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THE POTATO SCANDAL.

The deeper the patriotic potato scandal is probed the worse it becomes. Yesterday Mr. W. B. Tennant went on the stand and swore that he gave the late Premier Clarke to understand that in the event of a company in which he was interested being awarded the Valley Railway contract he would make good the loss on the patriotic potato transaction. The arrangement was carried out to the letter. The Nova Scotia Construction Company got the contract, and Mr. Tennant soon afterwards drew the sum of \$100,000 in "advance profits" and turned over the sum of \$61,500 to Mr. George B. Jones then and now a representative of the County of Kings in the House of Assembly. Although the loss on the potato transaction was placed at \$33,000 Mr. Tennant got the impression that it was \$61,500 and that is the amount he claims to have turned over to Mr. Jones. Of that amount \$33,000 was carried to Fredericton and forwarded by telegraph to Mr. F. W. Summer to recoup him for a loan which he had made to the government to cover up the loss on the potato transaction.

At the time of the Valley Railway enquiry before Commissioner Stevens it was shown that Mr. Tennant had been paid \$100,000 by the Nova Scotia Construction Company and had soon afterwards drawn \$40,000 from the bank. Although sharply questioned on the subject he refused to tell what disposition he made of the money. Now when there is a suit pending against him for the recovery of the amount he up and tells that he turned over \$61,500 to Mr. Jones, M. P. P. with the knowledge and consent of the then government. This may be taken as an indication that when the suit now pending against Mr. Tennant is brought to trial he will endeavor to show in his defence that the sum of \$61,500 has already been restored to the province. Even though Mr. Tennant will be able to prove that he paid the money over to an agent of the government he cannot in the face of the evidence to the contrary seriously put forward the claim that it went into the treasury of the province. The facts which Commissioner McQueen and Mr. Hughes have brought to light show the patriotic potato scandal to be the worst in the history of the province. Even the famous timberland steal pulled off under the direction of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming and which so shocked the country at the time it was exposed, has been forced into a back seat. Indeed the men who pulled off the Pacific scandal in the early seventies had little on the crooked politicians who were in charge of affairs in New Brunswick for several years prior to April, 1917. The question many people are asking now is, are the men who perpetrated this stupendous fraud upon the province going to be allowed to go unpunished?

Nearly every man has a hobby—sometimes useful, often useless. Try a new one. Make "Sacrifice" your hobby and try sacrificing to save. Perhaps you are saving now, but without stinting yourself you could save more by a little sacrifice. Give the old hobby a rest and save what it has been costing you! Victory and Canada's future welfare depend on what her people save out of their present prosperity. Your saving must not stop short of sacrifice. If it does, you are like the soldier who hesitates at the order to go over the top. Countless soldiers are sacrificing all for your security. The sacrifice that is asked of you in return is light. Start to make it now. Be ready to lend when Canada calls. Sacrifice to save!

Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P. for Kings, is some class as a custodian of boodle funds. Mr. W. B. Tennant swore he paid him the sum of \$61,500 in May, 1916. Just prior to the local election of 1917, Mr. Jones dropped in to Mr. Baxter's office and carelessly tossed a package containing \$20,000 into the safe. A few months later a burglar, getting wise, no doubt, to the fact that he was in the habit of handling large sums of money, dynamited the safe in Mr. Jones' office and got away with \$15,000, and was never caught.

Alviston, Ont., Press: It is somewhat galling for the merchants and

other business men to see people against whom they have large accounts, strutting around the streets wearing good clothes and smoking fancy cigarettes, or riding in automobiles, who will not pay an honest debt if they can possibly avoid it. The credit business is gradually killing itself and it will not be long before everything will be on a cash basis.

While Rev. Mr. Daggett swore that the loss on the patriotic potato transaction was \$33,000, Rev. W. B. Tennant swore that he had to flash up \$61,500 to make it good.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

We don't want any more Jazz weather.

A real curiosity is a woman without any.

All's fair in love, especially the girl a fellow is in love with.

You can always flatter a woman by assuring her you can't.

The telephone girl manages to get on speaking terms with everybody.

It was a shame for the potato parson to take that three thousand plunks from Baby Baxter.

A sweetheart's letter, young man, runs to I's. It's the one from mother that contains all the You's.

The use of motor cars is increasing rapidly in Siam. Perhaps because of the high cost of elephants.

Hindenburg has quit figuring on getting to Paris and begun devoting all his time to keeping roads open to Berlin.

Whether or not a man considers his wife's voice musical depends upon whether she is calling him to dinner or to get out of bed in the morning.

A husband's promises are like the weather reports. You never put any reliance in them, but somehow that doesn't prevent you from listening to them just as hopefully next time.

Foolish people climb up on their hobbies, or their dignity, or vanity, and sit there expecting the world to salute as it passes by—and then wonder why they're lonely.

MR. DAGGETT

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prepared it.

