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HON. ROBERT ROGERS.

The so-called "Red Herring Commission," appointed by the Borden government some time ago to review the evidence in the Manitoba Agricultural College enquiry, on which Mr. Justice Galt based his sweeping condemnation of the conduct of Hon. Bob Rogers, seems to have completed its labors. The commission is composed of Sir Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, and Hon. Louis Tellier, a retired Judge of the province of Quebec. The commissioners held a short public session in Montreal, at which Hon. Mr. Rogers was present, and gave evidence in regard to a telegram which he sent to Winnipeg from North Bay. The Manitoba government very properly refused to have any part in the "new trial," being apparently satisfied that Judge Galt had discharged his duty fairly and impartially. The Commission reviewed the evidence taken by Judge Galt and at some convenient date will submit a report to the government. In the meantime Rogers continues to sit in the House of Commons, but being under a cloud, so to speak, he has temporarily withdrawn from the cabinet.

Some of the evidence which Commissioners McLeod and Tellier have been called to pass upon, includes the following telegram:

April 1, 15.

Hon. Robert Rogers, Ottawa: Governor Cameron, in collusion with Grits here. Has under his authority directed government to appoint Royal Commission to enquire into Kelly contracts. Important that he should accept government's nominee for the commission. There is danger that he may refuse. If he should it will precipitate a crisis. Your interests in Dominion election at stake. Better protect your position and see that Cameron follows advice of government. He is broke now. I think this is very important and should be attended to at once. No charge has been made against minister personally. He could have ignored position if he wanted. His actions are very suspicious. R. M. Simpson.

To the above telegram Mr. Rogers sent the following reply:

Ottawa, April 1, 1915.

Dr. R. M. Simpson, Winnipeg: (Confidential.) Thanks for message. Am acting strongly in the matter, and Governor has absolutely no right to take matter into his own hands. His plain duty is to follow the advice of his advisers.

The "crisis" which Dr. Simpson referred to in his telegram came shortly afterwards, when the Tory government of Manitoba resigned following the appointment of a commission to probe charges of graft. About that time Hon. Bob Rogers, in a public address, declared that "the people were calling in tones of thunder for a Federal election." Wiser counsels, however, prevailed and there was no Federal election, but a provincial election was called in Manitoba shortly afterwards, and resulted in the utter rout of the rump of the Rogers-Roblin party in that province. Having been the "bad man" of the Manitoba government for a number of years, it is only natural that the Hon. Bob should have become involved in the shocking revelations of hoodling and graft that followed the change of government. He was sincerely condemned by Commissioner Galt in his report, who declared among other things that he was unable to accept Rogers' statements under oath. Instead of kicking Rogers out of his cabinet, we find Sir Robert Borden appointing a "Red Herring Commission" to re-try the case and let Rogers down as easily as possible. It is not much wonder that the Hamilton Spectator, a staunch Conservative paper, was moved to make this comment:

"What we cannot comprehend is the reluctance of the Premier to unburden himself of the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, who has been the chief source of weakness in his administration. Mr. Rogers is a thorough-faced politician, in the lower sense of the word. He is popularly regarded as representing those influences and practices which, while perhaps pardonable a generation ago, the better elements of the two great parties are now trying to slough off and surmount. We should think that in any cabinet reconstruction he would be the first to go. A past master in the art of carrying elections by nefarious means, he is today an anachronism. Ever since he left Winnipeg for Ottawa the Borden

government would have been stronger without him."

There is only one thing to be compared with the class of politics of which Hon. Bob Rogers is the chief exponent in Canada, and that is Prussian militarism.

The appointment of Mr. C. D. Richards, barrister, as returning officer for the Fredericton Scott Act election has naturally aroused some interest in the question of Federal patronage in this constituency. Col. H. F. McLeod, M. P., is now at home and as the Federal member for the county should have control of the patronage. The appointment of Mr. Richards, however, would seem to suggest that such is not the case. Mr. Richards belongs to the so-called Pinder wing of the party, and the fact that his appointment has the cordial approval of Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P., seems to indicate that it was not made on the recommendation of Colonel McLeod, or of the patronage committee which acted during his absence.

Toronto Globe: Ireland would have been as contented as South Africa today if Liberal principles had triumphed there. South Africa would have been lost to the Empire if the British parliament had heeded the politicians who fought Irish Home Rule.

Through Our Sieve

The potato bug, like the war, is a "grim reality."

Bethmann-Hollweg received the Imperial Order of Here's Your Hat.

Some people love music and others love to hear themselves play or sing.

We all love a good loser—if we happen to be the winner.

It's easy to make a woman happy—just sit down and listen.

Guess we'll have to try and get used to a brand of lightning that strikes twice in the same place.

Sympathy for the "horny hand of toil" turns to envy when one sees the latest scale of wages.

