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another, and about the public business with which the present government has had to do, they confirmed many statements of the opposition and many suspicions which the public has long entertained

Morrissy, if he has any regard for his political future; must now regret placed these remarks upon the record: that he did not leave the government so soon as it became clear that Hon. Mr. Flemming and the administration were on the downward road three or four years ago. By struggling to hold his place in the existing government, in the face of hostile elements, Mr. Morrissy has fallen between two stools. The government must presently choose between Mr. Morrissy and his accusers; and it is easy to see that the accusations must have been made with the consent of the ministry, if not at the instigation of some

sented a sharp issue to the government. According to the official peport Mr. Pinder charges that many transactions in the Chandler report, dwells upon the significance of this linking up of Messrs.

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ADVENTISING NATES — Ordinary charges made, or fully disclose the violence of language and the luxuriant scope of invective employed by the belingerents. But whatever Messrs. Pinder and Swim think of Mr. Morrissy, or whatever he may think of their virtues, public interest will centre chiefly upon the light which this debate throws upon the administration and its methods. Reven a government so desperate as this present one can scarcely avoid taking official notice of and official action upon the charges made across the floors of the Legislature by government supporters.

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MR. ROBICHAUD ALSO.

Mr. A. J. H. Stewart no longer graces the New Brunswick Legislature by his the New Brunswick Legislature by his presence. It is generally anticipated that announcement will be made presently that Mr. Stewart has received some of the of emolument. It was so in the case of Mr. John Sheridan, who received an appointment as Indian Commissioner before the Chandler report was complete. Having caused the Legislature to give thom. J. K. Flemming a strong certificate of character, the local government can scarcely do less by Mr. Stewart, whose offences, while established clearly the high seas."

Tuesday. Nevertheless the proceedings enough, are by no means so scrious as many challenges to the United States Tuesday. Nevertheless the proceedings enough, are by no means so serious as in the Legislature on that day exposed those of which Mr. Flemming was found and says that the course of Washington

In the Legislature on that day exposed to the public gaze a fine example of "a house divided against itself." Everybody is so well versed in Scripture as to know off hand what becomes of a house so divided.

There was a considerable exchange of vulgar abuse in the course of the debate between Messrs. Pinder, Swim and Morrissy, but what the public will take most notice of is that when these gentlemen began to say publicly what they knew, and what they suspected, about one and what they suspected in Scripture as the know guilty.

But Mr. Martin Robichand, M. P. P., still sits in the Legislature, although the course of Washington is familiar: "First, 'The situation is familiar: "First, 'T

Later in his report the Royal Com

"Mr. Martin J. Robichaud seems to have virtually taken upon himself the superintendence of the work performed at the Caribon bridge.

Valentine Robichaud really knew nothing at all about this transaction, and seems to have relied entirely upon Mr. Martin J. Robichaud and the foreman, Docithe Chaisson.

All the cases into which I have inquired where Valentine Robichaud was concerned, proved him to be inefficient and unsatisfactory, and completely under the control of the county representatives, Messes. Stewart and Robichaud."

NEW ROYAL COMMISSION ON SHELL CHARGES AND THE MAN WHO LAUNCHED THE CHARGES



of late that his feet were not so light as riches. Some day the world will ces alacrity, quoting Census Bulletin No. 18 will when it becomes fully awake. as showing that while a man may be old LORD CURZON AND THE SHELLS. ocuad official classification is as follows:



What is middle age, anyhow? Some sense of proportion by the time he reached the early stations on the route, citizen of Toronto who possibly noticed has acquired wisdom which is above of late that his feet were not so light as they used to be, or whose hair is not at all the same thing it was twenty years ago, wrote to his favorite Toronto newspaper to ask when a man is middle-aged, and when he is old, according to the journey shead. Once the world will cease from the Germans, together with some additional ground. Evidently there has been some stiff fighting on our front. At verdun there is a renewal of the terrific struggle, and the issue is still undecided. And this is the eighth week of the middle-aged editor, who may be crowd-able to the individual, and this globe of ourse will be much more worth living. ng sixty, but who likes to think that he ours will be much more worth living is still one of the young fellows, responded to his subscriber's inquiry with here from generation to generation, and

"The years under five may be considered as those of childhood; the years from five to fourteen as those of school-life; the years from fitteen to twenty-four as those of apprenticeship, trade learning, or other means of preparation for life's battles; the years from twenty-five to forty-four as those of the prime of life; the years from forty-five to sixty-four as those of middle life; and those of sixty-five and over as old age."

