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TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1918.

OPPOSITION CAMOUFLAGE.

Hon. J. A. Murray's woman suffrage bill, which was nothing more than a piece of stage play, did not get far in the Legislature last evening. Early in the session the House unanimously placed itself on record as being in favor of the principle of extending the franchise to women. At that time the Premier frankly stated that he was fully cognizant of the great and noble service that women had rendered in connection with the war, and he believed that they were fully entitled to the franchise. He also gave assurance that the government would deal with the matter when, in the opinion of its members, the proper time had arrived, and after an opportunity had been given to study the measure to be enacted by the Federal Parliament. The Premier's fair and frank statement, while it was satisfactory to the country, apparently did not satisfy the members of the opposition. The opportunity to put on a gallery stunt and secure some cheap advertising was too good to let slip, and they sought to usurp the prerogatives of the crown by bringing forward a bill which they knew would not be acceptable to a majority of the members of the House, and which would not get past the Speaker. If the cause of woman suffrage has been given a setback in this province—and we hope that such is not the case—the fault lies at the door of the leader of the opposition, who has seen fit to make a political play of the great question.

MR. PINDER HEARD FROM.

Mr. J. K. Pinder, the veteran member for York, contributed a characteristic speech to the budget debate in the House last evening. Although the senior member for York has been freed of the cares and worries of dispensing patronage, his speech shows that he is still far from happy. Mr. Pinder sat in opposition in the House when the late Hon. A. G. Blair was Premier of the province, and in his speech of last night he simply repeated the old song which he used to sing a score or more of years ago. The old gentleman was compelled to play the role of critic when his own friends were in power, and it is hardly to be expected that the present administration will be able to please him and make him happy. Nevertheless the old gentleman is to be congratulated on the vigor and activity which he displays for one of his years.

CHANGED CONDITIONS.

The New York Times points out how changed conditions on the British side now are as compared with those when the Germans made their last drive for the Channel ports in the fighting around Ypres of glorious memory. In October, 1914, the British armies were often reduced to desperate straits for want of reinforcements, divisions dwindling to skeletons of brigades and regiments to little more than corporal's guards; and the British became grimly familiar with falling ammunition. It has been said that "whole battalions virtually disappeared." Nevertheless, remnants held on and saved the day. The first Ypres was a positive British victory. The Kaiser, waiting at Roulers for news of an overwhelming triumph, was doomed to disappointment.

In the present battle there is a disparity of numbers in favor of the Germans, but it is probably not so great as it was in 1914. At the first Ypres there were sometimes eight Germans to every British soldier on the field, and often four or five. And the British today are said to have abundant ammunition and superiority in the air. They will doubtless take heavy toll of the massed Germans, and the presumption is that the British are retreating to prepared positions for tactical reasons rather than from absolute necessity.

Nothing official has yet been given out by the government as to the proposed amendment to the Military Ser-

vice Act, says an Ottawa despatch. It is generally believed, however, that the government proposes to take steps which will mean that the majority of men of class one of both first and second medical categories, are likely to be in uniform at no very distant date. In other words, there is likely to be a most vigorous coming out of all unmarried men and widowers without dependents between the ages of 20 and 34 years. It is considered unlikely that the second class will be called until this coming process has taken place in the first class.

The speech of Mr. Magee, the energetic young member for Westmorland, on the budget, will be found in another part of this issue, and will undoubtedly be read with great interest. Mr. Magee, while only a short time in public life, has already proved himself to be one of the most useful members of the Legislature. He gives close study to public affairs and has already put forward many valuable suggestions. His latest is that the government should control the water powers of the province and exploit them in the interests of the people. This is a matter which should and undoubtedly will engage the serious attention of the government at an early date.

The Standard's disappointment and chagrin over the fate of Mr. Murray's woman suffrage bill is laughable in the extreme. Its report of the proceedings in the House had no difficulty in ousting the important war news of the day from the first page. Mr. Murray's little bill was still-born, and therefore it was not necessary for the House to kill it.

Through Our Sieve

If you love the garden, love the lawn mower too.

Looks like that "big gun" simply was a son of a Hun.

The only time many a fellow is lucky at cards as when he lets them alone.

A pessimist is a man who thinks of fyttime when the optimist is thinking of the golden summer.

