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COUNTRY'S WELFARE FIRST.

"I do not want to take up too much of your time upon matters which may be discussed more fully in the near future, and particularly in the Legislature. I am here rather for the purpose of meeting and greeting you, of making the acquaintance of those whom I hope will be my new constituents, than entering into a discussion of public affairs at any length. However, there is one point that I wish to make, the government of which I am Premier intends to give the people of this province a business administration. We are not going to place our own personal interests before the welfare of the country. We are going to take up each and every question upon its merits and not place legislation upon the statute books that will be for the benefit of private individuals and contrary to the public good.—Premier Foster at Grand Falls.

MADE THE MONEY FLY.

It is a most fortunate thing for the province that Hon. B. Franklin Smith's career as Minister of Public Works was a very brief one. He held the office for a little more than eight months and during that time expended money like a drunken sailor. Late in the autumn he expended \$160,000 on the roads and had a scheme on foot to add that amount to the bonded debt of the province as a special expenditure. He bought road machines galore and had them stored in barns in all parts of the province. A few days before the election, which resulted in the rout of the government, he placed an order with an American concern for ten large auto trucks and ten smaller ones which would have cost, delivered here, upwards of \$100,000. The story of the Hon. B. Franklin's activities was told by Premier Foster in his great speech at Grand Falls, and is here reproduced.

"My ministers are making discoveries in their different departments every day of the extravagance and recklessness which with which your money was spent in the conduct of the public business. I may refer particularly to many transactions in the Public Works Department, especially since it has been under the control of the Hon. B. Frank Smith. During his regime a sum aggregating nearly \$160,000 was, I consider, spent in a most wasteful manner upon the roads of the province at a season of the year up to the time of falling snow, when but little benefit could accrue to the highways. Huge shipments of machinery were purchased and stored all over the province. Some of it was paid for, but much of it was not. It was piled in barns, it was left in the open, exposed to weather and deterioration, and none of it, even when housed, was insured.

"I have a particular case of this in mind in the county of St. John where a road plant which cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000, was placed in sheds in a somewhat dangerous location and left there without a cent of insurance. The people of this county, in fact the people of the province, will hardly credit my statements when I say that according to the books of the Auditor General which I have personally examined, this large expenditure of \$160,000 was intended to be made a part of the permanent bonded debt of this country.

"In addition to this, I have discovered partially from documents on the files in the Public Works Department that the Hon. Mr. Smith ordered ten large motor trucks costing in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, the tremendous sum of \$5,700 each. To this must be added the freight and duty at 42½ per cent., so that the truck when landed here in New Brunswick would cost the province between \$8,000 and \$9,000 each. In addition to this order, Mr. Smith also ordered from the same company ten smaller trucks, so that the whole amount to be expended in this direction was nearly \$120,000. And when do you think this order was given? Just eight days before election day, or in other words, on February 16th. The people can draw their own conclusions, but I can assure you that the matter will be fully investigated and ventilated as soon as possible.

The new government will render a good service to the public if it institutes a thorough enquiry into every public transaction with which the ex-Minister of Public Works has been connected during recent years.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Premier Foster in his speech at Grand Falls made an important statement in regard to the Valley Railway, the great enterprise in which the residents of the St. John Valley have such a vital interest. He said:

"My government is going ahead with the construction of the Valley Railway, but I trust we are going to do it more honestly and economically than the work has been carried on in the past. I regret to inform you that so far my investigation into the affairs of the railway have not been very satisfactory. More money will have to be provided to complete the road, both from Gagetown to Westfield, and from

Centerville to Andover. With another government in power at Ottawa and a renewal of the subsidy from Andover north, I hope the day will come when the government can make that long-promised connection with the Transcontinental which at the beginning was the principal object in view in constructing this important road."

The Valley Railway in order to become a paying proposition, must become part of a trunk line system. It now stops at Centerville, in the county of Carleton, although the late government had promised to extend it to Andover. The new government will extend it to a point at or near Grand Falls, where it will connect with the Transcontinental and be in a position to handle a share of through traffic to and from the seaboard.

The Standard thinks that the people of Victoria must be easily pleased "if they are content to exchange the aggressive, intelligent and honest administration led by Hon. Mr. Murray" for the administration which Premier Foster has formed. The people of Victoria pronounced upon the record of "the aggressive, intelligent and honest administration led by Hon. Mr. Murray" on February 24th, and condemned it by an overwhelming majority. This "intelligent, honest and aggressive administration" has since resigned, and there is no particular reason why the intelligent people of Victoria would want to resurrect the corpse.

