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Regina Leader: "The people of the West have every reason to organize to the limit and rise in their might, in opposition to Robert Rogers. He has been the worst enemy of Canada, and more particularly of Western Canada, that ever secured a place of influence and power in the public life of this country. Looking over the years that he occupied a position in the government of Manitoba, the people of that province can today partly realize what his ascendancy there meant to them and how the whole political life of that Province was lowered to a plane which made Manitoba a by-word among the provinces. The people there, by painful experience of their own financial problems, know of the results of his reckless administration."

MORE REVELATIONS.

Those who were under the impression that the patriotic potato probe had long ago struck the mother lode of political rascality as practiced by members of the old government, and that only the cleaning up process remained, will be astonished to learn of another strike made yesterday by Commissioner McQueen and the government counsel, Mr. P. J. Hughes.

They recalled the eminent financial agent and erstwhile railway contractor, Mr. W. B. Tennant, to the stand, and that worthy, in spite of the protests of his counsel, Mr. H. A. Powell, took the bit in his teeth and laid bare the details of one of the most flagrant conspiracies designed to defeat the ends of justice and hoodwink the people ever hatched by crooked politicians in this or any other province. Mr. Tennant's startling testimony makes it clear that the political bandits who operated in Manitoba a few years ago under the tutelage of Hon. Bob Rogers were veritable sky pilots in comparison with the New Brunswick politicians who pulled off the timber land steal, the Valley Railway steal, and practiced with such brazen effrontery upon an unsuspecting public the art of camouflage in connection with the patriotic potato scandal.

Mr. Tennant was recalled with the hope that he would be able to furnish some missing links in the chain of evidence against the chief conspirators, and he delivered the goods in full measure, well rounded up.

It will be recalled that Mr. Tennant in his evidence before Commissioner Stevens at the Valley Railway enquiry, swore that the sum of \$100,000 which he obtained from the Nova Scotia Construction Company as "advance profits" was used in connection with his business, and his testimony was apparently borne out by Auditor P. F. Blanchet. It was a very good story for the marines, and passed muster until Mr. George B. Jones, M.P.P., spilled the beans by deposing at the potato enquiry that \$61,500 of the amount had been turned over to him and had been used for "legitimate" political purposes. Mr. Tennant was called upon yesterday to explain, and he made the astounding confession that his first story had for its basis a "frame-up," engineered by himself, ex-Attorney General Baxter and Mr. Jones, which in plain English means that in the Stevens enquiry he swore to a statement which he knew to have no foundation in fact.

The Valley Railway boodle was not used in his business, and never was in it, but at the time he gave his evidence he was temporarily using, for the purpose of bamboozling the auditor, \$20,000 loaned by Mr. Jones, \$5,000 loaned by Mr. Baxter, and \$35,000 which he borrowed from a bank "with Mr. Baxter's assistance." The bank has since been paid off, Mr. Jones' \$20,000 was used to meet an election note to which he was kind enough to lend his name, while Mr. Baxter's \$5,000 is still an outstanding asset, like the \$3,000 which he "loaned" to Mr. Daggett.

No doubt if Commissioner McQueen were to continue his enquiry for another six months, he would find no end of crooked work to expose, but the line must be drawn somewhere. The

curtain has got to be lowered, so that the Commissioner will have time to prepare his finding for submission to the government and Legislature. More political rottenness and jobbery have been exposed than was ever dreamed of by the average man when the commission was appointed.

Public sentiment demands the work of the commission must be followed up by a drastic housecleaning.

FARMERS HEARD FROM.

The United Farmers of Ontario were heard from this week. They assembled in convention in Toronto, two thousand strong, and discussed many matters of importance, including the tariff. They also served notice on the government of their intention to stand up for their rights. They want a more progressive national policy for Canada, not the kind advocated by Hon. Bob Rogers, and they also want a downward revision of the tariff. They want, too, to be represented in parliament by farmers. The enthusiasm which characterized the proceedings of the fifth annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario indicated that they are going to fight for what they want. They cheered to the echo the declaration that the old national policy of protection had "made Canada pot-bellied" and applauded vigorously the challenge issued to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, "to join with us in asking for a commission to investigate the whole matter of profits of the manufacturers and farmers, including the profits on watered stock, and to make public the findings." It was announced that there are now 127,000 organized farmers in Canada, including 25,000 in Ontario, affiliated through the Canadian Council of Agriculture. If the farmers mean business and stand together, they can make their influence felt at the next election.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Only three more shopping days before Christmas.

It was a long way to Tipperary, but the boys made it at last.

If the worst came to the worst, Old Bill Hohenzollern might escape from Holland as a piece of cheese.

