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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE CASE OF HON. JOHN MORRISSEY.

A despatch from Fredericton, published elsewhere in this morning's issue of The Standard, conveys the information that Premier Clarke on Saturday wrote to Hon. John Morrissey, Minister of Public Works, asking for his resignation as a member of the Government of New Brunswick. It is also evident from the despatch that Mr. Morrissey, or persons acting in his interest, supplied the information to the public.

That Mr. Morrissey would soon cease to be a member of the Clarke Government has been apparent to those in touch with the situation, for it was evident from his own public expressions that, for a long time, he had been dissatisfied with most, if not all, of his colleagues. Under such circumstances it is obvious there could be but one end to the situation.

Events transpired during the last few days of the legislative session which had an important bearing upon the Department of Public Works and the Minister in charge of it. Two members of the House, one a supporter of the Government and the other a representative from the Minister's own constituency, pointed to alleged specific instances of mismanagement. These charges certainly should have been met and explained by the responsible head of the department. Hon. Mr. Morrissey chose, however, to ignore the questions of the cost of certain bridges and of the building of a drain at Marysville. His only answer was in effect that he was being attacked because of his race and religion, an answer obviously improper and unfounded.

Ever since Hon. J. D. Hazen formed his cabinet in 1908 honest and fair representation has been given to all races and all religions and it is well known that it is the intention of Honorable Mr. Clarke to continue this policy.

When it is asserted that a bridge 38 feet in length has, in a few years, cost several thousands of dollars in construction and for repairs and the question is asked whether the expense was necessary, it should be possible for the head of the Department of Public Works to give facts and figures upholding the work of that branch of the public service.

When it is alleged that a sewer had been laid—costing more per mile than a section of railway—it ought to be possible for the responsible Minister to show what elements entered into the cost of that sewer and state the necessity existing for the expenditure. Such questions contain no reflection upon a man's racial origin, nor upon his religious beliefs, and by no possible distortion can they be made to do so.

The report of Commissioner Teed, which, from the standing of the gentleman who made it, will be accepted as correct throughout the province, should have awakened Hon. Mr. Morrissey to a realization that things have been going on in his department of which he was not aware, and for which, it is presumed, he would not desire to be responsible. Before that report was made public the Minister had made in the legislature an impassioned avowal of his faith in the subordinate whose actions had been the subject of investigation. Previous to that time the Minister had the report in his possession and, it must be presumed, had carefully read the evidence on which Commissioner Teed's finding was based. If he had not availed himself of his opportunity to read this evidence he can scarcely claim to have given to his department that careful attention his position demanded.

These matters, and many others, have been subjects of public criticism for some time. Premier Clarke is well known as a man who acts only after careful and matured deliberation. The public may be assured that he would not have made this important change in the composition of his Government without adequate reasons, or from other than the best motives.

MR. DUGAL AND OTHERS.

The Standard received last night a despatch signed by L. A. Dugal, M. L. A., leader of the Provincial Opposition, claiming that this newspaper had misrepresented remarks made by him

in the Legislature on Friday morning, and requesting that we should publish his statement. Pursuant to that request it is published elsewhere.

The Standard has no quarrel with Mr. Dugal, and no desire to misrepresent him in any way. At the same time this newspaper feels bound to point out that Mr. Dugal's speech was made in reply to a demand from Mr. B. Frank Smith, of Carleton county, who challenged the opposition leader to arise in his place and either make a charge against him or exonerate him.

Mr. Smith suggested that as Mr. Dugal was not at home in the English language, he be permitted to address the House in his mother tongue, which suggestion was adopted by Mr. Speaker solely for the purpose of placing the opposition leader at his ease. Mr. Dugal's speech was afterwards translated by Hon. Dr. Landry, and Mr. Dugal himself accepted Dr. Landry's version of it as correct. In his speech the leader of the opposition said in effect that he had no charge of dishonesty to make against any member of the House.

