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THE GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES.

When Mr. J. K. Pinder was an opposition member of the Legislature many years ago he posed as a great stickler for the rights of the municipalities. When the public revenue was in the vicinity of \$600,000 a year, and there was difficulty in making ends meet, the burden of Mr. Pinder's song was that the government of the day showed a tendency to unload burdens upon the municipalities which properly belonged to the province. He constituted himself the champion of the rights of the municipalities, and on the laudable efforts to secure a measure of justice for them he always had the backing of a majority of the members of the Municipal Council of York. Mr. Pinder took the ground that it was an outrage for the provincial government to appoint one of the three members of the county board of health and then compel the county to pay him for his services. The councillors, of course, agreed with Mr. Pinder, and on one occasion they held up the accounts of the board until brought to time by the courts. They then had to pay the board of health accounts plus a tidy bill of costs, which came as a sequel to the bad advice tendered by Mr. Pinder. In view of this experience it was thought that Mr. Pinder, when his friends came into power, would have secured an amendment to the act vesting the appointment of all three members of the board of health in the county council; but he did nothing of the kind. The old act still remains on the statute book; the government still appoints the chairman of the board, and the county council pays the bill, but always with a wry face. So much for Mr. Pinder's efforts to practice what he preached.

Mr. Pinder had a great opportunity to render a service to the municipalities during the session of 1912, when Premier Flemming introduced through the House a bill imposing an extra tax on the municipalities for the support of the patients in the provincial hospital. Previous to the passage of this act the municipalities were not required to pay for the support of one class of patients, but the legislation put through by Mr. Flemming and described by him as "a readjustment" put all patients on the same footing so far as the municipalities were concerned. Did Mr. Pinder raise his voice in protest. No, he sat in his seat as dumb as an oyster, as did his colleague Mr. Young. Later on a protest came from several of the populous French parishes of the province, and the government crawled down and gave them concessions, but there was no relief for the county of York.

Only recently, when the Patriotic Fund was apportioned, Mr. Pinder had a splendid opportunity to render a service to the county of York, but he neglected to come to the scratch. The result was that York, with 31,000 people, has been asked to contribute \$5,000 more to the fund than Westmorland, with a population of 44,000 people. Mr. Pinder's public record shows conclusively that his friendship for the municipalities was of a bogus nature. The county of York has paid dearly for the subservience to cheap politicians which its municipal council has ever shown. It is about time there was a shake down.

THE MUNICIPAL SHORTAGE.

The special auditor who audited the accounts of the late secretary-treasurer and reported a shortage of \$1,600 in his transactions with the county, intimates that the deceased official palmed off a bogus balance sheet on the County Council for the year 1915. If this is so, what have the members of the Council who were cheek-by-jowl with the late secretary-treasurer, and always defended him at the council board, got to say for themselves? The Graham brothers had the courage to protest, and all they got in return was abuse. Will the present Warden say that the letters attacking the Graham brothers, which appeared in a local

paper over his signature at the last municipal election, were not written by the late secretary-treasurer? If Mr. Bliss wrote the letters attacking the men who in the public interests criticized his methods, we are bound to say that his action was no worse than that of the blatant government officials who are today running about the county condemning the men who do not approve of the methods of the present local government.

Government office holders are going about the country boasting that the differences in the party ranks here have all been amiably settled, and that everything is going along smoothly once more. They cite as proof the recent party convention, which they say was a remarkably harmonious gathering. It will be recalled that in December, 1913, the same crowd met to select a candidate for the Federal parliament, and the gathering had every appearance of harmony. Mr. Pinder proposed the name of Colonel McLeod for the vacant seat, and Col. McLeod, in accepting the honor, spoke of "my good friend, Pinder." In less than a month the leaders of the party were at one another's throats, and the outcome was a faction fight for the vacant local seat. History will certainly repeat itself if by any chance the government candidates should win in York, and it will be a fight between the two factions from the drop of the hat. Already they have their knives sharpened.

The sworn affidavits published in this paper yesterday only bear out what we have often said that Mr. John Young is a cheap politician. If he were anything else he would not have attempted to give Mr. Andy Humble the advice which Andy intimates he was good enough to tender him in regard to the disposal of certain road moneys. It now transpires that Andy was an aspirant for a government job about the time he made the affidavit, but failed to command the support of Mr. Young. Later on he landed a soft billet on the I. C. R., in spite of Mr. Young's opposition. Mr. Young has got to square himself with the public in some way, but we scarcely think that he will dare to intimate that Andy would commit the unpardonable offence of telling an untruth. There may be honor among thieves, but there is evidently none among the crooked politicians who have been in control of political affairs in New Brunswick for several years past. The people of York county have certainly had their fill.

