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CLARKE AND FLEMING

Can it be that relations are strained between Premier Clarke and ex-Premier Fleming? We find in an editorial in the Woodstock Press, which is Mr. Fleming's organ, the following reference to the St. Croix Courier, which is the organ of Mr. Clarke:

"In this (Carleton) county the Courier is in bad standing with the Conservatives, who have doubt as to its bona fides, owing to its silence during the Dugal investigation, when an innocent man was being unmercifully pounded by his political opponents."

This is a somewhat serious charge to make against the newspaper which is the home organ of Premier Clarke. Who was the innocent man in the case? Was it Mr. Fleming? If so, why did not the Royal Commission say so, and why is Mr. Fleming not now occupying the position which is occupied by Mr. Clarke? Of course had there been no Royal Commission report Mr. Fleming would still be premier. Does he blame Mr. Clarke for that report? The present premier certainly did not betray any sense of shame to get Mr. W. H. Berry on the stand, or to give the original gentleman or a certain set of books from the States. Mr. Fleming should surely be thankful to Mr. Clarke on that score, even if the newspaper which is supposed to express Mr. Clarke's views failed to discover in Mr. Fleming a high-souled patriot and an eminent statesman. It is really too bad that there should be any rift in the tory line.

THE SHAME OF IT.

The following paragraph from the Ottawa correspondent of today's Morning Star is commended to the thoughtful attention of the people of New Brunswick.

"The public accounts committee yesterday was a success. The largest room in the buildings, the railway committee room, was used for the session and standing room only was the sign which had to be hung out at times. Nova Scotia horse dealers, most of whom would be able to give the original Dugal pointers on horse trading, kept the committee in rooms of laughter as they told with considerable gusto, and not the slightest tinge of conscience, how they put it over the government buyers."

The evidence submitted before the public accounts committee related to the purchase of horses in Kings County, N. S., for the soldiers who had volunteered to go to the front and give their lives in need in their country's defense. One would naturally expect the government to see to it that good horses were purchased, but the witnesses yesterday made it clear that utterly worthless animals were purchased at high prices. One example, for example, was that of a horse that had been rejected at the time of the Boer war because it was then too old for service. Another had been sold at one time for ten dollars and at another time had been traded for a dozen and two ducks. A horse bought for fifty dollars was turned over to the government for one hundred and thirty dollars. Some of the animals purchased were over twenty years of age. These horses were purchased through Mr. A. DeWitt Foster, M. P., who engaged some of his Conservative friends as middlemen and left the matter to them and the inspector. Mr. Foster was "the social and moral reform" of yesterday, if they are an indication of Mr. Foster's success as a reformer, suggest that the sooner he quits the job the better for the cause of reform in his constituency.

One of the most humiliating features of the case was the jaunty and self-satisfied manner of the witnesses in telling the story of a shrewd transaction, and the flippancy with which the subject is treated by the tory press. If there are men who are willing to traffic in the lives of soldiers, the government and its supporters should at least have the decency to brand such conduct as it deserves; but Canada under tory rule appears to be sinking to ever deeper depths of shameless graft and corruption.

OUR BOY SCOUTS

When Col. Baden-Powell visited St. John several years ago it was hoped that the boy scout movement would receive such an impetus as would cause it to be thoroughly established in this city and province. Whether because of difficulty in getting competent scout-masters, or because of a lack of properly organized effort, the movement did not succeed. During the last year, however, it has been taken up in earnest by influential men, and although very little has been said about it the work of organization has of late been proceeding in a very satisfactory manner. As was pointed out in the Times yesterday, half a dozen troops have been formed in St. John, and it is hoped to double the number this year, while troops have also been organized in quite a number of places in other parts of the province. The strength of this movement lies in the fact that the various local councils can affiliate with a provincial council which, with other provincial councils, is affiliated with the general council for Canada, at the head of which is H. R. H. the Governor-General.

The Times quotes today the statement

of a western bank manager to the effect that every boy should be a scout, and that the training received by boy scouts is of great value to them in later life. The statement is perfectly true. The boy scout must be observant. He is trained to observe. He is also trained to do things and to do them well. He is subjected to a certain amount of healthy discipline. Most important of all, the effort is made to develop in him those qualities of mind and heart which make for worthy, honorable and useful citizenship. There is no longer any fear that boy scout training leads to militarism. It leads simply to a sturdier manhood, develops self-reliance, and stimulates the mind as well as the body to more healthful activity.

