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## SEVENTY-FOUR DAYS

This is the seventy-fourth day since Hon. P. G. Mahoney was appointed Minister of Public Works. He is still Minister of Public Works—the big spending department—though rejected by the people. How much longer will Lieut. Gov. Wood permit this gross violation of the principles of responsible government to continue?

## THE WAR NEWS

While the British and French have made some further gains on the western front this week, the last few days have shown no very important change in relative position, except that the Allies are in a better position to launch their next great attack. It is reported that masses of troops have been brought up by the Germans from Verdun to check if possible the Allied advance; and this shows how serious the German situation has become. Heavy fighting continues, with the advantage on the side of the Allies. It would not be surprising if next week brought news of a further decided advance of both British and French. The German defence is gradually weakening, and the great loss of man power is making itself felt.

On the eastern front, Kuropatin has smashed the German lines at one point in the Dvina region, and the Austrians admit that they have been compelled to fall back in the region of the Stryk and Lipa rivers, in the face of the Russian attack. The Russians have captured another town in Turkish Armenia.

The Italians report more trenches captured from the Austrians in the desperate struggle in the mountains, but the difficulties there are so great that progress must be extremely slow. There is still no news from the Balkan region, although Roumania draws steadily closer to the Allies. Important news from that quarter should come soon.

## THE FUSE CHARGES

The report of the Meredith-Duff commission should be followed by the retirement of Sir Sam Hughes. The report condemns J. Wesley Allison, and Sir Sam elected to stand or fall with Allison, whom he described as a better man than some others in the department when the people of Canada have much more confidence than they have in any of the war profiteers. The commission's report on Allison says:

"While professing to be acting as the friend of General Hughes and to be doing what he did in regard to the fuse contracts solely out of friendship for him and without any expectation or intention of receiving any remuneration for his services, he was instrumental in bringing about a contract in which he was pecuniarily interested. If we accepted Allison's statement, we would have been bound to say that his conduct in the agreement as to the commission without informing General Hughes and the committee could not either be justified or excused."

That a serious blunder was committed in leaving Col. Carnegie to conduct the business part of the transactions of the shell committee is clear from this sentence in the report:

"A mistake was made in placing upon the already overburdened shoulders of Col. Carnegie (ordinance expert to the shell committee) the work of conducting the business or commercial part of the transactions, for which work he possessed no special qualifications."

Those responsible for Col. Carnegie must accept the consequences of his blunders. He decided that time fuse could not be made quickly enough in Canada, and so the American American concern got the work which should have been done at home.

There was, however, no excuse at all for sending contracts for fuse fuse out of Canada. On this point the report of the commission is emphatic.

Summed up, the transactions of the Shell Committee deprived Canadian manufacturers of work they were thoroughly competent to do, and gave Allison and other rake-off men an opportunity to make large profits at a time when all Canadians were being urged to make great sacrifices for Canada and the Empire. Sir Sam Hughes and the government cannot evade their responsibility.

The first result of the report is the announcement that Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison "is permitted to resign his rank." It is now up to his friend and champion Sir Sam Hughes to resign. The government has already shown him of much of his power, and he ought to take the hint. If he does not, it will be up to the government to act, and if it fails the people will not fail to place the responsibility where it belongs.

## ANOTHER TORY WAIL

The Times quoted the other day the plaintive plea of the Sackville Post in behalf of the rank and file of the Conservative party, who are not consulted by the autocrats at the helm. The Post calls for organization, which is another way of asking that the rank and file be consulted.

A similar condition of the party exists in Nova Scotia. The recent Liberal

sweep in that province has prompted the Halifax Herald to do as the Sackville Post has done, and protest against the disregard of the rank and file of Nova Scotia Conservatives. Referring to the next elections in that province it says: "But to make sure that the party in Nova Scotia will do its full share in that battle when it comes, there must be a complete organization of our forces. There must be a complete overhauling of the ship. And dead wood must be cut out and replaced by sound timber. Scars must be healed, and weak spots must be strengthened and rough spots smoothed out. In short, the ship must be refitted and in such a way that from the leaders right down through the ranks of the workers, every man must get a square deal and be treated in such a way as to win and hold his hearty and undivided confidence and co-operation in the great work of the Liberal-Conservative party."

