

POSITION OF TOWN MARSHAL IS OFFERED

Marysville, Mar. 13. — The management of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., have posted notices throughout the mill informing the employees of a ten per cent. increase in wages to take effect April 1st. The action of this corporation in thus keeping abreast of the times and assisting their employees to solve the problem of the increased cost of living is worthy of much commendation.

It has been authoritatively stated that the position of town marshal has been offered to Mr. Samuel Stafford, Sr., and that he is taking the matter into consideration and will inform the police committee of his decision at an early date.

In the monthly roll-off which took place at the Dawson Club Bowling Alleys on Monday evening Mr. F. R. Dunbar was the winner in "A" class. In "B" class Mr. Marvin Minue won the trophy. In Class "C" Mr. Robert Stafford was the winner.

Mr. William Everett who has been spending a few days at his home here returned to Minto yesterday.

In the Dawson Club Bowling league games held last evening Capt. McLean's team won from Capt. Clair Downing's, while Capt. Edmund Downing's line-up were the winners in the match with Capt. Kirkey's team.

In Aid of Y.W.C.A. Overseas. Fredericton is surely fortunate in the promise of hearing the Whittemore Trio and Miss Lucille Adams of the Redpath Bureau, Boston, who are to appear in the Opera House Friday evening. If you wish an evening's entertainment which comprises high vocal art with bright and amusing novelties hear this charming trio. Everywhere this trio has been received by large audiences. Proceeds in aid of Y.W.C.A. Hut Fund Overseas. Reserved seats at Ryan's Drug Store.

Mr. G. A. Ross of Hamilton, Ont., is a guest at the Queen.
Mrs. T. M. Brewer of Hawshaw, is registered at the Barker House.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. J. H. Sproul of Ottawa, is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. H. Hilyard.
Miss Mary Thompson has returned from a visit to St. John friends.
Mrs. A. M. Gibson has returned from a few days' visit to St. John.
Mrs. C. L. Tracey is among the visitors to St. John this week.
Miss Prudence Dunphy is spending a few days in St. John.

Through Our Sieve

Looks like someone has put the trot on Trotzky at last.

Figures can't lie, perhaps but the dates on the calendar are mighty deceiving.

Women who wear summer furs see no reason why they should not knit helmets for soldiers' summer use.

William Hohenzollern evidently does not realize how he is interfering with the world's spring fishing.

It is the opinion of young newlywed that the government could save a lot of wheat by getting his wife's recipe for making a durable, reliable pie-crust.

In this world crisis, when romance and adventure ride higher than ever, all that some people can see is the high price of coal.

When a married woman throws out a hint it is reasonably sure to strike her husband in the pocketbook.

Marriage is like a spring tonic; it may not help you to feel a bit happier or better—but just think how much worse you might have been if you had never tried it!

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THE ADDRESS PASSED.

The Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne passed in the Legislature yesterday without division, the list of speakers having been limited to the mover and seconder, the leader of the Opposition and Premier Foster. The speech of the latter, begun on Friday last, was concluded yesterday, after he had replied in a most effective manner to the criticisms directed at the Government by the Opposition leader. The Premier in the concluding portion of his address, referred to the subject of greater production and made an earnest appeal to all classes of people to join with the farmers in the campaign for greater production. He pointed out that the old administration, although it held office during the first two and one-half years of the war, had made no effort to stimulate greater production. It was the present Government which started the ball rolling, and in this connection the Premier gave well deserved praise to Hon. Mr. Tweeddale for the very active and useful part he had played in connection with the all-important work.

It will be remembered that the Opposition leader in his speech devoted some criticism to the recent bond issue of one million dollars and claimed that the Government had lost money by not calling for tenders for the issue. The Premier in reply was able to show that the Government, before making the issue, had consulted some of the most eminent financiers in Canada and the United States, and had not, as had been alleged, ignored the advice given. Indeed, it was on the advice of these financiers that the issue was placed on the market early during the present year. The fact that the bonds sold at a rate which makes the interest only one-eighth of one per cent higher than that being paid on a recent loan by the great Province of Ontario, indicates that the transaction was sound and business-like.

The Premier replied most effectively to the criticism which the proposal to establish a department of public health called forth from the honorable leader of the Opposition. He pointed out that it was essentially a war time measure, made necessary by the great wastage in human life now going on in Europe, its object being to assist in the conservation of the man power of the country. He answered the complaint that the passage of the act would mean the creation of an additional portfolio by pointing out that unless the plan proposed by the government was carried out it would be necessary to employ an expert Commissioner at a salary much greater than would be paid to a responsible minister, so in reality the government's plan is decidedly in the interests of economy.

The premier's speech was that of an earnest and clear headed business man who is determined to give the province honest and faithful service and a prudent administration of affairs. Having disposed of the address the way is now clear for the House to settle down to business and deal with the extensive program of progressive legislation which the government has prepared.

