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BRITAIN'S DRINK BILL.

The "drink" bill of Great Britain has always been one of the greatest, if not the greatest, burden of the nation. Yet it is somewhat startling to read in the report issued by the secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance, that not only has it not declined during the war years, but, on the contrary, has shown a considerable increase. According to this review, which is accepted as authoritative, the British people spent during the years of war the enormous sum of five billion dollars!

This is a staggering figure. It is said to be a sum sufficient to meet one eighth of Britain's whole war bill; that is to say, the expenditure on drink in the United Kingdom would have lifted from the shoulders of the nation one-eighth of its whole expenditure for war purposes. This does not mean necessarily that there has been a larger consumption. It does mean, however, that an inferior article has been bought at an enormously enhanced price.

The consumption measured in terms of absolute alcohol, we are told, has fallen since 1915 in the United Kingdom by 60 per cent., but the Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance shows that the expenditure on drink is more than 50 per cent greater than in any year before the war. How the consumer was exploited by this system of inferior commodity and enhanced price is evidenced from the case of beer, which accounts for 72 per cent of all the alcohol taken in the old country. By dilution and increase in price the brewers last year not only met the additional war taxation, but added no less than ninety million dollars to their profits.

Those who attended a special performance at the Gaiety theatre last evening must have been impressed with the wonderful views of Canadian scenery which were shown. The exhibit was in charge of Mr. B. E. Norrish of the publicity branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, who visited the province on the invitation of Premier Foster. All will be glad to know that arrangements have been made to have similar views taken of New Brunswick's scenic attractions and natural resources. The movies provide an up to date method of advertising which cannot be surpassed.

As Mr. B. Frank Smith is to have considerable to say in the House this afternoon and evening, it is to be hoped he will take his fellow members into his confidence and tell them what became of that check for \$2,400 which he claims to have forwarded to the Agricultural Department to make good the shortage on his shipments of patriotic potatoes. Mr. Smith told his constituents in a public address that he had forwarded the check as soon as he had learned of the shortage, but there is no record of it ever having reached the department.

Mr. Melanson, one of the energetic young members for Kent, contributed a good speech to the budget debate in the House last evening. Although not as well versed in the use of the English language as some of the other Acadian members, Mr. Melanson is remarkably well posted on provincial affairs, and has no difficulty in finding the weak spots in the enemy's armor. He gave the opposition members a rather uncomfortable half hour in the House last evening.

Although opposition orators and newspapers have much to say these days about an alleged "party fund," it is to be noted that when the old party needed money to help it out of a tight place, they had to call upon Mr. F. W. Sumner of Moncton to put it up. The party fund from which the potato shortage was met did not come into existence until the Valley Railway contract was let to the Nova Scotia Construction Company.

Mr. B. F. Smith seems to labor under the belief that had he joined the

old local government a little earlier in his career, his extensive knowledge of statecraft might have been the means of staving off the disaster that overtook the administration in February, 1917. Certain other Tory politicians do not share Mr. Smith's views and make bold to say that he was the Jonah who put the old ship of state on the rocks.

The New Brunswick Power Company's bill, based on the report of a committee of investigation, was introduced in the Legislature this week. The bill seems to be a sort of waif, and does not appear to have many friends on either side of the House.

The Liberals of Canada will meet in convention at Ottawa early in August to select a leader in succession to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to adopt a national platform.

PROMINENT MILLVILLE MAN PASSES AWAY

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 years of strenuous service was killed in action just before the armistice was signed. Miss Jean Hallett, accountant for G. T. Whelpley is a niece. There are also two brothers and two sisters viz. James Hallett of Millville, Robert of Island View, Mrs. Walter Hay of Hartland and Mrs. William Nason of Southampton.

A Proud Record

The late Mr. Hallett was in the city a fortnight ago, and while here paid the Daily Mail a pleasant call. In speaking of the great war he made the statement that he thought he had done as much to assist the Empire's cause in a practical way as any man in the county of York. Here is the way he put it:

"Two of my boys went overseas at the beginning of the war and another followed at a later date making three in all. My son Arden after four years of hard service was killed in action a few days before the armistice was signed. I will never see him again but, I am anxiously looking forward to the return of the others."