These pointed remarks are respectfully submitted for the careful consideration of the St. John Standard. There are weak spots and dead wood in its party in New Brunswick, and members who are not getting a square deal. The ship needs overhauling and refitting. When that task has been properly attended to the Standard's criticism of the opposition may appear more seemly than at present. Nobody believes, however, that it will be attended to, and therefore the bulk of the Conservative voters will turn to the other party and aid in bringing the square deal back into the public life of Canada.

## MR. F. B. McCURDY

The Halifax Chronicle invites Mr. F. B. McCurdy to undo the work of Sir Sam Hughes. It says:

"While, as we have already said, we do not see the necessity for creating a new position in the government, when so many of the members of the cabinet are doing little or nothing, the lack of sound business management in the department of militia is painfully evident. The appointment of Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M.P., as parliamentary secretary, brings well-merited promotion to a bright young business man who has made a success of his own business by energy, application and ability. The militia department is sadly in need of business management, and politics should play no part in its administration, especially in time of war. Mr. McCurdy is on trial, if he dispenses with the Garlands, the Posters, the Allison and that ilk and places the administration of the department on a sound, business and non-partisan basis he will deserve well of the country."

The Ottawa Citizen is perhaps less complimentary to Mr. McCurdy. It says: "Mr. F. B. McCurdy, M.P., who is reported to be the new parliamentary secretary for the militia department, is the same gentleman who failed to explain his denial that he was the spokesman for the shareholders of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at the annual meeting of that organization, when the fact that a big dividend was made possible because of munitions orders was announced."

## THE PLAYGROUNDS

Complaint is made that there has been objectionable conduct on the part of young people of both sexes at the Carleton public playground in the evenings, and that people living near have been much annoyed. Last year, after the holidays, a group of large boys deliberately tore down the little pavilion on these grounds, used by the supervisors and children during the holiday season. It was an act of wanton destruction.

Are the people of the West Side content to have this kind of reputation for their section of the city? The fire playground that has been provided on Market Square, with excellent equipment, ought to be open every evening under proper supervision, and that supervision should be provided by the people who live there, and whose children would get the advantage. It would be infinitely more to the credit of the youths who are making trouble if they would organize themselves into a law and order league to ensure free play for the children.

By way of contrast it may be noted that a group of working boys asked to have the Allison playground in the south end opened each evening from 6.30 to 9.30 o'clock, and pledged themselves to conduct it properly, a pledge which to their great credit they are carrying out. Why should not a similar state of affairs exist in West St. John? Are the youths of that section less self-respecting and public spirited? But the fault does not lie primarily with the boys. If they do not show the right spirit the chief fault lies elsewhere. All of the supervised playgrounds in St. John should be open in the evening under volunteer supervision. The daylight-saving plan gives another hour for play. Why is it that appeals for a little public interest in this matter falls on deaf ears?

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## Not the Same

Young Hopeful—"Father, what is a traitor in politics?"

Veteran Politician—"A traitor is a man who leaves our party and goes over to the other one."

Young Hopeful—"Well, then, what is a man who leaves his party and comes over to yours?"

Veteran Politician—"A convert, my son."

Nobody Couldn't Get Nowhere.

(Trib.)

Policeman—"What are you standing there for?"

Lawyer—"Nuffin."

Policeman—"Well, just move on. If everybody was to stand in one place, how would the rest get past?"

