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## PATRIOTIC POTATOES

Surprise has been created that Mr. B. F. Smith, in his speech on the budget, made no reply to the serious charge which Hon. Mr. Veniot made as to the juggling of the provincial accounts in connection with the famous patriotic potato transaction. The following extract from the official debates tells what Hon. Mr. Veniot has to say on the subject:

Continuing, Hon. Mr. Veniot said that the potatoes were bought in the fall and winter of 1914 and 1915, and the surplus shipped to Cuba and other West Indian points in February and March. When the transaction was completed the agents representing the government in St. John, A. C. Smith & Co., owed the province \$32,860.39. This was in February and March and the returns might have been expected by June. Up to December, 1915, the province had received neither the money nor interest due. How did they settle it?

Hon. John Morrissey is on record as saying that Dr. Landry had told him that the books of the province were kept open to permit of a refund in the potato account. They were kept open until December 22, although they should have been closed on November 10th.

"On December 22 a note was received signed by A. C. Smith & Co. for the amount of \$32,860.39. That firm failed shortly afterwards, but the note had been put in the bank and discounted and the payment entered as cash. When the note came due it was dishonored and he held in his hand the dishonored note. It was due on March 6, 1916, and the amount then due, \$32,271.54, had been paid by transfer of funds from Moncton to the credit of the deputy provincial treasurer. A cheque had been given but not by A. C. Smith & Company.

If the leader of the opposition had been in the House perhaps he could tell them who had given that cheque and who had furnished the money to pay the cheque. It was a disgraceful and dishonorable transaction.

The government did not go out with clean hands and this incident showed the methods adopted when that government was in power.

Hon. J. A. Murray, opposition leader, was Minister of Agriculture when the patriotic potato deal was pulled off. Surely he does not intend to allow the present session to pass without offering some explanation in regard to Hon. Mr. Veniot's statement.

## WHERE TRUTH IS HIGH TREASON

Proceedings have been begun on charges of high treason against persons concerned in the publication of the remarkable war memoir of Prince Lichnowsky, who was German ambassador to London in 1914. The Prince himself may be tried on a similar charge, for the public prosecutor is investigating his connection with the publication. He may also be deprived of his rank, titles and place in the Upper House of the Prussian parliament, for the junkers and militarists are furiously angry with him.

For what? For the truth as he knew it and told it in an autobiographical work that he originally prepared for his own family. In that narrative Prince Lichnowsky gives names, dates and facts that fully support the belief of the civilized world that "the sole guilt for the world war," to use Lichnowsky's own words, rests on the diplomats and militarists of Prussia.

Lichnowsky records conversations with Bethmann-Hollweg and Von Jagow in 1914, in which the danger of a world war as the result of Germany's policy toward Russia and Serbia was frankly discussed. When he warned his official superiors of the consequences of their tricky moves in the Balkans, he was told that they were wholly indifferent to Russia's attitude because they knew Russia's weakness. Warned further that France and even Britain might be drawn into a war over the Balkan situation, Von Jagow said "Germany must simply risk it."

Prince Lichnowsky treats as a well known fact the Potsdam secret conference of July 5, 1914, at which war over the Serbian affair was decided on. He is convinced that his own efforts to reach an amicable understanding with England on all colonial, territorial and commercial questions were thwarted by the Prussian militarists and annexationists, who wanted war and were determined to provoke it. They did not want his pacific and sincere diplomacy to succeed. They preferred a war of conquest and aggrandizement, because they expected

an easy and quick victory over France and Russia, before Britain could get ready to participate in the land fighting. Prince Lichnowsky has told the truth, and this is high treason in Germany.

The Standard makes much of the fact that Deputy Speaker Leger is now presiding over the deliberations of the Legislature. The change was due to the fact that serious charges have been preferred against Speaker Currie, which made necessary his retirement from the House pending an investigation of such charges. Under the old government, when charges were made against certain of the members, they were permitted to sit in the House and participate in the deliberations, and in the case of a former member for Gloucester he remained in the House after he had been condemned by a royal commission. The public will note that things are done differently under the Foster administration.

The public health bill was before the Legislature last evening and provoked an interesting discussion, in which the medical men in the House took a prominent part. The opposition are opposed to the bill on political grounds, and its members, who spoke last night, were inclined to treat the important question of public health with a certain degree of levity. The subject is altogether too serious to be treated in that way. The public health bill is advanced legislation, but just the same it is right and proper, and manifestly in the public interests.

