THE DAILY MAIL

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at 613 Queen Street, Fredericton, by THE MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.

Telephone No. 67

Fredericton, N. B., April 19, 1915

A CASE OF NECESSITY

The graft newspapers are bestowing great praise on Premier Borden for reading Mr. W. F. Garland, M.P., and Mr. A. DeWitt Foster, M.P., out of the Tory party. These high minded patriots indulged in some grafting, were caught with the goods and there was no other course open for the premier to adopt. It should not be forgotten, however, that when the crookedness of Messrs. Garland and Foster was exposed before the public accounts committee by Mr. Carvell and others, the section of the graft press which is now singing the praises of Mr. Borden had no word of condemnation for them. In fact, a casual reader of the graft press would have inferred that it was the member for Carleton, N.B., who profited from the sale of surgical supplies to the government and not the member for Carleton, Ont. The graft press did not actually infer that Mr. Carvell sold horses to the government, but it condemned him for seeking to blacken the character of the eminent moral reformer from Kings, N.S., who bought horses "without remuneration." It was Mr. Carvell who exposed the rascality of these great Tory patriots, and he made such a thorough job of it that Premier Borden was compelled to sit up and take notice. The position of Premier Borden is nicely defined by The Halifax Chronicle, when it says:

"There was, however, nothing heroic in the position which Sir Robert Borden has taken. Public opinion forced it upon him. The better element in his own party were humiliated and shamed by the revelations of scandal which had occurred under his administration. No other course was open for him to pursue. He had to make a virtue our of necessity. He has done the least he could do in a shockingly bad business.

"The government has been convinced out of the mouth of its own leader. It is useless for him and his government to plead that they did not know what was going on. Everybody in the country knew that Mr. DeWitt Foster, M.P., was buying horses. Everybody knew that the 'patriots' were descending upon Ottawa like a cloud of locusts. Everybody knew that wherever expenditure was being made for war purposes throughout the dominion the 'Patronage List' was being worked to the limit, until boodling in the name of patriotism, had become so glaring that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association months ago, addressed a formal protest to the prime minister himself.

"It is futile, then, for the government to plead ignorance of what was going on under its very nose. It is vain for it to seek to escape punishment for all the merry carnival of corruption that has gone on during the past eight months by making a death bed repentance, when caught red-handed. It has proved false to Canada, false to the great imperial cause which it pretended to serve, and unworthy of public trust."

THE LOOTING AT OTTAWA

Discussing the shocking revelations of graft at Ottawa, The Toronto Star has this to say:

"In every direction in which inquiry is turned, as far as inquiry has gone as yet at Ottawa, the same condition has been revealed in connection with the buying of war supplies. Always between the government and the firm that could supply the goods the government needed, there seems to have been wedged in the speculator, who, perhaps with no previous knowledge whatever of the materials he was dealing in, just bought and sold and skimmed off the deal a few thousand dollars for himself. How far and wide these operations have been carried remains to be shown, and the whole country will insist upon knowing. Only the fringe of the purchasing, which in all runs away up into the millions, has been scrutinized so far. But so far not a corner has been peeped into without revealing the patronage merchant right there, taking large tolls on the public money as it was paid out. The thing is a disgrace to the country. We feel sure that the revelations will surprise and disgust the prime minister. They will have much the same effect on Hon. W. T. White, Hon. George E. Foster and Conservatives as well as Liberals the whole dominion over. The amazing part of it is that men should have the effrontery to attempt these daylight robberies and expect to get away with the goods, knowing that the auditor general was on duty and that parliament would meet and its committees get to work. Did they imagine that there would be no reckoning? Did they think the Germans were going to capture the country and burn the records? Did they look to the party truce for shelter, or did they expect a general election to raise a dust in which they could slip away?"

The Toronto Globe on Thursday, published the following in an Ottawa despatch:

"Strong pressure has been brought upon the premier by several of his supporters to formally cast Messrs. Garland and DeWitt Foster, the members for Carleton, Ontario, and Kings Nova Scotia out of the party and ask for their resignations. For several days the premier has sought to escape definite publication and is reported to have proposed several alternative courses. His position is recognized to be embarrassing. If he expels DeWitt Foster and Garland, which is he to do with the candidature of ex-Premier Flemming of New Brunswick, convicted of grave wrongdoing? What is he to do with other members of the party who have been concerned perhaps more directly with the carnival of corruption and graft in war contracts? What is he to do concerning the threatened 'King's evidence' against others in the party who fear to be made the 'horrible example'?"

