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NOTICE

Effective immediately, The Standard office will operate on Daylight time. The business office opens at eight o'clock (Standard time) and closes at five o'clock. Advertisers will please govern themselves accordingly.

THAT MOTOR TRUCK DEAL.

It is the duty of Mayor Hayes to immediately take such action as may be necessary to prevent the completion of the proposed purchase of a motor truck for the Department of Public Works. The transaction, as it appears from the reports of the Council meeting on Tuesday afternoon, is not an honorable transaction, and pending a full explanation from Commissioner Fisher, it should not be permitted to go through.

Some time ago Mr. Fisher called for tenders for a motor truck and a number of bids were submitted. These included five or six from local dealers as well as one from a resident of Fredericton. Mr. Fisher states that all of these tenders were rejected, but he gives no explanation for his rejection, nor did he intend to previous to the Tuesday afternoon meeting that this action had been taken. Meantime he alone was appointed a committee to look into the motor truck proposal and to report. He did so and reported in favor of a motor truck manufactured in the United States—as are practically all motor trucks—and sold here through a Fredericton agent who made a first bid and of course in this bid included his selling commission. But a supplementary tender dated April seventh was submitted by a representative of the company from Toronto who came here especially to endeavor to make this sale and who reduced his price on the same truck by several hundred dollars in order to meet the prices of local dealers. These local men were not given opportunity to revise their bids even had they been inclined to do so, nor were they advised of the rejection of their tenders or of the opportunity which the Commissioner was giving an outside concern to make a second offer, which second offer of course deducted the commission of the Fredericton agent, who retired from the field in favor of the man from the company.

At the meeting on Tuesday afternoon Commissioner Jones censured Commissioner Bullock for endeavoring to secure information from Commissioner Fisher with respect to this affair; a rather strange attitude in view of the fact that Mr. Jones was not a member of the committee appointed to report and that he had no business interfering in Mr. Fisher's affairs. Another rather remarkable feature of the proceeding was Mr. Fisher's refusal to make public the information which he had relative to these trucks, and then a few minutes afterwards going to Mr. Bullock's private office and volunteering to tell him in confidence why he would not purchase from local dealers. Mr. Fisher intimated in council that he did not wish to knock other trucks. Local representatives would be pleased to have his criticism of the lines they represent and are not afraid of any comparison of their trucks with others on the market.

In this whole matter the council has evidently lost sight of the fact that prices being equal, preference should naturally be given local agents who spend their money in St. John on taxes, wages and other operating expenses, and who maintain service stations where parts and repairs may be provided, which is not the case with the company favored by Mr. Fisher supported by Mr. Jones.

MORE TRICKERY.

Certain members of the Veniot-Foster Government are posing as friends of the ladies. This Government has introduced a bill extending the franchise to women, having rejected a similar proposition made by the Murray administration only a short time ago. It should not be imagined for a moment that all members of the Foster party are in favor of this policy, but they regard the move as good politics and anticipate deriving some benefit from the adoption of this measure. It is unfortunate however, that in their little plan the trickery employed by the promoters of the bill is so apparent. It is provided under the proposed legislation that this extension of the franchise to women should become effective on July first of this year, and announcement is made that immediate action will be taken toward the preparation of lists containing the names of women who will then be qualified to vote. Strangely enough, the first of July will arrive a week or two after the Provincial general election, as already announced by members of the Government. Those women of New Brunswick who are to be granted the boon of the franchise by the Veniot-Foster Government will

thus have an opportunity of exercising this privilege some time during the next four or five years, but will not be permitted to vote in the approaching election. That election, as stated, has been fixed by members of the Government and friends, to take place early in June and since the new lists will not be prepared until July, and since the women will not be permitted to vote until July, they will have no opportunity of expressing at the polls their opinion of the present administration in the approaching contest.

This postponement of the women's franchise is a concession made by some members of the Government to others in their party who were opposed to the plan, but who were willing to agree to it, provided there is no privilege given to women to exercise the vote until after the general election.

GETTING WELL STARTED.

