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FOR GOOD ROADS.

Noting the fact that the Department of Public Works is to continue its progressive road policy during the coming season, the St. John Times says editorially:

"With a good start and a well defined programme, Hon. Mr. Veniot's department will be able to make a very substantial improvement in the roads, adding to last year's work a considerable mileage of what may be termed permanent roads; and which with a proper patrol system may easily be kept in excellent condition. The province is fortunate in having at the head of the department a man who sees the roads for himself and therefore knows what is being done. He has been handicapped by the traditions of former governments, which regarded road expenditure as so much money to be planted where it would do the most good in a political sense, and doubtless it will be some time longer before the petty profiteer and political road-maker have been entirely eliminated; but Mr. Veniot may rest assured that in sending them about their business he will gain far more friends than he will lose. Despite opposition criticism, last year's work on the roads was a remarkably good beginning, and every mile of permanent road properly patrolled will be a valuable asset for the province, and a benefit to the farmers far greater than they now realize."

With respect to road making the province is fortunate in more than one respect. It has an able and an energetic minister at the head of the Public Works Department, and it has a number of representative men among the government supporters in the Legislature who deem it a pleasure to co-operate with the minister in every possible way. In this connection, special mention might be made of the worthy representatives of Sunbury and Queens, who last season devoted weeks of their time to the road problem.

SCIENCE IN LUMBERING

Logging and lumbering is not the game it used to be. We still call it a game, but if it is it looks a good deal like a hand in poker when the jackpot holds all your resources and the dealer hands you nothing better than a pair of deuces. As a well informed writer points out, it was no trick to make money in the lumber business twenty years ago, but during the last ten years it took a genius. Logging facilities are every year becoming more and more difficult, more efficient, but at the same time more complex machinery is necessary, so that logging is becoming a highly specialized and technical engineering problem; mean and discouraging labor problems, that can no longer be solved through the labor agency, but require a thorough knowledge of economics and human nature and the patience of a divinity for a solution, are constantly bobbing up; more efficient methods in manufacturing have become necessary; the problems of transportation are almost constantly in need of attention; and the marketing problem, which didn't exist at all ten years ago, has, in its war with substitutes, become one of the most important in the industry. These are only a few of the more important general problems in the ever-growing load the industry has to carry on its shoulders. There is a limit to human capacity, and if these problems are ever to be solved, it will have to be done by experts, who have the technical foundation and the time to work them out thoroughly.

Opposition Leader Murray having failed to throw any light on the matter, it might be necessary for the provincial government to take some action with a view of disclosing the identity of the Moncton philanthropist who put up his check for \$32,000 in connection with the now famous patriotic potato transaction.

The Germans persist in their assertion that the war was forced upon them; but captured German diplomatic papers show that five months before

war was declared the Germans were making plans for the destruction of United States railroads "in the event of a European war." Strange kind of plans for a nation that professed to desire peace.

Toronto News: "I've heard of you; put it there." Thus a wounded Canadian addressed the King, who was passing and stopped for a word with the broken lad. His Majesty "put it there" with alacrity and rejoiced at the greeting. Can anyone imagine the horror, the anger which would seize the German officers if a German private dared to speak to his sovereign in so casual a manner? Flagrant lese majeste of that sort would not be tolerated.

Milwaukee Sentinel: It may not be strictly diplomatic, but most of us would experience a deep and satisfying inward joy should Japan hand the wonderful new Russian "democracy" a good stiff wallop on the jaw.

Hamilton Herald: The war is costly; but such a peace as the German government and people will impose if they have the power would be far costlier for us.

Through Our Sieve

Birdseed is again advancing in price. Try small shot on the canary for a change.

It is impossible to tell whether the Russian is now coming or going. He himself doesn't know.

When a girl says she'll call for help if you kiss her, tell you don't need any.

Most men can hit the nail on the head, and all women can hit the nail on the finger.

Most people marry for what they call "romantic love"—and then manage to stick together in spite of it.

Worry is like the china egg; you can't hatch anything out of it, but it keeps you from going to sleep on the nest.

The deputante is worried for fear there will soon be nothing but "flat feet" left to dance with over here, but the grass widow is more exercised over the thought that there may be nothing but flatheads and baldheads left to flirt with.

The "marrying age" is that psychological point at which a man begins to yearn for somebody to sit up nights and wait for him and get up mornings and wait on him.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. S. A. MacDonald of St. John is returning to her home after spending about ten days with her sister Mrs. Harold McMurray.

Mrs. Harold McMurray entertained at bridge of two tables and a knitting party in honor of her sister on Saturday evening. Mrs. Montgomery was the prize-winner.

