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SOME ANCIENT HISTORY.

The St. John Standard in a badly strained effort to make capital against the Opposition, goes back to the good old days in the early nineties, when the affairs of this province were administered by the late Hon. A. G. Blair, who, it will be conceded, was a political giant in comparison with the politicians now in control. It agrees with Mr. W. E. Foster that there were no Royal Commissions prior to 1908, and goes on to say that the government of the old days ruled by brute force, and when there was an enquiry it was carried on in such a way as to defeat the ends of justice. The Standard seems to have been able to discover, however, that there were enquiries made into charges preferred by the then opposition and it proceeds to cite as horrible examples the Quinn charges and the Leary charges investigated by a select committee of the House. As the Standard has seen fit to delve into ancient history in order to score a point against its opponents, some comparisons might be in order. The basis of the Quinn charges was that the late Mr. W. H. Quinn, of this city, had contributed \$200 to the York election fund with the alleged understanding that his son was to be appointed to a petty office. Ye gods and little fishes! How times and the methods of politicians have changed. Twenty-seven years ago a contribution of \$200 to an election fund was taken so seriously that a Royal Commission was demanded to investigate the matter. Today, if a man were to contribute \$200 to a government election fund and afterwards seek to make a fuss over it he would be promptly railroaded to an asylum. Why \$200 would not pay for the gasoline which the bloated hangers-on, who did not own themselves prior to 1908, now burn in the autos in which they roll about the country. Under the present government a payment of two hundred dollars wouldn't secure for a man the office of hog reeve. The man who tries to get something for nothing in these days of graft and hold-ups gets just what he pays for. In the matter of boodling, the old-time politicians were veritable amateurs in comparison with the strong arm squad in control of patronage affairs in this province at the present time.

In reference to the Leary charges, the horrible story as told by the extracts in the Standard is to the effect that one J. D. Leary, a contractor, contributed the sum of \$1,500 to an election fund for use in the county of York. Then we are told that a committee of the House actually investigated what today would be considered a very trivial matter. It is lucky for the government party that the Standard did not trot out the Leary story on the eve of the last general election, when the hat was being passed around by Mr. Flemming among the Valley Railway contractors. Had Mr. A. R. Gould, for example, known that his wealthy fellow countryman, J. D. Leary, was let off so easily by the old government, it is doubtful if he (Gould) would have permitted Flemming to bleed him to the extent of \$100,000 for the Valley Railway contract. It is doubtful also if J. H. Corbett & Sons and the Hibbard Co., had their attention been called to the Leary precedent, would have come across with \$10,000 each for sub-contracts, and we feel sure that John Kennedy would never have paid Flemming that \$2,000 in cold cash. The evidence taken before a Royal Commission showed that Gould was compelled to pay out thousands of dollars to hungry hangers-on before he even got around to the election fund. Then there is the case of Smith & Merrieth, Valley Railway sub-contractors. It cost them \$2,500 to get their claim against the government settled after they had done the work. Present day contractors, when they read in the Standard of "how the old government abused its trust," and compare the amount of the levies made upon them with the amount Leary is alleged to have paid, must sincerely wish that they lived in the good old days of

the old government.

The Standard is wasting its time and space in delving into ancient history. Why doesn't it get down to modern times? Why doesn't it demand a Royal Commission to investigate the charge made within a year that its friend, Mr. Harry Woods, brought \$5,000 into York to be used for corrupt purposes at a by-election in 1914? Why doesn't it call on Mr. Flemming to explain why he only sent \$6,000 from Woodstock for use in the same election, after promising \$10,000? Why doesn't it contradict the sordid story of boodling told by Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., in a letter which he dictated to Premier Flemming in February, 1914? Instead of going back a quarter of a century to cast reflections on men now dead and gone, the Standard should make an effort to reform some of its political friends of the present day.

The Gloucester Opposition convention yesterday placed in the field Messrs. J. P. Byrne, P. J. Veniot, C. R. Leger and J. G. Robichaud. A Royal Commission deprived Gloucester of one of its members last term, and condemned another, who is now offering for re-election. The people are disgusted with the boodling and grafting which goes on unchecked under the present administration, and are demanding a change.

The Opposition now have candidates in the field in every constituency in the province except Queens, St. John and Charlotte. The delegates chosen some weeks ago will meet in St. John this evening to choose candidates. The Charlotte Opposition convention will be held tomorrow and the Opposition forces in Queens will make their choice on Friday.

Last Christmas Mr. Elwood Burtt, of Burtt's Corner, who is heading the Opposition ticket in York, presented each of his large number of employees with a five dollar gold piece and a card thanking him for the loyal service rendered during the year. If all employers of labor were as thoughtful and generous hearted as Mr. Burtt, disputes between capital and labor would be unknown in this country.

Messrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Phillip Granen, J. Roy Campbell and R. J. Potts have been nominated by the Government party for St. John City. The Opposition forces will meet this evening to select a winning team.

The special auditor appointed by the County Council has reported that the late Secretary Treasurer was short in his accounts to the extent of \$1,625. Naturally many people are wondering what became of the money.

Through Our Sieve

Have a heart.

February 14—Valentine day.

Of course even a homely valentine is only a scrap of paper.

A ballot is only a scrap of paper too—but—

According to the affidavits John is not so very young.

Country people on a party telephone line hear all the news.

Trying to be nice to his wife's relations is awfully rough on a man's disposition.

Haven't you noticed that people who hand out empty compliments always try to get something out of them?