The Russians have taken another of the seven keys to Lemberg. All they need now is to find the keyholes.

It is not fear of lightning striking twice in the same place that makes us tremble. We are afraid it might strike just once.

War gardeners whose potatoes have bloomed before the advent of the potato bug feel as happy as a traveller who in crossing the Atlantic has just been missed by a German torpedo.

A SILK FLAG PRESENTED TO THE KILTIES

New York, July 24.—The 235th Overseas Battalion of the McLean Highlanders of America, who have been here on recruiting duty, were presented with a silk British flag by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nixon just before they left for Boston today on their way to Canada. The presentation, which took place in the 71st Regiment Armory, was witnessed by fully one thousand persons, including a theatrical chorus of three hundred girls, who stopped a rehearsal to cheer the Highlanders. Lieut. Colonel Guthrie, in accepting the flag, said his command represented the true spirit of America, for it had in its ranks Scotchmen from every province in Canada and every state in the Union.

The British recruiting mission has authorized the statement that the Highlanders had left New York under a previous arrangement and were not sent to Canada to deal with anti-conscription sentiment, as had been falsely reported.

Lieut. F. deL Clements.

Lieut. Frank deL. Clements, who won the Military Cross at Vimy Ridge arrived home last night on six weeks' leave. He was received at the C.P.R. station by a delegation of the E.W.V.A. and the City Council and was taken to his home by motor.

Mr. Miles E. Emack, representing the International Stock Food Company of Toronto, is in the city, accompanied by Mrs. Emack. Mr. C. P. Masters of St. John, is at the Queen.

New Case at Vanceboro.

One new case of smallpox is reported at Vanceboro, Me., but no cases have yet crossed the border into New Brunswick. This province is clear of the disease. It is said that one case went from Portland, Me., to Nova Scotia by steamer and is reported near Sydney.

TWO THIRDS OF CANADA FOR TIMBER CROPS

One of the surprises to those visiting Europe in peace time is the method by which all lands are carefully examined and put to work according to their capacity. No farmer is permitted to locate on non-agricultural soil, and at the same time, good farming soil cannot be retained under such a crop as timber. Canada has only made a beginning at applying such a policy of business efficiency in the use of the nation's natural resources. Thousands of farmers are today tied to farms that produce only a few dollars an acre, their efforts and ambitions practically wasted in a time when man-power is at a high premium. Taking the whole of Canada's area, more than two-thirds will never produce field crops, and the bulk of the two-thirds will prove profitable under only one crop, namely timber.

All efforts for the protection of the forests by fire and other forms of needless waste aim to keep in a productive condition those millions of acres that can never grow field crops. Canada holds a tremendous national advantage in her forests, but from the beginning of the last century about two-thirds of the original inheritance has been destroyed by fires. Nearly all modern countries have put an end to forest fires by carefully organized protective systems.

FOOD EXPERT

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Lila A. White, St. Martins. Dorrit McCully, Moncton. Laura B. Perley, Fredericton, R.R. No. 2.

Ethel E. Swanson, Douglastown. Clarabel O'Blenes, Moncton. Katherine R. Bartlett, St. John. Mabel K. Smith, Hampton Station. Elizabeth Nutter, Fredericton Jct. Eleanor M. Roach, Sussex. Mary L. McAllister, Sackville. Violet M. Knapp, Sackville. Mary Howard, Woodstock. Sue C. Prescott, Albert. Hazel L. Alward, Moncton. Emma Read, Sackville. Pearl Akerley, Norton. Ida Northrup, Kingston. Harriet Alward, Hampton. Miss Nixon, Guelph, Ont. Carolyn A. Currie, Fredericton Jct. M. Althea Wathen, Harcourt. Vera M. Wilson, Chatham. Marjorie F. Lewelling, Perry's Point, King's Co. Margaret F. Burgess, Hampstead, R. R. 1. Myrtle B. Ganong, St. Stephen. Kathleen Steeves, Hillsborough. Gladys Borden, Sackville.

An average of 2,000 persons a month are making gifts of gold coins or jewelry to the Italian Treasury Department.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Includes Beet Sugar (121), C. P. R. (162), Crucible steel (79), Erie (24), Erie 1st pfd (39 1-2), Marine Pfd (85), Union Pac (135), U. S. Steel (122), Air Brake (179), Kenn (42), Marine Com (29), Reading (94), Rubber (58 1/2), Studebaker (54), Bethlehem (141), Wool (47 1/2).

MONTREAL

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Includes Civic (76), Defroc (110), Quebec (19), Toronto (75 1/2), Braz (39 1/2), Cement (60 1/2), Iron (61), Steel Co (55), Spanish (14 1/2), Shaw (122), Can Cottons (11-2), Laur. Pulp (185), Scotia (89).

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