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AN ABSURD PROPOSAL.

At a time when the word Conservation looms large in almost every official communication sent out from Ottawa, the York Municipal Council meets and unanimously adopts a resolution calling upon the provincial government to extend the game season from July 1st to January 1st, and to permit farmers to shoot five deer on a single license. The proposal is altogether too absurd to be seriously entertained by any government, and the councillors who voted for it evidently did so without giving the matter a great deal of thought. In the first place, it must be born in mind that the game of the province is the property of all the people, and therefore the granting of certain privileges in connection therewith to one element and withholding the same from the general public would be class legislation of the rankest kind, which would not be tolerated.

In the second place, the game is one of the natural resources of the province, and thousands of dollars have been expended annually in game protection. In normal times it yields a revenue of between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year, which is equivalent to the interest on one million dollars. It attracts hundreds of non-resident sportsmen to the province each year, who in addition to taking out hunting licenses at a cost of \$50, expend thousands of dollars in guides' wages, camp help, supplies, etc. It is believed that half a million dollars is a conservative estimate of the amount spent in the province each year by hunting and fishing parties. It must be borne in mind that only a very small percentage of the residents go into the woods and shoot game. So were it not for the revenue derived from it and the large amount expended by those who do the hunting, the game would, as an asset be of little or no value to the masses. It is therefore the duty of the government to legislate in the interests of all the people, not of any particular class, and if the county councillors had paused to think for a moment they must have realized that they could get nowhere with a proposal such as they put forward.

One of the arguments which the councillors advanced as a reason why the government should permit the wholesale destruction of deer is that the farmers' crops are injured by the animals during the summer months. There is no doubt that deer have become very plentiful in some sections of the province, and frequently cause great annoyance to the farmers, but this fact does not justify their wholesale slaughter. The problem must be grappled with in some other and less drastic way.

The shortage of meat is also urged by the councillors as a reason for extending the game law. Many people will be inclined to think that a more effective remedy would be for the council to suggest to the farmers that they engage more extensively in the production of cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. It is this kind of meat, not game, that is in demand, at the present time, and to permit people in remote sections of the province to slaughter deer during the summer and autumn months would not help out conditions one iota.

The worthy councillors should know that at a time when the province is facing an annual deficit of over half a million dollars, a government which has regard for its obligations to the people cannot afford to destroy one of the chief assets of the province in order to confer a doubtful benefit upon one class of the population. The game of the province must be protected and in order to do this more effectively it may be necessary to shorten the season instead of extending it. Any new legislation on the subject must be enacted with the object of doing the greatest good to the greatest number.

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

Mr. Thomas Bell, of St. John, who handled the swag for the then government at the last provincial election, is something of a miracle worker. Out of a package containing \$20,000 which was carelessly thrown into Mr. Baxter's vault, and then turned over to Mr. Bell, the latter swore that he apportioned \$5,000 to York, \$5,000 to Charlotte, \$5,000 to Kent, \$2,000 to Albert, \$3,000 to Sunbury and Queens, \$5,000 to Kings, between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to St. John city, \$1,000 to Moncton city, \$2,000 to St. John county. Assuming that St. John city got the maximum of \$10,000, this brings the total up to \$38,000. In addition to these amounts Mr. Bell swore he sent money to Carleton, Westmorland, and Northumberland; in the case of Victoria, Madawaska and Restigouche, his memory failed him. The money which Mr. Bell handed out with such a lavish hand was all stolen from the people of New Brunswick through the medium of the Valley Railway. Is it to be wondered at that the finances of the province are today in a desperate condition?

Mr. Thomas Bell in his evidence before Commissioner Stevens at St. John swore that he sent \$5,000 to the government party in York at the time of the last provincial election. As the Tory boodle fund in this county at the last election was not less than \$20,000 Mr. Bell's evidence has naturally excited some curiosity as to the source of the remaining \$15,000. Mr. Bell is supposed to be a pretty shrewd man, and he would scarcely have had the nerve to ask the campaign managers in York to accept \$5,000, unless he was able to convince them that there was more to follow. And York was supposed to be the chief stronghold at the last election.

When the Murray government was in power members of the Legislature were able to throw around a package containing \$20,000. Is it any wonder that the province is today hard up?

"The Fall of the Romanoffs"

Through Our Sieve

The sinking of the Wien was the worst blow Austria has had.

Every little premature peace movement has a meaning all its own.

What Happened to Jones? should prove a warning to Tory politicians who are urged to sign election notes.

Jones didn't have money to burn, but he had \$20,000 to throw into Mr. Baxter's vault.

And Mr. Baxter had only a dim recollection of the incident. Oh, when will this cruel war be over!

Turkey in Asia is beginning to ask Turkey in Europe to move over a little.

