

# THE DAILY MAIL

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## SOME POLITICAL HISTORY.

A writer in the Toronto Saturday Night corrects some "historic inaccuracies" in an article contributed to the same paper by Prof. MacMechan, of Dalhousie College, incidentally throws some sidelights on the political history of Canada. In referring to the National Policy, he tells the following interesting story in regard to its origin:

"It is a well known historical fact that Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper had been, and were, in the early days of Confederation, intellectually free traders or low tariff men, and that when Sir Richard Cartwright, as Finance Minister, introduced his budget speech in the last session under the Mackenzie administration, a moderate increase in the tariff was expected in order to provide additional revenue for the steadily increasing Dominion expenditure. So confident were they that this course would be taken that Sir Charles Tupper, as the financial critic of the opposition, came down to the House loaded up to the hilt with the facts and figures and calculations required for a low tariff speech against the administration. That was their policy up to five o'clock when Sir Richard finished his budget speech. Sir Chas. Tupper was unprepared for this unexpected situation, and as a personal favor to him it was agreed to call it 'six o'clock' and adjourn for dinner. But Sir Charles did not dine. He devoted the two hours intervening to the preparation of a speech on a completely different line of policy, with new figures and new calculations.

"Figures do not lie, of course, but Sir Charles on this occasion surprised the most dexterous Japanese juggler in handling figures in support of a high tariff policy which shortly grew like a green bay tree into the famous N. P. These statements are not made in any way as a condemnation of Sir Charles Tupper. His skill and dexterity deserved and received recognition and it was cordially accorded him.

"It has been claimed with much justification that the actual originator of the National Policy was the late John Maclean of Hamilton and Toronto, father of W. F. Maclean, M. P., editor of the Toronto World. The elder Maclean was a sturdy Scot and a zealous and industrious advocate of high protection, long before Sir John Macdonald thought of taking it up. In fact, it was only adopted as an emergency weapon, and proved effective. The story is an interesting one, but too long to go into here."

With reference to prohibition legislation, an Ottawa despatch intimates that it is the intention of the Federal government to pass the buck to the several provinces. A resolution which has been placed on the order paper makes it clear that the government has accepted as a principle that legislation as to the sale of liquor falls within the purview of the provinces themselves. The manufacture of beer of prescribed strength will be permitted in Quebec, but it cannot be exported to any other province. No provision has been made for a nation-wide plebiscite on prohibition.

Fredericton heartily welcomes the return of the gallant boys who served overseas with the 4th and 6th siege batteries. The corps with which they were identified made a proud record in the battle waged on behalf of civilization, and nobly upheld the honor of New Brunswick and Canada. No finer lot of young men left this province for European battlefields than those which Fredericton sent to help swell the ranks of the 4th and 6th siege batteries. In faithfully discharging the duty which fell to their lot, they did exactly what everybody knew they would do.

British bankers are considering favorably a scheme to float a loan for the purpose of financial assistance to the devastated districts of France and Belgium, and possibly also to smaller European countries, the London Daily Mail says. The idea comes from Am-

erican sources, it is added, and an American banker is in London discussing the scheme.

A London cable announces that the Dutch government has decided to surrender the ex-Kaiser to the Allied and associated powers. The ex-Kaiser has been living quietly in Holland since the day preceeding the signing of the armistice. In a recent interview he declared that the responsibility for the world war rested with Russia.

The Prince of Wales is to be asked to accept a silver loving cup subscribed for by members of the mess with which he was associated during his seven months' stay with the Canadian forces in France. Everyone connected with the mess, even the waiters, are included among the subscribers.

In preparing to try the ex-Kaiser for "a supreme offence against international morality and the sanctity of treaties," will it be possible, asks the Boston Transcript, to find enough men for a jury who haven't read the papers and formed an opinion regarding the matter?

New York World: It's a topsy-turvy world. While a Jersey City girl is demanding \$100,000 for a plunge from an upper berth of a Pullman car, police here are kept busy on the alert to prevent people from diving off the Brooklyn bridge for nothing at all but the resultant bath and excitement.

The announcement is made that the Woodstock Agricultural Society will hold their exhibition from September 9th to 12th inclusive. Buildings are to be erected at Connell Park at a total cost of \$30,000.

**THROUGH OUR SIEVE**

Those Atlantic flyers are waiting for the beginning of a perfect day.

Spring, sweet, pink and redolent of fragrant bloom, will come back, She always does.

What, by the way, has become of Constantine, brother-in-law of the ex-kaiser?

When Byron wrote of music's "voluptuous swell" he had never been jazzed.

It takes the pain of today to prove to some people that they were happy yesterday.

Come now, own up, if you intended flying across the Atlantic, wouldn't you wait for perfect weather.

Were he alive now Alexander would be no more than near-great. He selected the right time to make a reputation.

Bolshevism is believed to be tottering with nothing to show for its rampage but a reduction of population.

"To succeed in politics," remarked the man on the car, "the simplest way is to fool the people all the time and appeal to them some of the time."

The man we envy is the chap who is so constituted that he never has to re-open an envelope he has just addressed and sealed in order to insert the inclosure.

"Fume or death" might have made a thrilling little war cry before the world had more war than was good for it. "Give us peace!" is the most productive goose-pimple raiser now.

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**LATE ALLISON EDGECOMBE**  
Largely Attended Funeral Sunday—G. W. V. A. Attended in Body and Furnished Pall-bearers.

