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AT OTTAWA

If Sir Robert Borden could have gone on with a purely partisan administration, under which the Liberals were called upon to make as great sacrifices as the Conservative-Nationalists, while the latter enjoyed the patronage and the profits, he would never have called Sir Wilfrid Laurier into conference. Let that fact be kept clear on the record. Neither would any Conservative paper have ceased its denunciation of the Liberals or suggested that any one of them was worthy of a place in the Borden cabinet. All the hysterical outbursts of the Tory press today must be measured by their attitude during nearly three years when recognition of the loyal support of the Liberals throughout the country might have been accepted as an evidence of a real desire for national unity. They would not now be coquetting with Liberal leaders but for the fear that if they fail to patch up a coalition they will be thrown out altogether by the general elections. The time to ask for and ensure national unity was two years ago, or even earlier, but the pickings were good then, and there was a hope that the war would soon end. Whatever course the Liberal party may now pursue, its leaders and members should understand that they are only approaching because the government cannot get on without them; and that the cry of "traitor" dimmed in their ears in the utterance of those who are partisans first and patriots last. The situation at Ottawa is very grave, and Sir Robert Borden and his Nationalist friends are responsible for it. A new alignment of parties may be necessary before the atmosphere is cleared. Canada must do her full duty in the war, and the leader or party which presents the most rational and vigorous policy will deserve power. But there must be more than conscription of men.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES

The wisdom of any expenditure by the provincial government is determined, first, by the apparent necessity for it, and second, by the value received. It is very clear that the late government made unnecessary expenditures, and in the case of those of which there was an apparent necessity they did not get value. The province has not enough to show for the enormous increase since 1908 in the public debt. From less than \$6,000,000 to more than \$17,000,000 in nine years is a debt increase far and away greater than the added value of the public services. We have learned from reports of royal commissions how some of the money was squandered. The record is not of course complete; but enough has been revealed to warrant the assumption that graft and plunder marked the general administration of affairs since 1908. And yet this was a period of increasing revenue. No former government had nearly so much to spend. There was, therefore, the less excuse for deficits and an enormous growth of debt. Hon. Mr. Robinson, in his budget speech last week, expounded the happy-go-lucky methods of finance, with practically no check on any department, and an utter carelessness in regard to the matter of sinking funds. The new government must not only provide for the ordinary expenditures, from a depleted treasury, but must reckon with a huge deficit and an enormously increased interest charge. It must, because of the state of the finances of the province, due to the reckless extravagance of the old government, devise means of raising more revenue. The public service must not be starved. The province should be spending more rather than less money on the roads, and for education and agriculture. It should, in addition, enlarge the expenditure for the promotion of child-welfare and other humanitarian work. But first the financial situation must be cleared up, the deficits wiped out, business principles applied to the conduct of departmental affairs, and provision made to meet the growing interest charge resulting from the expenditure on the Valley Railway. That project has cost the province far more than it would have cost if there had been no Premier Foster and his colleagues as a heavy one. They have a right to the support of the taxpayers in whatever measures may be necessary to make the revenue meet the expenditure and place the finances of the province in a sound condition.

THE LAW ENFORCED

In view of a mild controversy just prior to the provincial elections, in which the Times ventured to assert that the Foster government would see that the prohibitory law was enforced, the following testimony from the Maritime Baptist is of interest and value:

"The remarkable change wrought in St. John by the coming into force of the prohibitory law is exciting much favorable comment and is winning many friends of the 'dry' regime. For the month of May last year there were 101 arrests for drunkenness, while during the month just passed there were but twelve

arrests on a similar charge. This, too, for the first month of prohibition when the city was becoming adjusted to the new conditions. A similar tale is told by the figures showing the gaul population. On May 1st there were eighty-five registered. A month later there were but fifteen. The majority of these had been committed before the new law went into effect. During the month only one drunk was sentenced to imprisonment. In these days of the high cost of living this diminishing gaul population means a considerable saving for the taxpayer. This argument may appeal to some who are unmoved by higher considerations."