When Cutting Teeth

Babies are Subject to

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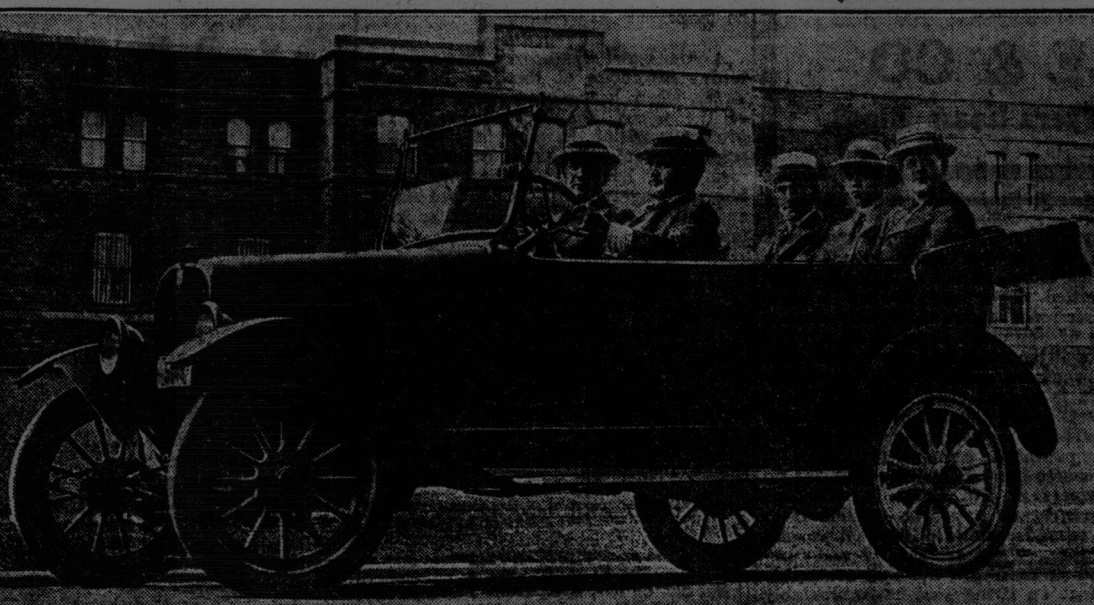
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## CATCH SHARK ALIVE; TOW IT TO BOSTON

A Boston fisherman roped a shark off Nahant on Wednesday morning and then towed his prize to the Eastern Pier off Atlantic avenue and landed it alive.

Frank Flower, aided by two Italian shipmates in a small power dory, performed this hazardous feat. Within a half hour after they landed the shark they were offered \$40 for it, but they kept it so that an admiring throng of men might study it. The shark is of the blue-nose species, was very savage and weighed about 300 pounds. It measures six and a half feet from tip to tip. It did not give up its liberty without a fierce struggle. Three times it made ferocious attacks before finally being overpowered.

Mr. Flower and his companions were fishing for hake off Nahant when they first discovered that something invisible was also fishing. The hake, which appeared to abound, came to the surface in a perfect stampede and some actually jumped high in air. Instantly the fishermen saw a large dark body coming toward the shore, pursuing the school of hake.

Determined to Catch It Alive.

Capt. Flower and his mates determined to capture the big fish alive, and tow it to Boston. They fashioned a cowman's loop with a long piece of rope, and each time the shark came near the

## The Kiddies' Delight A Visit to Toyland Above The Kodak Store

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boat they attempted to cast it over his big snout. Several times the shark dodged, and twice they landed and held fast. Then a real struggle began, "playing" the shark until he was worn out. They finally got their boat under way and started for Boston Light at the highest speed they could make, with the shark dragging behind them.

There was life and had temper left in the shark when it was hoisted out to the pier. It thrashed around, snapped its jaws together and lashed with its great tail fin and its flippers until it finally died.

Clinton, July 22.—The shark scare is becoming a Clinton industry. The Clinton Wire Cloth Company is shipping great bales of electrically welded wire to points on the New Jersey, Delaware and Long Island shores for the construction of barriers against the man-eaters. Resort owners, municipalities and private individuals are buying the product for the establishing of protected swimming pools, and also for blocking small bays and inlets against the sharks.

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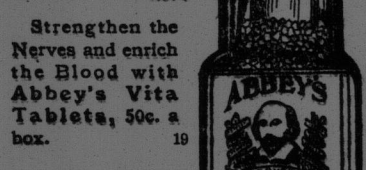
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