It is pretty hard to tell sometimes, whether a person is suffering from the artistic temperament, or just plain meanness.

The Kaiser's road to Paris is being paved with German skulls—but the material is insufficient.

The way to hell is paved with good intentions, but they are always digging them up to lay new steam pipes and gas mains.

Towanda, Pa., men have promised to observe one smokeless day a week. If the Towanda women are wise they will veto it. The men will brag about it for the next 99 years.

A man may be a loyal patriot in public and still be a chronic "conscientious objector" around the house; that is, his conscience would hurt him if one day passed in which he couldn't find something in the domestic regime to object to.

A Military Rumor

It is rumored that the Depot Battalion will be sent from St. John to Sussex about May 15, to go under canvas.

Funeral Notice

The Members of Hiram Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., will meet at Masonic Hall, Carleton St., at 2 p. m. Wednesday, April 17th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother

GEORGE GUY MORRISON.
A. MURRAY,
Worshipful Master.

FOR THE HAIR



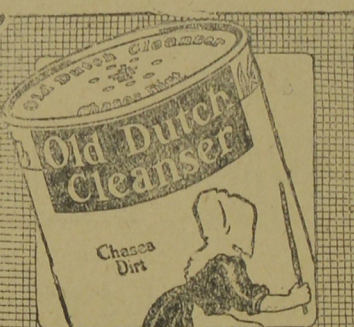
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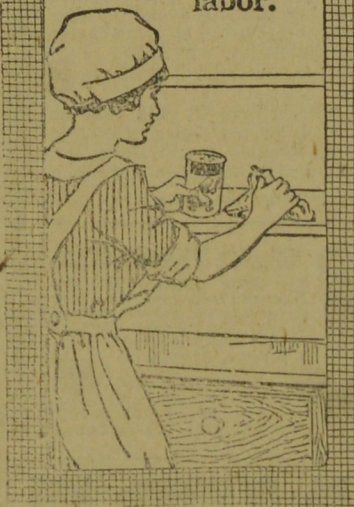
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MAGIC READ THE BAKING LABEL NO ALUM POWDER

Bishop at St. Stephen.

His Lordship Bishop Richardson addressed a large audience in the Bijou Theatre, St. Stephen, last evening, on his experiences during his overseas trip. On Sunday he conducted the service in Christchurch in the morning and in the evening he delivered a sermon and conducted a confirmation service in Trinity church.

Mr. W. E. Hopper of the St. John Power Company, is among the guests at the Queen.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. Pugsley entertained a few friends at cards yesterday afternoon at her rooms at the Queen Hotel.

Mrs. E. Atherston Smith of St. John, is spending a few days in the city.

Miss Margaret Meahan of Bathurst, is in the city.

Miss Marjorie Wetmore of Sussex, is visiting friends in the city.

Woman Suffrage

(Continued from page 5.) ago, he had been one of those who had voted for it. In regard to the bill introduced by the hon. leader of the Opposition, he felt that it interfered with the rights and prerogatives of the Crown and the government had advised His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to refuse his assent to it, in case it should pass the House. He would ask that the bill be withdrawn.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that the bill did not involve the expenditure of any public money.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that in view of the fact the bill would not receive royal assent and would interfere with the prerogatives of the Crown, he felt that it should be withdrawn. He quoted Bohrinot as his authority.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that inasmuch as the government had advised the Lieutenant-Governor to withhold assent to the Bill, no course was left open to him (Murray) but to withdraw it.

MR. BAXTER said that the bill did not involve the expenditure of public money.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) wanted to know if he had correctly understood the hon. premier's statement that the Lieutenant-Governor had already been advised to withhold his assent to the bill.

HON. MR. FOSTER, "That is correct."

MR. BAXTER said that it was well known that the consent of the Crown had to be obtained before a money bill could be introduced, but he held that the bill introduced by his hon. friend from Kings did not touch its prerogatives, but did touch the prerogatives of the people. "If the bill could be

FIREMEN, ATTENTION!

A Special Meeting of the Firemen will be held at their rooms at 3 o'clock Tomorrow Night.

