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THAT MINORITY REPORT.

Had the Legislature taken any other course than it adopted on Thursday night in regard to the so-called "minority report" of the Public Accounts Committee, which B. Frank Smith and those other royal commission heroes, J. K. Pinder and George B. Jones, endeavored to have placed on the records, it would have made itself ridiculous for all time to come.

The action of Speaker Hetherington in ruling out Mr. Smith's motion was in accordance with the rules of parliamentary practice as laid down by Bourinot, and even if such were not the case the average layman will readily concede that his decision was based on common sense, was in keeping with the dignity of the Legislature and manifestly in the public interests.

Can human imagination conceive of such an exhibition of colossal nerve as was disclosed by the spectacle of Mr. B. Frank Smith standing up in the Legislature and on behalf of himself and those other eminent purists, Mr. J. K. Pinder and Mr. George B. Jones, finding fault with the system of accounting employed by the Comptroller General, and accusing the government of following loose business methods. It was not much wonder that Mr. Baxter earlier in the day, knowing what his friend Mr. Smith had planned to stage in the evening, was moved to expatiate on the masterpieces of Gilbert and Sullivan in the comic opera line. Indeed, "Pinafore" and the "Pirates of Penzance," cited by the ex-Attorney General would have been knocked completely over the ropes and off the stage had Pinder and the Patriotic Potato pirates been given an opportunity to put on their little stunt during the closing hours of the Legislative session. That they did not get the opportunity was due to the alertness of that veteran parliamentarian Hon. C. W. Robinson, who called attention to the irregularity of the proceedings and raised a point of order which was sustained by Speaker Hetherington. The course adopted was the proper one and will be appreciated by a discerning and intelligent public.

In this connection it might be said that the methods employed by Messrs. Smith, Pinder and Jones in the handling of public business and public funds are already a matter of record, having been very fully set forth by three separate royal commissioners. They are methods which the people of the province do not want to see practiced in connection with the conduct of public affairs, so the Legislature on that ground alone was fully justified in giving their proposals a short shrift and adopting the Public Accounts Committee's report as signed by the chairman and a majority of the members of the committee.

The financial methods which Messrs. Smith, Pinder and Jones are known to favor were practiced by the old government to the great detriment of the province. The present government pledged itself to do business on different lines and is honestly endeavoring to carry out that pledge in the interests of the province.

Hon. Mr. Robinson voiced the sentiments of the great majority of the members of the House Thursday evening when he declared that the St. John power bill was a matter on which all, apart from the St. John representatives, would prefer to have nothing to do. The Legislature at the time had under consideration a bill dealing with the dispute between the city and the company which had been so carved up in committee that it was satisfactory to nobody. To have passed such a bill would have meant a return trip next year of the conflicting interests. It was therefore good policy on the part of the Legislature to transfer the troublesome question to the Supreme Court for a decision. The court has plenty of time to wrestle with the intricate problems which enter into the case and the lawyers will not object to the opportunity given them to earn some fat fees.

The session of the Legislature which has closed, while it lasted just six weeks and two days was undoubtedly one of the most strenuous since Confederation. Excepting the week-end adjournments there was only one night during the entire session that the House did not hold a sitting. It rarely adjourned before eleven o'clock and quite frequently sat until after midnight. It is not surprising under the circumstances that the members should be looking after an increased indemnity.

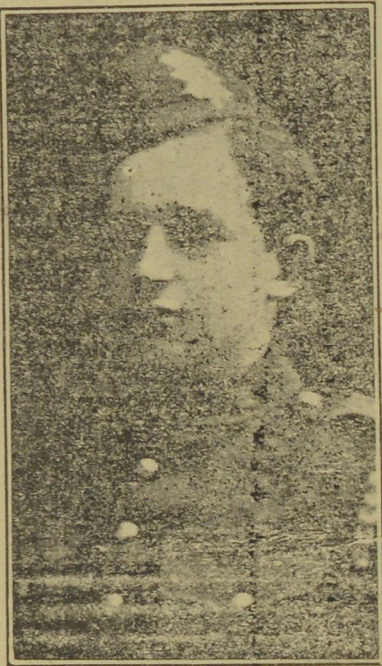
In publishing the minority report of the Committee on Public Accounts which Mr. P. Frank Smith tried unsuccessfully to get before the House the Gleaner, was wise enough to omit the names attached to it. The Standard however trotted them out thereby spoiling the whole case for the three Royal Commission heroes who would reform the bookkeeping methods of the province.

MANY RETURNED SOLDIERS ARE ON THE OLYMPIC

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Pte. W. McF. Burden

Pte. Walter McF. Burden is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Burden of this city. He enlisted and left for Valcartier with the first draft from the 71st York Regiment in 1914. He went overseas with the 12th Battalion and was



Pte. Walter McF. Burden

transferred to the 13th Highlanders early in 1915. At the second battle of Ypres he was wounded and taken prisoner. He has spent over three years and a half in German prison camps and has received very rough treatment. He was repatriated from Holland to England early this year and has since been in hospital for some time.

Gnr. J. G. Boyd, M. M.

Gunner J. G. Boyd M. M. is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Boyd of this city. He enlisted with the 24th Battery in this city and went overseas in February 1915. He was transferred to the 12th Battery and then finally to the 1st Battery with which he was serving when the armistice was signed. He was wounded and taken to London England until he was able to get back to duty again. He is a Military Medalist.