Mrs. W. G. Montgomery entertained at a thimble party last evening.

After spending the winter here Mrs. E. S. Carter and daughter Miss Joyce Carter have returned to their home at Rothesay.

Mrs. Aldrich left last evening for New York and will join her husband at Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter entertained at tea on Saturday afternoon in farewell to Prof. and Mrs. Aldrich. The faculty of the U. N. B. and their wives were present, and others. Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mrs. S. C. Carter presided at table.

Mrs. S. C. Carter, of Barnesville, was the over-Sunday guest of Dr. and Mrs. Carter.

After spending the winter in California and a few weeks in Ottawa, Mrs. John Robertson has returned home.

Mrs. Kavanaugh returned home today after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Clifford Creed.

Mrs. Doody, who has been spending the past week with Mrs. VanBuskirk, has returned home.

After spending the winter here, Mrs. Clowes and Miss Margaret Jaffrey have returned to Oromocto.

GOMPERS NOT SERIOUSLY ILL

Montreal, April 30.—That he was not sick, but over tired, following a strenuous whirlwind speaking tour, was the statement made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who was compelled to leave the platform at the meeting here last night in the middle of a speech to labor men. Mr. Gompers had spoken four times since Friday, making a particularly arduous speech yesterday afternoon at the Carillon Club.

Principal Enlists.

Mr. L. A. Gilbert, B. A., principal of the St. Stephen High School, has resigned his position and enlisted in the tank battalion at St. John. At the close of the school Friday afternoon the pupils of the graduating class presented Mr. Gilbert with a wrist watch. He is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, class of 1914.

APPOINTED TEAMS FOR THE Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

ELEVEN WILL OPERATE WITHIN FREDERICTON

Organization Completed for York and Sunbury Counties—Drive Will Begin May 7th.

The committee in charge of the organization of the work in connection with the collections for the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Fund, met last night in the Y.M.C.A. building. Eleven teams were appointed to look after the collections in the city and are as follows: Team No. 1, George A. Taylor and John Neill; No. 2, Dr. C. C. Jones and J. D. Palmer; No. 3, G. N. C. Hawkins and R. FitzRandolph; No. 4, J. J. Weddall and R. B. Wallace; No. 5, Jos. Walker and D. J. Shea; No. 6, W. G. Clarke and H. E. Harrison; No. 7, R. L. Phillips and C. K. Palmer; No. 8, H. S. Campbell and F. W. Porter; No. 9, J. M. Lemont and H. A. Smith; No. 10, R. B. Vardine and Lt. Col. W. J. Osborne; No. 11, F. L. Cooper and L. S. Morrison.

All those at the meeting last night seemed very enthusiastic over this movement and all are confident of its success. Everything is in readiness for the big drive for funds for the Y.M.C.A., which commences on the 7th of May and lasts for three days.

The organizations are now practically completed in every polling district in York and Sunbury and very encouraging reports are being received from them, all confident that the \$10,000 which these two counties were asked to subscribe will be raised.

TEN YEARS FOR ESPIONAGE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Los Angeles, Cal., April 30.—Robert Goldstein, convicted of violating the espionage act by exhibiting a film, "The Spirit of '76," containing scenes derogatory to the British troops of the revolutionary period, was sentenced to ten years in the Federal penitentiary and fined \$5,000 by Judge Bledsoe today. A sentence of two years on a second charge will run concurrently.

LOCAL NEWS

Returned From Overseas.
Sapper George Crowley, son of Mr. D. Harry Crowley, of this city, arrived home from overseas on Saturday night. Sapper Crowley enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war with the composite battalion at Halifax, and was for some time telephone operator at military headquarters there. In the fall of 1916 he transferred to the Canadian Engineers at St. John's, Que. In the latter part of January, 1917, he set sail for England, where he went into training for a short time, and on May 10th of the same year Sapper Crowley went to France with his unit. He remained in France for about six months, many times being under heavy shell fire, until taken seriously ill after which he was invalided home. He arrived in Halifax Thursday last after an uneventful eight day voyage. Sapper Crowley is at his home here on fourteen days' leave and is being warmly welcomed by his many friends. A brother, John, is a member of the Royal Flying Corps, now stationed at Toronto.

Suggestion Re Bathing Beach.
Several citizens are of the opinion that the city bathing beach should be at the rear of the old tannery at the upper end of Queen street, instead of at what is commonly known as "the gully" at the upper end of the city. They claim that the eel grass in the river at the rear of the old tannery could be removed and the shore levelled off and with bathing houses would make a very good bathing spot.

PERSONAL.