Speaking of the growth of the bonded debt of New Brunswick, "Give us ten years," says Honorable Clifford W. Robinson, "Give us ten years and wait and see where the momentum of increasing expenses will lead us." At St. John in 1916 the Veniot-Foster party pledged themselves to spend on permanent roads each year a sum taken from ordinary revenue equal to the amount received in the way of licenses from motor vehicles. No doubt the leaders who placed this plank in the party platform are the only ones privileged or entitled to say what it meant, although at the time it was doubtless intended as a promise that if returned to power they would administer the affairs of the province so efficiently and economically as to carry on an important program of permanent road building without adding to the bonded indebtedness of the province. Of course, Mr. Veniot and Mr. Foster, and their rest had no notion of deceiving the people by promising something they were not prepared to fulfill, and indeed records show that they have expended on roads an amount very much greater than promised, this variation from the 1916 pledge being accompanied by another slight variation, which the word "permanent" is omitted from the description of the roads on which the money has been expended. In his extraordinary budget speech of a few days ago, the Provincial Secretary dealt with so top-heavy topics that he did not stumble over any of the planks in his party's famous platform, but there is evidence of Mr. Veniot's determination that the party shall walk that particular plank. One thing is certain that the Minister of Public Works has spent on roads and bridges a sum equal to the motor vehicle licenses—and a great deal more. And he alleges that this expenditure has been on roads and bridges of a permanent nature, in which contention he is very wide of the mark, for up to the present there has not been a foot of permanent roadway completed in New Brunswick. Last year with a legislative appropriation of \$365,500, he managed to expend on ordinary account the sum of \$571,905, but it is not indicated that he spent that much of current revenue on his so-called permanent work. According to one of the comptroller general's reports during the last fiscal year on that described as "permanent roads and bridges amount to \$1,124,399, of which amount \$787,252 seems to have been provided, leaving the department with accounts payable on October 31, 1918, amounting to \$335,617. There would be some apology for such an enormous outlay if any of the work involved were of a permanent nature. Such, however, is not the case. In the matter of spending money the Minister of Public Works has displayed enterprise and energy unequalled by any two or more of his predecessors. But unfortunately he has effected no such improvements on roads and bridges as might be anticipated from his extraordinary generosity. Great amounts of money have been squandered on work which is not good enough to be described as a permanent character. And instead of administering the affairs of the province in such a way as to set apart each year a portion of current revenue for permanent roadwork, the Veniot-Foster Government has spent from capital account huge amounts annually to carry on ordinary roadwork, and is increasing the public debt in an unprecedented manner. As Honorable Mr. Robinson says, "Give us ten years and see where we will land."

WHAT THEY SAY

Fashion Notes.
New York Herald: Evening gowns are to be cut still lower in the back, Graciosa, it will require some backbone to wear them.

He'd Hate to Print It.
Manchester Union: Wonder what old Jack Falstaff, with his contempt for small beer would have said about this.

Dramatic Event.
Montreal Herald: The dispersal of the Grand Fleet which has for the whole period of the Great War held the North Sea for the world against all the powers of evil, is a dramatic

event. Few persons have any clear idea of the exact size of that great armada. There were 380 ships of all classes in the Grand Fleet. It was not long before we will be given a chance to welcome Admiral Jellicoe in Montreal.

Bullion Preferred.
New York Herald: Germany's plea for credit, worldwide to buy food brings only alliance. Allies seem a trifle shy of doing business on "scrap of paper" basis.

Let Them Try.
Ottawa Journal: How can the United States come to the conclusion that the Philippines are fit for self-government without initiating them into the inside staff as exemplified by Tammany Hall?

Dreams of Nationalism.
Chicago Tribune: We understand that it is pleasant to sit at a desk and work out blueprints of a society actuated by only the highest and most altruistic motives and warms to establish the millennium over night. We can understand that this is a glowing exercise, but we do not much rely upon the theories of men who do not take their coats off and learn the resistance of things, or of men who keep their skin intact while others fight and die for the principles they preach.

Signs of Peace.
London Daily Chronicle: Peace is stealing upon us gradually. The itinerant tinkers, the cats' meat men, the old clo' dealer are enlivening the streets with their melodious cries. The piano organ grinders are mobilizing in the mean streets. A local butcher has actually given voice to a tentative "Buy, buy!"

Advises Public Patience.
London Chronicle: The public must be patient. The streets should be no more war, but it can only be secured if the peace structure now erected is really flawless. It is like an arch, in which any single brick, if it is rotten enough or ill-fitted enough, may bring the whole building clattering down about our ears in a decade or two. This being so, one cannot exaggerate the need for careful workmanship in the need for promptitude must come second to it.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE GREAT DIVIDE.
(By W. T. H.)

"Something for nothing! They shall not pass!"
The highbrow socialist cried.
Down with the capitalist class!
Up with the raw proletarian mass!
Hurrah for the great divide!"

