halifax is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. James Tait of Charlottetown, a former resident of this city, has been here renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Nan Mersereau, government stenographer, and Miss Madge Kelly leave tomorrow for Charlottetown, to enjoy a well earned vacation.

Rev. G. C. Warren, Mrs. Warren and family returned yesterday from Digby, N. S. where they had been spending a vacation.



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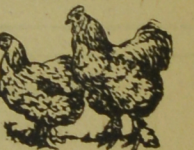
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