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HON. BOB ROGERS IN ENGLAND.

The people of Canada have no particular reason to feel elated at the presence in England at the present time of Hon. Bob Rogers, Minister of Public Works in the Borden cabinet. Astonishment has been expressed on all sides that Sir Robert Borden should have permitted this man to accompany him to the old country as a delegate to the Imperial Conference, and so far as can be learned, not even the most rabid of Tory newspapers have had a word to say in justification of it. Not long ago a Supreme Court Judge of Manitoba declared that sworn evidence given before him by Hon. Mr. Rogers was unworthy of belief. The Judge who gave the Hon. Bob this certificate of character, was formerly a Conservative in politics, and owes his appointment to the bench to no less a person than the Minister of Public Works himself. Yet in the face of all this, Sir Robert Borden is asking the people of Great Britain to accept as a representative Canadian a man whom a western judge has practically described as a perjurer.

The Manitoba Free Press, a paper which is fairly familiar with Hon. Bob Rogers' political activities, handled him without gloves in a recent issue when it said:

"Mr. Rogers' general political reputation, worthily acquired by thirty years' participation in politics of the most questionable kind, should in itself have been sufficient to debar him from an office in which the credit of Canada was involved; but when to this is added the stigma attached to him by the finding of Mr. Justice Galt in the inquiry into the Agricultural College, his choice for this honor by Sir Robert Borden appears inexplicable and incredible.

"As the people of Canada now know, the evidence in the Agricultural College inquiry established certain facts beyond question.

"Mr. Rogers was instrumental in having the contract price for a building, which was being built under his authority, increased by \$8,700. Within a month the contractor thus favored paid \$7,500 in cash into the campaign funds of the Conservative party. The connections between the two transactions is patent.

"The claim by Mr. Rogers that the responsibility for this increase in price rests upon the late S. Hooper, provincial architect at the time, has no basis in fact. Mr. Rogers' evidence upon this point was of a character that Mr. Justice Galt was unable to accept.

"There may be those who regard all this as, at the worst, nothing more than a venial political offence. It would be charitable to assume that those who hold this view do not really understand what Mr. Rogers did. Perhaps they will have a juster appreciation of the situation if it is stated in the bluntest of terms, free from the drapery of verbiage.

"Mr. Rogers, a trustee for the people of Manitoba, arranged that \$8,700 be taken from the provincial treasury, over which he had control; of this money, \$7,500 was spent forthwith in a political campaign in securing the election of a candidate who was actively supported by Mr. Rogers.

"Upon these facts becoming known, Mr. Rogers, under oath, told a detailed story, which was shown to be untrue by his own cross-examination and by other evidence most conclusive in its character. THIS STORY, CAREFULLY CONCOCTED AND DELIVERED UNDER OATH WITH BRAZEN ASSURANCE, WAS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO PUT THE GUILT OF THIS TRANSACTION UPON AN OFFICIAL WHO WAS IN HIS GRAVE.

"These are not vague charges made by political opponents, which can be waved aside or ignored. THEY ARE FACTS ESTABLISHED IN OPEN COURT BY PROCEEDINGS JUDICIAL IN CHARACTER.

"Mr. Justice Galt's findings constitute the most serious indictment of a Minister of the Crown that has been known to Canada in recent times. A private member of the Saskatchewan Legislature censured for offenses far less serious by a judicial commission, has been expelled by a unanimous vote of his fellow members. In Manitoba a private member, similarly censured, had the grace to resign without awaiting pressure. BUT MR. ROGERS GOES TO ENGLAND!

"That Mr. Rogers should desire, above all things, to go to England at this juncture, is most natural. It will take him away from a place rapidly becoming hot for him; and it will give him, to the extent of Sir Robert Borden's authority, a measure of rehabilitation.

"What is the explanation of Sir Robert Borden's choice? Does he approve of Mr. Rogers? Or does he submit to Mr. Rogers' demands unwillingly because he lacks the moral courage to resist? Neither explanation can be satisfactory to the Canadian people, whose desire it is to think as well of Sir Robert Borden as he will give them warrant for doing."

