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THE MAMITOBA ROMANCERS

According to The Winnipeg Press, Roblin, mud-fingers and scandal-mongers show great reluctance in relinquishing the tactics of circulating stories intended to make the new Liberal government in Manitoba appear as cynically corrupt as the late administration. As one story is destroyed beyond all hope of influencing the public to place any confidence in it, a new story is invented and put in circulation. The first story was that the Liberals were so keen to get into office that they made a bargain with Sir Rodmond Roblin, by which, in return for his resignation, they agreed to discontinue the investigation into the parliament buildings scandal and fix matters up with Thomas Kelly on a basis by which the province would secure only a percentage of amount it should recover from the contractor.

When the life had been knocked out of this romance the die was set afloat a new rumor which is still being industriously circulated by the Conservative press in all parts of Canada. This is that Kelly had an arrangement with both political parties by which he was to divide a percentage of the swag between them. The Liberals, it is suggested, took offense because they felt that they were not getting a sufficient proportion of the rake-off and accordingly put on foot the investigation which had been so disastrous to Sir Rodmond Roblin and his colleagues—not to mention the contractor.

This yarn is also on its last legs, says The Free Press, because it is quite obvious that if there was any such "come-back" as this it would have been made public long since. It has accordingly been replaced by a new invention, which is more subtle than its predecessor because it cannot be so easily disproved. That is what, subsequent to the change of government, the Liberals offered to discontinue the investigation upon the payment of a large sum for political purposes. The contractor nobly scorned this proposal the Liberal government—so the romance proceeds—proceeded to prosecute the investigation relentlessly. This fiction is throughout the country by word of mouth in the hope that it may do some injury to the Norris government.

Winnipeg advises are to the effect that these inventions, however, have lost their power of injury to the new Manitoba government. Having been satisfied that the royal commission is to proceed with its labors without any attempt on the part of anybody in authority to limit its operations, the people are prepared to await the evidence adduced before it and the findings which the body will make at the conclusion of the inquiry. They know that if there are any facts injurious to the Manitoba Liberals known to the late government, or to the contractor, they will be duly put in evidence. Meanwhile, they take no stock in these inventions, which bear so clearly on their face the marks of now being sedulously circulated their paternity.

Young Powell, the Ottawa drug clerk who sold surgical supplies to the government as the agent of a Chicago firm, acknowledged under oath last week that he was merely a stool pigeon for his employer, Mr. W. F. Garland, Tory M.P. for Carleton. He swore that Garland gathered in the profits amounting to seven thousand dollars and paid the money (back) after the public accounts committee had unearthed the fraud. When Powell was before the public accounts committee last spring it was made to appear that he had personally reaped in the profits which, of course, was not the case. This man Garland, although supposed to have been read out of the party by Leader Borden, is still handling the patronage and is trying for a re-nomination.

New York Herald:—While he is in a dental mood Count von Bernstorff should lose no time in denying the Berlin report that the Kaiser has conferred a decoration upon the commander of the submarine that sank the Lusitania.

A young man who purloined a pair of boots intended for the patriotic auction sale is generally looked upon as a pretty mean type of thief. His offense however, was trifling when compared to that of the Tory member of parliament who sold surgical supplies to the government at a profit of ninety per cent. After he had been found out the young man gave back the boots and the Tory M.P. adopted a similar course and paid back seven thousand dollars which he had taken from the government in a dishonest way. The little thief is now behind prison bars while the big fellow is still a member of parliament and dispensing the patronage for his county. At last accounts the man who robbed the country in connection with the purchase of war horses were still at large.

Regina Leader:—The Winnipeg Telegram, which denounced the Liberals of Manitoba for making unwarranted charges against the Roblin government and which severely censured the lieutenant governor of that province because he insisted on a judicial investigation being held, now sanctimoniously declares that the time for plain speaking has arrived. If the Telegram had had its way, however, everything would have been hushed up. It was unsparing in its condemnation of those who insisted on the facts being disclosed. It now calls for prosecutions and a general clean-up. The Telegram need not worry. Prosecutions and a clean-up will come. The Liberals will see to that. But no thanks are due to the hypocritical Telegram which only urges a course of action it is now powerless to prevent.

Pall Mall Gazette:—The American public have realized that, however keenly and legitimately they may wish to keep their neutrality as between nations, they cannot without dishonor remain neutral between civilization and its enemies. Apart altogether from the offences committed on American citizens and property, the sinking of the Lusitania has applied a touchstone to the whole quality of American life and ideals. If the United States is prepared to accept the deliberate massacre of women and children as a legitimate stroke of warfare, it becomes enrolled as a land not of civilization, but of Kultur. It cuts itself off from the fellowship of those peoples who are spending their all for freedom and humanity and takes its place alongside of the blood-drunk race which regards the foulest means as justified by the end.

