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THE ROGERS ENQUIRY.

A royal commission, which is likely to cost the taxpayers of Canada a large sum of money, is sitting in Montreal on the case of Hon. Bob Rogers, who was recently condemned by a report made by Mr. Justice Galt on a Manitoba graft enquiry. The commission, which is holding what might be called a new trial, is composed of Chief Justice Ezekiel McLeod, of New Brunswick and Mr. Justice Teller, of Quebec. So far but little information has been given to the public through the newspapers as to the work of the commission; but Sir Robert Borden a few days ago in parliament in reply to a question, said he did not know whether the investigation was being held publicly or in private. All that is known is that the commission is holding its sittings at a fashionable hotel in Montreal and that the people will be called upon to pay the bill. If the enquiry results in the elimination of Hon. Bob Rogers from the public life of Canada, whatever it may cost it will be money well spent.

Not long ago, it will be remembered, Mr. Justice Galt was employed by the Government of Manitoba to conduct an enquiry into matters pertaining to the Agricultural College. The evidence brought out before him disclosed boodling and graft of the rankiest kind. It was also shown that Rogers, who was Minister of Public Works in Manitoba at the time the college was built, had on his own responsibility boosted a contractor's figures by some thousands of dollars, and it was shown that the said contractor a few days later turned the amount of the increase over to a Tory campaign fund. Rogers tried to explain the matter away on the witness stand, but made such a poor fist of it that Judge Galt, in his report declared that he would not believe him under oath.

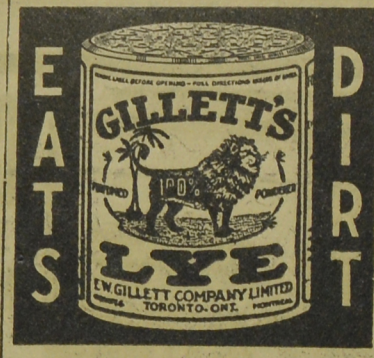
Now if Judge Galt had been a Liberal in politics it might have been urged that his judgment was warped by party feeling, as is sometimes the case; but in view of the fact that His Honor belongs to a well known Conservative family, and was appointed to the bench on the recommendation of Rogers himself, he is certainly not open to the charge of having any political prejudice against the Minister of Public Works. His finding was based on sworn testimony and seems to jibe fairly well with the opinion of a great many people who have formed of Premier Borden's Minister of Elections. Rogers is known as a politician of the Tammany type, and Judge Galt, with the evidence of his crooked work before him, could not, as an honest man, return any other finding than the one he did. Rogers, instead of being granted a new trial, which will serve no good purpose, should have been kicked out of the government as soon as the Galt report was made public.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

As the Toronto Globe points out, the Quebec situation has been created by Sir Robert Borden. British fair play demands that the real genesis of the present trouble be made known. Having made use of Quebec Nationalism in 1911, in order to drive Sir Wilfrid Laurier from power, the Tory party now pretends to be shocked because its chickens come home to roost. The relative positions of Liberals and Tories at the general election were then stated in terms that now prove the shortsightedness of their author, Sir Clifford Sifton:

"I regard the alliance between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Republican party of the United States as a more unholy alliance, and an alliance much more likely to do harm to the people of Canada than any alleged alliance between Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa."

Would Sir Clifford Sifton, or any other man, repeat this statement today in face of the adoption of the reciprocity principle by the Borden government, and our close alliance with the United States? Who was the far-seeing statesman of 1911?—the friend of the United States or the friend and ally of Bourassa? There is a good deal in the campaign of 1911 which the Borden-Sifton allies of Bourassa would like to forget. But why go back so far for the genesis of the present



trouble in Quebec? Was it not Hon. P. F. Blondin, the Nationalist member of the Borden cabinet, who, in the Dorchester election of January last declared, in reply to Mr. Emmanuel D'Anjou:

"Some people say that the National Service cards meant conscription. If conscription does come you here can easily avoid it. You will only have to cross the line."

It was the same Mr. Blondin who told French Canadians in the Dorchester election that "the Allison scandal was none of our affair. It was the money of England, and it did not hurt you." This is the Mr. Blondin who attributes the failure of recruiting in Quebec to the Borden government.

The whole aim of Sir Robert Borden through his alliance with the Nationalists, has been to destroy the influence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his native province by inflaming extreme Nationalist sentiment. The cry raised when the Navy Bill was before the country was that Sir Wilfrid wanted to conscript the French-Canadians for British wars. They were assured that by voting for the Conservatives the Liberal conscription menace would be averted.

Edmonton Bulletin: The business of a government is to protect the lives and property of the citizens. A Canadian government is falling short of that primary reason for its existence when it allows the public to be afflicted by prices for food and other necessities higher in proportion than the prices which have caused almost every other representative government on earth to undertake the regulation of prices as a function of the state.

MRS. G. C. VANWART

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"I have been asked by the National officers and executive to present these flowers to you as a token of their esteem and appreciation of the self-sacrificing and valued service you have given our beloved order in the past seventeen years and in affectionate remembrance of the happy relations which have always existed between us. We are glad to know that these recent election to the National executive and wish to congratulate you upon your life membership in the order. They would ask you kindly to extend a hearty and cordial welcome on their behalf to our new president with assurance of their help, sympathy and co-operation in the work that lies before her and with best wishes to the members of the order in New Brunswick for continued success."

"MARY R. GOODERHAM, 'National President.' President's Resignation. The resignation of Mrs. VanWart which was formally presented, was as follows:

Mrs. Wood and Ladies: I now tender my resignation as president of the Provincial Chapter of New Brunswick. I have been an officer since the beginning of the chapter which is also the beginning of the order seventeen and one half years ago, first as standard bearer, the vice president, acting president. Fifteen years ago when I became president we had a membership of 39 in one chapter and now we have a membership of over eight hundred in eight chapters, not including the junior chapter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank officers and members for their loyal support during the past years and particularly those old members with whom I have been working since the beginning of the order.

It was not my personal wish to retain the office for this length of time but the unanimous election each year made it impossible to retire.

Ladies, I thank you for your attention

Officers Elected.

The chapter then proceeded to the election of officers. Scrutineers were appointed as follows: Miss Hazel Palmer, Mrs. A. B. Kitchen and Miss Lucy Anderson.

The election resulted as follows:

Mrs. Josiah Wood, honorary president.

Mrs. Robert FitzRandolph, president.

Mrs. W. C. Crockett, 1st vice president.

Mrs. W. J. Scott, secretary.

Miss Stopford, assistant secretary.

Mrs. G. W. Hodge, treasurer

Through Our Sieve

Constantine might open a fruit stand or shoe-shining parlor.

Rudyard Kipling is also there—meaning here—with the punch.

The Russian political prisoners seem to have had quite a coming-out party.

If you want to get an idea across, make the public think you got it from them.

Looks like another triumphant retreat for Hindenburg at the north end of his celebrated line.

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Mrs. Gregory, "Echo" secretary.
Mrs. B. C. Foster, educational secretary.

Mrs. Blizard, organization secretary.
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Mrs. VanWart refused renomination for president and Miss Sterling for treasurer

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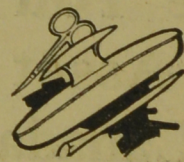
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