THE DEADLY STRUGGLE

The war drags on from week to week without the slightest indication that it is soon to end. On the contrary, there is every evidence that it will be a long war. The British have the advantage on the western front and are gradually forcing the enemy back, but preparations must be made on a colossal scale before a drive is begun, and the area of territory wrenched from the enemy is small. Russia is still out of the fighting, and the outlook in that quarter is not reassuring. It will still be a long time before the United States can place an effective army in the field. The Germans are still confident. Neither France nor Italy is making substantial progress, and there is no news of importance from the Macedonian front, where a large Allied army must be kept in the field with apparently little hope of decisive action. The gravity of the situation, when we consider the tremendous strain of keeping such huge armies in the field fully equipped and fed, ought to impress far more seriously than it does the majority of the people of Canada. It ought to sober the politicians at Ottawa, and lead them to make any sacrifice to ensure the largest measure of national unity, in order that the full strength of the country may be thrown into the struggle. We are not yet near the end of the sacrifices to be made. Thousands of Canadian lives must still be given up; that the world may be made safe for democracy; and if men's lives must be sacrificed at the front it is surely time the people at home were seized of the consciousness that they, too, must lay more and more of their substance and their service upon the altar of their country.

MORE REVELATIONS

And now the story of the Farm Settlement Board is added to the record of incompetence and worse, which was made by the late provincial government. The St. John Standard, which suppressed the evidence of Mr. Cossolini, also suppresses the report of Mr. T. V. Williams on the Farm Settlement Board. The people should take particular note of the fact.

What does Mr. Williams say? Read on another page of today's Times the story of the Babineau and Bull farms, the Walter Leitchford farm, and the Deane-Fullerton farm, and of the deals which Hon. B. F. Smith tried to put over in Carleton county, and especially read the list of the farms purchased from men and sold back to them or their relatives on easy terms. There were twenty-eight of these family transactions, which Mr. Williams points out was a wrongful application of the terms of the act. He says further that there was no audit of the board's accounts from October, 1912, until April, 1914; and that in this period a fund of over \$100,000 was administered by the secretary and board without any control or supervision whatever. Checks were frequently drawn to bearer and many were not endorsed. Not only so, but in April, 1914, it was found there was an overdraft and bonds for \$14,000 had to be issued to reduce it. To this another \$50,000 was added later. Mr. Williams says the bookkeeping was very bad. The whole story is a complete confirmation of charges made by Mr. E. S. Carter, and it must be remembered that the report is that of a special auditor appointed by Hon. J. A. Murray himself when the Farm Settlement Board was under fire. We thus have one more evidence of the wisdom of the people of the province when they dismissed a government that had been utterly unfaithful to its trust, and sought by every means to prevent the facts from coming to the knowledge of the people.

The Times prints today from the Winnipeg Free Press, one of the most influential journals in Canada, an article on the National Council of Women, which is a clear justification of the course of the western provinces in giving the ballot to women. "Service to the nation, to womanhood and to humanity"—that is the keynote. The Free Press, in the same issue, says that all indications point to a very general registration among the newly enfranchised women of Winnipeg. Bureaus have been opened and registration for all the cities in Manitoba begins today.

We shall learn today what Sir Robert Borden has to offer to win the war.

CANADA NEEDS HER FARMERS

The Empire is looking to Canada for food, and the farmer is the chief factor in its production. In these days of scarce help every farmer must work his hardest, and every farmer knows from painful experience that it is his back that first feels the strain. Almost every movement, whether with the plow, the fork, the hoe or in the harvest field, tests the muscles of the back and kidneys. A pain in the small of the back is the warning that inflammation, although slight at first, but persistent, has started in the kidneys or surrounding tissue.

Farmers, if you only knew how quickly Gin Pills soothe and heal the overworked and strained kidneys and restore perfect harmony between the kidneys and the bladder, making both work as nature intended them to, you would not delay a moment. Gin Pills are also a gentle laxative, and are wonderful, not only for their effect on the kidneys and bladder, but they keep the bowels in perfect condition.

We want every lame-backed farmer to try Gin Pills. Go to your dealer and buy a box. If you do not get relief, we will refund your money, or a free trial sample will be sent on request to National Drug and Chemical Company of Canada, Limited, Toronto.

LIGHTER VEIN

"Auntie, did you ever have a love affair?"

"No, child."

"Never had a romance?"

"No. The nearest I ever came to having a romance was once when I went through a match factory."

"Bob," said Lily's small sister, who was entertaining him while he awaited the appearance of Lily, "do you love Lily?"

"Er—" stammered Bob, "I—but why do you ask?"

"She said she'd give a dollar to know," replied the little one, snuggling up, "and I want the money!"

Owner: "Here, what are you doing? Don't you know you're not allowed to take fish out of this water?"

Angler (three hours without a bite): "I am not taking them out; I'm feeding them."—Chicago Herald.