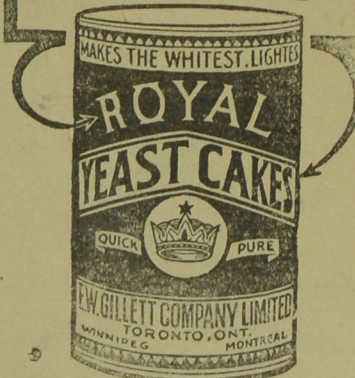
The Pinder and Young factions had their first squabble of the session at the Municipal Council meeting yesterday and as might be supposed, it was over a question of patronage. The Council undertook to appoint a legal adviser to succeed the late Secretary-Treasurer Bliss. Mr. Gregory Feeney, an attorney of five months standing, was put up by the Young wing, while Mr. Pinder's admirers backed Mr. C. D. Richards to the limit. The vote resulted in a tie and Warden Neill, in addition to voting as a councillor, gave the casting vote in favor of Mr. Feeney and he won out. The scrap over this appointment only goes to show that the breach in the government ranks here is far from healed.

The sum of \$12,960 of the people's money was spent by the present provincial government during the last two years on Royal Commissions. The charges were proven in every case, and as a result one member of the government and two of his Legislative supporters had to quit provincial politics. Had the province been given an honest administration of affairs the Opposition would not have had a chance to ask for Royal Commissions.

Will the government supporters in the Parish of Stanley swallow the cock-and-bull stories that John Young will probably tell them about the Humble and Pond affidavits and vote the ticket in this election?

In Messrs. W. H. Barnaby, W. E. Scully, J. A. Sinclair and Dr. W. F. Roberts, the Opposition forces in St. John have chosen a splendid ticket. St. John is one of the constituencies which is going to bump the government on the 24th.

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The Standard says that there were no Royal Commissions prior to 1908. No, and there will be none during the next five years if the present outfit is given a new lease of power. The grafter element became sore on Premier Clarke for appointing Royal Commissions, and they are determined to have no more of them in the future.

Through Our Sieve

Au revoir, Mr. Young!
Keep your eye on York on the 24th.

It certainly looks as if they were on the run in York.

How Mr. Pinder will chuckle when he reads the Humble and Pond affidavits.

John Young has an original road policy which he ought to have patented.

The intelligent electors of York appear to be getting their eyes opened wide.

The wonder is that Andy Humble didn't have John Young prosecuted for trying to lead him from the straight and narrow path.

Most of the names of the patrons of the government committee rooms can be found in the Auditor General's report. They are working hard to save the party.

Going into matrimony with a lot of theories on how to control a woman is like starting out to run a motor car on the strength of a book of rules.

Now that it has become possible to take an X-ray photograph of a bad tooth, the next step will probably be to take a photograph of a man's conscience and a woman's real age.

After a bachelor's heart has been patched up, cut down and remodelled to fit the romantic ideal of one girl after another, there is seldom enough left of it to go all the way round the honeymoon.

A widow must be an accomplished actress in order to appear blase and worldly enough to charm all the callow youths, and innocent and unsophisticated enough to satisfy all the old worldlings.

LAYS ILLS TO CALORIES.

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)
"Howdy, have you had your calories today?"

This may soon be the popular form of salutation, for according to advanced medical thought, it is not how much food you eat that counts, but the important point is the number of calories contained therein.

Dr. Samuel McClintock Hamill, expert in dietetics, declared that many of the ills of today arise from the fact that people consume food containing too many calories. A calorie is a heat unit representing the amount of heat required to raise a kilogram of water one degree centigrade.

If you are daily eating food which contains 10,000 calories, when you should be on a diet of 2,000 calories, then you are in a bad way.

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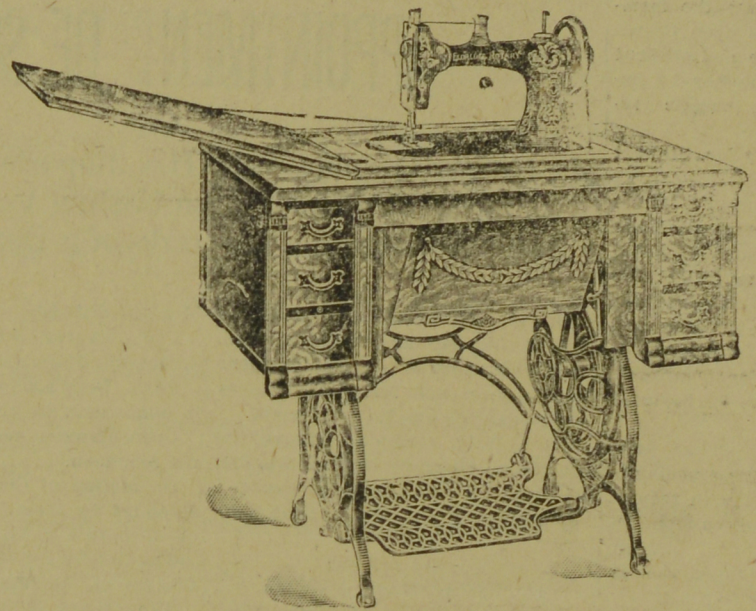
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