Col. H. H. McLean, Liberal member for Queen's and Sunbury, who is slated to command the third Canadian contingent, spoke warmly in Parliament in support of the proposal to secure the soldiers' vote. The great difficulty, he said, was to see that the procedure was surrounded with proper safeguards to protect that franchise. For himself he thought there should, however, be no necessity for any legislation at all. "There should be no election until the war is over," declared Col. McLean. "I still have a firm and honest belief that the government will not hold an election until after the war. Their duty is to carry on the business of the country. But their first and paramount duty is to prosecute this war with all possible energy and to allow nothing to interfere with it." (Liberal cheers.)

New York Herald:—One of the hyphenateds who keeps bombarding newspapers with communicatione upholding everything done by Germany vigorously defends the sinking of the merchant steamship Falaba and the drowning of more than one hundred non-combatants, one of them an American citizen. The fault lies wholly with hated England, he declares. Because England "does not bring out her navy" German submarines are sinking merchant vessels. And in the next breath he asserts that the Falaba was sunk because she had dared to send out wireless calls for help—in other words, because she was committing the crime of attempting to "bring out" British war ships!

BIG FEATURES AT THE GAIETY THIS WEEK

The following high class productions have been secured by the Gaiety Theatre management for the present week. On Monday and Tuesday, Edward Abeles, the man who made "Brewster's Millions" famous, will be seen in Henry W. Savage's world famous play "The Million" in Four Reels, a thrilling mystery farce with as many laughs as the title.

Higgins will appear in the famous On Wednesday and Thursday David racing play "His last Dollar" in four reels, an elaborate and spectacular film version of the greatest racing play ever produced in America.

For the last two days of this week. The Master Key Episode, Fourteen will be the feature of the attraction. This great serial is now drawing to a close, two chapters only, remaining to complete this fascinating story. In addition to The Master Key, high class comedies and dramatic single reelers will be shown. From the advance notice of the different features booked for this week, it is quite evident that the Gaiety will be a busy place.

A NEW COMMAND.

(Special to The Mail.)

Rome, April 19—The recent visit by Field Marshal von Hindenburg to Bukowina, where he conferred with commanders of the Austrian forces, has given rise to a rumor that he will assume command of the Austro-German forces in the Carpathians, says a despatch from Bucharest to The Idea Nazionale.

ALLEGED PEACE CONFEREECE.

(Special to The Mail.)

Rome, April 19—A despatch says that the first peace conference has been held there. It was attended by Sir Edward Grey, General Pau, three Austro-Hungarian statesmen and representatives from Russia and Turkey. Austrian peace was discussed but the result is unknown.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY

(Continued from Page One.)

themselves, but to the electors in Canada to provide by proper precautionary measures, so as to ensure fairness in the marking of the ballot and that the ballots so marked should find their way to the returning officers, wherever the election might take place. When the bill was first introduced it provided that any commissioned officer in the Canadian forces be appointed by the high commissioner in London, who, as you know, is a member of the government, to attend to the distribution, receiving and forwarding to Canada of the ballots. Under this provision it can easily be seen that opportunities were presented for partizan work. After objections made by Liberal members the bill was amended by the minister of justice so as to provide that the ballots should be distributed and the affidavits taken by officers commanding the different squadrons, companies and batteries. To this it was objected that no provision was made for scrutineers and that it proposed to place obligations of a serious character upon officers of the British army which might interfere seriously with military discipline.

"We contended also that there should be scrutineers or commissioners, one-half to be appointed on the nomination of the prime minister and the other half on the nomination of the leader of the opposition and also that the provisions of the bill should not go into operation until they had been submitted to the secretary of state for war and approved by him.

"I, with the approval of the leader of the opposition, gave notice of two amendments along these lines which, however, after being moved, were voted down by the government majority and the bill was carried. When the bill went to the senate it was amended by inserting similar provisions and the government at the last moment, recognized the justice of the amendments which had been made and agreed to them, only, however, with the substitution of his majesty the king in council for the secretary for war.

"Practically all the Liberal members were in favor of giving the soldiers the vote, provided the bill contained the proper safeguards and provided that the consent of the British war office was obtained, our opinion being that getting such consent before imposing duties on officers which might interfere with the morale or discipline of the army, would be a proper recognition of military conditions and would tend to bring about harmony in connection with the taking of the votes rather than a state of friction which might be very objectionable and the fact that the government was forced to recognize the reasonableness of the proposed amendments and allowed the bill so amended to become law was very gratifying."

BE PREPARED FOR ELECTION.