"Something for nothing!" The anarchist carped.
Fresh from the other side.
Allen in heart and alien in name,
Bankrupt in gratitude, sense and shame.
He shrieks for the great divide.

"Something for nothing! No work, no pay!"
The I. W. W. decide.
"Welcome the dawn of our sabotage day,
Unless we are given our sovereign way.
Destroy the machine and set fire to the hay!
Hurrah for the great divide!"

"Something for nothing!" The Bolshevik yells.
Sweeping all order aside.
"Give us your lands and your goods as well,
Your all, or we'll send your souls to hell.
Now cometh the great divide!"

In Russia a wife of the great divide
Stands dazedly counting her dead.
Before her barren grain field lies;
Beyond her the smokeless factories rise;
Beside her the voice of famine cries,
"Hurrah for a crust of bread!"

A BIT OF FUN

The Unusual Winter.
"I've noticed this about our winters."
"What?"
"It doesn't make any difference what kind of a winter we have, it is always an unusual one."

No Difficulty There.
New Mistress—How about the after-noon?
Nora—Sure, mum, take wam—I'm willin'.

Strenuously Objects Then.
"Does your wife object to your playing cards for money?"
"Only when I lose."

Shadows of History.
"William the Conqueror," read the small boy from his history, "landed in England in 1066 A. D."
"What does A. D. stand for?" inquired the teacher.
The small boy pondered.
"I don't exactly know," he said, "Maybe it's after dark."—New York Times.

Kept Mum.
"Did the bride's father give her away?"
"No; on the contrary, he told the bridegroom she would make a very economical wife."—Answers, London.

Economy.
It's heart-breaking the way some girls are careless in these hard times.
Aunt Martha went into the kitchen the other evening and found her young servant sitting by the fire which was gaily consuming much coal.
"Goodness me!" gasped the old lady. "You should always burn elders in the evening, Esmeralda."
Next day auntie saw Esmeralda

Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

Ma made chocklit cakes yesterday, the day 2 troubles with them being that they was too small and there wasent enuf of them, and she put some on a plate covered with a napkin for me to take around to Ant Sue's house.

Which I started to do, thinking, She'll properly give me one for bringing them around. And I kept on taking them, and pritty soon I hawt. I wonder if it would be a crime to take it now in advants? Meeting the one Ant Sue would properly give me, and I hawt. As long as she's going to give it to me it rooly belongs to me anyhow, and its libt to get staler and staler every minnit, so I mite as well eat it rite away.

Which I did, taking one from underneath the napkin and eating it in abore. 3 cakes, being one, bits too many on account of politeness. And I kept on going to Ant Sue and gave her the cakes, Ant Sue saying, Wy, Benny, how nice of you to bring them around. And she put them on the sidebord and kept on dusting the dining room chairs and I stood there awhile, say, go, I brawt 13, Ant Sue, one less would jest make a dussin, wouldnt it?

Wy yes, I suppose so, sed Ant Sue going on dusting and thinking of sumthing else. Ma standing there feeling more and more like a theef the less she didnt offer me eny, and pritty soon I sed, Don't you think 13 is an unlicky number, Ant Sue?
They say it is, sed Ant Sue keeping on dusting. Ma thinking, G, holey smoke, and I sed, Well if I wanted one, Ant Sue, would you give me one, in case I wanted one?
Wy sertain, you poor boy, I never thawt of it, go and help yourself, sed Ant Sue.

Which I did, Ant Sue looking surprized and me feeling honest.

heaping coal on to a huge bonfire in the back garden. She couldn't speak for rage, but the girl understood. "Please, mum," she explained, "I'm making cinders to burn this evening!"—Answers, London.

Poor Papa!
"Mother, dear, I need \$100. Will you ask father for it?"
"No, you must ask him yourself. You'll have a husband some day, and now is your time to practise."—Life.

Hen's Affinity and Why.
"We read that a hen has adopted a litter of pigs. A possible explanation of this is the natural intimacy between ham and eggs."—Charlotte News.

Suspicious.
"There's a friend in the outer office waiting for you, sir."
"He's like this \$10 and keep it till I come back."—Boston Transcript.

Hopeful.
"How's that new cook I saw you taking home the other night?"
"By George! I think we've found to please her."—Boston Evening Transcript.

What Home Means to Them.
To the small boy—The service of supply.
To the young lady—The theatre of operations.
To the young man—Headquarters expeditionary forces.

To the Black Sheep—An awkward salient.
To the Malden Aunt—No man's land.
To Mother—The base hospital, salvage depot and camp commissary.

