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CLINGING TO OFFICE.

The do-nothing Murray government is living up to its reputation. It was to have resigned last week, but something happened and it failed to do so.

It was given out early this week that a meeting was to be held in this city on Thursday, and it was assumed that this would surely be the last. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor journeyed to Fredericton from his home in Sackville on Thursday, presumably to receive the resignation of his ministers.

He remained here all day Friday and no doubt must have been astonished to learn that the meeting of the executive had been postponed until Tuesday evening of next week. This decision, it seems, was reached at a secret meeting of the executive held in St. John on Thursday, and whether or not His Honor was made acquainted with it at the time we do not know.

We do know, however, that His Honor came on to Fredericton Thursday evening and had Premier Murray as a fellow passenger, and that the announcement of the postponement of the meeting was not made until noon yesterday. His Honor was told in effect that the Government was not ready to hold the promised meeting and that he must run away home and remain there until Tuesday.

Now the question naturally arises, Why was not the government ready to hold its meeting on the day set, and why was it necessary to bring the Lieutenant Governor to Fredericton on a fool's errand? What happened at the secret meeting of the executive in St. John to make a postponement necessary? Was the Premier's report on certain negotiations with the Prudential Trust Company of an unsatisfactory nature? Did he also report that certain transactions in connection with the Valley Railway were scarcely in a position to withstand the white light of publicity, or was there a big kick from some of those who put up money or pledged their credit for party purposes during the recent election?

Whatever the reason may have been, it was apparently of sufficient urgency to make a postponement of the meeting necessary, and it was with the object of "standing off" the Lieutenant Governor, as the saying goes, that Premier Murray journeyed to Fredericton on Thursday evening.

The Lieutenant Governor has been most unfortunate in regard to his advisers, and this has no doubt been a serious handicap to him during his term of office. It is pretty generally known that His Honor declined to accept the honeyed explanations of the sanctimonious J. K. Flemming at the time the Dugal charges were made, and insisted upon the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the matter. It is also pretty well known that he was responsible for Flemming's withdrawal from the government when the Royal Commission submitted its report. No doubt His Honor in times past has invited criticism by his failure to exercise greater firmness in dealing with the members of his executive, and it is plain now that had he dismissed the entire ministry at the time Flemming was forced out, the people would have applauded such a course.

He has some of the same men to deal with today, and whatever his personal feelings may be, he must know that his duty to the public demands drastic action on his part. Surely His Honor must know that his ministry is unable to command a majority in the Legislature and that three of its seven members are without seats in that body. He also must know that we have responsible government in this province, and that his advisers, by clinging to office and transacting public business under present conditions, are violating principles long held sacred by the people. The time has arrived when the chief executive must assert his authority. His message to the executive when it meets here on Tuesday should be "Get you gone, and give way to better men."

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE.

When the Soldiers' Voting Bill was under discussion in the House of Commons in 1915, not a few of the electors of Canada will remember the attacks made upon the Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other members of the Liberal party when they stated that it seemed impracticable for the soldiers' vote to be taken in the trenches.

Vindication of the opinions thus expressed came on January 22nd, 1917, when Sir Robert Borden, speaking in the House of Commons, stated: "I know something of the conditions at the front, and I venture to put this thought before the House and country: the men at the front will be not only practically, but actually, disfranchised if an election does take place in this country while they are in the trenches. That is my conviction. I say they would be actually disfranchised because, although I render every tribute to my hon. friend, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Doherty) and the committee which had in hand the preparation of the Soldiers' Voting Act of 1915, I am not disposed to think that the arrangements made in that act, or in any other act that could be devised, are such as to enable those men to vote, or at least any considerable number of them. You cannot predict what conditions may exist. Supposing an election came on in this country when the fiercest drive of the war was taking place. Do you imagine that the paymasters of those regiments and their commanding officers could busy themselves with handing out ballots to men whose souls were engrossed and whose lives were at stake in the enterprise in which they were engaged?"

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Through Our Sieve

With the Germans it's all "retrograd."

Russia is giving up Romanoffs during Lent this year.

Germany's latest peace move is chiefly noticeable now on the western front.

Four weeks ago today New Brunswick decided to give up its most expensive luxury, the Murray government.

But who's going to be the Grand Duke Michael, or the Grand Duke Nicholas, of Germany?

Getting rid of a Czar and vodka in the course of one year is going some, anyway you look at it.

Sometimes a frock is a lot easier to hook than to unhook—and so is a husband.

Sure way to save money: Fold away a bill and every time you look at it you will find it in creases.

There's one thing the Romanoffs should be grateful for—those jests about the Czar and the Czardine will stop.

Perhaps the German strategic idea is to entice the Allied forces into Germany and then starve them.

The cost of living is so high that only an employee in a munitions factory can afford to lead a double life.

The heights by K. C.'s reached and kept were oft attained within a night, for they, while their companions slept, were pulling wires with all their might.

Freedom shrieked, you may recall, as Kosciusko fell; and the odds are about 10 to 3 that the topple of the Romanoffs gave Freedom a little chuckle at least.

Here's a problem for the primary class in arithmetic: How much will a city "gain" by paying \$17,400 outside the city instead of \$17,434 in the city? Now, altogether, "It will lose \$17,400."

A girl can sometimes tell, the moment she meets a man, whether or not she could love him; but if she's wise she won't—until she has kept him guessing a while.