The die-hard Provincial Government is expected to meet here tomorrow to dispose of unfinished business. It is said that much of this "unfinished business" is of such a peculiar nature that members of the defunct administration and their legislative supporters are very anxious to have it disposed of before the ship of state is put in charge of a new crew. It is reported that the Government is trying to float a new loan for a very large amount, but the representatives of financial houses usually know what is going on and will not likely take the risk of handing over millions of dollars to a Government that has lost the confidence of the people. The Lieutenant Governor, who is expected to guard the interests of the people, should not allow the present week to pass before demanding the resignation of the present ministry.

St. John Times: A letter from Mr. Robson Black, secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, to the Times, says that from letters and other indications received from members who will support the new government in this province, he anticipates that the forest survey will be continued, and the reorganization of the forest fire prevention system of the province carried forward vigorously. There can be no doubt that the policy of the new government will be to complete an accurate survey of the crown timber lands of the province, and to conserve this source of wealth, not only by fire prevention, but improved regulations and a business-like administration.

"This is going to be Great Britain's great year in the war," said a French Deputy in Paris recently. "Her armies are active and eager everywhere. On the western front their constant worrying is badly scaring the Germans, who, as they have admitted, are dreading the day when the great final push will come. In Mesopotamia each week brings a new advance and a new victory. On sea everything tends to prove that the boasted German blockade will soon break down miserably before Great Britain's new methods of attacking submarines.

Premier Murray hands out an interview to the Standard in which he tells of the activity of officials of the Agricultural Department. What the people would like to hear from the Premier is why his government, condemned at the polls on February 24th, persists in clinging to office in defiance of the popular will. On this important subject the Premier maintains a discreet silence.

## Through Our Sieve

Spring—beautiful spring! Thanks for the advice!

It was the Duma all right which put the "off" in Romanoff.

The bigger the auto the fewer the kids there are in it.

However one pronounces Lvoff's name, it can't be "leave-off," because he won't.

And the victorious provincial opposition party can hear the birds singing already.

The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra-la, have nothing to do with the case. Sure thing!

Judging by the names of the new Russian cabinet, this is an "off" year in Russia.

Once things got going, that much-feared Russian autocracy wasn't much more than a fly on a wheel.

Czar Nicholas, as he viewed the choice for a regent doubtless exclaimed, "For the love of Mike!"

Some government officials who were active in the recent election remind one today of men who have been stung in the stock market.

Next to the woman who is always late for an appointment, nobody bores and annoys a man so much as the woman who is always on time.

If the Kaiser's pronouncement was for home consumption, he can now try to persuade the home folks to go ahead and consume.

The Russian bureaucracy may now reflect on the ancient tragedy that even a pat hand from a stacked deck may be overplayed.

Guy Bates Post says that out-of-door work is good for actors. We know some who ought to do out-of-door work with a pick and shovel—say about 12 months each year.

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## ABBIE OAKES SOLD TO G. B. FENWICK OF SUSSEX

(Sackville Tribune.)

The well known speed horse, Abbie Oakes, formerly owned by Mr. J. M. Oulton, has been sold to Mr. G. B. Fenwick, of Sussex. Abbie Oakes had been entered by Mr. Oulton in a couple of races at Sussex where he made an excellent record and attracted the eye of his new owner, who immediately entered into negotiations for his purchase.

## STOCK MARKET

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Braz.....	53½
Cement.....	63½
Iron.....	68½
Steel Co.....	68½
Spanish.....	17
Shaw.....	127
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	189
Scotia.....	102
War Loan.....	97½

## RECRUITS FOR HIGHLANDERS.

Six Have Enlisted Already This Week, Two of Them from Montreal.

Five recruits for the 236th Highlanders were enlisted here Monday afternoon and one Tuesday morning. They are Salem Volins, 18, St. John; Michael Nolan, 20, St. John; Richard Purcell, 24, St. John; Richard Grimley, 18, St. John; Sydney J. Stafford, 28, Montreal, and William Hunt, Montreal.

Private R. LeBreton has been transferred from the 236th Highland Battalion, to the 165th Acadian Battalion, now in St. John.

Deputy Sheriff Timmins is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. Murray Tweedie, of Chatham, has been in the city for a few days renewing old acquaintances.

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