To Father—Headquarters disorganizing office and adjuster of claims.
Life.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

OPEN LETTER TO COMMISSIONER McQUEEN.

Havana, Cuba, April 3, 1919.
Commissioner James McQueen, Shediac, N.B., Canada.

Dear Sir—I have read over very carefully your report on the "Patriotic Potato" investigation as printed in the Daily Telegraph of March 19, 1919. Were the conclusions arrived at by you as set forth in this report, based directly on the evidence presented before the investigation, or were they in part based on information secured from other sources? If from the investigation only, what authority had you for stating that I received a consignment of potatoes from Clements under the name of The Brunswick Brokerage Co? Though I did receive a consignment of potatoes from The Brunswick Brokerage Company, yet having gone very carefully over the evidence given to me. On the other hand I find that two of the witnesses swore positively that A. C. Smith & Company shipped these potatoes to me.

After making this statement, you go further and state as follows: "Although the consigners were not A. C. Smith & Co., a cargo was shipped by them to Manzer."
You do not qualify this in any way as you do in many of your statements in this report by saying "If the evidence be true," but you set forth as a fact that a cargo of potatoes was shipped to me by A. C. Smith & Company. All business men will recognize the fact that no person in Canada could ship a cargo of potatoes to a person in Cuba without there being some documents in existence to show that this shipment had been made. As you have, in your report, stated so emphatically that this shipment was made to me by A. C. Smith & Company, persons reading your report would naturally conclude that you had absolute proof that such was the case. Now, I am going to give you an opportunity to furnish this proof, and by doing so, it will be a benefit to the town in which you live. No doubt, you are interested in some of the charitable institutions in Shediac, and I make the following offer: If you can furnish copies of any bills of lading or any invoices showing that A. C. Smith & Company made this shipment to me, or copies of any letter addressed to me from A. C. Smith & Company regarding this shipment, I

will, upon receiving such evidence, send a cheque for \$500.00 to any charitable institution in Shediac that you may name.

I will be very glad to hear from you, at your earliest convenience, in reference to this matter.

Yours very truly,
J. C. MANZER.

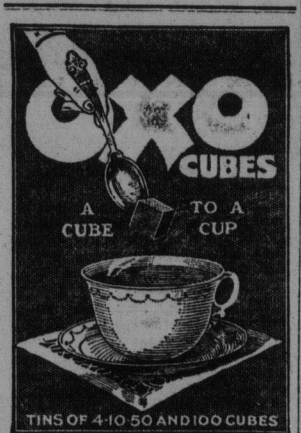
NOTED EVANGELIST DIED SUDDENLY

Rev. J. H. Hazelwood Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Toronto, April 9.—Rev. J. H. Hazelwood, field secretary of evangelism and social service, died suddenly today at his home in this city from heart failure. He was born at Brockville, Ontario, and was in his 62nd year. His wife, one daughter and four sons survive, all the sons having served in the Canadian expeditionary force.

Rev. Dr. Hazelwood has been pastor of a number of Methodist churches in Ontario, and had occupied the pastorate of two churches in this city.

Copenhagen, April 9.—It has been officially announced in Munich that Ritter von Pruger, the Bavarian envoy at Berlin, has been recalled. The commissary for foreign affairs, in giving his reasons for this step, declared that the new German constitution can never become binding on Bavaria, as Bavaria's special rights have been surrendered in the drawing up of that document.



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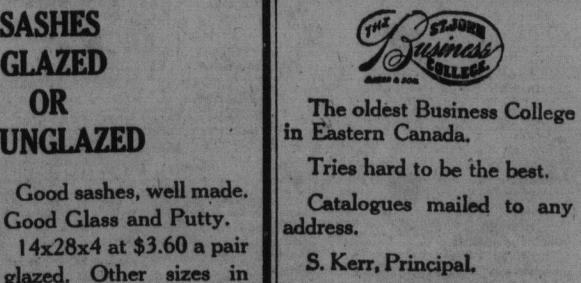
Fashion Requires a Bracelet Watch

A bracelet watch is a necessary addition to the smartly dressed woman's costume. It is worn for shopping, at receptions, and the very small, ornate modes are worn at dances and other formal evening entertainments. To be without a bracelet watch is to lack an essential of the fashionable toilette.
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ANDOVER HERO IS RECOVERING

Flight Lieutenant George B. Wootton Was One Time Reported Dead—Had Thrilling Experience and Wounded Over German Lines.

