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FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD.

The report of Special Auditor Williams on the financial operations of the New Brunswick Farm Settlement Board will be found in another part of this issue. The first instalment of the report is addressed to Hon. J. A. Murray, and the second instalment to his successor in the Premiership, Hon. W. E. Foster. It is a very interesting document and will give people an insight into the peculiar methods pursued by the Farm Settlement Board. Auditor Williams establishes beyond the shadow of a doubt the truth of the charge preferred by Mr. E. S. Carter some months ago to the effect that the Board had purchased a farm in Albert county on which there was a mortgage. This farm was supposed to contain sixteen acres, but eventually dwindled to one half an acre. Auditor Williams shows that Mr. B. F. Smith, while temporarily in charge of the Agricultural Department, recommended the purchase at a good figure of several farms in Carleton county, but Hon. Mr. Murray, upon his return from England, put his foot down on the transaction and had the checks returned to the Department. The Auditor's report emphasizes the statement frequently made that the change of government in this province did not come any too soon. It seems that under the loose methods employed by the board it was possible for a man to sell his farm to the board, draw his money, and then repurchase the farm on very favorable terms. This was done in a number of cases, in violation of the provisions of the act.

Auditor Williams, in his report, tells a sordid story of jobbery, mismanagement and rank favoritism, which must shock the people of this province, whose money was wasted and squandered under the auspices of a government which was wont to boast of its sound business methods.

THE CONSCRIPTION BILL.

The much-talked-of conscription bill was brought down in Parliament yesterday by Sir Robert Borden, who made an exhaustive explanation of the measure in the presence of crowded galleries. It is in many respects the most important bill laid before Parliament since Confederation, and its progress will be watched with keen interest by the people of the country. It was explained that the bill, which applies to all men between the ages of twenty and forty-five years, will be brought into effect by order-in-council and proclamation by the government. Local exemption boards are to be provided, one member of which is to be chosen by the county court judge and the other by the Minister of Justice. The Premier stated that any young man who failed to respond to the call for his class would be deemed guilty of desertion and liable to imprisonment for three years.

The grave importance of the conscription bill will ensure for it the earnest consideration of both parties in parliament. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not discuss the measure at length, but in a brief statement to the House assured the Premier the bill would have most serious consideration from the members of the Liberal party.

The Liberal attitude towards the measure will not be disclosed until after a party caucus has been held. It would not be surprising, however, if they should take the ground that the scope of the bill ought to be broadened so as to include wealth as well as men. Proof that the measure does not meet with the unanimous support of Premier Borden's followers is disclosed by the fact that Capt. J. H. Burnham, Conservative member for Peterboro, Ont., has resigned his seat on the ground that the bill is not equitable to the great mass of the people. The bill as it stands undoubtedly contains many serious defects, but the hope is held out that these will be remedied by parliament and that in the end some means will be found by which strife may be avoided and the full weight of Canada's man-power and resources thrown into the great struggle now being waged on behalf of liberty.

Vigorous addresses on the budget in reply to opposition criticism were

delivered in the Legislature last evening by Hon. Mr. Byrne, Mr. LeBlanc, of Restigouche, Mr. Michaud of Madawaska, and Mr. Burchill of Northumberland. It was Mr. Michaud's maiden effort, and he acquitted himself exceedingly well, showing a good grasp of public questions. The Attorney General was in good form and did not mince matters in dealing with the promises and performances of the late administration. Mr. LeBlanc, in the course of an admirable address, replied effectively to an attack made upon the Hon. Dr. Pugsley by Mr. Baxter. Mr. Burchill, who is one of the ablest laymen in public life in this province, delivered an able and businesslike speech which commanded the close attention of both sides of the House.

The Chatham World, in commenting on the revelations made at the Valley Railway enquiry, says: "The inference is, unless further evidence changes the complexion of things, that Mr. Tennant and the local government were acting in union, and that the \$100,000 was for campaign purposes."

WOMENS' INSTITUTE
DELEGATES BEFORE GOVT.