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN

Representative farmers and dairymen from all parts of the province are assembled here this week to discuss means whereby greater efficiency and more satisfactory results may be obtained from the pursuit of their high and honorable calling. The Convention is one of the largest in the history of the province and coming at a time when talk of increased production is upon everybody's lips it cannot fail to have beneficial and far-reaching results.

The work of the agriculturist always of great importance, is much more so at this time when the British Empire, is engaged in a life and death struggle with a powerful and merciless foe. The vast armies of Great Britain and her allies must have food-stuffs and they are looking to the farmers of Canada and the United

States to supply their needs along this line. The farmers of New Brunswick have done well, considering the great handicap under which they have labored, but they are capable of doing more, and we believe that they will surpass all previous efforts during the coming season.

Although agriculture is New Brunswick's basic industry, it has been said that this province is as far behind Ontario in agriculture as Ontario is behind Ohio and other States of the middle West. This may or may not be so, but it cannot be denied that there is room for some improvement in this province. It is with a view of bringing about this improvement that the provincial Agriculture Department has been thoroughly reorganized and has now reached a higher state of efficiency than ever before. Experts in nearly every branch of farming have been engaged and are laboring faithfully to raise agriculture to a higher standard, and are meeting with a success which must be gratifying, not only to the farmers, but to all classes of the population.

The Mail heartily welcomes the farmers and dairymen to Fredericton, and trusts that their brief sojourn here will be very enjoyable to themselves personally and highly advantageous to the province and to the great industry which they so worthily represent.

The report of Commissioner Stevens on the Valley Railway matters is a very interesting document and will no doubt be eagerly read by the people of this province. While the commissioner does not find from the evidence that members of the late government were personally concerned in the negotiations carried on with the various contractors, he has a suspicion that "some members of the government, or persons on behalf of the government, and with its approval, were improperly concerned in these negotiations with a view to raising campaign funds."

Mr. John Dillon, M.P. for East Mayo, has been chosen leader of the Irish parliamentary party in succession to the late Mr. John E. Redmond. Mr. Dillon is an able and well-informed parliamentarian and has long been prominent in the councils of the Nationalist party.

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Commissioner Stevens Report

(Continued from page 5.)
evidence to warrant or justify me in issuing subpoenas and causing them to be served on other ex-members of the late government, yet in view of the nature of the inquiry, the evidence adduced, the public interest taken therein and the criticisms of the press based on such evidence, it would have been more satisfactory to me and to the public I think, and perhaps have entirely allayed all suspicions had the invitation extended them by me through the ex-attorney general been responded to by their appearance voluntarily and giving evidence disclaiming all improper knowledge.

The commissioner finds that the directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company were not justified in awarding the contract of February 8, 1917, at increased prices and that the present government was justified in causing this contract to be cancelled.

The commissioner concludes his report as follows: "The impropriety of Mr. George B. Jones, while a member of the legislature, in being concerned with campaign funds in the manner disclosed by the evidence, he having signed a note for \$20,000 with Mr. Tennant which was for the purpose of raising campaign funds for use in the election of February, 1917, and of

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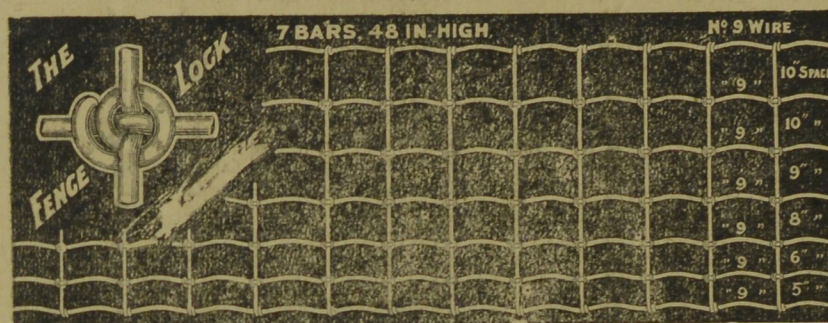
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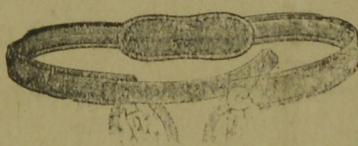
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Mr. John D. Palmer, in handling campaign funds while a director of the St. John & Quebec Railway Co., is apparent without further comment.

Some Recommendations.

"I would recommend, as a result of this inquiry, that publication in the future of all election funds and expenses together with the names of the subscribers and the amount subscribed by each and the taking of proper vouchers for every disbursement and that the (New Brunswick Elections Act be amended so as to include more of the provisions similar to those to be found in the Dominion Elections Act relating to corrupt practices and other illegal acts, than are to be found in the said New Brunswick Elections Act."

Accompanying the report, which is dated February 21, 1918, are 699 typewritten pages of evidence.

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