

THE DAILY MAIL

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at 613 Queen Street, Fredericton, by THE MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.

Subscription Price, \$4.00 per year.
Telephone 67.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1917.

THE SCOTT ACT ELECTION.

While the Tories at Ottawa are making desperate efforts to form a union government, there is no evidence to show that the non-partisan notion has as yet taken hold of the Tory patronage dispensers throughout the country to any great extent.

Every job, from judgeships and Senatorships downward, are promptly grabbed up by Tory partisans, and even on matters pertaining to the war no Liberal is allowed a look-in. It is all right for Tory politicians and newspapers to tell the people that party politics should be dropped at the present time, but they should furnish some evidence of a desire on their part to practice what they preach. So far they have certainly not done so.

There is no occasion to go outside of the province of New Brunswick for evidence in support of this statement. In this province several elections for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act are pending, and the Federal government has been called upon to appoint returning officers. In every single case the appointment has been made a matter of political patronage and not a man known to be in sympathy with the Liberal party has been called upon to act. If the pending elections were a contest between the political parties, no particular fault could perhaps be found with the government for appointing its own friends to act as returning officers, but the vote to be taken will be on a moral, not a political issue, and it is of the greatest importance that it should be kept aloof from party politics. The men who are advocating the repeal of the Scott Act belong to both political parties. All that they ask is a fair election; but how can they expect this when it is made a matter of political patronage? No man in Fredericton will seriously contend that the high sheriff of York County is not competent to conduct the election for the repeal of the Scott Act in a fair and impartial manner. This being so, why was he passed over in favor of a young lawyer and active worker of the Tory party? Is this the way to promote harmony among the people at a time of great national peril? Is this the way to encourage the people to drop politics and line up behind a national government? By passing over Sheriff Hawthorn and naming a Tory partizan for returning officer, the Federal government has snubbed the hundreds of Liberals of this city who signed the petition for the repeal of the Scott Act and thus made an election necessary. It is a disgraceful condition of affairs, but we sincerely hope that the Liberals will show themselves to be of larger calibre than the Tory patronage dispensers, and not hesitate to go to the polls on the 16th instant and exercise their franchise.

Toronto Star: A few years ago we could buy three pounds of bacon in Canada for what one pound costs today. In England a few years ago one could buy two pounds for what one costs today. If it is the war that makes the difference, why does the war have more effect on the prices of bacon here than in England? The other day a correspondent declared that he could go to England, buy Canadian bacon there, bring it back to Canada and sell it here at a profit after it had enjoyed two ocean voyages. There is a great deal of talk about bacon, its price, the supposed profits made in connection with it. The whole case, it is said, will be enquired into by a commissioner. It is high time, and the public will take a keen interest in the progress and result of the enquiry.

Although the Borden government is constantly urging people to practice economy and thrift, it makes no pretence at setting an example. In parliament Tuesday Sir Robert Borden, in direct violation of the fundamental principles of responsible government, asked that a salary of \$7,000 be voted to Sir George Perley, overseas Minister of Militia, and that \$5,000 per annum be paid to Mr. F. B. McCurdy and Col. Hugh Clark for their services as under secretaries. The motion was carried, but not until a strong protest had been registered by Sir Sam Hughes, backed up by Liberal members.

Regina Leader: And with all due respect to the position Sir Clifford Sifton occupies and has occupied in the public life of this Dominion, we are not quite prepared to concede all wisdom and vision to him and deny it to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has rendered even greater service to Canada and has had a far more extensive experience in the inauguration of policies, in administration, and in all the arts of government. Nor will the people of western Canada be inclined to accept the dictum of the man who betrayed and opposed them in 1911 in preference to that of the leader who supported them and went down to defeat fighting by their side and in their interests six years ago.