Mr. Dugal was in the Legislature on Friday afternoon and again on Saturday morning. The official report of his speech, and of Dr. Landry's free translation of it was published in the Fredericton Gleaner on Friday evening. If the interpretation was not correct, the proper course for Mr. Dugal to have followed was to make his correction on the floor of the House. He has been sufficiently long in Fredericton to know this, and The Standard believes he did know it. Yet he made no such complaint. Instead, he accompanied by Mr. P. J. Vaniot, who shares with E. S. Carter the position of Liberal organizer for the province, called at the office of the official reporter of the Legislature and asked that there should be stricken from Dr. Landry's translation the words, "The hon. member for Madawaska wanted it understood that he did not charge that Mr. Smith had done anything that was not honorable." The official reporter quite properly refused this request, a request which Mr. Dugal and his mentor, Mr. Vaniot, knew very well should not have been made.

Perusal of the synoptic reports of the debates in the Provincial Legislature for many years past will show more than one instance where members have complained of the accuracy of the official report. This has occurred under preceding governments as well as since 1908, but in every case the complaint was made in fair, manly fashion on the floor of the House, and stealthy visits to the reporter's office were not considered necessary. Consequently, in the present case, The Standard prefers to believe the official report and Dr. Landry's translation of Mr. Dugal's remarks, particularly as that translation is endorsed by other members who have a knowledge of French.

This is not Mr. Dugal's first experience with Hon. Dr. Landry. It may be recalled that in the session just prior to the appointment of the Royal Commission to probe the Flemming charges, the opposition leader made charges against Mr. Flemming, and Mr. H. F. McLeod. He also named certain members of the Government he was prepared to exonerate from any suspicion of wrong-doing. Dr. Landry's name was not in the number, but when the Provincial Secretary demanded that Mr. Dugal should either exonerate him or make a charge against him Mr. Dugal said, "I have no charge to make." It appears the incident of Friday morning was very similar in character.

But the sole blame should not fall on the member for Madawaska. Left to himself Mr. Dugal would be as fair in his politics as he is known to be in his business. He has simply permitted himself to become the instrument of the organizers of the most unscrupulous and slanderous campaign which any government ever had to face. The questions standing in his name on the order paper of the House are practically put there for him, the insinuations and charges coming from the opposition benches are, to all intents and purposes, made by which they are voiced. In other words, to paraphrase a well known Scriptural quotation, the words are the words of Dugal, but the cowardly

charters they contain are the product of his political masters—Messrs. E. S. Carter and Peter J. Vaniot.

THAT "SHAMEFUL" SESSION.

The young man who prepares the flaming headlines for the Evening Sapphira became more than usually excited on Saturday evening when he wrote over a communication from the political fictionist at Fredericton, the words "Shameful Finish of the Shameful Session." The article, seeming to call for the outbreak of big type, referred to the closing of the legislative session at Fredericton.

Let us see just what was the nature of that session and the "shameful" things accomplished during the seven or eight weeks the legislators devoted to their duties.

In the first place the Government grappled with the Valley Railway question, which had been in an unsettled state and adjusted it to the satisfaction of the people and in a manner that will work to the prosperity of the province and the successful operation of the railway. That may have been "shameful" from the standpoint of the Evening Sapphira and the disgruntled politicians that newspaper represents, but, generally, the people of the province will be inclined to regard it as good business.

Also, the Government introduced legislation designed to put a prohibitory law into force in this province on May 1st, 1917. In that they went farther than the prohibition advocates requested and showed a disposition to move promptly, fairly and fearlessly to give effect to the wishes of the people. Was that an act that could be considered as contributing to the "shameful" events of a "shameful" session?

During the session there was a question of irregularities on the part of a member of the legislature and an official of one of the provincial departments. Again the Government acted with promptitude and in accordance with the facts and as a result, neither of the gentlemen concerned are now in the service of the province. That was an honest rather than a "shameful" action and the Government should be commended for it instead of being held up to unwarranted and unfounded criticism.

Never in the history of New Brunswick has there been such a mean and miserable attempt to create prejudice against a Government as that witnessed during the past session of the legislature. That the attempt failed was not due to any lack of viciousness on the part of its promoters but because they found the Government ready to meet them at every point and the result has been vindication and triumph for the men now administering the affairs of the province.

The Clarke Government stands before the people of New Brunswick today as an administration under which the public business is being honestly and decently conducted. The session just ended has been productive of much wise and useful legislation for which the Government merits the endorsement of every right thinking citizen.