A German aeroplane dropped bombs on a church in which services were being held. Twelve women were killed and many injured, and the officiating priest died of injuries received. This occurred on Saturday afternoon in the town of Neukirk. And this, in the opinion of the Germans, is war.

From December 31 to March 17 no less than 8,220 vessels arrived at ports in the United Kingdom, and 7,220 sailed therefrom. Out of that total only 86 were torpedoed by the Germans, with a loss of 89 lives. While the German submarines have been more active since March 17, it is perfectly clear that the blockade is a failure.

The most serious menace to Germany and Austria at the present time is the vast army of Russians advancing through the Carpathians. The struggle there is a life and death struggle for Austria. General Von Hindenburg, in the north, is given no respite, and it is said that he has sent some of his best officers to the Carpathians, while German troops have been hurried from the western war zone to aid in staying if possible the impetuous advance of the Russians. A great Russian victory in that region would have an immense and immediate effect upon the fortunes of the war.

St. John music lovers, and they are many, were encouraged as well as delighted by last night's appearance of the Harmony Male Glee Club at the Opera House. A score of local singers under a competent director charmed the very large audience in attendance, and showed a proficiency in a varied programme which not only reflected the highest credit upon them and their conductor, but gave promise of still greater things in the future. It is very gratifying that there was so large an attendance, and we may hope that all the singers of the city will be encouraged to give more attention to united effort in this direction.

The Bangor Commercial tells its readers that St. John is tired of the commission plan of government. It gets its information from the columns of The St. John Globe. They are to have a vote on the question of adopting the commission plan of government in Bangor, and The Commercial is stoutly opposed to any change. It should, however, get fuller information before it makes the broad statement that St. John is tired of commission. This city is not tired of commission. It is not going back to the old system. The Times does not know anything about the administration of civic affairs in Bangor, but if it is like that which St. John endured under the old ward system a change is sorely needed.

It is not true to say that such transactions as that of the Fleming government in the matter of the \$2,500 taken from the Dalhousie Lumber Company by Mr. Berry and handed over by him to Mr. Brankley of the Miramichi Lumber Company were common under former governments, nor was it so shown in the evidence. There may have been rebates to lumber firms, but no such transactions as that engineered by Fleming, Berry and Brankley. If Mr. Brankley had told the Royal Commission what he is understood to have told in St. John at the time of the Dugal investigation, and if the books of the lumber company were not in New York, like those of another famous company, a much clearer light might be thrown on the whole transaction. However, the public will not be deterred from drawing its own conclusions.

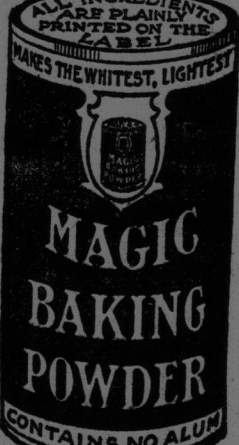
French Club Tea.

The tea and sale conducted by the French Club in aid of the Allies' War Hospital fund at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Skinner, Coburg street, yesterday, was largely attended. In addition to the account of the tea given in yesterday's Times, there were four drawings conducted, the winners being J. M. Robinson, who won a vanity and handbag; Mrs. M. G. Teed, child's embroidered dress; Mrs. McGormac, fruit cake weighing 14 pounds 6 ounces, she having guessed 14 pounds 5.4 ounces, which was the nearest to its weight, and a cake with roses, won by Mrs. W. Edmondson. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Skinner for their courtesy in giving the use of their drawing room for the occasion.

He—I can trace my ancestry back through nine generations. She—What else can you do? Then he blinked and looked at her as if he wondered how far he had dropped.

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NO ALUM



LIGHTER VEIN.

"He is a self-made man, is he not?"
"Yes, except for the alterations made by his wife and her mother."

Wife—"What on earth are you wearing that morning band round your hat for?"
"For your first husband—I'm sorry he died."

