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have here a great, rich heritage sufficient to provide two hundred millions of people with a comfortable life at no cost but the joy of living it and yet with less than eight millions of a population we must have a board of inquiry into the cost of living. What a farce. The real reason why life is so hard for the great mass of our people is because we have granted special legislative favors to a few which enables them to eat the bread of idleness which is made with the bloom brushed by the ruthless hand of greed from the cheeks of little children and mixed with the tears of women laboring for a miserable pittance—that bread is a luxury no nation can afford and expect to flourish.

The cause of the high cost of living is no secret. No board of inquiry was necessary to find it out. It lies in the fact that our legislators have passed laws which operate for the private benefit of a few of the people and bring adversity to the many. Before we can live high and not count the cost it will be necessary for our legislators to undo much of the work they and their predecessors have done. Repeal! Repeal! Repeal! should be the slogan of the people. Repeal the tariff, Repeal railway franchises, Repeal banking privileges, and above all repeal the laws which enable the speculators to hold 100,000,000 acres of land idle in these three prairie provinces. If the people will insist upon these things the day is not far distant when the high cost of living will cease to trouble the inhabitants of Canada.

GAME'S UP IN NEW BRUNSWICK

A political situation is rapidly developing in New Brunswick not unlike what happened in Manitoba last year. The lieutenant governor may be compelled to dissolve the legislature. Ever since Hon. J. K. Flemming had to resign the premiership, after being found guilty of compelling government contractors to pay him money, the government has stood discredited.

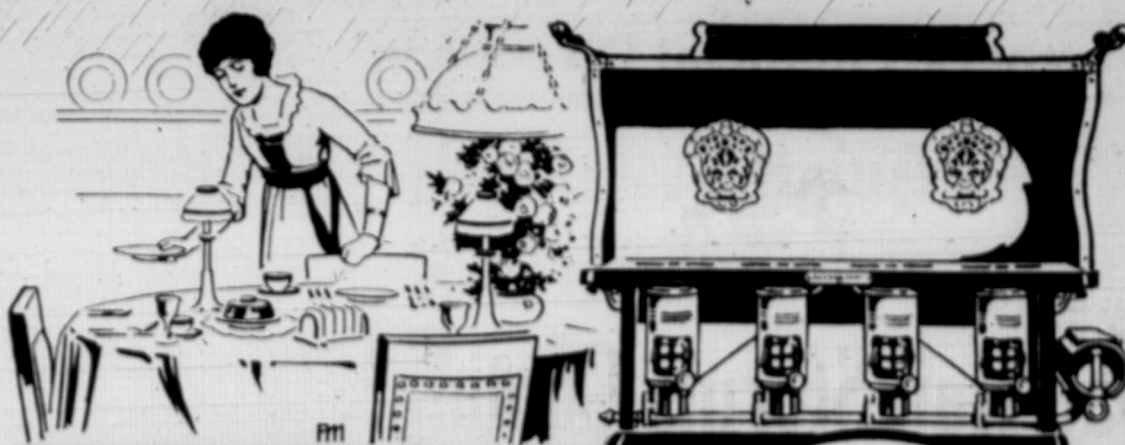
It has the monopoly of representation in the province. There are only two Liberals, both French-speaking with little or no knowledge of English, to represent the opposition. With the limited means at its disposal, the opposition has exposed a legislature honey-combed with ignorance and greed and vice. No action has been taken by the legislature to repudiate ex Premier Flemming's transactions. Rather has the guilty politician been whitewashed, and recommended for a wider field of political activity: namely, nominated as federal Conservative candidate to oppose Mr. Frank Carroll in Carleton county.

Patronage officials and private members have been proven guilty of wrongdoing, and a large sum of money, the proceeds of provincial guaranteed bonds for the St. John Valley Railway, would seem to be unaccounted for. One independent Conservative member, Mr. J. L. Stewart, publisher of the Chatham World, has cut himself loose from the corrupt oligarchy, and he is now calling upon the lieutenant governor to kick the government out, or for the Governor-General of Canada to issue a royal commission to investigate the whole New Brunswick Government, and to appoint someone to administer the public affairs of the province while the investigation into the charge is in progress.

Parliamentary government in Canada is almost a discredit to the great British institution of representative assemblies. Perhaps much of the trouble is possible because the elected assemblies are not truly representative. The instrument of self-government has been abused and politics discredited by the election manipulators and patronage hunters. Electoral reform is a prime need, to ensure the election of parties on a basis of proportional representation, instead of elections being controlled by the small and venal minority known as the floating vote. Ottawa Citizen.

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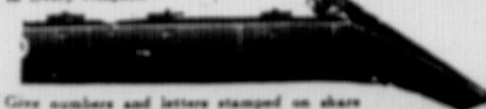
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