

## THE DAILY MAIL

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## ANOTHER ESTIMATE.

The St. Croix Courier, organ of the late Premier Clarke, after a long period of silence, has at last mustered up sufficient courage to make some editorial comment on the revelations of the patriotic potato enquiry. It starts out with a nasty fling at the provincial government, which it claims instituted the enquiry for the purpose of "directing attention away from palpable dishonesty in its own ranks," and then goes on to say that the Foster government secured power by "a false and misleading appeal, and adds that if it had appealed on other grounds the ministers would never have attained the honor that has come to them. The Courier scores the government press for commenting on the evidence and even takes a fling at the independent newspapers, which it says have made themselves ridiculous. In summing up, the Courier gets off the following:

"It (the commission) has been able to show that a loss was met in the attempt by the government of New Brunswick to send potatoes to the famishing people of Belgium. The loss was encountered and had to be met by the government before the representatives of the people in the Legislature, and the late Hon. George J. Clarke, had a part in the adjustment. It has not been shown, and it cannot be shown, even by the present government or its press, that New Brunswick has lost one dollar through the administration of the affair by the late premier of the province. The late Mr. Clarke did not confide to his friends his intentions or his purposes, for he just naturally trusted to them to believe in his purity of purpose. No man ever entered any government of the province with better intentions, and it is probable that none ever entered it with greater handicap, for he inherited nothing but trouble from the day that he stepped out from a lucrative law practice and forgot it all to serve his native province, and finished his career without recompense or reward from those whom he sought to serve."

For the benefit of our St. Stephen contemporary, it might be pointed out that the loss was not incurred on the potatoes sent to "the starving people of Belgium," but on so-called "surplus potatoes" which were hawked about Cuba during the winter of 1915. It might also be pointed out that the evidence which reflected on the integrity of the late Mr. Clarke was all extracted from unwilling witnesses, men who were strong political supporters of the late Premier, and it is to be presumed they told the truth. While a loss was made on the potato transaction, it is not true, as stated by the Courier, that it had to be met by the government "before the representatives of the people in the legislature." The loss did not have to be met at all; it only had to be acknowledged and the situation faced in man-fashion. Premier Clarke preferred to adopt another course, a course which even some of his best friends will now admit was an improper one. It is true, as the Courier says, that Mr. Clarke entered the government "under a great handicap and inherited nothing but trouble," but it cannot be shown that he was able to bring about very much of an improvement in conditions. He seems to have accepted things as he found them, and made them worse instead of better.

If the province lost no money by the potato transaction, and if the late Mr. Clarke did nothing wrong, why is it that the Courier has found it necessary to omit from its columns the evidence brought out at the enquiry? If the Courier had any desire to be fair in the matter, instead of assuring its readers that everything in connection with the potato transaction was perfectly proper, and that the late Mr. Clarke could do no wrong, it would trot out the evidence and let them judge it for themselves.

Aero-neurosis is the name which is sometimes given to nervous troubles brought about by the strain of

flying. It has been said that an airman's life consists of "long spells of intense fear." He has to endure intense cold, rain, wind and fog, the nerve-racking noise of the engine, the anti-aircraft fire, and to loop, spin, dive or sideslip, apparently out of control, to deceive an opponent. An interesting nerve test has been devised in France for selecting the best type of airmen for fighting. Around his chest is a pneumograph, in his left hand a trembler, and around two fingers of his right hand a pneumatic "doigtier." Behind the candidate a revolver is fired or a magnesium flare is set off, and a record of the effect on his nerves is obtained by means of stylets writing on a blackened revolving cylinder.

About the meanest type of thief, white or black, is the man who goes prowling about in the dead hours of the night robbing hen roosts. Thieves of this type have been getting in their nefarious work in Fredericton of late, and if they persist in it the man who owns chickens will be quite justified in guarding them with a loaded shotgun.

That it was a pretty stiff dose the representatives of the Allied nations have handed out to the Austrians; but just wait until you see what has been prepared for the Germans to swallow.

As the New York Times well puts it, the ring has been once again closed against Germany. She stands alone against an increasing host of foes; there is no help for her from any quarter. She must surrender soon or die.

**THROUGH OUR SIEVE**

Time to put away your golf tools. Navigation on the Yukon river has closed.

Boches are now composing songs entitled "Take me back to old Berlin."

Something not to worry about now is the price and style regulations of straw hats.

Germans now wonders not only why they have no friends, but why they have no allies.

If a man or a machine is unable to accomplish a task, it should be turned over to a woman and a hairpin.

In the surrender sweepstakes Austria and Turkey are getting under the wire a few jumps ahead of Germany.

Kaiser Wilhelm is now convinced that Kaiser Julius was wrong when he said that all Gaul is divided into three parts. It is not divided at all.