The years under five may be considered as the fact that Lord Curzon was already on record in conscience as those of childhood; the fact that Lord Curzon was already on record in conscience as those of childhood; the fact that Lord Curzon was already on record in conscience as those of apprentices, the years from fitteen the shells business. Just what Sir Sam Hughes, Canadian cabinet minister, had to do with the shells, and just what the measure of the Capadian government's responsibility is, appears clearly from a statement made in the House of Lords on behalf of the British government in June, 1915, about the time the famous of sixty-five and over as old age."

But yet I've turned me homeward with Cardon as the five form the financial burden in Germany so great that it must mean was or diminished armaments."

Richard Harding Davis, whose sudden death was reported Wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported Wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the beginning of this war, and undeath was reported wednesday was a powerful advocate of the Allied cause from the chal



deal with matters in regard to which given a national lead long ago. If the voluntary system will not produce men enough, some form of conscription must come. But the Dominion authorities have by no means exhausted the possibilities of the volunteer system. They have left the job to civilians. New Brunswick, of course, will readily submit to any form of recruiting or enlist-ment which is applied throughout the Dominion. This province does not require any special treatment.

The British, in a laconic bulletin, an nounce the recapture of a mine crater from the Germans, together with some additional ground. Evidently there has

"In 1908", says the London Chronicle "Lord Fisher wrote in his daughter's birthday book that Germany would be at war with England in 1914, and that Jellicoe would be the Nelson of the fleet. when the Borden government attempted to take refuge behind the Imperial authorities in the matter of shells be enlarged, the German fleet greatly they overlooked the fact that Lord strengthened and the financial burden in Curzon was already on record in control for the free strengthened and the financial burden in Curzon was already on record in control from five to fourteen as those school-life, the years from fifteen.

tional peril, says he knew practically nothing of Allison, because he had only met him casually a couple of times. No liament or outside brings the responsibility for a colossal blunder more clearly home to General Bertram than this repudiation of Allison. If the chairman of the Shell Committee did not know Allison sufficiently well to trust him, what influence was brought to bear upon General Bertram to award huge contracts to the American Ammunition Company and the International Arms Company, two corporations which had a total capital of \$4,000 when the contracts for \$22,000,000 worth of fuses were

make fuses to stand the most exacting tests.

Why did General Bertram turn aside from legitimate Canadian manufacturers and give those huge contracts, with eash advances aggregating three millions, to mushroom American concerns? He evidently did not do so at Col. Allison's solicitation, for he met that clever manipulator only casually a couple of times. Who was the man behind and higher up, the man strong enough to make General Bertram award this reckless and improvident and almost treasonable contract? That is the question the chairman of the Shell Committee must answer when he appears before Sir William Meredith and Mr. Justice Duff.

(H. C. in University Magazine).

Behind the sloping meadows where the dusky hills divide

I have stood at even-tide
And beheld the far horizon with the setting sun take flame
And the mountains glorified;
I have watched the flocks dispersing and the birds in homeward flight
As they vanished in the valley dim and

And yet have falled to find her in the passage of the night.

tides came pouring in
And have caught the bittern's cry;
thought to surely find her when the
world was all astir,
But yet Pve turned me homeward with

And the proposal and th

(The opinions of correspondents are not necessarily those of The Telegraph. This newspaper does not undertake to publish all or any of the letters received. Unsigned communications will not be noticed. Write on one side of the communications.

est route to the great docks of Court-enay Bay, or are they the foolish bull, over-estimating their strength, to be left a mangled wreck at some juncture with

Our brave brothers, today, are unflinchingly facing the German hordes on the battle lines of Europe. Are we to be traitors to them and the cause that they represent and not protect our country from those that would strike us in

No. Mr. Editor, in this fight we are neither Liberal nor Conservative, but a people united to build a great trunk rail-road to develop a country that is only Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your

space and your readers for their indul-gence, I remain,
Yours for a square deal,
CHARLES R. PETERS.
Elmhurst (N. B.), April 10, 1916. THE VALLEY ROUTE.