Gunners "Bon" Staples and Gordon Garvie of this city, and Andrew Sticks of North Devon, returned to their unit, No. 9 Siege Battery, at St. John, this morning.

Mr. Alfred Rowley, of St. John, formerly of Marysville, is in town today on a business trip.

Mr. G. E. Fairweather, of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. E. G. Leamon of Moncton, is in the city.

Mr. J. F. McLaughlin of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Mr. J. B. Legere of Richibucto, is at the Queen.

Mr. E. A. Gauthier of Montreal, is a guest at the Queen.

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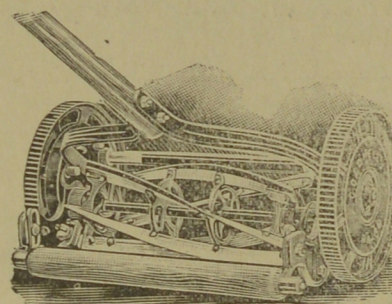
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A SESSION OF ACHIEVEMENT

(St. John Telegraph.)

For a great many years the New Brunswick Legislature has made no such record for solid achievement as it made under the guidance of the Foster government during the session which came to an end last Saturday. Now that the legislative halls are once more silent it is well to direct attention to some of the outstanding events of the session, with a view to reminding the people of the province of the really valuable character of much of the legislation perfected after the government had had time to work out in detail the acts necessary to give effect to its policies. Without attempting to review the session at length, these features of it may be enumerated:

The new Audit Act.
The Workmen's Compensation Act.
The Crown Lands and Forestry Protection Act.
Vocational Training.
The Health Act.
The new road policy.
An expansion of the policy of the Department of Agriculture relative to seed and to sheep raising.

These in themselves would be enough to mark the session as one of uncommon importance, and they testify strongly as to the progressive and

Permanent Highway

The Barrett Co., Ltd., which has been awarded the contract for the building of a tar-macadam roadway from the One Mile House to the Three Mile House, on the Marsh Road, St. John county, has begun operations. Mr. F. M. Clark is foreman in charge of the road-making. The new surface will be laid sixteen feet wide and will have gravel shoulders. Stone crushers will be set up and a large crew engaged to carry on the extensive surfacing. Mr. Albert Belding is district engineer for the government.

enterprising character of the government's program and its good faith in carrying out its pledges for the betterment of provincial affairs. If we are to judge the future by the government's record until now the various departments will administer the additional duties committed to them with credit and much public benefit will result.

Reforms Overdue.

The new Audit Act introduces reforms long overdue. Had it been in force at the time of the "patriotic potatoes" transaction there would have been no acceptance of a \$32,000 note which was put through as "cash," and no necessity for a backdoor payment months afterward by means of a check from Moncton. Under the new system bills paid after the end of the fiscal years are no longer concealed. The old regime employed that method to hide its deficits. That sort of thing is at an end. With the introduction of the government's new policies affecting our Crown forests and the roads, a steady and extensive improvement of conditions is to be expected. These departments long suffered gravely from the evils of partisan politics under the old government, and very radical changes were necessary. The new ministers have heavy tasks before them, but the improved Highway Act and the new legislation affecting forest protection and administration, in the hands of men like Hon. Mr. Veniot and Hon. Dr. Smith, should produce most beneficial changes during the next year or two. The development of the Department of Health is another enterprise of great promise. At first much educational work will be necessary, no doubt. This should have been begun years ago, but the fact that it was neglected only makes it all the more necessary now. The Department of Agriculture under war conditions has become more than ever a leading branch of the public service. This year Hon. Mr. Tweeddale's policies in connection with the distribution of seed and the importation of sheep will play a big part in enlarging production. The working out of these plans will be of high value not only as a war measure but in stimulating agriculture in New Brunswick for many years to come.

Good Service Rendered.

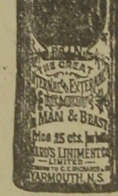
The Premier and his associates have much reason to regard the session with satisfaction. They rendered the public good service, and they worked hard and earnestly in doing

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so. The opposition spent considerable time in planning and carrying out schemes intended to make trouble for the administration, but these activities were barren of results. They furnished the more violent of the opposition newspapers with not a few tall headlines, but nothing happened. The old and black record of the opposition handicapped it heavily. In addition to that, the opposition lacked leadership and purpose. It needs new ideas and new blood. The people of New Brunswick, after many years of unfortunate political history, are sincerely anxious that the public business shall be carried on with honesty and efficiency. They will be quick to appreciate straightforward administration that brings results. The balance of power rests not with the violent and unthinking partisans, but with an undemonstrative majority of thoughtful New Brunswickers who judge fairly and who desire good government. To these the work of the government up to date will appeal strongly.