Dr. Frank Crane says Russia will end herself. Yes, in the Kaiser's ashcan, if she keeps on.

American Indians subscribed seven million dollars for Liberty Loan bonds. Pullman car porters will take the next loan.

Chinese brushtail gold fish now sell at \$1500 a pair. In these times a fish haddie is more useful.

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STRUCK BY CAR AND KILLED

Canadian Press direct wire.)

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7.—Struck by the tail-end of a car from which he had just alighted on Saturday afternoon, J. B. McKilligan, provincial surveyor of taxes, sustained a fractured skull, resulting in his death shortly afterwards. Mr. McKilligan was formerly accountant on the Toronto Globe.

FIRE AT HAMILTON.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 7.—The co-operation plant of the Steel Company of Canada was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$10,000.

Mr. Charles L. Turbage of Toronto, was registered at the Queen over the week-end.

DEMOCRACY MUST AND SHALL BE PROTECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Jan. 7.—Peace can come only after every nation is convinced that all military conspiracy against the peace of the world is foredoomed to failure, former president Taft declared in an address on "The Great War" in Brooklyn today.

"Peace is not a question of terms," he added. "Mr. Lloyd George says Germany must cede Alsace and Lorraine before the war can end. There is much to support what he says, because the forty years of rule of the provinces by Germany has failed to swerve the people's allegiance to the French republic. We must convince Germany she is beaten, and it may be that the ceding of Alsace and Lorraine would be a marked standard of her defeat. But, after all, terms are secondary; we must be sure that democracy shall be protected from militaristic conspiracy for the future."

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COAL OUTPUT WAS SMALL IN DECEMBER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The 1917 bituminous coal production is put at 544,000,000 tons, an increase of 42,000,000 over 1916, in preliminary estimates today by the Geological Survey. Fuel administration officials had expected the total to be more than 550,000,000 tons, but a falling off in output in December reduced the figures. December's output was the smallest of any month since last April, due principally to car shortage.

INVOCATION WAS OBSERVED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Jan. 6.—King George's proclamation fixing today for prayers throughout the British Empire for what has been accomplished in the war by British arms in the cause of freedom and an invocation for the successful, speedy termination of the war was observed in the places of worship of every denomination.

One the features of the occasion was the closing today of all saloons for the first time since the war began.

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SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. Ralph Robertson of St. John, is visiting Mrs. W. S. Thomas. Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges returned Saturday evening after spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Sterling today is entertaining the Afternoon Bridge Club. Major and Mrs. F. H. Mersereau of Doaktown, have been spending a few days with Mrs. W. J. Scott. Major Mersereau has gone to New York and later will go south to spend the winter. Mrs. Mersereau will remain the guest of Mrs. Scott for a few days.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead arrived home Saturday and is spending a few days at the Queen Hotel.

Miss Margaret Brennan and Miss Margaret Guest of Bath, were guests over Sunday of Mrs. W. E. Seery. They were on their way to St. Michael's convent at Chatham. Mr. S. C. Orrin of New York, is in the city.

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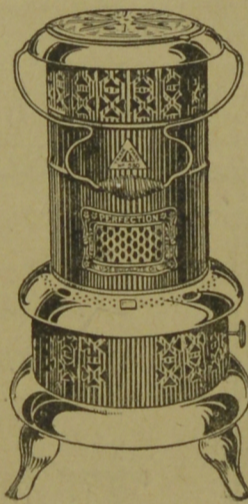
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MARITIME MEN, IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Casualties among Maritime Province men are as follows:

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PERSONAL.

Mr. C. P. Masters of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. H. M. Porter of Burnt Hill, arrived in the city Saturday night.

Mr. J. H. Prichard of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. G. Goodwin of Truro, is at the Barker House.

Mr. C. G. Fraser of Halifax, is registered at the Barker House.

Infantry.

Died of wounds—

J. M. King, Clyde River, N. S.; H. A. Harvey, Campbellton.

Killed in action—

W. V. Owens, St. John; P. G. McNeill, Aylesford, N. S.

Prisoner of war—

E. T. Masterson, Barnaby River, N. S.

Wounded and missing—

L. P. Breen, St. John; F. Campbell, St. John; R. O. Carter, St. Stephen;

P. L. Myers, Norton; J. McKee, Pettitcodiac.

Forestry Corps.

Wounded—H. Pelletier, St. Basile, N.B.

Cavalry.

Wounded—T. E. Babcock, Upper Sackville.

Engineers.

Wounded—J. Nicholson, River Heights, N.S.



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TENDERS FOR GRAVEL.

Sealed tenders addressed to G. R. Perkins, City Clerk, will be received up till the Eleventh Day of January, 1918, for delivery during the summer season at several different points in the city, of gravel suitable for city streets.

R. W. McLELLAN,
7 Ins. Chairman Street Committee



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