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COLONEL SAM HUGHES

"You could clip from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 off the militia expenditure without decreasing the efficiency of the militia. Of course, you cannot allow all these joy rides and trips; you cannot allow all this inspection trips in private cars; you cannot allow these large entourages to go all through Europe, it is true you will have to decrease some of the headquarters staff and the gold lace and gold fringe will have to be curtailed, but you can save the money if you want to."—Mr. Hugh Guthrie, Liberal member for South Wellington, Ontario, in the House of Commons on June 1, 1914.

"So long as I am Minister of Militia, the private car is going to remain; so far as I am concerned, I am going to travel in a private car up and down this country. . . . Whether it is militia business or the grand lodge, I propose to travel in a private car. There is no gold lace going to be cut off—not a particle of it. . . . I purpose extending these drill halls throughout the length and breadth of the country. If I had my proper allowance (of the country's revenue) for expenditure of the militia, I would have \$17,000,000." This is Colonel Hughes' reply and the Borden Government applauded him for it.

Already Colonel Hughes has practically doubled the expenditure for military purposes since he took office. He has surrounded himself with gold lace, fuss and feathers. He has spent millions on unnecessary drill halls. He has cost the country thousands on thousands more of dollars by travelling through Europe with an automobile brigade of officers on a junketting trip and by prte car trips in Canada almost without number. Now he declares emphatically that none of the gold lace is to be cut off, that the expenditure on unnecessary military buildings is to be continued, that he should spend annually not \$7,000,000, as was spent by the Liberals in their last year of power, and not the \$14,000,000 or \$15,000,000 which he proposes to use this year for military purposes, but no less in a single year than \$17,000,000 of almost double the amount which the Government proposes to spend for agriculture in the next ten years. More than this, he has the audacity to declare that he proposes to use to take him to Orange lodge meetings, the private car for which the people of Canada pay!

This is the incredible position taken by the Minister of Militia, and it is taken apparently with the approval of the Prime Minister. Millions are being squandered by Colonel Hughes for his own pleasure and the gratification of his ambitions at the War Lord of Canada. Many more millions are to be squandered for the same purpose if Colonel Hughes and the other Ministers are allowed their way. What the people get from it all is one thing, and one thing only. They foot the bills.

There is nothing like competition and they certainly have lots of it on the St. John-Grand Lake steamship route. The steamers Elaine and May Queen, owned by rival concerns, are now serving this route. When the May Queen had this route all to herself the company owning her went into liquidation, so it is a little difficult to see how she is going to be much of a money making proposition under present conditions.

The Halifax Chronicle thinks that a good many people who have been watching the downward plunge of Scotia Steel must be longing for a return of Fielding's skillful management of the fiscal policy of Canada. The nominee of Toronto, "noble eighteen" who saved the empire during the reciprocity campaign has certainly not made good as finance minister.

The Nova Scotia Legislature has passed a redistribution bill which gives an additional member to the counties of Halifax, Cape Breton and Cumberland. The Legislative Council has attached a rider to the bill to the effect that it shall not become law until April 1st, 1915.

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SOME THINGS WE KNOW

That local horsemen saw some good races at the park this week free of charge.

That a few more weddings are scheduled for the leafy month.

That a local musician has offered his services to several prospective bridegrooms for a consideration.

That the new assessment roll will be ready about the middle of next month.

That the ex-alderman says the report that the blueberry crop has been killed by frost is grossly exaggerated.

That the berry wanted at the Dugal investigation is taking no chances with the frost.

That this city has a butcher who is also a baker.

That dredging operations are a little on the slack side this year.

That new Brunswick has some fighting M.P.'s at Ottawa.

That Fredericton's new down town cafe is going to be some class.

That it is just as hard to get rid of a P.M. as it is to get one appointed.

That one of our colonels is a P.M. and another is an M.P.

That the high cost of living has not injured the crop of June weddings.

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Having made provision for an ample boodle fund by passing the Canadian Northern aid bill, it would not be surprising if the Borden Government should appeal to the people before the end of the present year. The expenditure of the enormous sum voted to MacKenzie & Mann is expected to bring an industrial revival sufficient to tide the government over an election.

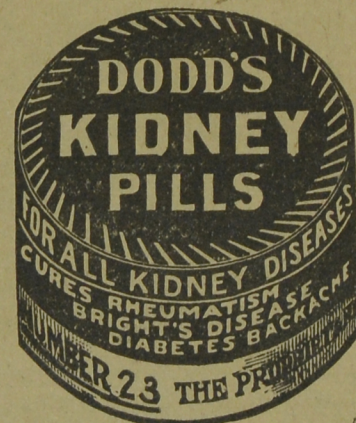
With Hon. J. K. Fleming, Minister of Lands and Mines, and Mr. W. H. Berry, superintendent of Scales, both on vacation the department is somewhat undermanned.

SINGING IN ST. JOHN.

The St. John Standard says:—"Mrs. Black of Fredericton, who has been in the city for several days, was heard in some fine vocal selections at the home of friends here last evening. Mrs. Black, who is a member of the Fredericton Cathedral choir, has a particularly fine voice and her songs last evening were greatly appreciated."

SERIOUSLY ILL

Moncton Transcript:—"At a late hour this afternoon, The Transcript learned by telephone that Hon. P. R. in Dorchester, was holding his own, and if there was any change it was for the better."



THE GENERAL SLOCUM

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fifth year, was a passenger, as was also JoHse Menendez of Guatemala, who carried \$10,000. Mrs. Peck made his acquaintance, spoke of being a "lone woman, with mining interests in Mexico" (and lands in Kentucky, and with no one to help her manage her affairs. Menendez finally handed over \$1,000 for an "interest in the mines" with the understanding that he would contribute more and complete the transaction when they arrived in New York. But the Guatemalan consul saved the rest of his money by telling him who the woman was. It was found, however, that the only way to reach Mrs. Peck was by civil action, as she had been careful to give her personal note for \$1,000. Evidently the little old woman with the innocent expression has learned a thing or two during the half century or longer that she has lived by her wits.

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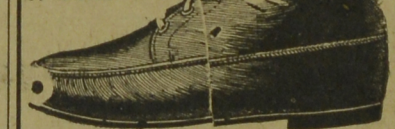
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