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POLITICAL SURPRISES

It seems that Mr. George Fowler, the platant member for Kings-Albert in addressing a 'Tory' meeting a short time ago, went out of his way to cast insinuations at Hon. Dr. Beland, a former member of the Laurier Cabinet, now a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans. The matter was brought up in parliament by Mr. W. F. Carroll, Liberal member for Cape Breton, who roundly denounced the conduct of the ultra loyal member for Kings-Albert. In the course of his remarks Mr. Carroll said:

"Sir, there is, and I blush as a Canadian to have to say it, a class of politicians in this country at the present time who can best be described as political snipers, snipers who seek to bring down the big and the noble and the patriotic in our public life. I am not going to shoot from concealment. I name the member for King's-Albert (Mr. Geo. W. Fowler) as one of those political snipers. I read in a press report of his speech to a Conservative meeting Saturday night that he sneered at the gallant and patriotic services of a member of this House, a member whom we all hold in highest honor, Hon. Dr. Beland. He went on to state that Dr. Beland did not go to Belgium to take part in the war, and added the unworthy insinuation that if he had been in Canada when the war broke out it is very doubtful whether he would ever have made a move to serve the cause of Britain. (Cries of 'Shame!')

"None of us," continued the young Cape Breton man, "can afford to pass that by. It shows how small some people can become. The name of Dr. Beland is honored, worthily honored, not only in this House where we all know and esteem him but throughout the whole country. He was the first Canadian to volunteer his services he was the first to shed blood in service of the British forces, he is today a prisoner of war in the hands of the enemy. The Minister of Militia honored himself and honored Parliament and honored Canada when he appointed Hon. Dr. Beland an officer in the medical service branch of the Canadian contingent—(renewed cheers)—and we know that if he were not a prisoner in the hands of Germans he would be succoring and serving our own boys at the front."

"Sir, let me say this one thing more," exclaimed Mr. Carroll indignantly, "these political snipers who would do injury to men they are unworthy to even mention will have no more success in their unworthy campaign than will the German sniper in lowering the power and prestige of Britain in the blood-stained trenches of Flanders."

As Mr. Carroll resumed his seat he was greeted by an outburst of hearty and generous cheering from both sides of the chamber.

GOVERNMENT STUMP

SLEEPERS CRITICIZED

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few miles of where he resided where government officials were among those who spent their Sabbath throughout the season shooting partridges. He believed that it was a bad practise to retain the wardens in office year after year and thought good results might come if changes were made. He also felt that the big game season opened fifteen days too soon and that it should open on October first, instead of September 15th, and it would then be long enough without any extension on the other end. He wished to draw these matters to the attention of the minister and would like to hear his views.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said that there was hardly a session of the Legislature went by without there being some complaints regarding the protection of the game. If there was a lack of protection, it was not due to the law but to lack of efficiency on the part of those employed in its enforcement. There was only a certain amount of money available to be spent each year for game protection and this money should be well spent by capable persons being employed. If there was any blame for anybody regarding the work of the wardens, it might rest partly with those who put the wardens in office by recommending their appointment. He had not as yet had time to obtain as complete a knowledge of the various affairs of the Crown Land Department as he would like to have, but he knew regarding his own County of Charlotte that there had been very efficient work done by the wardens employed in the protection of game in the county. He had in mind one man in particular in Charlotte county who had done very efficient work and he felt that in

Charlotte county the game was pretty well protected and the violations of the law reduced to a minimum. It was naturally impossible to keep records of what each one of the game wardens did, but the records of the courts showed many cases in which they had laid information and often obtained convictions. However, the mere fact that a warden was patrolling in a section of the province was a source of protection for the game for people would be chary about violating the law when they knew there was a warden who they knew would not hesitate to do his duty patrolling in that district. For the amount of money that was expended, he believed a good work was being done and in the great majority of instances he believed the wardens were doing their duty well. Complaints had come into the department even since he had been at its head that game was being slaughtered. There had as yet been no opportunity for him to learn as to the truth of these complaints, but many times in the past similar complaints, when investigated, had been found to be largely without foundation. He did not favor putting on a smaller number of wardens as suggested. He said the small number would not be able to control all the territory that had to be covered. The protection of game was a vexed question but the chief game warden, who, he understood, was a very efficient and enthusiastic officer, and he intended to take up the whole matter with him at the earliest possible date. If the game wardens in St. John were not doing their duty in regard to preventing the sale of game birds in the public market, the hon. member for the City of St. John who had brought this matter up should report the lack of diligence on the part of the warden to the department and a new official could be placed in charge. If the representative for York who had referred to alleged game violations in his own territory would exercise his authority, he might be able to improve conditions there similarly.

Dr. Morehouse said there were only two wardens in York county occupying positions on his recommendation and these men were not in the districts in which those to whom he had alluded were. He had tried to have the wardens do their duty and had gone to them and given them the names of parties who had committed violations with particulars as to the offences, but they had done nothing. He would also remind the minister that he had said nothing in reply to his question as to what was the intention to do regarding the length of the game season.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said an opportunity would be given later in the session to get the opinion of hon. members as to the length of the game season. He would ask the hon. member for York if the matters regarding the game violations in the district to which he had referred had been brought to the knowledge of the Crown Land Department.

Dr. Morehouse said that the matter had been brought to the attention of the minister (Mr. Flemming) and the deputy minister (Mr. Loggie) a year ago.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said that if such charges were made before him and proven he would not feel like keeping the official involved on duty for five minutes longer.