A bill to amend the Doherty temperance act of last session has been brought down in Parliament by the Minister of Justice. Among other things it provides for the repeal of the Scott Act by means of a proclamation published in the Canada Gazette. Had this measure been passed earlier in the session the trouble and expense of the Scott Act elections now pending in New Brunswick would have been avoided—but then the patronage dispensers would have kicked.

The members of the Borden government maintained a discreet silence in Parliament on Monday when Sir Wilfrid Laurier read the correspondence which passed between Hon. J. D. Hazen and Sir George Foster, Mr. G. W. Fowler, M.P., and Mr. H. A. Powell, in connection with the Central Railway enquiry. The correspondence had a tendency to show that the political enemies of Hon. Dr. Pugsley struck below the belt.

Discussing the proposal to vote salaries to Sir George Perley and Messrs. Hugh Clark and F. B. McCurdy in parliament on Tuesday, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux said: "I say that Sir George Perley is a millionaire, and he should come back here and seek re-election as everyone else will have to do. By what right are we creating a new family compact? Today it is Sir George Perley, tomorrow it will be Sir Jos. Flavelle, next day Sir Clifford Sifton. We are being dominated by a family compact of millionaires."

Baltimore American: England proposes to put the food profiteers in prison. Over here we refer to them as grafters, gamblers and all-round scamps, but that seems the limit of our displeasure; for an American gets a heap of satisfaction out of calling names.

Lieutenant-Governor Ganong came promptly to the front with a substantial cash gift for the triplets born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Lower Caverhill a few weeks ago. As the representative of the sovereign, His Honor felt that the event was one which should be recognized in a tangible way, and his kindly act will be greatly appreciated.

One of the first acts of the Western Liberal Convention was to pass a resolution declaring for Dominion wide prohibition during the war.

Through Our Sieve

When the mercury drops to sixty, the fat man finds himself again.

The picnic season is here—look out for sudden changes of weather.

Many handkerchiefs are moistened by expected sorrows that never come.

Autocracy has been weighed in the balance and found—wanting the earth.

Let us hope that the war will not keep up indefinitely its habit of having birthdays.

One advantage motion pictures have over some shows is that they make no noise.

Russia's eleventh army, which ran away, lived to fight another day—couldn't shoot so many deserters.

More money is needed by Russia, says its ambassador—to be charged to the running account!

The first cigarette and the first love affair always make a boy suffer; after that they come easy and merely soothe his nerve or vanity, as the case may be.

Revelation of the fact that Germany had possession of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia 14 hours before it was delivered, is interesting as showing that Germany knew 14 hours earlier than she has hitherto admitted, that the war was to be forced upon her.

Mr. D. W. Mersereau, M.P.P., of Fredericton Junction, was in the city yesterday.

THE ST. JOHN MYSTERY STILL IS UNSOLVED

Police Undecided as to Whether Williams was Murdered or Committed Suicide.

St. John, Aug. 9.—Was there a woman connected with the murder of Harry L. Williams?

The police have the statement of a street car conductor, Wellington H. Dunham, that he saw a woman, stout and dressed in dark clothes, standing in front of Williams' store about 11.13 o'clock.

Then again the police were informed of a statement made by one of Williams' customers that some time the last of the week she overheard Williams make an engagement with some person to meet him Tuesday night. Who was this, and was the person connected with the murder?

The theory of a woman's connection with the case, however, is not entertained by those who knew Mr. Williams best as a faithful husband, of a quiet earnest disposition and his interests wrapped up in his family and his business.

Scarcely one hour before the tragedy he was talking with his wife, who was at Nerepis Station, over the long distance telephone, and Chief Simpson, inclining still to the suicide theory, thinks there may have been some significance in the fact that he kissed his wife "over the telephone," and said good-bye.

The police interviewed several persons yesterday, had the store thoroughly searched for a revolver, and also had the home of Mrs. John Williams visited several times.

Dr. F. L. Kenney, coroner, empanelled a jury yesterday afternoon, viewed the body and the scene of the tragedy, and adjourned to take evidence Friday night at the court house.