The purpose of the opposition in opposing the government bill to punish the Valley Railway bootleggers is not to purify public life, but to shield the men who supplied the campaign funds for the Tory party in the local elections of 1912 and 1917. This fact is self-evident, and no amount of camouflage can becloud the issue.

## Through Our Sieve

Only a royal procession can attract a bigger crowd than a minstrel band.

The burnt cork artists were the real originators of camouflage.

Minstrel shows are apparently a sort of war time economy.

It's the girl who can't sing that appears anxious that everyone should know it.

One result of the war is that food is becoming more popular as a topic of conversation than the weather.

It is up to us city folks to make four or five war gardens grow where none grew before.

With his shining sword and his solid ivory dome the Kaiser wants to govern the world for "its own good."

Hippopotamus is said by African explorers to be "elegant eating." Keep a hippo in your bathroom and raise your w'n meat.

Belief that there as good fish in the sea as ever were caught is poor consolation when we've lost our bait.

If a wise young man calls on a girl and she requests her little brother to recite for him, the hint is sufficient.

The wise husband remembers that his wife would rather have kind words and some new clothes now than silver handles on her coffin a few years hence.

## VERDICT BROUGHT IN.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Apr. 24. — In the case of the King against Thompson Frost, the jury returned a verdict of shooting with intent to commit bodily harm. Frost had been charged with intent to commit murder. The evidence went to show that the accused fired two shots at Arthur Gillies, a neighbor, without any apparent provocation as the outcome of a quarrel which had taken place between the two men at a dance. After the verdict was given Frost pleaded guilty to a further charge of having set fire to Gillies' home.

Tomorrow the case of Aurelle Veillette, charged with the murder of Paul Morin and his son by shooting, at Sanke Creek, near Mattawa, in August last, will be commenced.

**Soldiers of Soil Movement.** Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, returned home last night after a trip to Woodstock and St. Stephen, where he addressed the school children in the interest of the Soldiers of the Soil movement. Dr. Carter stated this morning that the children appeared to be very much interested and enthusiastic over this new work and no doubt the efforts of those concerned in this movement will bear fruit in the coming summer.

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## CHILE GETS 3 GERMAN SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Santiago, Chile, April 23.—It is understood that the negotiations entered into months ago by Chile to lease some of the German ships now interned in Chilean harbors are completed and that Germany will furnish three ships, a total of thirty thousand tons, to the Chilean government.

Lack of ships for use by Chile has caused an agricultural crisis. There are large supplies of wheat in this country, but it has been found impossible to export the last two harvests.

## LOCAL NEWS

**Liquor Case This Afternoon.** At the police court yesterday the two cases of violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, were allowed to stand over until this afternoon.

**Death of Margaret Ethel Timms.** The death occurred last night of Margaret Ethel, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Timms of Salamanca. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, service being conducted by Rev. Canon Cowie.

**Late Mrs. W. G. Holmes.** The funeral of the late Mrs. W. Gilbert Holmes took place from her late home, Northumberland street, this morning. Service was conducted at the house at ten o'clock. Interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

**Fire This Afternoon.** At about 3.30 o'clock this afternoon the firemen were called out in response to an alarm sent in from box 31 at the corner of Queen and Regent streets. The fire was in the tenement house owned by Mrs. Patrick Doohan on Campbell street, and was soon extinguished by the use of chemicals.

**Disappointed Gathering.** A large and disappointed crowd gathered at the corner of York and Queen streets yesterday afternoon in the expectation of listening to selections by the band of the J. C. Rockwell Sunny South Company. The train which they were travelling on was late in arriving here and the parade did not take place.

The more ground you fork up in your back yard this spring the less money you will have to fork over next winter.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John, is in the city. Major George Keefe of St. John, is in the city.

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## MORE CORN NOW AVAILABLE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Ottawa, April 24.—The Canada Food Board has announced that, owing to improvement of the transportation situation corn is now moving into the Dominion and will be available in larger quantities than during the past few months, both for human consumption and for feed for live stock. Persons who wish to import corn, either for feed or milling purposes, should make application to the Canada Food Board for an import permit.

Mr. C. St. J. Bowden of Montreal, is a guest at the Barker House. Mr. Robert J. Armstrong of St. John, is at the Queen.

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