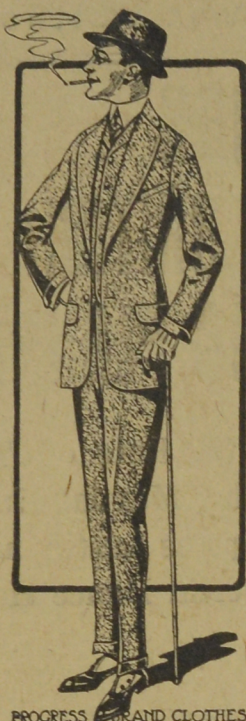


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(St. John Times)

After reviewing Hon. J. A. Murray's evidence at the potato enquiry, the Globe says:

"The sooner the government winds up the whole affair by giving the public another opportunity to express their views at a general election the better.

This follows a sentence in which the Globe remarks that the province by the action of the old government in paying the potato deficit with money extracted from railroad contractors lost more than three times the amount involved in the potato transaction, "to say nothing of the moral loss involved in the disclosures of Murray, Jones, Sumner, Daggett, Tennant and others concerned in covering up one bit of political jobbery with another and larger transaction of the same kind."

"However we brazen it out," says one of Tennyson's characters, "we men are a little breed." No doubt he was wrong to generalize for most people are trustworthy, or civilization would prove a failure. The most discouraging feature in connection with the revelations of political jobbery by the old government is the brazen effrontery of the men concerned in it. They insist that there was nothing wrong, and apparently think they should not be censured at all. If they had the grace to admit that the revelations made are shameful and damaging to the reputation of the province it would at least be some reparation; but they brazen it out. Hence the Globe's gentle hint that those of them who have seats in the legislature should be turned out by an indignant electorate is not at all unreasonable. They must get out or be voted out if the political atmosphere is to be clarified.

Never Repudiated

But there is another matter of regret, to which this paper has many times drawn attention. It is that the party to which these men belong has not openly repudiated them. So many of its members have done so in their hearts that it is inconceivable that these men could be re-elected; but it would be an inspiration to young people just beginning to take an interest in public affairs to be assured that political jobbery was not to be tolerated, nor those concerned in it regarded as exemplary citizens of the commonwealth. Only by making an example of those who betray the people's confidence can reform be instituted and right political standards given their proper place in public estimation. A mixture of piety and political charlatany is not good, but evil, and it should be condemned wherever it appears. There is a spirit of cynicism far

too widespread in this province which prompts such remarks as: "Oh, they are all alike," or: "You can't be honest in politics." Such statements are not only false but mischievous to the last degree. No man should ever give utterance to them. They deceive young and ardent souls who would be glad to give their country honest service, and believe only good concerning it. At present, if they read the revelations made and the brazen defence of utterly indefensible acts, they cannot but feel that to take an interest in politics is to abandon their ideals and get down to a lower level. They naturally consider the attitude of those members of a party, themselves honest, who are yet willing to retain as honored leaders or colleagues men who have been convicted of serious political wrong-doing. We may surely hope, after the heart-searching of the last four years, and the consideration given to lofty ideals, that on the first opportunity every man who still associates himself politically with the men involved in the Valley Railway

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A London cable announces that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is shortly to start on a tour of the overseas Dominions. It is the intention of King George to express to the dominions by this tour his deep consciousness of the great services they have rendered during the war to the mother country and the whole empire.

patriotic potato and other scandals will be left at home, as a lesson to him and a warning to all that the people of New Brunswick have had too much of this sort of thing, and will hereafter demand of their representative men the faithful service which alone can make them worthy of continued support.

FARM FOR SALE

The Department of Agriculture wishes to publish a more complete list of farms for sale during the coming winter. All persons having improved farms for sale are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Immigration, 108 Prince William St., St. John, N. B. 61

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