Mr. Swin was not in favor of reducing the number of game wardens as it would leave those remaining with too much territory to look after, besides that the game wardens were also fire wardens, and the time of year was coming when their services would be more particularly required and instead of reducing the number it would probably be advisable to increase it, as it might be the means of preventing an expensive outbreak of fire. As to the open season he agreed it would be advisable to open it two weeks later and extend it for two weeks longer. There was very little sense of shooting game in the hot weather in September when meat would not keep and he believed the change would be a popular one.

Mr. Mahoney said he would like to refer to what the hon. member from the City of St. John had said, who, being a city man, probably did not know much about what was being done in the country. In Westmorland there were seven parishes, every one of which was frequented by game. There were only four wardens for the whole county, which was not enough to do the work properly. The chief warden told him that each assistant warden sent him not only a monthly report but during the game season a daily report of what he did every day. If the wardens did their duty the game should be well looked after, though he thought \$2 a day, to find for themselves and their horses, was not enough for the work performed. He thought it would be disastrous to reduce the number of wardens. It was impossible to prevent a certain amount of violation of the law taking place, there would be violations if there were wardens by the score.

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) said the committee were informed that the wardens were appointed on the recommendations of the county members. He desired to have it particularly clear that that was not so in Northumberland for he had no part in recommending anyone. Some of them were very good men, but there was a good many he wouldn't have at any price. They had a very good chief warden some time ago but the government dismissed him and since no successor had been appointed the law was not properly enforced. Some men were willing to take the job for a little pay who were no use and did not try to be any. He had had several accounts given him of the vio-

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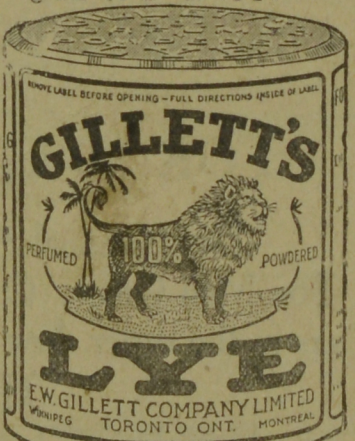
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MR. STEWART CRITICIZES LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY

In the Legislature last evening there was quite a breezy discussion on matters pertaining to the Legislative Library. The amount placed in the estimates to be expended on the library this year is \$800.

Mr. Stewart of Northumberland said that the province had been spending but little money for this service, but at the same time had been getting poor returns. Books of reference, such as a person would expect to find in the Legislative Library, were not there, and the library was remarkable more for the books it did not contain than for what it had. The books purchased in recent years had evidently been brought to meet the views of the city patrons of the library, which was used by them more as a lending library than to serve the requirements of the members of the Legislature. The library was full of cheap, trashy fiction—for most modern fiction was cheap and trashy—had been purchased of late years when books of reference and so forth should have been bought. Some reform was now promised, but it was possible to do very much on \$800. He had been a member of the Library Committee for the three years that he had been a member of the House, but in that time a meeting of the Library Committee had not been held. He hoped that some serious effort would be made to improve the library and get some useful books.

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



lation of the law which would have been prosecuted under an efficient warden.

Hon. Mr. Clarke, in reply to an inquiry from Mr. Munro, said the accounts in the auditor's report of amounts paid to game wardens were those for the fiscal year 1914 as a rule. A few of them were for services rendered in 1913 but they were so indicated. Payments for both years might overlap.

On the item of \$1,200, classification of crown lands, Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) asked if the amount was to be spent for the ensuing year or was it for services already rendered. He asked the question because a matter referring to this had come before the Public Accounts Committee and no satisfactory explanation could be got.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said he could not give an explanation then but would get it. There must be some return of some sort for all the money spent.

Col. Black said the matter came up in the Public Accounts Committee and the deputy minister said that the services of the stenographers and other persons, other than Mr. Maxwell, were in assisting Mr. Berry in preparing for the Crown Land classification. No returns, however, had as yet been received from that gentleman.

DESTROYED SEIZED LIQUOR.

The liquor recently seized by the police at an express office in the city was destroyed at the police station last night.

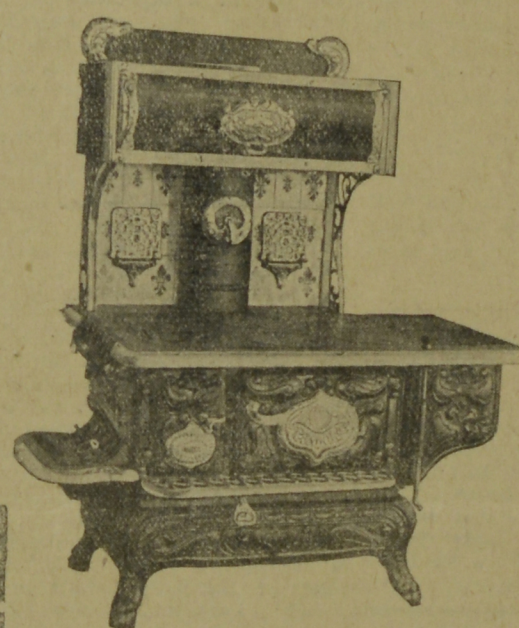
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SCHOOL BOARD

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asked to look into the matter and report at next meeting.

Questions were asked respecting the execution of some recent orders of the Board and whether they are being acted upon.

After passing a number of accounts and ordering payment of salaries, the Board adjourned.

EXAMINING BOARD.

Major W. H. Gray, 71st York Regt., and Lieut. Vassie, D.A.C., constitute a board which is conducting an examination of Lieut. Church, C.A.V.C., for promotion to the rank of captain.



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