FIVE DROWNED ON THE NORTH SHORE

(St. John Telegraph)
M. G. Benson, corner at Chatham returned to Chatham last evening from Tabusintac with the news that four men and a boy were drowned in the recent storm which swept the North Shore. The unfortunate sailors were the crew of a small fishing smack, owned and commanded by Jean Hachey, of Isle de Lemeque, who was accompanied on the disastrous venture by his son.

While the storm was raging with great fury on Wednesday afternoon, residents of Tabusintac saw the masts of a small vessel, the hull of which was lost in a sea of foam, rolling sharply in the huge billows.

Fishermen who saw the craft, practically a wreck, and buffeted about in the tremendous seas, realized that if the crew were still on board and living, there was only a forlorn hope of safety in the gale, unless a rescue boat were sent out. The men of Tabusintac made ready for a dash through the surf with a life boat, should the vessel be blown within a reasonable distance of the shore; but the night closed in and only madness would have been the motive of further attempt at rescue.

When last sighted the small fishing smack, hull down, was tossing wildly in a raging sea of raging combers.

When morning came, the craft was seen far up on the beach. Much of her gear had been carried away and her rails and the house were badly battered.

With faint hope, fishermen hastened to investigate the wreck. They spang up her deck and perred into the cabin.

Four bodies, clad in oilskins, were floating in the small room, which was full of water. One of the drowned men was recognized as Jean Hachey, of Isle Lemeque, owner of the vessel.

This tragedy of the sea is the first sad occurrence of the North Shore fishing for the present season. Last year, the first heavy blow which prevailed exacted a toll of forty lives from the ranks of the men who go down to the deep to fish.

IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL

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MAYOR MITCHELL.

In his opening remarks the mayor paid a tribute to the railway employees as a body of men who give good service to the public and on whom rests a great responsibility. This responsibility was particularly great at the present time, when transportation is threatened by an enemy. He felt that a service of the kind being held would aid in the strengthening of the bonds of brotherhood and union.

REV. DR. W. H. SMITH.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, in an eloquent address, based his remarks on a statement made by the late Henry Ward Beecher—"How familiar is the population of Heaven . . . Thou art thus making it easier for us to die." In his own experience as a pastor he had observed a similar fact. Those who have gone before were beckoning those who follow.

Dr. Smith also paid tribute to the spirit of devotion of duty displayed by railway men. The march in the rain that afternoon was typical of it. There were two main features of the memorial service. The memory of those men who had gone was honored on account of their service. The memorial service in itself is a forward look. Life is ever Lord of Death. Nothing true or beautiful ever dies. Death is not the end of life. It means that we go forward to higher work. While Heaven is being populated so familiarly it will be easier for us to go and take our place in the higher life.

REV. THOMAS MARSHALL.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, in a brief address, made particular reference to the value of keeping alive the memory of those who are gone. It was true that "Part of the Host has crossed the flood and part is crossing now." The fact that these men had devoted their lives to a public service. A duty performed faithfully and well would be a record to be remembered with pride by friends. It should also be remembered that some day the living would also be mourned. The memorial service would not only call up the virtues of those who have passed away but would also inspire the impulse in the living to live their lives well.

REV. J. E. WILSON.

Rev. J. E. Wilson, in the course of his remarks, said that the best tribute which could be paid to those who were honored by the living was the attributes of life. He remembered a college friend who died just before graduation. His last words to him had been, "Joe, do your whole duty. Be faithful to your task."

The speaker paid a glowing tribute to labor and said the dignity of labor and toil were being more widely realized. Hats had to be taken off to the laboring man and it made no difference what his task was if it were well done. God's favor rested upon him. The great ideal working-man had been Christ the Lord, who toiled at the carpenter's bench in his youth and in after life performed the task allotted to him.

Owing to religious duties neither Rev. Father Carney nor Rev. Dean Neales were able to attend and take part in the service.

FREDERICTON MAN RESPONDED.

A Hopewell Hill correspondent writes as follows:—A young lady of Albert has received an interesting epistle from the battle front from a youthful soldier whom she has never seen, but who is the fortunate possessor of a pair of socks made by the deft hands of the Albert girl. This young lady, who is a member of the Patriotic Knitting League of Albert, forwarded a sample of her handiwork with the large parcel that went out last Christmas and took occasion to place in the parcel a note of expressive of best wishes and good luck to the prospective recipient. The footwear fell into the possession of a young sergeant, formerly of Fredericton, who received them on June 1, and promptly sent a pleasing acknowledgement of the note contained therein. The soldier's missive, written in the trenches in France, and tells of a number of incidents of much interest.

PERSONAL

Ernest Sherrard of Calais is in the city.

E. H. Cheyne of St. John is registered at the Queen.

R. F. Right and wife of St. John arrived in the city Saturday night and registered at the Queen.

R. W. Watson and George O. Girdby of Windsor, Vt., and registered at the Queen. They are here on a fishing trip.

J. M. Staudes of St. John, is at the Barker House.

H. G. Noble of Woodstock, is in the city.

Lt. Col. E. C. Dean of Halifax, is a guest at the Barker House.

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