While the government is reforming the shoe business, cannot it send out a heel inspector armed with a saw, to saw off the extra two or three inches from tall women's heels and bring the said women down within seeing distance of short men?

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**Late Rev. J. E. Wilson.** The body of the late Rev. Joseph E. Wilson arrived from Woodstock today by C. G. R. A delegation representing the Woodstock United Baptist Church accompanied the remains to this city. Service was conducted by Rev. J. B. Daggett, assisted by Rev. G. C. Warren, Rev. Milton Addison and Rev. W. C. Kierstead. The male quartette of the George Street Baptist Church rendered several beautiful selections at the grave. Three members of the Woodstock church and three members of the Fredericton Baptist church acted as pallbearers. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. Mrs. Wilson, widow of the deceased, will remain in the city, the guest of Mrs. McKinnon.

Mr. John E. Alger of St. Stephen is at the Queen Hotel today.

Mr. S. W. Cole of St. John is in the city today.

**Dr. Folkins Returning Home** Dr. C. G. Folkins of Stanley is in the city today registered at the Queen Hotel. Dr. Folkins has been in Montreal for some weeks for an operation. He is returning home after a successful operation.

## Divorce Court Adjourned

The case of Howe vs. Howe which came up in the Divorce Court today was adjourned until Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The case of Fitz Randolph vs. Fitz Randolph will be heard later.

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## LOCAL NEWS

**Leaves St. John Force** St. John Telegraph—William Duncan, who has for some time been a member of the local detective force, is no longer connected with police headquarters. It is understood that he resigned some days ago. Detective Duncan was brought to St. John from Fredericton by Commissioner H. R. McLellan and placed on the force here. During his connection with police activities in this city he made a name as an impartial, fair and judicial official.

**Given a Fine** A returned soldier charged with being drunk and having liquor in his possession was before Police Magistrate Limerick this morning. He was fined \$50 or three months in jail.

**Union of N. B. Municipalities** The Union of New Brunswick Municipalities has been invited to hold its annual session in Fredericton. On account of the influenza epidemic the meeting which should have been held in October was postponed.

**Greater Speed Wanted** At last night's meeting of the City Council in committee reference was made to the fact that the installation of the heating plant at the City Hall was very slow. The contract was let August 19th on the understanding that the work would be done in two months. It was stated last night that the influenza epidemic was responsible largely for the delay. It is probable that the contractors will be notified that more rapid progress must be made or a penalty will be imposed. On account of lack of heating appliances the City Opera House already has lost \$200 in rentals.

**One Son in Fredericton** George Middleton passed away peacefully at his home, Bloomfield, Kings County, on October 24, of heart trouble. He was seventy-one years of age. He leaves besides his wife, seven sons—Thomas of Lowell, Mass. Arthur of Anagance; John of Houlton, Me; Private Percy of Halifax; Joseph of the Grant; David of Fredericton, and Fred at home—and five daughters, Mrs. Charles Murphy of Norton; Mrs. Frank Hickley of Collina; Mrs. Frank Ryan and Mrs. Ira Pickle of Bloomfield, and one sister, Mrs. David Henderson of St. John.

**Extension Finally Made** The extension of Aberdeen Street from Church street to the C. G. R. tracks which hung fire for many years to the great annoyance of the residents of the locality finally has gone through the City Council. That body last night decided to accept an offer of \$1200 from the Land Committee of the U. N. B. Senate for the part of the college athletic field required for extension. The city's offer was \$1,000 and the price originally set by the senate committee \$1,800. The money paid will be invested in Victory Bonds by the Senate. The athletic ground fence was set back some months ago and the street now is in use.

**Again Paid the Premiums** That hardy annual the fire insurance premiums on the exhibition buildings owned by Agricultural Society No. 54 was before the City Council in committee last night. There was the usual questioning about the right of the city to pay premiums in view of the fact that the Society will not acknowledge the claim of the city on the property. Mayor Hanson stated that the dispute was no nearer solution than ever the directors of the Society getting to a certain point and then balking taking the ground that acknowledgement of the city's claim would destroy the means of financing future exhibitions. Aid. Cooper who is a member of the Agricultural Society said that the members of that body realized that the city should get the property in the event of the Society going out of existence but that they did not want the city authorities to have a hand over them. On his motion it was finally decided to pay the premiums.

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## Judge Carleton's Play

Halifax Recorder: Judge John L. Carleton's prize-winning play, The Crimson Wing, is based on conditions in Halifax—a dramatic venture of the German spy order, the motive of which is to destroy the "Olympia" by a cleverly secreted bomb. It is intended to give the play its try-out in Hamilton, Ontario, in the near future. It uses fifteen characters, of which the prototypes are said actually to exist in Halifax. This as well as the daring and skilful treatment of the theme throughout by the New Brunswick Judge and playwright will excite unusual attention throughout the Maritime Provinces.

## Notice to Water Consumers.

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