A large delegation of women representing the various branches of the Women's Institute in this province are in the city this week. A meeting was called for last night in the Board of Trade rooms but was postponed until a later date. A committee was appointed to wait on the government this morning and present two resolutions. Miss Thorne of Fredericton, was the convener. The following are members of the committee:

Mrs. C. A. King, Petitediac; Mrs. Porter, Andover; Mrs. Milton Doherty, Campbellton; Mrs. Harvey, Fredericton; Miss E. Thorne, Fredericton; Mrs. Dickson, Centre Napan; Mrs. Ellis, Woodstock.

The following resolutions were presented by Miss Thorne:

First, That women other than rate-payers be allowed to be appointed on the school boards of cities and towns.

Second, That women be appointed by the governing bodies to the boards of health, hospitals and municipal homes of all cities and towns.

Mrs. Dickson of Centre Napan spoke on the first resolution and Mrs. Harvey of Fredericton, on the second.

Considered St. Stephen Bill.

The Municipalities Committee today had under further consideration the bill to enable the Town of St. Stephen to extend its water works system and supply the Town of Milltown with water, and after hearing a delegation on the subject adjourned for further consideration.

Through Our Sieve

June seems to be going in for frightfulness.

"Is this hot enough for you?" That's what we ought to be asking.

Thus far there has been no popular demand for moth balls for winter coats.

Astor a viscount, Watson a knight! The pound sterling is greater than the epic!

Under the old government a man who went to jail single-handed usually came out fifty thousand strong.

Still we can't see how a Russian soldier has any easier time through calling his commanding officer by his first name.

According to a food authority, the porcupine is good to eat. One is advised, however, not to attempt to swallow it whole.

No, Imogene, the German government does not tell its people lies—simply Huntruths.

A senior co-ed at Radcliffe describes the ideal fiancé as a man who knows how to swear, but doesn't do it. That is to say, he doesn't play golf.

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HOSPITAL SUPT.
ASKS RELEASE

Miss Grace M. Murray Under Orders to Go Overseas—Hospital Bill for the Legislature.

The trustees of Victoria Public Hospital held their regular monthly meeting yesterday, with the president, Hon. Judge Crockett, in the chair. As usual the statistical report of the secretary-treasurer for the month showed very little diminution in the size of the figures. He reports the work in the hospital not as heavy in May as during some of the previous months.

The president submitted a bill to be presented to the Legislature confirming certain by-laws and making provision for the future management of the institution. This was approved, and Mr. Gregory took occasion to refer to the large amount of time given up to the work by the president. The trustees feel indebted to the committee which was composed of the president, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hughes and Dr. Wainwright, for the care and thought given to this work.

A letter was read from Miss Grace M. Murray, the superintendent of the hospital, asking to be released from her position and responsibility as early as possible, as she is under orders to proceed overseas in a few weeks. While it was generally known that Miss Murray has been waiting for two years for the call to do her bit and assist in caring for the wounded soldier boys, the management of the hospital expect to experience some difficulty in filling her place. Physicians, patients, public and trustees, all seem satisfied with the work of the superintendent.

During the month of May forty-seven patients received treatment in the hospital and there were two deaths. The contagious wing remained closed all the month.

Previous to adjournment it was arranged to have a special meeting of the board shortly if deemed advisable.

ANCIENT COLONY
SAVING DAYLIGHT

New York, June 12.—Newfoundland has adopted the daylight saving plan. The Commercial Cable Company announced today that at nine o'clock last night, legal time there had been advanced one hour.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK	
Beet Sugar.....	95
C. P. R.....	162½
Crucible steel.....	79
Erie.....	26
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	80¼
Union Pac.....	136½
U. S. Steel.....	129
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	47
Marine Com.....	28
Reading.....	95
Rubber.....	56¾
Studebaker.....	81½
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47½

MONTREAL.	
Civic.....	75
Detroit.....	109
Quebec.....	20
Toronto.....	78¾
Braz.....	40½
Cement.....	60½
Iron.....	63
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	18½
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	94

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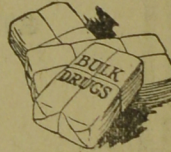
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