So far as the records show, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale is the first representative of Victoria county in the Provincial Legislature to be honored with a portfolio. In addition, the county will also have the honor of providing the new Premier of the province with a seat in the Legislature. It is quite easy to understand why there is little talk in Victoria of opposition to the ministers who will seek election there on the 30th inst.

Much interest attaches to the approaching visit to Washington of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Great Britain's Foreign Minister. He will represent Great Britain at a war council of representatives of the Allied nations. Mr. Balfour is a former Prime Minister of Great Britain and one of the foremost statesmen of the Empire. His scholarly attainments are of a very high order.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., in his short address at Grand Falls, promised that the people would be given some amazing information within the next few weeks in regard to the way in which provincial affairs have been managed during the past nine years. When Mr. Carvell makes a promise of this kind, he can generally be counted upon to deliver the goods in full measure, rounded up.

Through Our Sieve

If spring would only get fully sprung!

The spring robin shows its sense by not being over-enthusiastic.

And the dirt on the streets! Ain't it offal, Mabel?

With the aid of a Lens, the British can see victory more clearly.

But they must take care and not Loos that Lens.

Matrimony should be a game of skill as well as a game of chance.

At last reports the ex-Czar was still the "man off" in Romanoff.

Hero medals await the men who will oppose the ministers seeking re-election in Gloucester.

You should worry, Gert—when the Kitties get on the firing line they will be somewhere in pants.

Doubt is increasing as to whether the Hindenburg line is a military fact, a theory or a state of mind.

It must be a source of great regret to the Germans that they cannot actually destroy the ocean.

The best specialists for the Kaiser's complaint are in Paris, but it seems a little unlikely that the poor gentleman will be able to consult them.

That Hindenburg line is like the schoolboy's definition of the equator: "a menagerie lion going around the earth seeking whom it might devour."

Just the same, the erstwhile Czar must have his moments when he's glad he's out of it. We can even imagine him saying to the erstwhile Czarina, "Thank God, wife, I'm fired!"

Perhaps the surest indication that the mustache is becoming fashionable again is to be found in pictures in the clothing advertisements. When the stereotype Apollos take to whiskers, it is a sign that victory is complete.

PERSONAL.

Mr. John T. Clark, an aged citizen, is confined to his home by illness. Mr. A. T. Murchie, of St. Stephen, is at the Barker House.

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Receiver Named For Royal Arcanum

Boston, Mass., April 14.—Supreme officers of the Royal Arcanum held a conference here today to discuss means of preventing a dissolution of the order for which Thomas J. Boynton was appointed temporary receiver on Saturday. A hearing will be held in the federal court next Saturday on the question of making the receivership permanent.

Newfoundland Lost Many Sailing Vessels

St. Johns, Nfld., April 16.—The colony of Newfoundland has lost forty sailing vessels in the last fifteen months. Figures made public today show that of these eighteen were abandoned at sea. Five went ashore and were wrecked, two were sunk in a collision. Six were sunk by German submarines and two by the German raider Moewe, seven are missing and are believed to have foundered with all on board during winter storms. Shipbuilding activities have been greatly stimulated in an endeavor to replace the lost ships.

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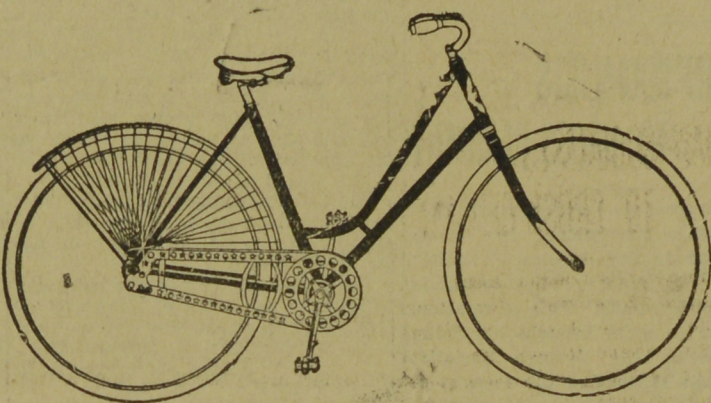
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