Discretion is now the better part of buying Hosiery. We have just received our stock of

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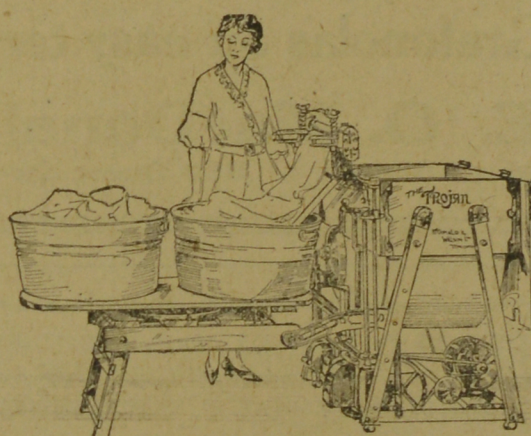
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PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas,

KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

WILLIAM PUGSLEY

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, or Whom the Same may Concern—Greeting:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has been made clear that an adequate supply of foodstuffs to Great Britain and her Allies is now one of the most critical and essential problems in connection with carrying the war to a triumph;

And Whereas, Our Province of New Brunswick, by virtue of its geographical situation in comparative proximity to the Motherland, occupies a position of special responsibility and importance;

And Whereas, the season approaches which shall determine for another year the amount of foodstuffs which this Province shall produce.

We, therefore, believing it to be the aspiration of our people to discharge every responsibility as in the past, and confident of their willingness to take advantage of the opportunity involved, to the end that the cause of righteousness for which we struggle may be advanced, have thought fit, by and

with the advice of our Executive Council for our Province of New Brunswick, to appoint, and do hereby appoint a week of Dedication and Preparation for the period of production approaching, beginning on the fifteenth April instant.

And we do hereby urge and request that the County Council of each and every County of Our Province of New Brunswick be convened in special Session on Saturday, the thirteenth April instant, to consider ways and means to stimulate or assist in the maximum production of essential foodstuffs in the respective Counties.

And We do hereby further urge and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province of New Brunswick shall, from his pulpit on Sunday, the fourteenth of April instant, set forth the facts of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production, that they may be blessed by Him who alone giveth the increase.

And We do hereby still further urge and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all Our people in the matters herein set forth.

All of which premises all Our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in anywise concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of New Brunswick to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, His Honour William Pugsley, D. C. L., K. C., One of Our Privy Council for Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of New Brunswick, this second day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
ROBERT MURRAY,
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

ruled out of order on the grounds stated there was nothing to hinder any public bill brought forward by an hon. member of the Opposition from being ruled out. That he held would not only be lamentable, but unconstitutional. He felt that hon. Mr. Speaker was under a misapprehension and he sincerely hoped he would give the matter further consideration.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that believing hon. Mr. Speaker's ruling was based on the highest authority and in view of the fact that the Lieutenant-Governor had been advised to withhold assent from it, he had decided to withdraw the bill. In this connection he wished to point out that the hon. premier had advised the Crown in regard to the bill, without having seen its contents and it was evident from that that he did not intend to force his supporters into a discussion of the measure.

He was convinced that the hon. premier, regardless of the terms of the

bill, was determined to prevent its passage through the House. He (Murray) believed it would have been better had the hon. premier permitted the bill to come before the House, so hon. members could see it before tendering the advice which he had given to the Lieutenant-Governor.

HON. MR. BYRNE rose to a point of order. He said that hon. Mr. Speaker, having given a decision, the matter should rest there.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that the hon. leader of the Opposition should have attached a copy of the bill to his notice of motion. He would ask that the bill be withdrawn.

HON. MR. SPEAKER said that he had looked carefully into the matter and had quoted authority in support of his decision.

HON. MR. ROBINSON cited a case from the late Hon. A. G. Blair in which the House had taken similar action with respect to a bill having to do

with Crown debts.

MR. BAXTER said that the case cited by the hon. member from Moncton was not similar to that now before the House. As he had pointed out before, the bill did not propose to interfere with the prerogatives of the Crown in regard to expenditure of public money; he thought the same object sought would be obtained by having the bill defeated by a vote of the House.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said he considered it a reasonable interpretation of the rule that a copy of the bill must accompany the notice of motion. It had not been done in the present case.

HON. MR. VENIOT claimed that as the bill proposed to add to the voters list, it would involve the expenditure of public money.

MR. BAXTER said that such was not the case.

MR. MURRAY (Kings) then formally withdrew the Bill.