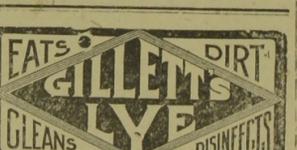
HON. A. R. McCLELAN LEFT LARGE ESTATE

Albert, N. B., March 23.—The estate of the late Hon. Abner R. McClelan, formerly Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, was submitted to probate before Judge Smith here today. M. B. Dixon was proctor. The estate was valued at \$197,100, of which \$165,000 is personal and \$32,100 real estate. The executors are Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, and Abner E. Bartlett, of Riverside.

Mr. McClelan left the homestead, with the household furniture and effects, to his wife for life, in addition to an annuity of \$2,000 for life. To Joseph Turner, his nephew, of Harvey, he left certain parcels of land in Harvey subject to the payment by him to his sister, Harriett, of \$2,000. To all his other nephews and nieces, of whom there are about fifteen, he left \$2,000 each.

To the British and Foreign Bible Society he left \$1,000, and to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty \$500. The rest of his estate is left to the executors to be used by them for such religious, charitable, educational or sanitary purposes as they shall see fit.

The will was made Jan. 11, 1913, and was written by Mr. McClelan himself.



TELLS JUST WHAT THEY DID FOR HER

WELL KNOWN LADY MAKES A STATEMENT REGARDING DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

She Had Numerous Troubles, All of Which Came From Diseased Kidneys, and Found a Cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Ayre's Cliff, Que., March 3rd.—(Special) Mrs. W. Coules Macdona, of The Farm, a member of one of the oldest families living in this neighborhood, has consented to give the public the benefit of her experience with Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My trouble started from overwork," Mrs. Macdona states, "and I suffered for two years. I was treated by a doctor, but the results were not satisfactory. My joints were stiff, I had cramps in my muscles, my sleep was broken and unrefreshing and I was heavy and sleepy after meals. I had bad headaches, my appetite was fitful and I was always tired and nervous. I was depressed and low-spirited, I had a bitter taste in my mouth in the mornings and I was often dizzy.

"I perspired with the least exertion and I often had sharp pressure or pain on the top of the head. Then rheumatism was added to my troubles. I have taken just two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and they have done me good, not only in one way, but in many. Even my rheumatism is much better."

Mrs. Macdona's symptoms all showed that her kidneys were wrong. If you have similar symptoms try Dodd's Kidney Pills.

STOCK MARKET

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen St.

NEW YORK

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Beet Sugar, C. P. R., Crucible steel, Erie, Erie 1st pfd, Marine Pfd, Union Pac, U. S. Steel, Air Brake, Kenn, Marine Com, Reading, Rubber, Studebaker, Bethlehem, Wool.

MONTREAL

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Civic, Detroit, Quebec, Toronto, Braz, Cement, Iron, Steel Co, Spanish, Shaw, Can. Cottons, Laur. Pulp, Scotia, War Loan.

SICKLY BABIES

Sickly babies—little ones who are troubled with their stomach and bowels; whose teething is painful; digestion bad and who cannot sleep well—can be made healthy and happy with Baby's Own Tablets. Concerning the Tablets, Mrs. Wilfrid Damons, Val Brilliant, Que., writes: "Please send me a box of Baby's Own Tablets as I would not care to be without them. I have used them for constipation and vomiting and am well pleased with the result." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LEAVING AUSTRIAN CAPITAL

Geneva, March 23.—Two American engineers, who have just arrived from Vienna after being delayed for a fortnight at the frontier, say that United States Ambassador Penfield, his staff and many American families, have packed their belongings and are ready to leave the Austrian capital at any moment. The travellers say that Austrians generally believe that war with America is inevitable, but are not much concerned over the prospects. They added that food was very dear, but could be obtained in the hotels, the poorer classes, however, suffering horribly.

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Advertisement for John J. Weddall & Son. Text includes: John J. Weddall & Son, Our Long Over Due Ladies Whitewear Has Arrived, We will start our Big Whitewear Sale Friday Morning March 23 at 9 o'clock. You will find here an assortment surpassed by none. JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON, SHAMROCK LINENS, PICTORIAL PATTERNS.

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Advertisement for Zam-Buk. Text includes: JUST LANDED FOUR PURE BRED STALLIONS, Why Your Home Needs Zam-Buk. Apart from using Zam-Buk for Eczema, Piles, Ulcers, and Skin Diseases, hardly a week passes but some member of your family sustains some slight injury. Whenever the skin is broken there is danger of blood poison; and Zam-Buk applied immediately averts this danger. Zam-Buk, the great herbal healer, does away with all risk. A stronger antiseptic than carbolic, yet causing no pain when applied. No germs can live where Zam-Buk is used. More than this, Zam-Buk quickly relieves the pain of sores and wounds, and the rich herbal essences it contains so stimulate the tissues that new healthy skin is formed and the wound or sore healed in a short time. This is why your home needs Zam-Buk. It only takes a moment to apply Zam-Buk, and think of the hours, and perhaps years, of suffering it may save! Get the habit—tell your children where the Zam-Buk box is, they'll do the rest; because Zam-Buk cures the pain. Zam-Buk is unlike ordinary ointments in that it is purely herbal. It does not contain harsh minerals, poisonous coloring matter, or coarse animal fats. Zam-Buk is Healing, Soothing, and Antiseptic—a cure for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, eczema, ulcers, pimples, cold sores, and all skin diseases and injuries. Refuse substitutes—see name "Zam-Buk" on box when buying. 50c. box, all druggists and stores, or postpaid from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto. Free Trial Box will be sent on receipt of this article, name of paper, and 1c. stamp.