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## What will Governor Wood do about it?

### RESIGNATION OF "HONEST JOHN"

Pursuant to a request by Premier Clarke, Hon. John Morrissey, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, has resigned. The long letter to the premier and the public which accompanied the resignation is printed in all the daily papers and is remarkable in its revelations.

In long has been known that if any one member of the government told all he knew of the inner work of that remarkable institution there would be the dickens to pay.

It seems that "Honest John" was not as deep in the mire as the rest of them and they were afraid of him. He was long ago slated for dismissal but the trouble was how to go about it.

All the charges of Dugal, Carter and Veniot are overshadowed by the revelations of Mr. Morrissey who substantiates and amplifies the charges of Mr. Carter.

Every elector should read carefully the ex-Commissioner's letter. In it he says the books of the Department of Agriculture were kept open because of an expected refund of \$10,000 by B. F. Smith—made necessary by the opposition enquiries about the "potato scandal."

Mention is made of a recent payment of \$500 on the famous York election fund note by Rev. J. B. Daggett.

The liquor men of St. John paid over \$6000 last year to prevent changing the liquor laws to their disadvantage.

An account was paid at over \$10,000 that had been passed at only a little more than \$600.

Mr. Morrissey's letter "lifts the veil" a little but he asserts the worst is yet to come.

### POLITICAL NOTES

B. F. Smith has given himself a certificate of character and the Standard heartily endorses it. Mr. Flemming, it will be remembered, was also endorsed by the Standard and whitewashed by the legislature. Until the patriotic potato business has been investigated, as demanded by Mr. Carter, neither Mr. Smith nor the Standard has any license to preach. The Gleaner says Mr. Smith "has made trouble enough."

The Kite charges have already saved Canada \$1,570,000. Nine days after the charges were made the American Ammunition Company cut the price of fuses already contracted for to the tune of that amount. It has also been proved that the government contention that the Shell Committee were direct agents of the British War Office was not based on facts. There was therefore no ground whatever for the plea that the War Office and not the Canadian parliament should conduct the enquiry. The evidence thus far produced places the government and the Shell Committee in a very unenviable light.

—Times.

B. Franklin Smith, in his speech in the Legislature on Friday

day wandered far afield. He discussed patriotic potatoes, horse importation, sheep importations and F. B. Carvell. M. P. but he omitted to tell the age of Ann, which is a matter of some public interest. He also forgot to explain how he happened to make so much trouble for his party. As an explainer B. Franklin is not a success.—Mail.

In discussing patriotic potatoes in the Legislature on Friday, B. Franklin Smith admitted that he had sold 43,601 barrels to the Government. Considering the fact that the Government started out with the intention of buying only 40,000 barrels "as a token of our loyalty to the Motherland," that was going some. As a potato hog B. Franklin is in a class by himself.—Mail.

The unscrupulous supporters of the government at Fredericton are taking advantage of Mr. Dugal's limited understanding of English to make him appear to have endorsed B. F. Smith. Mr. Dugal's friends will never believe it. The Fredericton Gleaner would hardly be willing to accept the endorsement, even if Mr. Dugal were misled into giving it. But he was not misled, and will not express approval of the hero of the patriotic potato transaction.

—Times.

### BATH NOTES

The dry warm weather is enabling the farmers to begin seeding. Already considerable grain has been sown.

The driving operations on the Monquart stream of McLaughlan Bros. is progressing well. There is a large drive of a million and one-half of lumber and unless very warm weather continues or rain comes the prospect of getting the lumber out is not the brightest.

The Easter holidays passed off very quietly; many from this place spent the holidays elsewhere, among them being Miss M. Ethel Simms, who spent the holidays at Chipman at her uncle's, R. L. Simms, principal of the school.

Miss Lella Giberson, who is teaching at Presque Isle, spent her vacation here, as well as her sister, Miss Edna Giberson, principal of St. Andrews Grammar school. Fred C. Squires, the principal of Woodstock Grammar school, was here during the vacation, the guest of his father and mother Robert Squires and wife.

There is considerable building planned for Bath during the coming summer. Among them are houses by Arthur Drost, Edward Drost who have purchased lots from Charles McLaughlan east of the C. P. railway and will build each of them fine homes. They have material already on the ground and men at work. John C. Hayes also intends building a new residence here.

Miss Ada F. Giberson paid a visit to friends and relatives at Centreville this week. Miss Giberson has been stenographer in the law office of Mr. Simms here for the past eight months.

Mrs. Amos F. Giberson, who has been very ill, is slowly improving.

Rev. Mr. Markman, who has been supplying at the Baptist church here for the past few Sundays, left for his home in Albert, Albert county, on Monday last.

Ezekiel Secord has purchased a lot near J. N. Drost's and intends to erect a store building.

C. Carey of Bristol has been spending some few weeks in Bath.

Every one is pleased to hear of the success of Rev. E. C. Jenkins at East Florenceville, and many wish he could be secured to spend a few weeks here.