A post-mortem was held last night, revealing a slight scorching of the hair and some dark material in the wound.

UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Two former attaches of the German consulate here who became attaches of the Swiss consulate after the declaration of war, were arrested by Federal agents late yesterday and will be held as witnesses against Chicagoans accused of conspiracy to foment a revolution in India.

The men arrested are Herman Neidinger and Richard Kulke. They are said to have important knowledge concerning the alleged connection of K. Von Reiszewitz, former assistant German consul in Chicago, with the Indian plot.

PERSONAL

Mr. E. M. Horne of Boston, is at the Barker House.

Mr. T. L. Nelson of Norton, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. H. H. James of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. Harvey McLeod of Sydney, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. Alex. Parks of Toronto, is in the city.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	96
C. P. R.....	160
Crucible steel.....	83
Erie.....	24
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	89
Union Pac.....	137
U. S. Steel.....	123
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	43
Marine Com.....	29
Reading.....	94
Rubber.....	58 1/2
Studebaker.....	53
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

MONTREAL

Civic.....	75
Detroit.....	110
Quebec.....	21
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	38 1/2
Cement.....	63
Iron.....	61
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	98

For the Daily Swim or the Bath at Home

WE CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH

A Nice Absorbent Bath Towel

BATH TOWELS	from 10c. to \$1.65 each
LINEN TOWELS	from 30c. to \$2.00 each
COTTON and UNION TOWELS	from 5c. to 40c. each
BATH MATS in Great Profusion	65c. to \$2.00 each
FACE CLOTHS	7c., 8c. and 10c. each

A good brisk "rub-down" after the bath is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, and gives that nice warm glow which is so beneficial and helps to make your daily bath a pleasure.

OUR BIG REDUCTION SALE of SUMMER READY-TO-WEAR is STILL GOING ON.

John J. Weddall & Son

"Shamrock Linens."

Pictorial Review Patterns.

Holeproof Hosiery

Next Week You Will Have a Chance to Buy a

Canadian Beauty Electric Iron For \$3.50

The regular price of this Iron is \$5.00. It is absolutely guaranteed. If it does not work right bring it back.

We will offer these irons at this price for one week only, August 13 to August 18. Don't fail to secure one.

R. Chestnut & Sons

WHOLESALE

THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

RETAIL

DOMESTIC, SANITARY AND HEATING ENGINEERS.

Perfect Bicycles

are the best

Perfect in name and service. Chalmers and Overland Cars, Tires and Accessories.

Fredericton Motor Sales Co.
625 QUEEN STREET



A Soap Worth the Money

Without a doubt there is no soap that is worth more money to you than Pure Castile Soap, not even excepting the high priced perfumed soaps. Pure Castile Soap is made of Olive Oil and Soda. It is needless for us to point out to you that this is a good soap for the skin.

CASTILE SOAP

can be purchased for 15 cents a bar

— AT —

STAPLES PHARMACY
ALONZO STAPLES, Prop.

Cor. King and York Sts., Fredericton.
Agency for Miller Standard Rubber Goods.

Our Half-Price Clearance Sale

WILL CONTINUE ALL THIS WEEK, WITH EXTRA INDUCEMENTS EACH DAY.

LADIES' DRESSES, MIDDIES, SPORT SUITS, SPORT SKIRTS, etc.

at HALF PRICE.

CHILDREN'S DRESSES, MIDDIES, etc., at HALF PRICE.

WAISTS at 98 cents and \$1.25. Sizes 34 to 50 Bust.

FIBRE SILK SWEATERS at \$8.00 and \$10.00.

20 Per Cent. Off all Ladies' Dresses not in this sale.

Anything Not Satisfactory, Please Return.

R. L. BLACK, - - - - - York Street

AGENT FOR STANDARD PATTERNS.

You Can Have the DAILY MAIL Delivered at Your Home Each Evening for Thirty Five Cents a Month.