"Although I had difficulty in getting help last year I raised on my farm 125 tons of hay, 1100 bushels of oats, 70 bushels of wheat, 1100 barrels of potatoes and 250 bushels of buckwheat. Besides that I kept 35 head of cattle and 10 horses. I consider that a very good showing for a man with three sons at the front."

"Besides my farm you know I have carried on lumbering operations for years. Last winter I got out two million feet of lumber for the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Company. I have cut as high as six million feet in other winters, but did not operate as extensively last winter."

The above briefly sets forth Mr. Hallett's record of achievement during the war, and it is one which did him great credit, and of which his relatives have every reason to be proud.

The late Mr. Hallett in politics was a staunch Liberal and for years was one of the most ardent workers for his party in the district where he resided. He was a strong supporter of the present provincial government.

Death at North Devon

The death occurred at North Devon this morning of Patrick Verna LeRoy Gilbert the infant son of Mr. William Gilbert. The deceased was but four months of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, interment being made at Sunnybank Cemetery. Rev. G. W. Fisher conducted the service.

Held Successful Tea

The W. C. T. U. held a very successful tea in aid of the Maritime Home for Girls, Truro, N. S. at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Chapman on St. John Street yesterday afternoon, over \$70 being realized. Mrs. John Kilburn and Mrs. M. L. Stevenson poured. The color effect of the rooms was yellow and white.

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FORESTRY CONFERENCE HAD DINNER

ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT WINDSOR HALL

Addresses by the Minister of Lands and Mines and Others—Chief Forester Leavitt.

The third session of the Forestry Conference was held at the County Court House this morning.

The meeting opened shortly after nine o'clock when G. H. Prince, who acted as chairman introduced Clyde Leavitt, Chief Forester of the Conservation Commission, Ottawa.

Mr. Leavitt's Address

Mr. Leavitt gave a very interesting and instructive address on railway fire protection and locomotive inspection, in which he pointed out the system of fire inspection as carried out by railways under the jurisdiction of the Board of Railways not under the Board, and explained the fire protection appliances used on locomotives.

H. J. Craig of the Maine Forest Service followed with an interesting and instructive address on fire protection in the State of Maine giving description of the look out towers in use, numbering sixty in all, and method of detecting and fighting fire.

J. D. Brule manager of the Southern St. Lawrence Forest Protective Association described the work carried on by his Association in Quebec.

Harry Allen, President of the New Brunswick Guide's Association gave an interesting lecture with moving pictures of the Big Game Animals of New Brunswick.

Dinner Last Night

The Forest Service dinner was held at Windsor Hall last evening when sixty-two Rangers and Game Wardens and their guests sat down to a very satisfactory dinner provided by the Hotel management.

Minister of Lands

The dinner was entirely informal and was presided over by Col. T. G. Loggie. Hon. E. A. Smith, Minister of Lands and Mines was present and made a very earnest and sincere address. He complimented the Rangers on the work they have done, and pointed out that now the work of scaling was nearly done they should give close attention to fire protection.

Other Addresses

Clyde Leavitt, Chief Forester of the Conservation Commission made a brief address complimenting New Brunswick on her splendid organization which he claimed was in advance of any other in Canada.

W. Harry Allen, President of the Guide's Association of New Brunswick was called on, and gave some very interesting data expressing the sincere sympathy and co-operation of the guides in game protection.

The Rangers showed their appreciation by giving three rousing cheers for Hon. E. A. Smith and also for members of the staff, Col. T. G. Loggie, G. H. Prince, L. A. Gagnon and A. T. Murchie.

Among the guests were the following: C. L. Tracey, and R. A. McFadden of the N. B. Ry. Co. J. D. Tothill of the Dominion Entomological Branch and H. J. Craig of Bingham, Maine.

The thanks of the Rangers are due to J. Harold McMurray, Secretary of the Guide's Association who arranged for music for the dinner.

Mr. F. W. Laskey of Montreal is in the city today.
 Dr. George C. Melvin of St. John is at the Queen today.

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Mr. M. Alexander of Ottawa is registered at the Queen Hotel today.

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