### Where Did the Money Come From?

Concerning a certain political note which Col. Guthrie referred to in his speech, there is an interesting story of how \$500 was

handed over by Mr. Daggett, Hon. Mr. Murray's agricultural secretary. The signers of the note looked to the Government to provide the funds to meet it. That was the understanding and when the due date was approaching upon one occasion, the makers became clamorous for the promised assistance. One of them was told to see Hon. Mr. Murray and did so. Mr. Murray hadn't the money just then, but intimated that he would see Daggett, and the money was soon forthcoming and paid over. Now, where did this money come from?

### Mrs. William Anderson

The death of Carrie Amelia, wife of William Anderson, took place at her home, Bridgewater, Me., April 12, after an illness of five days from pleuro-pneumonia, aged 41 years, 10 months, 6 days.

The deceased leaves to mourn a husband, one son, Charles, three daughters, Faye, Alberta, Annie; one brother, Wellington Nelson of Charleston; a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Nelson of Pioneer.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Williamstown, at 2.30 p. m. April 14. Rev. Henry Penna preached from the text chosen by the deceased, Isaiah 33:24, and made several appropriate and appreciative references to the lovable and kind character of the departed.

The choir sang hymns chosen by the deceased: Safe in the Arms of Jesus and Will the Circle be Unbroken? Interment was made in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the church.

The sorrowing husband, mother, father, brother have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement.

### Lansdowne News

The stork left a fine baby girl at the home of Byron Foster.

Gertrude Ebbett and Hazel Foster, teachers at Bannan and

Peel spent Easter vacation at their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clarke visited friends in Houlton recently.

Our school has been closed for some time owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Alice Clarke of Woodstock. Miss Augusta Campbell is supplying during her absence.

Mrs. C. W. Parlee and daughter Mary of Bath have been visiting here. They were accompanied by Gladys Gee.

R. R. Ross has returned from Fredericton where he has been visiting his brother, Dr. D. W. Ross.

The Sunday School held an Easter concert Sunday evening in the church, which proved a decided success. Mrs. Archie Ebbett had charge. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The program consisted wholly of Easter exercises, music and readings which lasted an hour and a half. A large crowd attended. The offering amounted to over \$7.

The ladies have just completed a shipment of Red Cross work consisting of socks and hospital shirts.

Talmage Foster has arrived home after being away the greater part of the winter cooking in the lumber woods. He has purchased his brother's farm.

Bliss Foster has been at different sections of the county. He is also looking for a farm. We wish him every success.

Pte. Leslie Ginson of D Co., 104 Battalion, Woodstock, spent Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Edward Caldwell is home after spending the winter in St. John with her husband who has gone overseas.

Miss Belle Melville and brother George spent the week-end at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke have returned to their residence after being away for the winter.

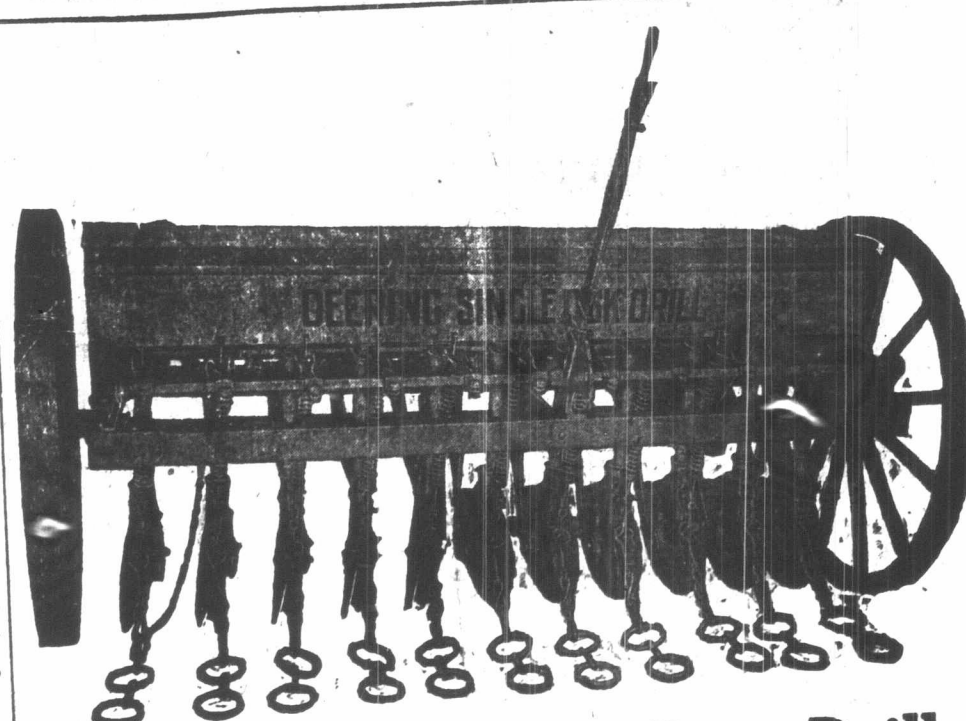
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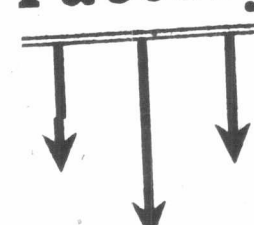
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