"Day unto day uttereth speech." Sunday to Monday: "Why do you always come around to spoil everything?"

There are still a few old-fashioned fellows in this country who try to make both ends meet, but they do not receive much encouragement.

Going up in an airplane is like getting married—any optimist will try it one, but only a sincere fatalist would try either of them twice.

Two varieties of genius are noted—that which is able to get in double time on itself and that which is able to avoid work altogether.

Something seems to tell William Hohenzollern that though he is not wanted in Holland, it is pleasanter there than in the places where he is wanted.

City life is a fierce, mental struggle between neighbors, each of whom is trying to shove the other into the country to raise more produce and lessen the demand for city conveniences, so that living in the city will be cheaper and better.

FORMING A NEW FRONT

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a despatch to Le Journal from Zurich.

AVOID AIR HOLES.

Fredericton, Dec. 19, 1918.

To the Editor of the Mail:

Sir,—Enjoying the lovely open-air skating as afforded by the lordly St. John river, of which we Frederictonians ought to be so proud, let the citizen have a care for some of the more adventurous ones who in their joy and excitement overlook the fact that air-holes in the ice are a sure crop each winter. The Boy Scouts' motto is "Be Prepared." Let each skater on the river adopt it, as well as that of the Navy League, "Keep Watch."

Your respectfully,
THOUGHTFULNESS.

Returned From St. John

Lt. Col. W. J. Osborne and Capt. T. R. McNally returned last evening from St. John where they had gone to discuss matters concerned with the opening of the Dispersal Station there. Col. Osborne states that appointments for the Dispersal Station are under consideration. Several recommendations have been made and the appointments will be announced later.

SERGT. DARLING TAKES DISCHARGE

On Staff of N. B. Military Hospital—Will Follow Private Nursing in This City.

Sergt. E. J. Darling who has been attached to the N. B. Military Hospital as Nursing Sergeant has been given his discharge and is about to start private nursing here. Sergt. Darling has just finished handling a complicated case which he did in such a way as to show his mastery of the nursing art. He has had a long military career as a nurse.

Being a graduate of the Otego Hospital, Florida, he applied and was accepted on a special ambulance unit which was sent to La Havre, France from the United States. He remained at La Havre nursing for five months and then returned to the United States. He then joined the C. E. F. as a nurse and was sent to Fredericton as a member of the N. B. Military Hospital staff. He has been engaged in military nursing for seventeen months.



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CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED

Bulletin, St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Certificate of Captain Tannock of Corinthian suspended for three months; that of chief officer Simpson six months.

A HOUSE CAN BE REBUILT.

(Stars and Stripes.)

"Mon Dieu, a house can be rebuilt; it is not so with the life of a man."

Thus spoke a little old woman of Brioules as she stood beside the ruin of her home, blown up by a mine explosion fired by the Germans to cover their retreat.

While the American engineers were rebuilding a road in front of her place she stood guard over the pieces of rescued furniture, huddled in the mud—polishing them with vigor when not too busy patting the passing dough-boys on the back, or bending in love and reverence to kiss the hand of every Poilu who paused to speak to her. Down her cheeks the tears were raining steadily, but they were tears of happiness.

THAT'S WHAT.

"The Germans for the next generation," said Mrs. Edith Wharton at a Y. M. C. A. tea in Paris, "are going to be pariahs. Wherever they go they're going to be abused. And it will be useless for them to complain."

"A German official spent the summer in the Swiss Engadine. One morning beside the lake he stopped to talk to some neutral ladies, and a little girl who was in the party whispered something to her mamma."

The German, smiling and twisting his Kaiser-like mustache, said jestingly to the little girl:

"It's rude to whisper."

She looked him straight in the eye and answered coldly:

"But it would have been ruder still to say it out loud."

Mr. W. F. Hoar of Montreal is in the city today on business.

Mr. John Connors of St. John was in the city yesterday.

LOST—Last evening near Railroad Bridge on ice a blue scarf. Finder kindly leave at Mail Office.

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CONSISTENCY A JEWEL.

Fredericton, 19th, Dec., 1918.

To the Editor of the Mail:

Sir,—A recent newspaper communication enquires why the Fredericton churches are not included in the health ban. A very sufficient reason, of course, is that the House of God should ever be free and open to any who care to enter at any time, Sabbath or week day.

A more common-sense enquiry, to my mind is, Why not close the shops, where so many people congregate particularly at this season? As much danger of the "flu" surely in a crowded store, with folk perhaps from sick homes, with a sadly limited supply of fresh air, as in a theatre or other recreation centre.

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