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TO COMPEL RESTITUTION.

That it is the intention of the government to take steps to compel restitution from those who wrongfully obtained money from the province through the Valley Railway enterprise was demonstrated yesterday when a bill bearing on the subject was introduced in the Legislature by Attorney General Byrne. The disclosures made in connection with the Valley Railway by Royal Commissioners greatly shocked the people of this province, and the government, by taking steps to get after the hoodlums is merely acting in accordance with public sentiment. It is not a pleasant task, but the government feels, and rightly, that it would be remiss in the duty it owes to the people if it allowed the matter to rest without taking some steps to recover the moneys wrongfully taken from the province, and at the same time teach the hoodlums a lesson calculated to deter them and others from engaging in such questionable transactions in the future. The opposition may be expected to make use of the tu quoque argument with respect to the bill.

Already Mr. Murray has intimated that he will oppose it because it does not go back twenty years and take in the report made by a partizan commission which investigated matters in connection with the Central Railway. In this connection it might be said that the report of the Central Railway Commission was laid before the House in 1909, and the government of that day, led by Hon. J. D. Hazen, took no action in regard to the same. No reason was given for its failure to act, and if there was any ground on which it could base an action to recover for the province moneys which it is alleged were diverted from their proper channel, it should have moved in the matter. It failed to do so, and surely the responsibility for its failure cannot be laid at the door of the present administration.

The Opposition, by bringing the Central Railway into the limelight at the present time, is merely seeking to drag a herring across the trail. Their game is a little too transparent and will not deceive an intelligent public. They have either got to oppose the bill or support it, and if they oppose it the public will be right in assuming that they are anxious to shield the strong-armed gentry who supplied the sinews of war for them at the last election.

SWAGGERING IN PICARDY.

In ancient Picardy, oft trod by war, oftener tuned to the harmony of romance and year by year blessed with the panoply of flowered contentment, swaggers Wilhelm, unhorsed knight of dead domains, says the Boston Record Before Amiens, hoard with memories, vibrant to the conjured note of time's eternal magic, the city of France's noblest Gothic marvel, Notre Dame, "the Parthenon of Gothic architecture," so called by Violette le Duc, struts the raiding baron of the land behind the Rhine.

Nothing of the early Goth who left other impresses than those of conquest and vandalism—nothing of the majesty of Notre Dame touches the majesty of Potsdam.

Midst the rape of war swaggers Wilhelm. His voice is lifted in taunt of foe, in boast of purpose, in the arrogance of blasphemy of heaven's authority.

Wilhelm will strut a little while and be gone. The vastness of greater things will stay. And here, amid these auguries, the star of the Hohenzollerns sets, and the Hun turns his face towards home.

FALSE CHARGES.

Mr. Baxter, who is always looking for an opportunity to put one over on the government and its legislative supporters, has made the charge from his place in the House that Speaker Currie brought undue influence to bear upon a lumber scaler on behalf of a North Shore lumbering concern of which he is manager. There is an old axiom that a lie will travel half way

around the world while the truth is getting its boots on. Mr. Baxter tried to get this one away to a good start, but Premier Foster promptly met it with strong affidavits by Hon. Mr. Currie and Mr. Daniel Richards, the president of the concern which is alleged to have been favored. An emphatic denial was given to the charges in both affidavits.

When the House was in supply yesterday, Mr. Murray wanted to know why, according to the Auditor General's report, the Gleaner had received \$787.50 for printing the Royal Gazette for the first six months of the year, while the Mail had been paid \$1,042.50 for printing it the last six months. The fact of the matter is that the payment to the Mail covered a period of seven months and that to the Gleaner a period of five months, and this accounts for the difference in the payments. The terms of the present contract for printing the Royal Gazette are the same as prevailed under the old government.

The Legislature spent some time last evening in consideration of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The measure has been carefully drafted and encountered very little opposition in the House. It is said to be the most advanced legislation in the interests of workmen ever brought forward in any province in Canada.

Through Our Sieve

Fortunately there is no danger of a radish famine.

Even at that more people will see the garden than seed it.

Low shoes are hearing the call of the merry springtime.

The desk farmer is now spraying the hens and keeping a careful watch on the young orchard for pip.

Husbands and wives should remember these days that they married for worse as well as better.

A man always admires another who says the right thing in the right place—especially if he be thirsty.

"Spring is here," says Babbling Brook, "for last evening I saw a young fellow driving an automobile with one hand."

An army officer says that getting married is an uncertain proposition for the first ten years or more. After that no doubt a man may get used to it.

We die but once, according to B. Sunday. That lets a lot of people down too easy—and incidentally disagrees with the bible. Paul, you know, died "daily," and mention is frequent of "the second death." Don't let the enemy off with one small death, Bill.

MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

(Marysville, Apr. 23. — A meeting in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Tapley last evening and was attended by a representative gathering of the citizens. The object of the meeting was to organize for the purpose of raising funds for the furtherance of the splendid work which that organization had done since the commencement of the European war. Committees were appointed to solicit in the different wards and an active campaign will be carried on.

Mr. Norval Dennison who suffered a very painful accident at the cotton mill a few days ago, is rapidly recovering from his injuries.

Mr. George Eno left this morning for Nappan, N. S., where he will visit friends.