Small Cadet Corps

The Normal School Cadet Corps has been drilling for the past few mornings under the competent direction of Mr. A. S. McFarlane. Although the number of male students in the Normal School is very small Mr. McFarlane expects to have a cadet corps of some eighteen young men which will try hard to fill in the customary first place awarded to that corps.

Services Largely Attended

The services of Evangelist J. Ritchie Bell of Montreal in Devon were very successful and attracted large audiences. The series was brought to a close yesterday by a service in the afternoon in the Temperance Hall, Neill Street. Evangelist Bell has labored for some weeks in Marysville and Devon with the result that there has been a marked increase of interest in matters religious.

Leaving for Scotland

Mr. W. J. Smith A. R. C. O. who has been choirmaster and organist of Christchurch Cathedral and musical instructor of the Provincial Normal School for five years, will leave for St. John tomorrow to go aboard the S. S. Minnedosa by which he, his wife and little daughter Isabel will sail for England and Scotland where they will spend three months. During the absence of Mr. Smith, Miss Elsie Stopford will be organist at the Cathedral.

MARYSVILLE SOLDIERS ARE AT HALIFAX

Corp. Harry Hatch and Signaller Jack Arnold—Several Spent Easter Vacation at Marysville.

Marysville, April 21—Misses Stella M. Clayton and Bessie McIntyre left this morning on a visit to St. John.

Miss Edith G. Dennison of the teaching staff of the Campbellton school is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Dennison.

Word has been received here of the arrival of two Marysville boys at Halifax. They are Corporal Harry Hatch and Signaller Jack Arnold. Both young men have seen considerable service and will be warmly welcomed home by their many friends.

Mr. F. W. Walker of the staff of the Bank of Montreal St. John is visiting his parents Coun. and Mrs. J. W. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Titus of Campbellton are visiting relatives here. Miss Stella Osborne who has been undergoing treatment at the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium has returned home.

Several persons were admitted to membership at the Methodist Church last evening.

Mr. Judson Bettle of St. John is the guest of Mayor Stafford and family.

Misses Myrtle Higgins and Kathleen Daley have returned from a visit to relatives at Milltown and St. Stephen. A dance will be held at the Dawson Club rooms this evening by the gentlemen members of the club.

MEMORIAL DAY AT SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S., April 21—About two hundred veterans on Sunday afternoon participated in the first memorial day church parade ever held in this city. The memorial sermon was preached by Lieut. Colonel John Pringle, the famous "Missionary of the Yukon" who lost a son at the front and was overseas himself for four years.

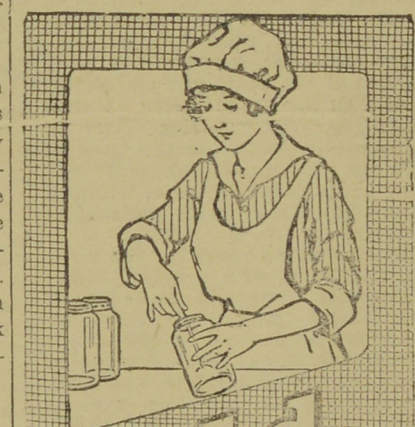
THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Now comes the open season for killing the peach crop.

A few more defeats on the eastern front will turn Trotsky into Limpsky.

Just a few days more and a flying trip across the Atlantic may have seemed to be merely a flight of fancy.

In this day and age, the sooner the bride begins to cook the sooner the honeymoon with bump the bumps.



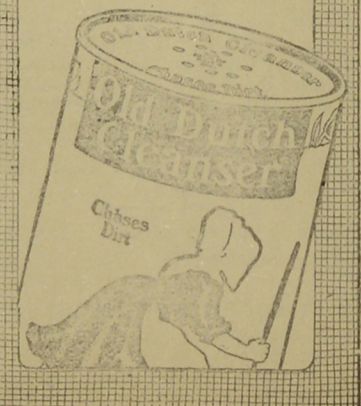
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"All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in South Enniskillen, in the Parish of Petersville, County of Queens and Province of New Brunswick, mentioned and described in the deed thereof from James Donovan and Eunice Donovan his wife to Patrick Burns as 'All that certain piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in South Enniskillen, in the Parish, County and Province aforesaid, and bounded as follows, namely, commencing at a spruce tree along the side of the road leading to Friendship Hill; thence running south along said road till it strikes the north line of land owned by Daniel Sweeney; thence west until it strikes the east line of land owned by Patrick Byrnes Senior; thence north until it strikes the south line of land occupied by John Byrnes Senior; thence east along said line and to the corner of said land; thence north along the east line of said John Burns, Senior's land, till it strikes the south line of lands owned by William O'Neill; thence east along said line to the place of beginning, containing eighty-five acres more or less."

Possession given at once.

Dated April 5th, 1919.

JOHN P. BURNS.

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Sydney, N. S., April 21—Charged with a serious offense against a girl of fifteen with whom it is alleged his relations have been illegal since she was eleven years old, Michael Nicholson was arrested on Friday at North Sydney and is being held for trial. The accused is forty and the girl is his ward.

Are You Moving May 1st? Telephone subscribers who intend moving on or about May 1st, are requested to advise the New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd., of the change at once, using the move order form on the last leaf of the Telephone Directory. The New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd., Carleton street.

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