"What are you doing now, Bill?"
"I'm collecting."
"Collecting what?"
"My thoughts."
"Gosh! you were always lucky in striking an easy job."

Young lady at ticket office—"Please give me a third class ticket to London."
Ticket clerk—"Single?"
Young lady (with a blush)—"Well, not after Wednesday."

"They call," says Mattie, "the woman the weaker sex, yet there are plenty of instances of a woman bending a man's will during his life and breaking it after his death."
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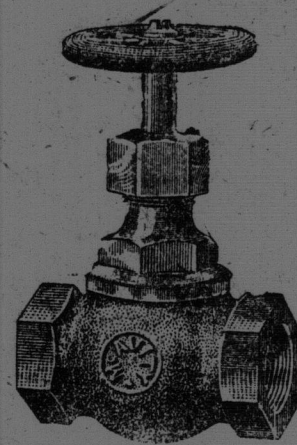
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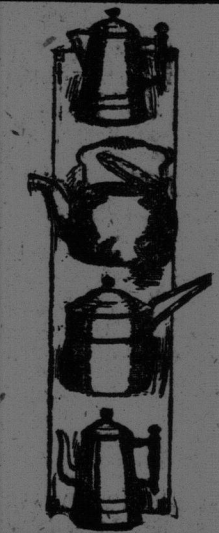
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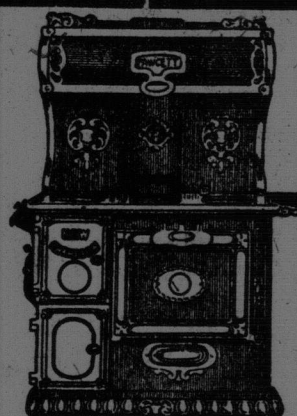
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PURCHASED "SKATES" FOR WAR PURPOSES

Parliamentary Committee Hears Description of Peculiar Animals Bought by Patriotic Tories—One Too Old For South African War

Ottawa, April 7.—Members of the committee on enquiry into horse purchases for the government by "Conservative M. P.s. acting without sanction," received an insight into the workings of the "unenumerative" system tonight when several Nova Scotian witnesses told of how they made profits by selling to the government "hags" with spavin, with broken wind, and with prying knees, and other characteristics which, presumably, in the opinion of the Tory buyers, would make them fit and hardy for service on the battlefield of their country. Some 464 horses were shown to have been purchased by A. DeWitt Foster, M. P., and his friends, W. P. Mc-

Kay, now secretary to John Stanfield, M. P., and others. The average price paid by the government was \$170, while the farmers who sold the "skates" as one witness described the horses, valued them at from \$85 to \$100.

Evidence was given by A. B. Harvey of Aylesford, N. S., who told of the Tory purchasers being eager to buy, at almost any price, so long as the thing looked like a horse. He himself sold one whose knees had been sprung, for \$150, and seeing a chance to make further coin, went out and bought and sold others. He knew of others having done the same and told of one case where an animal bought by the government had been purchased for a "drake and two ducks." Another animal sold had been rejected at the time of the South African war because it was then "too old."

The Election Act.

Considerable discussion was evoked in parliament at Ottawa yesterday by a motion of Mr. Troup, of Prescott, to amend the election act, to provide that no person who is a director of a company having a contract from the government could be elected to a seat in the house. (After much debating the amendment was lost. The amendment to the controverted elections act was passed providing for the filing of an election petition and requiring details to be given to the judge within five days thereafter.)

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The money investment will not be large, but the gift, it is believed, will be highly appreciated. The apples are being sent in response to a suggestion from Richard Reed, the Ontario Agent General in London. As these are consumed other shipments will be sent from the time to time.

The government, according to Hon. Mr. McGarry, provincial treasurer, has not decided upon what basis further patriotic grants will be given. Allowings for the amounts already spent upon flour, Belgian relief, and shipments of dried apples and lemons, the government estimated at \$2,000,000—will have available for strengthening the Imperial arm when the occasion arises upwards of a million and a quarter dollars. This money will not, of course, be available until the municipalities collect their taxes at the end of the year, but the government has authority to borrow up to two millions against the new taxes.



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