Verdun

She is a wall of brass;
You shall not pass! You shall not pass!
Spring up like summer grass,
Surge at her, anise on mass,
Still shall you break like glass,
Splinter and break like shivered glass.
But pass?
You shall not pass;
German, you shall not, shall not pass;
God's hand has written on the wall of brass—
You shall not pass; you shall not pass.

The valleys are quaking,
The torn hills are shaking,
The earth and the sky seem breaking,
But unbroken, undoubting, a wonder and sign,
She stands, France stands, and still holds to the line.

She counts her wounded and her dead;
You shall not pass;
She sets her teeth, she bows her head;
You shall not pass;
Till the last soul in the fierce line has fled,
You shall not pass.

Help France! Help France!
Who would not, thanking God for this great chance,
Stretch out his hands and run to succor France?
HAROLD REGGIE.

IDENTITY!

(By Wells Hastings, appears in the April Century.)

Do you remember Perigord,
The grocer on our street?
What, poor old Jean, the craft-eyed,
Who shuffled, slipped and feet,
Who weighed his thumb so often,
Whose sugar was so strange,
Whose gold 't was always well to ring
Whenever he made change?
Perhaps, but, friend, I mean that one
Who gave his life to save
A comrade in that last great charge—
Jean Perigord the brave.

Boston, Mass., April 28.—Singing music by wireless has recently been accomplished by Harold J. Power, of

Little Benny's Note Book

There was a little kid standing in front of Mommy Stimmines candy store holding a balloon by a string, being a kid with darty wits stockings on, and me and Ed Wernick and Sid Hunt started to go past, and Ed Wernick sed, Hay, kid, we dont you leave go of the string, the balloon wont do anything.

Went it go away, sed the kid, and the balloon went rite up in the air like a balloon, and the kid started to yell and jumped on Ed Wernick and started to kick him in the shins and punch him in the stummick, and the balloon started to come down agen and me and Sid Hunt ran after it and cawt it about a block away and brawt it back mechin and still yelling, and Ed Wernick was saying, Hay, cut it out, do you hear, cut it out.

Heers your balloon, kid, I sed.

And the kid stopped kicking and yelling, and Sid sed, Dont lets give it to him till he ipologize to Ed.

If you want your balloon, kid, you got to ipologize for doing all that kicking, I sed.

Wat good will that do me, my shins bert like the dickins, I got a good mind to punch that kid nose, sed Ed Wernick.

Make him ipologize, sed Sid, go ahead, kid, ipologize.

I will not, sed the kid.

All rite, then you dont get your balloon, I sed, and we pertended to start to walk away with it, and the kid sed, Ill ipologize.

Go ahead, sed Sid, and the kid sed to Ed Wernick, I ipologize for kicking you, you big sucker.

Now you got to ipologize for calling him a sucker, I sed, and the kid sed, I ipologize for calling you a sucker, your freckle face stiff, I sed.

Now you got to ipologize for calling him a freckle face stiff, I sed.

Hay, I aint going to stay heer and be called names just to heer this kid ipologize, sed Ed Wernick, And he wawked away and we gave the kid his balloon back and wawked after him, and the kid yelled, You big erster, you rotten tummatto.

Shood we go back and make him ipologize, I sed.

No, sed Ed Wernick, And we didnt.

was not far distant when the experiment station at Tufts College would be able to play "The Star Spangled Banner" to the Kaiser's radio operators at Berlin. He said that soon he would try playing grand opera to wireless operators at sea and would make use of such voices as those of Emmy Destinn, Marie Rappold, Jacques Urus, Anna Case and others of Metropolitan fame.

For some time Mr. Power has been experimenting with this problem of wireless music, but not until during the past fortnight did he meet with any promising success. The delicate mechanism whereby music is transmitted is closely guarded at the station and none of the numerous newspaper men around have been able to induce Mr. Power to reveal the secrets of his work.

In these experiments Mr. Power is using an Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph, the latest invention of the great inventor. Mr. Power reports that the purity of the music reproduced by Edison's invention led to its selection in his experiments.

Operators at various stations along Cape Cod and any number of amateur wireless operators around Boston have reported that they heard quite clearly the music in the air.

Speaking of his invention, Mr. Power declared that he believed the time

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