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A LAME AUDIT ACT.

The wonderful Audit Act put on the statute books by the Hazen government seems to have been shot full of holes by the kindergarten politicians and subservient officials who handled the patriotic potato transaction for the old provincial government. The fake note for \$32,861 given by A. C. Smith & Co., bore the endorsement, "Province of New Brunswick, per William Crookshank, Deputy Provincial Treasurer," and after being discounted was entered on the books as a cash payment. Mr. J. B. Daggett, on behalf of the Agricultural Department, delegated to himself sufficient authority under the Audit Act to accept a draft by A. C. Smith & Co., on the province for the sum of \$10,000. Had the act been made of India rubber it could not have been found better suited to the financial juggling which was carried on in connection with the patriotic potato transaction. On another occasion Mr. Daggett was able to put through a settlement account for A. C. Smith & Co. to the extent of \$9,531. A check for that amount was issued by the Treasury Department in favor of A. C. Smith & Co., or the Bank of Montreal. This check, probably on the ground of urgency, was taken to the bank by Mr. Daggett and out of the proceeds he paid a personal note for \$5,077.50 endorsed by Mr. Geo. B. Jones, M.P.P. The balance of \$4,453.56, he deposited in his own name in a temporary account and forwarded a check for that amount to A. C. Smith & Co. It will thus be seen that while A. C. Smith & Co. rendered an account to the province of \$9,531 and a check for that amount was issued by the province in payment, only \$4,453.56 the proceeds reached the said firm. This very peculiar transaction was pulled off in spite of the Hazen Audit Act, which was to thoroughly safeguard the treasury of the province and make wrongdoing an impossibility.

Although Premier Foster and his colleagues were not then familiar with the horrible details which have since come to light in connection with the patriotic potato transaction, they at the last session of the Legislature placed on the statute books an Audit Act which will make financial juggling impossible in the future. Under this Act no minister of the crown or official has authority to sign a note or accept a draft on behalf of the province. Had the Hazen Audit Act contained such a provision and had some effort been made to live up to it, the loss to the province on the notorious patriotic potato transaction might have been considerably less than it turned out to be.

THE GERMAN GAME.

The German government in its reply to President Wilson's note, pretends to agree to the peace terms which the President laid down in his speech of January 8th. It now declares itself ready, in accordance with the government of Austria-Hungary, in order to bring about an armistice, to comply with the President's proposition in regard to the evacuation of France and Belgium. The German Chancellor, in making his peace proposals claims to be acting on behalf of the German government as well as the German people, and the great majority of the members of the Reichstag. London newspapers declare that it is the view in exceptionally well-informed circles that no question of armistice will be seriously considered without accompanying naval and military guarantees that Germany is not only ready to sheathe the sword, but that she is absolutely powerless to resume hostilities. The London Times points out that "the fourteen items which Germany now accepts contain no specific provision for any single one of the manifold crimes and atrocities of German invasion and occupation, nor do they make any reference to the argument of the master criminals who inspired the organized atrocities."

The call for an armistice by Germany at this time is nothing more than a miserable Hun trick. Beaten

on every front, they are finding their position desperate and are trying to put one over on the Allies. No proposition from the Huns which does not unmistakably mean unconditional surrender should be seriously considered by the Allied nations.

PERSONAL.

Mr. S. B. Ebbett, manager of the N. B. Telephone Exchange at Moncton spent the holiday at his home here. His friends will be glad to learn that his health is greatly improved.
 Mr. D. J. Gulliver of Douglastown was in the city yesterday.
 Mrs. A. D. Talmage of Boston is visiting relatives in the city.
 Mr. H. H. MacMichael of St. John is at the Barker House.
 Mr. W. F. James, R. A. F. of Toronto was in the city yesterday.
 Mr. W. H. Angus of Toronto was at the Barker House yesterday.
 Mr. S. T. Coates of Amherst was in the city yesterday.
 Mr. E. B. Seeley of St. John is at the Barker House today.
 Mr. Fred W. Nesbit of St. John is in the city today.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

No sooner had we opened the door than in flu Enza.

The Hun wants peace—and he wants what he wants when he wants it.

The kaiser, of course, isn't even mentioned in the peace proposal.

If a woman admits she snores, you can safely believe anything she says.

The "flu" cannot be of Spanish birth. It works much too rapidly.

As long as a gown isn't too small, a woman can build herself up to fit it.

After sizing up his neighbors a man ceases to worry about his own inferiority.

No, Mr. Simpson, there is no law which prevents you from firing at a partridge if the partridge attacks you.

It is not in evidence yet that B. Franklin Smith dove down into his jeans and helped make good the loss on the patriotic potatoes.

It now transpires that was plain "Wm. Tompson" who sent the \$33,000 to Mr. Sumner, the English style of dropping the "h" having been adopted for the occasion.

You may feel sometimes that you are growing tired of so much war news, the papers being full of it day after day. But how do you suppose German readers feel?

It hasn't been actually stated that the schooner load of overripe potatoes which Brother Daggett shipped to Cuba in 1915 was a decoy cargo intended to destroy a U-boat; but we mustn't give away naval secrets.