George was hampered by a mother whose idea of godliness was cleanliness. Notwithstanding the frequent baths to which he was condemned, George thrived exceedingly. One day a neighbor remarked on his rapid growth.

"Yes," said George, "that's my fault. She waters me too much!"—Tif-Bits.

Editor: "How's the new society reporter? I told him to condense as much as possible."

Assistant: "He did. Here's his account of yesterday's afternoon tea: 'Mrs. Duller poured, Mrs. Jagger roared, Mrs. Duller bored, Mrs. Rapping gored, and Mrs. Embonpoint snored.'—Tif-Bits.

"So you have sent your boy to college?"

"Yes."

"You used to say that a college education didn't teach anything. Have you changed your mind?"

"Yes."

"Since when?"

"Since he went to college."

"Well, what does a college education teach that is really practical?"

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Some Transactions Very Bad; Others Were Worse

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ances 8 per cent. "Credited by bank. In form of overdue outstanding balances concluding this report I beg to state that the transactions of the Farm Settlement Board, as set out in the report, are very bad, and that the transactions of the Farm Settlement Board, as set out in the report, are very bad, and that the transactions of the Farm Settlement Board, as set out in the report, are very bad."

As requested by you I have attached a statement No. 5 showing that since November 1, 1916, twenty-three farms have been purchased in the counties named at

FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD FUND ACCOUNTS.
Statement Showing Total Amounts of Cash Received From All Sources and Amount Expended on Farms From October, 1912, to October 31, 1916.

Proceeds of bonds \$148,285.00
Interest on bank loans 6,884.07
Less interest on bank loans 6,884.07
Total \$155,285.00

HAD INDIGESTION

COULD KEEP NOTHING ON STOMACH

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, de-bilitated feeling in it.

After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation; that souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful.

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Mr. Lazare Savoy, Pokenouch, N.B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that bad I could keep nothing on my stomach. I was sorely disappointed in everything I tried to relieve me. At last a friend advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles and can now eat anything that is set in front of me."

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sheet No. 5 as to care and administration, and discrimination in the matter of purchases.

Yours faithfully,
THOS. V. WILLIAMS,
Special Auditor.

FARMS SOLD.

The statement of the total number of farms purchased in every county and the amounts paid shows: Albert, twenty-six farms, \$20,200; Carleton, twenty-seven farms, \$38,000; Charlotte, sixty-nine farms, \$31,450; Gloucester, twenty-three farms, \$22,700; Kent, thirty farms, \$9,770; Kings, thirty-two farms, \$26,181; Northumberland, twenty-five farms, \$15,898.33; Queens, eight farms, \$7,000; Restigouche, sixteen farms, \$12,355; Sunbury, six farms, \$6,675; St. John, one farm, \$750; Victoria, eleven farms, \$2,245; Westmorland, sixteen farms, \$17,715; York, twelve farms, \$9,933.33. Total, 312 farms, \$246,932.66. Add sundry items, repairs and refunds, etc., \$3,862.66, and you have a grand total of \$250,795.32.

Farms unsold October 31, 1916: Carleton, one; Kent, eight; Kings, three; Queens, one; Westmorland, one. Total, fourteen—\$4,814.16.

Total amount of cash received on principal and interest from October 1912 to October 31, 1916: Albert, \$8,008.85; Carleton, \$20,000.25; Charlotte, \$25,926.11; Gloucester, \$9,115.02; Kent, \$2,494.45; Kings, \$10,924.84; Northumberland, \$8,992.97; Queens, \$2,646.25; Restigouche, \$4,951.25; Sunbury, \$3,688.90; St. John, \$187.50; Victoria, \$2,800.97; Westmorland, \$7,630.85; York, \$4,860.41.

Received on principal \$102,995.40
Interest 5 p.c. on balances 11,828.47
Int. 8 p.c. on bank balances 769.34
Total \$115,593.21

Hay produced on farms unsold 102.50
Total \$115,695.71

FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD—BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.

October 31, 1916—
14 farms unsold, at purchase price \$246,011.16
226 farms sold, at purchase price 102,995.40
Less installments paid 148,015.76
Value of mortgages, not including interest accrued \$147,990.80

Cash in bank \$158,101.24

Liabilities.

Bond issue \$150,000.00
Surplus, represented by interest received from purchasers \$11,828.47
Chasers 769.34
Bank interest on credit balances \$12,700.81

Less discount on bond issue 5,884.07
Interest on bank overdraft 7,599.07
Total \$155,101.24

FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD, FROM NOV. 1, 1916, TO MARCH 31, 1917.