A Pittsburg conductor died worth \$500,000, yet it appears that he turned some money into the company every day.

If a woman were given only three minutes more to live she would probably spend two of them powdering her nose.

It takes more to build a half-dozen skyscrapers—but just think what one battleship can do to twenty skyscrapers!

Chicago Money Into New War Loan

London, Feb. 13.—The newspapers today call attention to the investment of part of the millions of the Smith family of Chicago, in the new British war loan by Sir George Alexander Cooper, who on Monday applied for the biggest allotment of stock yet asked for by a private individual, exceeding £2,000,000 sterling.

Sir George's new investment plus his holdings of a former loan which he has converted into new stock, makes a total of £2,635,000, which he has subscribed for.

Sir George Alexander Cooper married in 1887 Mary Emma, daughter of George S. Smith, of Evanston, Illinois.

MR. W. S. TOMPKINS
THE STAR WOBBLER

How Col. Guthrie Sized Him Up in
A Speech During the
By Election.

Among the barnstormers who have started in to work for the Government candidates is Mr. W. S. Tompkins, of this city. Mr. Tompkins as a wobbler is in a class by himself. He has been denouncing the government for several years past, and it is pretty generally known that he made strenuous efforts to get upon a coalition ticket in York. He intimated that he was quite willing to enter the fight himself either as a candidate or, failing that, he would work hard to elect opponents of the government.

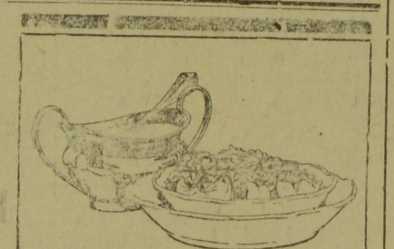
In regard to Mr. Tompkins, some observations made by Col. Guthrie during the by-election of February, 1914, seem to fit his case. Col. Guthrie, in his nomination day speech was thus reported by his newspaper organ:

"Mr. Guthrie then called the attention of the electors to the men who were going out to fight for Mr. Scott as 'supporters of the Government. Their records for inconsistency in political affairs were still ripe in the minds of the people. THERE WAS MR. W. S. TOMPKINS, WHO LEFT THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY WHEN THEY WENT OUT OF POWER IN 1896 AND RETURNED TO IT AGAIN WHEN THEY WERE COMING BACK INTO POWER. MR. TOMPKINS IS THE MAN WHO DECLARED THE LIBERAL PAPERS WERE PRINTING WHAT THEY KNEW TO BE UNTRUE IN STATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISCORD IN THE PARTY IN YORK, ONLY TO HAVE THE LITTLE PAPER IN FREDERICTON COME OUT WITH A STATEMENT THAT NONE OTHER THAN MR. TOMPKINS HIMSELF HAD BEEN FURNISHING IT WITH THE STORIES OF DISCORD IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN THIS COUNTY, AND THAT SOME OF HIS ARTICLES WHICH WERE TOO SCURILLOUS TO BE PUBLISHED WERE WAITING AT THE MAIL OFFICE FOR HIM TO CALL AND GET THEM BACK.'"

Sir Hugh Graham
Is Now a Baron

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Sir Hugh Graham, whose elevation to the peerage was announced last night, has not chosen the title he will use. It is understood that he would prefer to keep his family name, but with an affix to distinguish him from Baron and Earl Graham, already in the peerage.

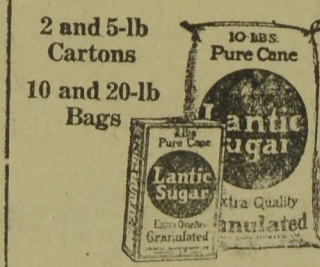
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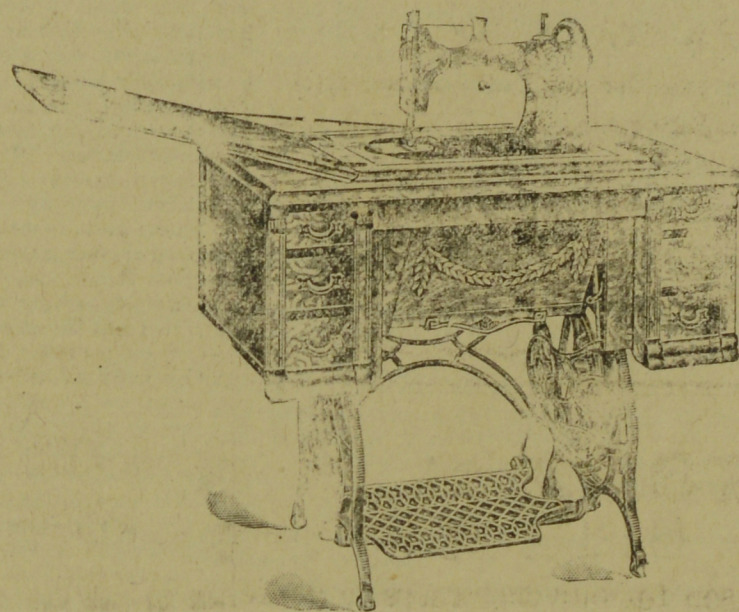
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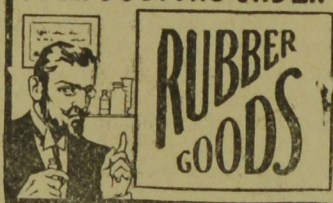
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