Flight Lieutenant George B. Wootton, a former Andover boy, and only son of N. J. Wootton, is in the Mary La Borne Hospital, England, and is rapidly recovering from wounds received in action.

At a former time, official word from Ottawa reached his parents that he had made the supreme sacrifice, and was mourned as dead by his parents. Happily the official intelligence was not correct, and today Flight Lieutenant Wootton is a live soldier.

He went overseas in early 1918 with the 140th Battalion. On October 30 last, while flying at a height of eleven thousand feet, four miles over the Hun lines and in a Sopwith Camel machine, he was suddenly attacked by anti-aircraft guns and shot through the right buttock, besides suffering a fractured right femur and hip joint shot through. With endurance beyond description, the young officer tacked again and again, escaping the air craft of the enemy, and safely made a landing behind the British lines.

He was conveyed to No. 8 General Hospital at Rouen, France, and there remained, receiving the best of surgical treatment until March 7th, when he was considered sufficiently recovered to be removed to the Mary La Borne Hospital in London.

Writing to his father under recent date, the officer, who is only twenty-three years of age, stated he was recovering the very best care that was obtainable. The Red Cross were extremely kind to him, as were the English ladies and nurses. Commenting on the nature of his wounds he feared he would be lame for life, as the wound in his femur which was twelve inches long, four inches wide and cut to the bone would seriously interfere with that member's growth in the future. However, he optimistically remarked to his "dad," that he was indeed a lucky boy not to have taken "the dip"—evidently meaning the trip to eternity. He was rapidly recovering, was receiving the best of care, and hoped to be around in a few months time. Speaking of the Canadian wounded in England he added: "There are only about three thousand Canadians in the British hospitals at the present time, and this number was being removed to the different Canadian hospitals in the immediate future."

The young officer's father is well known in the city. He was connected at a former time with the Victoria News. Mr. Wootton was in the city yesterday and leaves this morning en route to his home in Andover.

THE CIRCUIT COURT CASES YESTERDAY

The Circuit Court resumed its sitting yesterday. Mr. Justice McKenna presiding. Two cases were disposed of and a third was adjourned until April 20th, as counsel for the defendant was unable to be present. An adjournment was then made until Monday, April 14, at 10 o'clock, when the grand jury will be recalled to deal with five criminal indictments. The remainder of the case resumed on April 25.

In the case of Kendrick vs. Ellis, the cause of action in which arose in an automobile collision between the plaintiff and the defendant, the plaintiff, who sued for \$271.71, was awarded a verdict of \$221.11 for damages and loss of service of his car, or a reduction of \$50 in his item of \$100 for car service. Verdict was also given in favor of the plaintiff in a counter-claim for \$35 damages brought by the defendant. John A. Barry acted for the plaintiff and J. Starr Tait for the defendant.

In Currier et al vs. Archibald, judgment for \$71 was given for the plaintiff as the defendant did not appear, with the ruling that should the defendant desire to later to pay the cost and re-open the case, he may do so. S. H. Cohen, defendant in the case of Teed and Teed vs. Cohen, a suit for legal fees, filed a motion to set aside the verdict, but he was unable to get a lawyer here to represent him and that he had arranged to have M. L. Hayward, Hartland, Carleton Place, handle his case. Mr. Hayward was expected at noon and hearing was postponed until 2:30 p.m. When court resumed at 2:30 p.m. the case of Mr. Hayward was the effect that he could not be on hand and read and the case was adjourned until April 25. J. F. H. Teed for the plaintiff.

Lemons Do Whiten!

Try This on Face, Neck, Arms, Hands

The lemon juice massage indulged in once or twice each day means a little time and trouble, but what of the splendid results? A skin bleached beautifully white, a complexion with the bloom of a peach, a softening of those lines of care; in fact, a skin eloquent of nature's purity and hands white, soft and full of charm.
What girl or woman hasn't heard of lemon juice to remove complexion blemishes; to bleach the skin and to bring out the roses, the freshness and the hidden beauty? But lemon juice alone is acid, therefore irritating, and should be mixed with orchard white this way. Strain through a fine cloth the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing about three ounces of orchard white, then shake well and you have a whole quart of skin and complexion lotion at about the cost one usually pays for a small jar of ordinary cold cream. Be sure to strain the lemon juice so no pulp gets into the bottle, then this lotion will remain pure and fresh for months. When massaged daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, it should naturally help to whiten, clear, smoothen and beautify the skin.
Any dried fruit will supply three ounces of orchard white at very little cost and the grocer has the lemons.