Farms Purchased.

Carleton, nine, \$11,675; Charlotte, seven, \$5,875; Gloucester, one, \$800; Northumberland, one, \$1,000; Queens, one, \$800; St. John, one, \$600; York, three, \$5,700. Total, twenty-three—\$26,550.

Less four cancelled Car. Co. \$8,000.00
Nineteen farms 18,450.00
Cash receipts on principal 12,217.88
Interest 2,064.51
Hay crops 61.24
Total \$32,823.63

Relations, Etc.

Farms purchased from and resold to same parties or relations:
Bought farm from C. L. Hannington, Westmorland county, \$800;
sold to Robert Wilson, \$800, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from R. Filton, York county, \$938.33; sold to R. Filton, \$938.33, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from C. A. Stewart, Car-

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leton county, \$38,333; sold to C. A. Stewart, \$38,333, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from A. J. Arsenau, Kent county, \$500; sold to Arsenau, \$500, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from C. P. Bull, Carleton county, \$700; sold to C. P. Bull, \$700, did not pay first payment of 25 per cent.

Bought farm from Philip Gallant, Northumberland county, \$300; sold to Gallant, \$300, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from J. E. Gallant, Northumberland county, \$500; sold to F. M. Gallant, \$500, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from Fred Hanson, Carleton county, \$800; sold to Sam Hanson, \$800, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from Leo Arsenau, Kent county, \$300; sold to J. L. Arsenau, \$300, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from Hilaire Arsenau, Kent county, \$500; sold to Camille Arsenau, \$500, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from J. N. Boudreau, Westmorland county, \$940; sold to Ben Boudreau, \$940, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from Elizabeth McQuarrie, Albert county, \$500; sold to D. S. McQuarrie, \$500, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from John Libby, Charlotte county, \$450; sold to Charles Libby, \$450, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from William Parker, Restigouche county, \$1,000; sold to Parker & Levesque, \$1,000, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from H. E. Hopkins, Carleton county, \$1,500; sold to C. E. Hopkins, \$1,500, ten years to pay.

Bought farm from Frank Babinoue, Kent county, \$800; sold to John Babinoue, \$800.

Bought farm from R. Morrissey, Albert county, \$500; sold to Jos. Morrissey, \$500.

Bought farm from William Goddard, Kings county, \$1,000; sold to Milton Goddard & G. V. Clair, \$1,000.

Bought farm from F. Polier, Northumberland county, \$200; sold to Nat Polier, \$200.

After act amended:
Bought farm from E. H. Hopper, Albert county, \$1,000; sold to A. B. Hopper, \$1,000.

Bought farm from Amos Wilson, Albert county, \$400; sold to And. Wilson, \$400.

Bought farm from C. S. Weldon, Westmorland county, \$1,000; sold to R. C. Weldon, \$1,000.

Bought farm from William McNaughton, Northumberland county, \$2,000; sold to M. McNaughton, \$2,000.

Bought farm from George Seelye, Carleton county, \$1,000; sold to J. A. Seelye, \$1,000.

Bought farm from Hiram Crandall, Albert county, \$1,000; sold to Percy and Dallas Crandall, \$1,000.

Bought farm from David Breen, Charlotte county, \$200; sold to J. Breen, \$200.

Bought farm from Ed. Inch, Queens county, \$500; sold to Percy A. Inch, \$500.

Bought farm from Leslie McEwen, Gloucester county, \$1,000; sold to William McEwen, \$1,000.

It might be necessary to visit above named persons to verify relationship, as no proof is recorded anywhere.

Had Headache For Two Years

A Barrie Man Tells of Persistent Headaches and Indigestion—Finally Found His Way to Good Health.

Barrie, Ont., June 8.—For two long years the writer of this letter was subject to severe headaches. The nervous system got run down, digestion failed, and there was continued loss of weight. The use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food changed all this, and now with scores of other Barrie people Mr. Nader is recommending the use of this food cure as the best means of building up the exhausted nervous system and curing headaches, indigestion and all the annoying symptoms of a run-down condition.

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"During the last two years I had an attack of indigestion, accompanied by severe headaches. I suffered from loss of appetite, and my system became run down. I also lost considerably in weight. I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and as they helped me I continued this treatment for some time. My condition is now greatly improved, my headaches are gone and my health in general is much better. I can cheerfully recommend the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to those suffering from nervousness of any kind."

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