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THE TORY SLANDERBUND

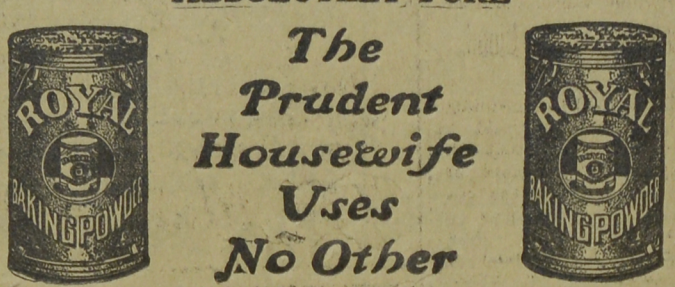
The late Dr. Johnson's interpretation of patriotism as the last refuge of scoundrels was well exemplified in a dirty, low down attack on Sir Wilfrid Laurier which appeared in The St. John Standard of yesterday. It is clearly the purpose of the Tory leaders at Ottawa to spring a general election upon the country and seek to cover up the rottenness which has been exposed in connection with the purchase of war supplies by vigorously waving the old flag and seeking to make it appear that the Liberals are disloyal to the empire. This is the old Tory game; it has been worked before with success and the wing of the party led by Hon. Robert Rogers believe it can be made to go duty again. If an election is brought on during the coming summer there is not the slightest doubt that so far as the graft element of the Tory party is concerned it will be the most despicable political contest in the history of Canada. The object of the Tories will be to cover up the boodling and rascality which has been exposed in connection with the purchase of war supplies for the Canadian expeditionary forces by appealing to the passions and prejudices of the people, raising the loyalty cry and grossly misrepresenting the position of the Liberal leaders with respect to imperial questions. The graft newspapers, which are supported by thousands of dollars extracted annually from the public treasury, will be expected to play an important part in this work, and they have already made a good start.

In parliament on Wednesday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the respected Liberal leader, who is generally recognized as the foremost Canadian, took occasion to protest on a question of privilege against the falsehood and misrepresentations embodied in some campaign literature sent out from the Tory press bureau at Ottawa. He was able to summon as a witness to prove the falsity of the Tory attack made upon him, Hon. T. Chas. Casgrain, the postmaster general, who was one of the speakers with Sir Wilfrid at a great meeting in Montreal a short time ago when French-Canadians were urged to do their part in defence of the empire. Sir Wilfrid very properly characterized the statements made in the Tory circular as "a falsehood and malicious libel and slander." Sir Robert Borden, while he did not repudiate the pamphlet in question, declared that it had never been called to his attention and that personally he had no knowledge of it. This only goes to show that the machine element of the Tory party who are forcing an election upon the country are in full control.

The graft press of the Tory party in its insane desire to slander and misrepresent Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has apparently overshot the mark. The right thinking people have not forgotten nor are they likely to forget, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was for the long period of fifteen years prime minister of Canada, during which time the country enjoyed the greatest prosperity in its history. The veteran Sir Charles Tupper used to say that "if governments were good for anything, they were good to increase the prosperity of a country." Sir Wilfrid, by the adoption of a wise and statesman-like policy, increased the prosperity of Canada. He gave it the British preference and he gave it tariff stability, with the result that the foreign trade of the country quadrupled during his term of office. Leading public men of Great Britain have described Sir Wilfrid Laurier as "that great imperial statesman" and "the greatest statesman of Greater Britain," but the graft newspapers of Canada and the flag-flapping Tories who cheerfully doff their hats to anti-British Nationalists of the type of Hon. P. E. Blondin of "shoot holes in the flag fame," now minister of inland revenue in the Borden government, would like to make it appear that Sir Wilfrid is unpatriotic and disloyal. Their game, however, is too transparent to deceive anybody.

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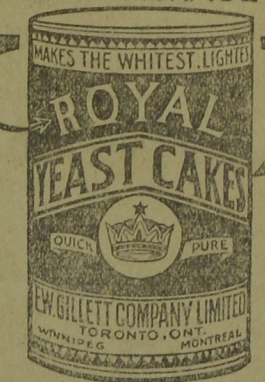
A YORK COUNTY SCANDAL

Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, by making a trip over the Valley Railway, has been able to save the province the sum of \$100 per year. Mr. Carter came down from Woodstock on Tuesday last. There were a number of other passengers on the train, one of whom was an old gentleman residing at or near Meductic. Upon learning who Mr. Carter was he requested him to enquire in the legislature why it was that George P. Olts of Meductic, is being paid \$100 a year as a subsidy to a ferry which has not been in operation for three years; Mr. Carter promised to attend to the matter and he attended to it so well that Mr. Olts has since refunded the sum of one hundred dollars to the government. The chances are that he will be compelled to disgorge more than that if the public accounts committee can be induced to do its duty. Mr. Olts stands in somewhat the same position as Mr. J. Kidd Fleming and Mr. W. H. Berry. He, like them, saw a chance to gather in some easy money from the public treasury and availed himself of it. The only mistake he made was to allow himself to get caught with the goods. The public will probably be told by Premier Clarke and the boodle press that the Olts transaction was only "an irregularity" and the province lost nothing by it.