Mr. G. H. Pryor has announced to his patrons that the Monday evening show at the Amuse U Theatre will be discontinued during the summer months.

Preparations are under way for the holding of a social evening at the Dawson Club rooms on Friday evening next.

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NO MORE MASS ATTACKS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, April 23.—The enormous losses inflicted by the British have caused General Ludendorff to change his tactics and he has ordered that no more massed attacks be made in the Germans.

He is reported to have said: "The idea of success by the employment of masses must be abolished absolutely. It only leads to unnecessary losses."

ARE GOING TO BUCHAREST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, April 23.—Berlin newspapers announce that the German foreign secretary, Dr. Von Kuehlmann, and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Baron Buriel, will go to Bucharest at the end of this week to continue the peace negotiations with Roumania.

RECEIVED BY CHANCELLOR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, April 23.—Chancellor Von Hertling, according to a Berlin despatch, has received General Von Falkenhause, the Governor General of Belgium, at main headquarters.

RELATIONS VERY STRAINED.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Apr. 22. — The Daily News says that the foreign office has learned that the relations between Holland and Germany are very strained. The chief cause of the quarrel apparently is an old dispute about the supply of gravel from Holland to Germany. The situation is regarded with anxiety in official and diplomatic circles. It is rumored that something in the nature of an ultimatum has been delivered to Holland by Germany.

Will Be Sent Home.

The assault case which came before Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon in which the defendant was a returned soldier temporarily attached to the Central Ontario Regiment, stationed here, resulted in the accused being turned over to the military authorities on the condition that he be returned to Ontario and then sent to his home in the United States. It seems that the defendant is suffering from shell shock, received while in action in France and is not responsible for his actions. He was declared medically unfit by the doctors a short time ago and will no doubt be leaving in a few days for his home.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blair arrived here last evening from Halifax.

Mr. James McQueen of Shediac, is among the visitors to the city.

Mr. C. H. Knodell of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. I. S. Boyes of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. E. Golding of St. John, is at the Queen.

Mr. H. H. McQuade of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

RECEPTION

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By address His Worship Mayor Hanson congratulated Misses Palmer, Groom, Kee and McKim, upon having completed their year's course of training and wished them great success in the practice of the noble profession of their choice. His Worship also made happy reference to the month he spent in this hospital and of the tender care of the nursing staff. His congratulations to Miss Sansom the superintendent, and her assistant were buoyant and worthy.

Dr. Kierstead.

Dr. Kierstead followed and on behalf of the trustees soon had the officers and staff in good humor for he was not inclined to allow Victoria Public Hospital to be rated lower than any other hospital, and the doctor's judgment is valuable for he has just rated the city of St. John to its satisfaction.

Dr. G. C. VanWart.

Dr. G. C. VanWart, who with Dr. W. C. Crockett, M.P.P., are the physicians who have longest served the public as members of the medical staff. Dr. VanWart evidently is popular with the entire hospital staff and also has been a generous benefactor to the institution. The superintendent and nurses all stood straight to the front as the doctor spoke of the success of the hospital and claimed that it is in the front row of all the hospitals in the Maritime Provinces. It was the first hospital in these provinces to introduce an X-ray plant, and with its recent additions there is no better instrument anywhere. He also spoke of the valuable sterilizer and other matters of equipment. It is

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greatly to be regretted, he said, that the trustees think they are unable, for want of funds, at once to enlarge the plant, but he believed if enlargement were begun the public would back it up, as the public has done before.

Enjoyable features on the program were the splendid efforts of the Devon quartet and Mr. C. D. Holder with his banjo.

Several of the trustees and physicians were unable to be present last night, but some of them were represented by their wives. The trustees were represented by His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Kierstead, Mr. H. G. Kitchen and Secretary Sampson.

Among Those Present.

Among those present were many former graduates as well as other friends of the hospital, and these included Mrs. R. B. Hanson, Mrs. W. C. Kierstead, Mrs. Hamilton Kitchen, Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Mrs. H. H. McNally, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Allen, Mrs. G. C. VanWart, Mrs. M. Tennant, Mrs. F. H. Risteen, Mrs. Frank Fairley, Mrs. Alex. Fleming, Mrs. C. D. Richards, Mrs. Fred Sansom and many others, including a never tiring band of servers.

The refreshments were the best ever and the nurses ditto, and it was noticeable that the frosted cake was not passed around until Dr. Kierstead had retired.

D. M. Richards

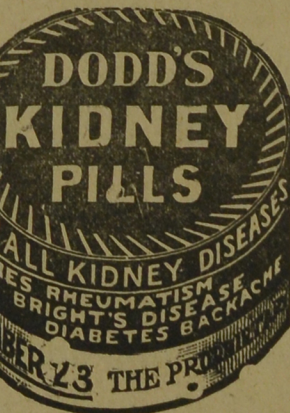
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man and had for years taken an active interest in temperance work.

He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Holt of Boiestown, and three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Gunter and Mrs. Dell Gunter of this city, and Mrs. Howard McLean of Nashwaak. Mr. Jerry Holt, a veteran conductor on the C.P.R., and Mr. Ambrose Holt of Holtville, are brothers-in-law.

Funeral Service.

The funeral service will be conducted at the late residence of the deceased at 7.30 Wednesday night by Rev. G. C. Warren. The body will be taken by C.G.R. the following morning to Boiestown where interment will be made.



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