A letter from the manager of the bank at East Florenceville was identified by the witness. The letter was a complaint that two of B. F. Smith's drafts were returned with payments on account. Witness explained that this was because the cars had been billed at \$1.15 instead of \$1.10 a barrel.

Before Mr. Daggett left the stand the commissioner commented that Mr. Daggett had complained of the way in which questions were put and asked him if he would like to make any statement on his own account.

Mr. Daggett hesitated and then said that he would like to have that privilege when he court meets in Fredericton.

Mr. H. Colby Smith was recalled and questioned at some length in regard to his connection with the transaction.

The court then adjourned until Thursday morning.

TRIED TO SELL DIAMOND RING TO JEWELLER

Stone Lost by a Devon Lady—Two Young Girls Tried to Dispose of It—Summons Issued.

TRIED TO SELL; Trad 6 11th N. A resident of South Devon missed a diamond out of her diamond ring last Friday and notified the police of this city. The police got to work and found out that two girls had entered a jeweller's store in this city and tried to sell a diamond. The jeweller told them to call again and have it valued. In the meantime he notified the police, who notified the woman that had lost it. At the appointed time the police and the woman appeared but the two girls were not seen. The woman claimed the diamond and produced her ring in which the diamond fitted. The diamond was valued at \$70. The two girls were identified and were stopped and questioned on the highway bridge. One of the girls claimed that she had found the diamond just outside the door of the woman who missed it but could not explain satisfactorily why she had wished to hide her identity. This looked suspicious to the police so a summons was issued for the girl to appear Wednesday morning before Magistrate Limerick.

MARKET VALUE OF FISHERIES

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—An increase of \$13,143,666 in the market value of Canadian fisheries during the year 1917, as compared with 1916, is shown by a statement issued through the department of the naval service. The statement shows that the total marketed value of Canadian fisheries for 1917 was \$52,352,044, to which total the coastal fisheries contributed \$47,052,605 and the inland fisheries \$5,299,439. The two provinces which were chiefly responsible for the increase were British Columbia and Nova Scotia. The fisheries of the province of Nova Scotia were \$14,468,319 in 1917, against \$10,092,902. The products of New Brunswick fisheries, which came next to those of Nova Scotia, had a marketed value of \$6,143,088 in 1917, and those of Quebec \$3,414,378. All the provinces showed an increase.



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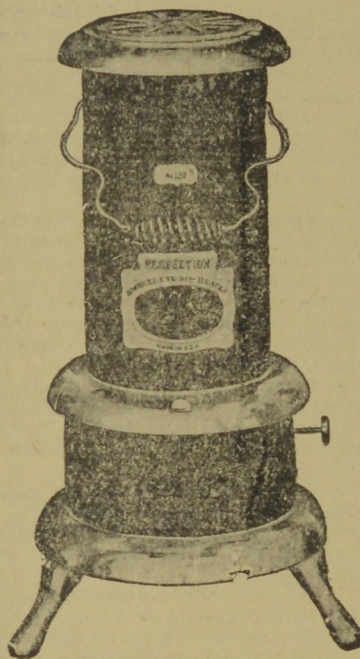
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VICTORY LOAN, 1918

MEETINGS in the interests of the Victory Loan Campaign have been arranged as follows:

At Stanley, Fair, Oct. 8th—

Speakers—
Very Rev. Dean Neales,
R. B. Hanson, Esq.,
C. D. Richards, Esq.

At Kingsclear, Temperance Hall, Oct. 9th—

Speakers—
Dr. Crockett, M. L. A.
Chancellor Jones

At Millville, Oct. 9th—

Speakers—
Col. McLeod, M. P.
Rev. G. C. Warren.

At Harvey Station, Public Hall Oct. 10th—

Speakers—
Judge Wilson, R. B. Hanson, Esq.

At New Maryland (Nasonworth), Oct. 10th—

Speakers—
J. Bacon Dickson, Esq.,
Prof. Stiles, Rev. Mr. Lewis.

At Marysville, Oct. 11th—

Speakers—
The Bishop, Hon. O. S. Crockett.

At Pokiok, Public Hall, Oct. 11

Speakers—
R. W. McLellan, Esq.,
C. D. Richards, Esq.

At Burt's Corner, Foresters' Hall, Oct. 12th—

Speakers—
Hon. J. H. Barry,
J. J. F. Winslow, Esq.
Other Meetings will be announced later.

2,000 TONS OF TRAP ROCK WANTED.

Persons willing to supply trap rock, delivered at City stone yard, during the winter, at one dollar per ton, will please advise the City Clerk by Saturday, Oct. 19th, the quantity of rock that they will agree to furnish.

G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.

Conservation Recipes

The Women's Food Conservation Committee of Fredericton has issued an attractive book of "Conservation Recipes," which every house wife should have.

The book contains 35 pages and about 160 recipes, besides some very valuable and useful information.

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