Victoria Times:—The lid is off at Ottawa. Sir Robert Borden could not restrain his voracious followers. The war graft investigation already has revealed the most scandalous state of affairs in the history of Canada. Even in the face of peril to the Empire and the physical well-being of Canada's young men at the post of danger on the front, the soulless, greedy "contractors" exacted exorbitant profits from their dealings with the government. Our soldiers were shod with rotten shoes which one of them said he had but to wiggle his toe in and the leather burst. But, as one of the contractors explained, this shoe was not intended to withstand the conditions in a damp climate! In other words, they were stock shoes made for city wear, and hundreds of them were burned as useless—and probably to conceal their defects when a demand is for an investigation.

Amherst News:—We recall a few years ago being in a hotel in one of our Nova Scotia towns, the proprietor of which we had known for some years. He had been convicted that day of a "third offence" and when we asked him how he was going to avoid imprisonment, he grins and remarked that he had too much evidence against them, referring to the leading temperance men of the town. He went to his safe and produced a bundle of orders for election whiskey which bore the signatures of men of high standing in church and reform work. "If they issue a warrant I shall publish these." The warrant was not issued and the man sold whiskey until he retired from business. We could cite similar instances to show how law enforcement is balked. Is it not time for a change?

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GEO. N. BABBITT
DEP. RECEIVER GEN.
DIED SUDDENLY

George N. Babbitt, I.S.O., Deputy Receiver General of New Brunswick, died suddenly at his office in the Departmental Building at about three o'clock this afternoon. Acute indigestion is assigned as the cause of death. The deceased was at his usual work and complained of illness. He was sick at the stomach and death ensued within ten minutes. Dr. C. P. Holden and Dr. S. F. A. Wainwright were hurriedly summoned but he was beyond medical aid.

AN HONORABLE CAREER.

The late Mr. Babbitt was a native of Fredericton and had resided here all his life. He was a son of the late Mr. Samuel Babbitt, who was for many years connected with the old Central Bank and afterwards was cashier of the People's Bank of N.B. The deceased entered the employ of the provincial government in 1860 and was continuously in office up to the time of his death. He has been deputy receiver general for over thirty years.

Mr. Babbitt served as alderman for some years and was a director of the People's Bank for some time prior to its absorption by the Bank of Montreal. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raid and received the medal and the bounty.

A few years ago in recognition of his long and faithful public service His Majesty the King honored him by appointment to the imperial service order.

The late Mr. Babbitt was seventy-three years of age and was survived by a widow, four sons and five daughters. The sons are George W. St. Andrews, Charles of Minneapolis, William and Archie enlisted for active service with an engineering corps at Ottawa. The daughters are Mrs. A. K. Grimmer, late of Medicine Hat, Mrs. Archie McGinnis of Boston, Mrs. Orlay of Halifax and Miss Nellie and Bessie at home. He is also survived by one brother Mr. D. Lee Babbitt of this city and three sisters Mrs. J. V. Ellis and Mrs. Lee of St. John and Miss Babbitt of this city.

TORY A FIDDLEMAN

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witness estimated her profit at one hundred per cent.

On absorbent cotton one dollar per pound had been charged for 427 pounds. "I charge for the highest grade 75 cents retail," said Mr. Waters. The excess charge would therefore be on this item \$170 or about 66 2-3 per cent profit.

For Epsom salts, Mrs. Plamondon charged 20 cents per pound. Mr. Waters said his retail price was 55 cents a pound and in ten pound lots 10 cents per pound.

1200 PER CENT PROFIT

Four pounds of fluid extract of licorice had been purchased, according to the invoice, for \$80.88. The long prices charged by the wholesalers would be \$8.00, said Mr. Waters.

"Surely there must be some clerical mistake there," said Dr. Reid. Mr. Kyb. Guard out Mrs. Plamondon's profit on this at no less than 1200 per cent.

PERSONALS

E. P. Baker of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

W. A. Craven of Montreal, is at the Queen.

J. A. Miller of McAdam, arrived in the city last night.

G. P. MacDonald of New Glasgow, is registered at the Barber House.

John Henderson, manager for the Minto Coal Co., is in the city.

GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Wood are holding their weekly reception at the Queen Hotel this afternoon.

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Board of Trade

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will be held on MONDAY EVENING, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock in the Board Rooms.

H. S. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Lecture on The British Navy

Lecture at the Methodist Church Vestry, Monday, April 12th, at 8 o'clock. Silver collection. New views New Lantern. Striking pictures of the Queen Elizabeth, the Lion and many other famous ships.—1 ins.

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Auction Sale

At the residence of Mr. Love, 434 George street, on Thursday, the 15th inst., at ten o'clock a.m., 4 dozen steel engravings by Gustave Dore and framed; 1 kitchen range, "Enterprise Monarch," almost new, for coal or wood; a lot of valuable books and piano, mahogany desk, mahogany fall leaf table and other valuable and useful furniture. Sale without reserve.

E. H. ALLEN,
Sat., Tues., Wed. Auctioneer.

Mrs. H. H. Smith and son Ronald of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Crockett. Mrs. Harry G. Chestnut has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Gillis, at Ottawa.

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