To the Editor of The Telegraph: To the Editor of The Telegraph:
Sir,—When the Intercolonial Railway
was projected the people of New Brunswick expected that it would be built
through the St. John River Valley.
North Shore politicians had the pullresult is the long haul. When the
Transcontinental was built the valley
was side-tracked again, this time on account of Nova Scotia influence.
Now for the third, and probably last
time, political influence may result in
the Valley Railway accoming a branch
line of the C. P. R. Surely the future
development of the west, as well as the

Thought to surely find her when the world was all astir.

But yet I've turned me homeward with a sigh

The day foregone and wasted for the love and want of her.

And then some casual morning when my heart was least aware

I have stepped without—and there

She was leaning from the chalice of the waster to give the future of St. John as the winter freight port of Canada; consider the millions already spent at Couried the future development of the west, as well as the certain growth of our own province, will warrant building for the future. Look aleast time. The essential future working out is hidden by more or less cever lugging of figures that might apply if we consider only the next ten years; but consider the future of St. John as the certain growth of our own province, will warrant building for the future. Look aleast time. The essential future working out is hidden by more or less cever lugging of figures that might apply if we consider only the next ten years; but consider the future of St. John as the certain growth of our own province, will warrant building for the future. Look aleast time. The essential future working out is hidden by more or less cever lugging of figures that might apply if we consider only the next ten years; but consider the future of St. John as And then some casual morning when my heart was least aware
I have stepped without—and there
She was leaning from the chalice of the lily's shaken cup
With the old familiar air!
She had set the chimes a ringing in the shipping facilities that will be needed most assuredly if the Valley Railway comes in from the east side.

POLITI IN PRO

Government

Weedsticton, April Hon. John Morrissy, ent members suppo ing charges of graft, were such that in the owering the dignity ter and his officials The public works egan the attack. T

by Swim, of North hose criticism was ridges was divided. MORRISSY GIVES I Hon John Morris der and Swim and has said, to please either wore wings. Referri ty roads, he said it w

and the opportunities

"Shame on him," his own county. that he had made five ister of public works. hem to show that he Swim and Pinder to

He had asked the orters of the govern the premier had refus Harry M. Blair, and sa nded this man as derous tones, "got as Harry Blair." There had been

lavit," said the mini ley and all the rest of Dr. Price-"Name Hon. Mr. Morrissy

Dr. Price-"I wan Cries of order at Dr. Price were in ex fter Blaid, they say, Why, then, do they n sked for a commi advantage of it. "They say they a han that. They say

Voices-"Oh, no, Hon. Mr. Morriss 'm proud to be a R eaching that I am h "I'm willing to p day or I'm going to to all and to those tw erts would be under Mr. Pinder-"The

Hon, Mr. Morris Continuing, Pinder Blair, and paying him ferred to Blair as the tary," and said it cos much to run the office Swim's Charges. Mr. Swim followed

of charges of all kinds.
The people of the knew that the departm crooked and the minimum wared the charges the wered the charges the The bridges throughout rotten. There were ple holes for which there we they could find over \$1,0 graphs of bridges.

L. P. D. Tilley foll took Mr. Morrissy she bringing his news into hringing his name into Hon. Mr. Morrissy-

your name in."
Mr. Tilley—"Mr. Pir
criticism that I made
ing the expense in cor
renewals and repairs renewals and repairs room. The criticism I a right to make as a asked a question, asked have been more busin called for tenders. The right and that position there is another questic sound thinking public A prominent official in department had charghim. They were invectosed doors. Why be I do not know. The re do not know. The I do not know. The re had been brought dow been made public yet been glad had it been I am sure we will be is exonerated, but if I ated the minister mus

sponsibility."

Hon. Mr. Morrissy sinuated last year the per cent graft in the pure furnishings. I asked his information and hime. I then said you these fellows going statements and then M got his information from Titus Carter's Appeal.

Titus Carter closed saying that while he anybody he regretted had been used and th Blair, whom he had courteous and compete unfair to him to ban nake such references

The discussion had dignity of the house festly unfair for mem charges without assu men and "unless we thing the honor of the graded." After this is ort down it would b members who had said sume responsibility for This closed the mo

cussion the house has years. The Ministers and Landry sat in sile followers fight it out with the outbreak had to and it is only a wonde bers did not rect wind. Dr. Price was eager tack upon Morrissy, it was restrained by the did not know how f ould go if the Mond

me Warm Names. s thrown to the