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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."

## MURRAY AND DAGGETT

Hon. J. A. Murray, in his evidence at the patriotic potato enquiry, admitted that there had been "irregularities in which he attributed to incapacity on the part of somebody. Asked by Mr. Hughes if he had reference to Rev. J. B. Daggett, the witness retorted, "He gave that letter to B. F. Smith and was not that an illustration of business incapacity?"

Mr. Murray is quite right. The bungling and jobbing in connection with the potato transaction was largely due to the lack of business capacity on the part of the then Secretary of Agriculture, but Mr. Murray as the head of the department cannot escape responsibility for it. Whatever his private opinion may have been of Mr. Daggett, he played the game with him all through the piece. With them it was evidently a case of sink or swim together. If Mr. Murray has changed his opinion of Mr. Daggett, it is only since Commissioner McQueen has laid bare the horrible details in connection with the potato transaction. No later than last session from his place in the Legislature Mr. Murray gave Mr. Daggett a high sounding certificate of character. Here is what he said, as reported in the official debates:

"Mr. Daggett had been out on the stump. In office he had been a faithful and efficient servant, but he had been made the target of violent attacks based on spite and venom. Time and again he had appealed to him (Murray) for permission to go on the platform and answer his traducers. He had advised against such a course as not consistent with the office Mr. Daggett held. The attacks became intolerant and he had told Mr. Daggett to do what any red-blooded man would do—go out and defend his name and honor."

"Mr. Mersereau—Is that why he was in Sunbury county. He never was attacked there. He spoke against me and gave oyster suppers."

"Mr. Murray—Part of the work for which he was attacked was carried on in that as well as in other counties and he went where newspapers, which made the attacks, had been circulated."

"Mr. Murray, continuing, said his hon. friend had referred to Mr. Daggett as a clergyman. He was a clergyman of one of the largest denominations in this province and was a credit to it. He had been secretary of the department when the department was small; he was a practical man, not a college graduate, but he did good work. The department possessed a thorough organization and was in perfect condition when his hon. friend took office."

There we have it. The crooked work in connection with the patriotic potato transaction was pulled off in the spring of 1915. Three years later, according to Mr. Murray, Mr. Daggett was a practical man who had done good work and had left his department in good condition. The closing days of the year 1918 finds Mr. Daggett lacking in business capacity; in other words, Mr. Murray has transformed him into a goat.

## PARTY FUNDS.

Hon. J. A. Murray in his evidence at the potato enquiry, swore that he told the late Premier Clarke that party funds could be put to no better use than in making good to the provincial treasury the amount of the loss incurred in the notorious patriotic potato transaction. Mr. Murray may have preached this wonderful doctrine in 1916, but there is abundant evidence to show that he utterly failed to practice it when he appealed to the elec-

torate in February, 1917, as Premier of the province. The party led by Mr. Murray in that campaign had at its disposal an enormous boodle fund which was handled by Mr. Thomas Bell, of St. John, and apportioned to trusted henchmen in the different counties. The record of the Valley Railway enquiry shows how it was distributed and it was used to debase the electorate.

The editor of the local graft organ, when on the witness stand in the potato enquiry, admitted that he had bagged \$10,000 from a local government boodle fund in 1916. While the editor of the graft organ always gave the public to understand through his paper that the members of the old government were heaven-born statesmen, laboring day and night for the public weal, his private opinion of them, based on information obtained from the inside, was altogether different. He had sized them up as a lot of kindergarten politicians, each bent on feathering his own nest. Having assisted in putting the outfit in power, he felt that he was justly entitled to a share of the loaves and fishes and he did not rest until he got it.

St. John Globe: J. H. Crockett admits having received ten thousand dollars from H. W. Woods, when Mr. Woods was organized for the provincial government, but doubts that it came from the source indicated by the evidence given by Messrs. George B. Jones, M. P., who says he got it from W. B. Tennant. The inference is plain.

Polling in the British elections took place on Saturday, but the result will not be known until December 28. It is believed that the government of Lloyd George will have a majority of at least 150. The Sinn Feiners have made some gains in Ireland, the old nationalist party being almost wiped out. It is believed that John Dillon, the Irish leader, will lose his seat.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It is the loafer who never has time. Only seven more shopping days before Xmas.

Life doesn't care what your arguments are.

When a man has a desperate case he can be fiercely jealous of her own sister.

Can anybody imagine the local graft organ holding anybody up for the paltry sum of \$250? Perish the thought.

The pen may be mightier than the sword but the bayonet has more punch than either.

Detroit sleuths found contraband in an accordion. Come to think if it, the thing does sound something like that.

Honesty is the best policy, but not when there is a potato scandal to be covered up.

The slogan of the old time road agent was "Your money or your life." The modern political road agent says "Put up or shut up."

According to the Hon. Jim Murray, the patriotic potato muddle was largely the result of lack of business capacity on the part of one J. B. Daggett.

When the reports of the potato enquiry began to get personal, the \$10,000 graft organ stopped publishing them.

Brantford Expositor: The Toronto Telegram gives Hon. Robert Rogers the credit of being the father of the war-time franchise act. If nothing better can be said for the late Minister of Public Works than responsibility for one of the most disgraceful measures that was ever placed upon the Canadian statutes, it is dishonor rather than honor which is his due.



SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

Mr. A. Foster of Boston is in the city today.

## MUST HANDLE TRAFFIC BY WAY OF FREDERICTON

Canada Eastern Roadbed from McGivney Junction Should be Improved—Hon. Mr. Carvell's Views.

St. John Telegraph:—Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, arrived in St. John on Saturday afternoon, the Montreal train being an hour late, and left for Woodstock in the evening. He was met by Stanley E. Elkin, M.P., and during the afternoon the minister had several conferences regarding matters in which St. John is interested.

Hon. Mr. Carvell had not seen Mayor Hayes but he said the government was ready to take over St. John harbor and he had no doubt terms would be arranged that would be fair to all concerned.

Mr. Carvell spoke strongly of the increased traffic that must come to this port over the railroads under government control. He pointed out that when a train is at McGivney it is only twenty-two miles farther away from St. John than Moncton. Therefore, he said, the road from McGivney to Fredericton must be put in condition to handle heavy trains to advantage. The Valley railway from Fredericton to St. John will be ready next summer and St. John will then have a short connection with the Transcontinental. The advantageous location of this port for export and import traffic, Mr. Carvell said, had never been properly recognized by the government railways.

The through trains like the Ocean Limited, will go over the Transcontinental next spring, and the minister said St. John would have trains making the connections at McGivney for mails and passengers. The minister was very outspoken with respect to St. John's rights to better treatment from the government lines. He regards a proper McGivney connection as the most important step in giving St. John the traffic which it should have because of the short haul its position affords, and he made it known that he would press vigorously for all necessary improvements of the line from McGivney to Fredericton.

When asked about the report that ships with Canadian invalid soldiers are to go to Portland Mr. Carvell said it was exceedingly improbable that Portland would be used for that purpose.

## PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL ASSASSINATED

Lisbon, Dec. 16—The body of Dr. Sidinio Paes, President of Portugal who was assassinated late on Saturday was taken today to the Bellem Palace to await the funeral ceremonies. Meanwhile, the Portuguese Government is continuing in office under Minister of Justice Castro, while both Chambers of the Parliament have been summoned to meet today to discuss jointly the question of a successor to the Presidency.

The whole capital was in mourning today with a deep-current of excitement among both military and civilians who are organizing parades in which the marchers call for vengeance for the crime. The government has issued an appeal to all public officials asking them to do everything possible to preserve order.

The assassin made sure of his aim. Dr. Paes was talking with a number of ministers at a railroad station here when the young man approached the group. He succeeded in reaching the side of Dr. Paes and drawing a pistol fired pointblank at the President.

Dr. Paes never regained consciousness.

The murderer was killed by the crowd, and another man suspected of complicity in the crime was arrested.

## GEN. SMUTS HAS RESIGNED FROM CABINET

London, Dec. 15—Lieut. General Smuts has resigned as member of the War Cabinet on the ground that the end of the war has terminated the need of his services, according to the Express.

Jan Christian Smuts was born and has long been a figure in the political life of South Africa. In January 1917 the British Government named him a member of the Imperial War Conference as representative of the Union of South Africa, and in June 1917, he entered the War Cabinet.

Mr. Byron Allen of Halifax arrived here this morning on a short visit and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen.

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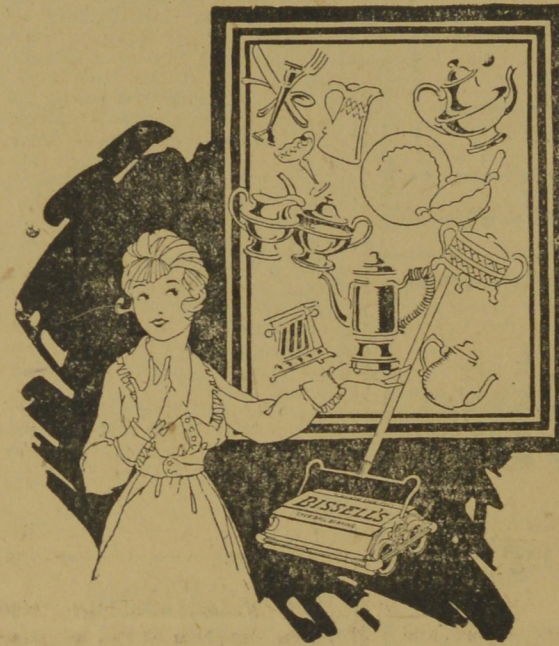
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## Died at Cranbrook

Duncan Nason a resident of Staples Settlement near Millville, died in St. Eugene hospital at Cranbrook, B. C. of pneumonia, following influenza, according to a telegram received by Mr. Elwood Burt today. The deceased went to British Columbia in September with the crew of men gathered by Mr. Burt to work on his logging operations in that province. The epidemic of influenza struck the crew hard but this is the first death recorded. Mr. Burt is making arrangements to have the body brought home for burial. The deceased is survived by a sister Mrs. Walter Campbell of Staples Settlement and by one brother Allan Nason of Caverhill.

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