The funeral of the late Allison Edgcombe took place yesterday afternoon from the late home of the deceased on George Street and was very largely attended. Service was conducted at the house by Rev. G. M. Young and the Methodist choir rendered several favorite hymns of the deceased. The mourners were Clarence Edgcombe, Darrell Phillips, F. B. Edgcombe, A. G. Edgcombe, Norman Edgcombe, John Edgcombe, Charles N. MacCunn, Fred P. Hatt, George Currie, John Neill, William VanWart, H. R. Babbitt, Harry C. Mackey, J. P. Farrell, Thomas Fowler, Fred Barnes, W. P. Keenan and Charles Ross. The pall-bearers were chosen from the G. W. V. A. The Fredericton Brass Band led the funeral cortege followed by the G. W. V. A. At the grave the "last post" was sounded. The floral tributes were many and beautiful attesting to the esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends.

## HEARTY WELCOME GIVEN RETURNING ARTILLERYMEN

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Siege Battery. He is a son of Mrs. Blanche Hart of this city.

**Gnr. Bertram Stevenson**  
Gnr. Bertram Stevenson is a son of Mrs. Annie Stevenson Argyle Street. He enlisted when only fourteen years of age in the 9th Heavy Siege Battery. He was transferred to the 4th Battery and went to France. His father Sapper H. L. Stevenson is still overseas with the Engineers and was awarded the Military Medal.

**Sgt. Harry Russel D. C. M.**  
Sergt. Harry Russell, D. C. M. enlisted with the 23rd Battery in 1914 and went overseas in February 1915. He was transferred to the 22nd Battery of the 6th Brigade and was wounded in September, 1918, and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

**Bdr. John H. McCollum**  
Bdr. McCollum enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery in the summer of 1916. At the time of enlistment he was Chief of Police of Fredericton. He rose to the rank of Battery Sergeant Major and went overseas in 1917. In 1918 he was transferred to the 12th Siege Battery and was wounded while serving with the battery in September of 1918. He is also a veteran of the South African War.

**Gnr. William A. Gibson**  
Gnr. Gibson enlisted in 1916 in the 9th Siege Battery. He went overseas in 1917 and was transferred to France serving with several batteries and finally joining the 4th Siege Battery. He saw about two years' heavy service and came through it without being wounded. He is a son of Mrs. W. A. Gibson of Fredericton.

**Gnr. Raeburn Hawkins**  
Gnr. Raeburn Hawkins enlisted in 1916 with the 9th Siege Battery. In 1917 he went to France. He went to Germany with the army of occupation. He is a son of Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins of this city.

**Bdr. John L. Brewer**  
Bdr. John L. Brewer enlisted with the 8th Siege Battery and was later transferred to the 5th Battery. He was shellshocked once. He is a son of Mrs. Lemuel Brewer of this city.

**Gnr. Gregory Bridges**  
Gnr. Gregory Bridges is a son of Dr. and Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges and was in his Junior year at the University of New Brunswick at the time of enlistment in the 9th Siege Battery. He was with the 7th Battery in France and was wounded at Cambrai. Later he was transferred to the 6th Battery.

**Gnr. Darrel Steeves**  
Gnr. Darrel Steeves is a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Steeves. He enlisted in November 1916 with the 9th Siege Battery and after spending six weeks in England was transferred to the 8th Canadian Battery in France. He was wounded while serving with the 8th Battery and was admitted to hospital. Later, on returning to action he was gassed and in 1918 he was wounded again. He was with the army of occupation in Germany.

**Gnr. Gordon Osborne**  
Gnr. Gordon Osborne is a son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. J. Osborne. He enlisted in the 9th Siege Battery early in 1917 and was later transferred to the 10th Siege Battery. While serving with the 10th he was wounded. His father went overseas with the 55th Battalion and one brother Capt. Hubert Osborne was killed while serving with the Flying Corps.

**Gnr. Thomas Chapman**  
Gnr. Thos. Chapman enlisted in 1916 with the 7th Siege Battery and was later transferred to the 4th Siege Battery. While in France he held the rank of signaller. He was once gassed but never wounded. He is a son of Mr. Thos. Chapman.

**Gnr. Albert McElveny**  
Gnr. Albert McElveny enlisted in 1917 with the 9th Siege Battery and went to France in 1918 being transferred to the 12th Siege Battery. Prior to his enlistment he was employed with R. Chestnut & Son. One brother Earl is still overseas. Another brother Lee succumbed to Spanish Influenza while a member of the R. A. F.

**Corp. Clarence Jewett**  
Corp. Clarence Jewett enlisted in 1916 with the 9th Siege Battery and went over with a draft of the battery in the winter of 1917 crossing to France in March. He was transferred to the 11th Siege Battery in France and was gassed about a month before the armistice was signed. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jewett.

**Gnr. Adrian B. Gilbert**  
Gnr. Gilbert enlisted in 1917 with the 9th Siege Battery. He went overseas in December and crossed to France in March 1918. Here he was transferred to the 12th Siege Battery. He graduated from the U. N. B. in 1916 and was for a time principal of the St. Stephen High School.

**Gnr. Charles Jewett**  
Gnr. Charles Jewett enlisted with the 4th Siege Battery in 1915. At the (Continued on page 5.)

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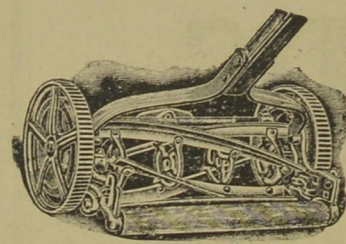
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## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 12.—The success of the Victory loan afforded the basis for a further advance of prices at the opening of today's market, although the gains were extremely moderate in comparison with last week's sensational movements.

## LOCAL NEWS

### An Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Lint are being congratulated on the arrival last Saturday of a baby boy.

**Had Liquor in His Possession**  
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