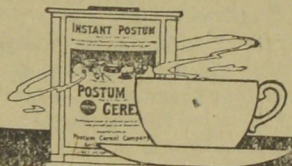
BAD FIRE AT WOODSTOCK

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disappeared on account of only being able to work from one side, as the rear of the building is on the river.

It is understood that a small insurance was carried by all the sufferers. The rate in this locality is excessive, thus explaining the small insurance carried. The water pressure was excellent and ten streams were continually kept on the burning area.

The loss, which will be adjusted this week, is roughly estimated at \$35,000.



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OBITUARY

Late Nursing Sister A. Alpaugh
 The death occurred on Saturday of Nursing Sister Agnes Alpaugh at the Convalescent Home. The deceased had been ill for some time with the so-called Spanish Influenza and finally succumbed to it. She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alpaugh of St. Johns, Quebec, and by one brother and one sister. A short service was held by Rev. Dean Neales at 4.30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The remains were then carried to the train to be taken to St. John's, Quebec for burial. The Nursing Sisters and the G. W. V. A. with the Fredericton Brass Band escorted the body to the train.

Late Sergeant R. Richards
 The death occurred on Saturday at the Convalescent Home of Quartermaster Sergeant Roland Richards. Sergeant Richards has been ill for some time with the Spanish Influenza which proved fatal. He is survived by his parents in England, by three brothers William of Ripples, Walter and James in England and by his wife and one sister Mrs. Harry Butler. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at three o'clock, the body being buried with military honors in the Rural Cemetery. The G. W. V. A. and the Fredericton Brass Band marched with the body to the Cemetery. A short service was held by Rev. Canon Cowie. The floral tributes presented by the patients of the Convalescent Home were many and beautiful.

Late William A. Patterson
 The funeral of the late William A. Patterson took place from his late home on Woodstock Road on Sunday. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon Cowie, interment being made at the Rural Cemetery.

Late Mrs. Mary J. Wetmore
 The death of Mrs. Mary J. Wetmore occurred at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. Percy Edgecombe, Fredericton, Saturday evening after a few days' illness at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Wetmore was the widow of C. P. Wetmore at one time a resident of St. John, but later resident of Boston where he died some years ago. She was on a visit in this city. About a week ago she was stricken with jaundice, followed by other complications which resulted in her death. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Dykeman, Main Street, St. John, Mrs. Woodbury, Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Nobles, Mattapaw, Mass.; also one son, B. O. Wetmore and two daughters Mrs. W. V. Fletcher and Mrs. Harry Upham, Boston, who, with Mrs. Nobles were at her bedside when she passed away. The body was taken to Hatfield Point where interment was made. Rev. J. D. Wetmore of Fredericton Junction, a relative of the deceased conducted the service.

Late Mrs. Martha Gilmore
 Service for the late Mrs. Martha Gilmore was held at the late home on Regent Street by Rev. Dean Neales yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The body was taken to Lower Queensbury where interment was made in the Cliff Cemetery.

Late Mrs. Catherine Melick
 The body of the late Mrs. Catherine Melick arrived on the noon train from Philadelphia yesterday accompanied by her two sons Herbert and Frank. The funeral took place from the train interment being made at the Hermitage.

Death at Enniskillen
 Charles Burns of Enniskillen passed away Friday after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, Evelyn, Florence, Ethel and Pearl and by six brothers, John and Mark of New Hampshire, Michael of Bangor, Thomas of Belleville, Ont., George at home, and Patrick in Fredericton, and by one sister, Mrs. Geo. Jarvis also of this city. The funeral took place Monday morning at nine o'clock, Rev. Father Hannigan conducting the service.

Late Percy L. Alexander
 Many friends in the province will hear with deep regret of the death of Percy L. Alexander, which occurred suddenly at Fredericton Junction on Saturday. The deceased who was formerly employed in the C. P. R. office at McAdam, was afterwards chief clerk in the superintendent's office at Brownville Junction, Me., and last spring received an appointment in the office of the assistant general manager at Montreal. About two weeks ago he came east to visit his parents at Fredericton Junction, during his vacation. He contracted influenza, ap-

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parently recovered and was out, and about when he suffered a relapse and died shortly. The deceased was about thirty-four years of age, and besides his parents, leaves his wife and two children who are now at Fredericton Junction and suffering from the same dread disease of which he was a victim. Two brothers are overseas and one is a member of the 9th Siege battery.

Died at Noon Today

Miss Bessie Parsons passed away at her home Brunswick Street at noon after a week's illness from pleuro pneumonia. Miss Parsons was for some years the head of the glove department in the store of the F. B. Edgecombe Co. She was twenty-six years of age and is survived by her parents Sergeant and Mrs. John H. Parsons of this city, three brothers Edward in France, and John and Alden at home and by two sisters Dorothy at home and Mrs. Frank Brown of Fredericton. Two brothers, William and John have been killed in France in the last fourteen months. The funeral will take place at 3.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. J. J. Colter conducting the service. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

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