Asked as to the possibilities of an election, Hon. Dr. Pugsley said:

"It is impossible to say. While some of the members of the government are anxious to have an election at an early date, it was generally understood among the members that some of the ministers, and these among the most influential members of the cabinet, were entirely opposed to throwing the country into the turmoil of an election contest at present It is felt by them that while recruiting is going on and at a time when it is desirable that the cabinet should devote its entire attention to the honest and prudent purchasing of supplies it would be most inadvisable to take such a step. However, it is well for the Liberal party to be prepared for an election as it is possible that the less wise and prudent counsel may prevail and that a dissolution may take place at an early date."

SUFFERED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS

Then Joseph Gagne Found a Cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

QUEBEC MAN TOOK HIS WIFE'S ADVICE AND IS NOW ENJOYING A NEW LEASE OF HEALTH.

Ste Marguerite Bay Mills Saguenay Co., Que., Apr 16th (Special).—"Yes you can tell the public of the great relief I got from Dodd's Kidney Pills." The speaker was Mr. Joseph Gagne, a well known resident of this place and he has every reason to be enthusiastic over the great Canadian Kidney remedy.

"For more than two years I suffered from Kidney disease," Mr. Gange continued. "It finally developed into pluerisy and I was a very sick man when my wife persuaded me to give Dodd's Kidney Pills a trial.

"I took just three boxes and they made me well."

Dodd's Kidney Pills make their users enthusiastic because they not only cure the particular ailment aimed at but they spread good health all over the body. They do this by curing the Kidneys. Cured Kidneys strain all the impusities out of the blood. That means pure blood and new health all over the body.

-: YOUR SPRING :-
HOUSECLEANING NEEDS

Will be Found Here in Great Profusion, viz

New Marquisette and Scrim CURTAINS, New OILCLOTH and LINOLEUMS all widths. "LINO SHINE" in pint and quart sizes, for Oilcloths, etc. NEW MADRAS MUSLINS in White, Cream, Green, Brown, Old Rose. PLAIN SCRIMS and MARQUISETTES, Cream, Arab, White. H. S. and Drawn Work SCRIMS Plain, White Cream. Colored Border SCRIMS from 15c to 50c yd. FURNITURE COVERINGS of every description. LACE CURTAINS from 50c to $13.50 per pr. COUCH COVERS and PORTIERS. BLINDS in Plain and Combination Colors for the Home, Office, Store, etc. Wood and Brass POLES with all fittings. STAIR PADS, CARPET PAPER, OILCLOTH BINDING, STAIR PLATES, EXTENSION RODS, DOOR MATS, ETC. Do Not Fail to See Our Goods Before Purchasing.

JOHN J. WEDDALL & SON

Curtains, Blinds, Oilcloths, Linoleums.

Yale Builders Hard Ware

A complete stock always on hand.

Inside door sets, Vestibule and Front Door Sets, Plain and Ball Bearing Bronze Plated Butt Hinges, Door Bells in different finishes, Sliding Door Setts, Bronze and Plated Door Knob, etc.

Come in and look over the different designs.

R. CHESTNUT & SONS

WHOLESALE The Hardware People RETAIL

Domestic Sanitary and Heating Engineers.

CASE AGAINST ROBERT STEVENSON DISMISSED

Robert Stepenson, charged with the theft of a pocket-book containing $98.50 from the person of Patrick Tobin, was acquitted in the police court this morning, the case against him being dismissed for lack of evidence. R. B. Hanson appeared for the prosecution and P. J. Hughes for the defence. The witnesses were Police Sergt. Duncan, Policeman Marshal Tobin and the accused. Stevenson swore that Tobin, while intoxicated, gave him the money to keep for him. Tobin swore that he could not remember what he did. The court ordered the money to be returned to Tobin.

Mr. Hughes also appeared for William McConaghey, who some days ago pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing clothing from the person of Tobin Mr. Hughes urged upon His Honor that McConaghey had made his plea through error, thinking that he was pleading to a different charge. He asked for leave to enter another plea. Mr. Hanson objected that the plea had been properly made and that there was no rule for a change. His Honor adjourned the hearing until tomorrow, when Mr. Hughes will be heard in support of his application.

McConaghey at the time of making his plea, made a statement that he had received Tobin's clothing from a man named Kitchen and had sold them. Kitchen was enlisted in the 55th Battalion, but has been missing for some days.

J. W. Brankley of Chatham is at the Barker House.

H. J. Rodgers of St. John is in the city.

Dr. W. T. Ryan and wife of Boiestown, are in the city today.

HOT WATER BOTTLES

These are the days in which you find many uses for Hot Water Bottles outside of the sick room.

Better have on hand at all times a good Hot Water Bottle, ours are guranteed for two years.

HUNT & MacDONALD

For Farmers

A new Waterproof Shoe, Oil Tanned Tops. Heavy Soles, Bellow Tongue. Made by The John Palmer Co. Sold by

H. S. CAMPBELL SHOEMAN