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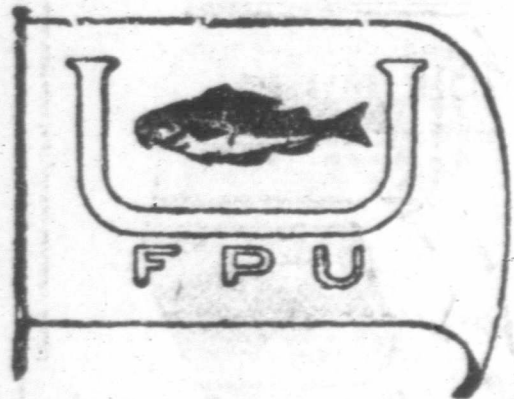
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Another Indiscretion

ON Saturday the Premier sent an intimation to all the papers in town stating that duties had been added to spirits, sugar and tobacco by the Canadian Parliament to meet the interest charges on the war loans of \$50,000,000. We protest against such proceedings on the part of the Prime Minister of Newfoundland. What was his object in making such an intimation just when our Legislature was about to meet and when consideration was being given to the matter of our own finance? Did the Premier hope to warn his liquor dealer friends in order that they may rush liquor out of Bond before the House met, as happened last winter before the extra duty was placed on liquor, if so he has been guilty of a serious indiscretion which he will have to account for.

On the other hand if no further duty is imposed on liquors the intimation may have been to frighten liquor dealers into believing such was intended in order to cause them to rush liquor out of Bond and thereby unduly inflate the revenue from liquor just before the House met in order to make the revenue show up better by seventy or eighty thousand dollars.

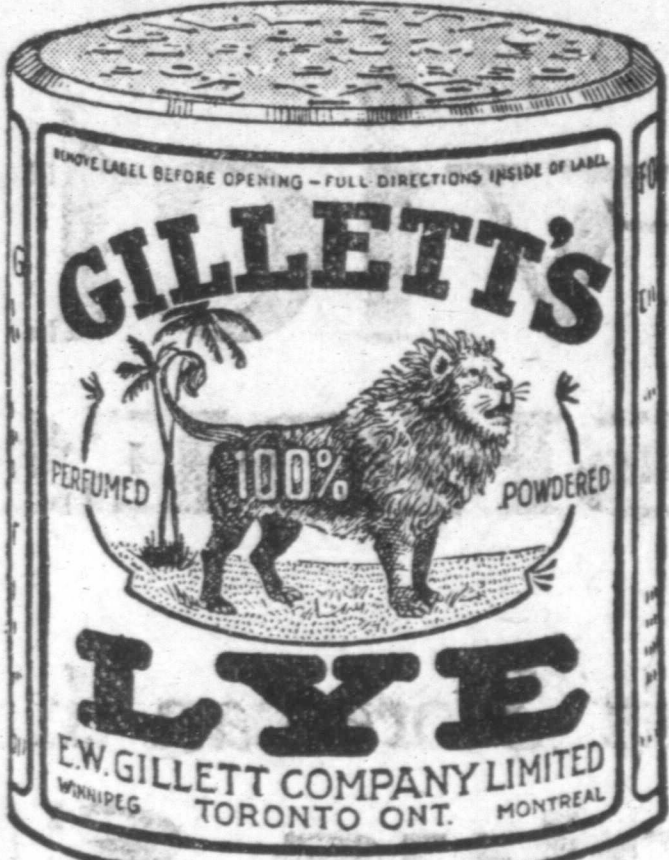
It is generally known that very little revenue from liquor duties has been collected under the new tariff, as a full six months stock was stored by all the dealers before the new tariff became effective.

We trust there will be no more of such indiscretions as above referred to, and we deeply regret having the necessity of censoring the Premier in this respect for it is apparent that everything the Premier does nowadays turns out to be a blunder, and this blundering cannot be tolerated much longer.

THE public will perceive that such a trick as above reviewed is not calculated to create confidence in our public men, for all are agreed that such a matter as the tariff changes should be closely guarded and kept from the interested public.

There has been too much of this

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



sort of slackness and leakage during recent years and it must be discontinued. Everyone is aware of the fact that the Treasury lost at least \$100,000 last winter by leakages respecting the intentions of the Government regarding an increase duty on liquor and tobacco.

We trust no further duty will be placed on those articles as a war tax. It would now be an outrage to place a tax on sugar seeing the price has reached eight cents and is likely to go to ten cents, before the end of the year. A duty of one cent per pound would have been permissible when it could be purchased in the foreign markets at \$3.20 or less and retailed here for 3½c. and 4c. per lb., but to place a duty of one or two cents per pound on sugar now would be nothing short of an outrage. The public will therefore be puzzled over the Premier's indiscretion in liquor to replenish their stocks before an advance, others will believe that the object was to frighten liquor and tobacco dealers into purchasing large stocks in order to swell the receipts of a very low Treasury before the House meets, while there is no intention of increasing the duties on those articles.

The statement is mischievous in the extreme, unworthy of any man holding such a high office and tends to destroy all public confidence in the integrity of public men whose every action should always be above board and honorable to the fullest extent.

It is a remarkable fact that almost everything done or left undone by the Government since the war opened has turned out miserable and costly blundering and the last is not the least of them.

The people are now realizing what the country must face in carrying out the offer of the Government to raise 1500 men for service abroad. Needless to say all concerned wish to-day that common sense had been more prominent in the Government councils when they were considering the raising of 1500 men for home and foreign service.

That decision and subsequent action therein will prove to be the greatest of all the Premier's blunders, and had he consulted the Opposition Party—as he should have done—he would have been spared the anxiety and worry which this muddle must entail upon him.

Just what he should have done, he left undone, and what he should not have done is what he has done. He has treated the Opposition Leaders with open contempt throughout the whole crisis and now he depends upon their patriotism and love of Empire to get him out of the tangled skein he has woven so completely about himself.

There must be an end put to such childish transactions or patience and patriotism will cease to be virtues much longer with the Union Party if not with all the Opposition Party.

MR. KENT has looked upon the Premier's blunders as above referred to in a very lenient spirit and acted extremely square and patriotic, and the Premier should feel very thankful to Mr. Kent. We have no thought that the Premier would himself do as Mr. Kent and the Opposition have done if the shoe were on the other foot.—We therefore hope that he will be extremely careful in future to treat the Opposition Party in this crisis with more consideration, and call them to his counsels.

AS for Mr. Coaker he will never forgive the Premier for using the Governor as he did at the so-called patriotic meeting, and deceiving the public as he did in reference to those resolutions, nor will Mr. Coaker soon forget the Governor's action in consenting to preside at a meeting solely supported by members of the Government Party and ignoring so contemptuously the representatives of a majority of the electorate and then to invite Mr. Coaker to become a member of a committee brought into being by resolutions adopted in such a manner and by such deceptive methods.

The Governor and Premier both realized that a big blunder had been

committed and their anxiety to escape the consequences outweighed their discretion and the so-called Patriotic Meeting was the outcome—but they will both have to live longer before they succeed in making a cat's paw of Coaker in order to cover up their blunders.

That Commission Again.

WE hope Sir Edward is having legislation drafted in reference to the powers and authority of the Sealing Disaster Enquiry Commission and that there will be no further "hold up" of a full searching investigation into the massacre of those 77 heroes who died on the ice-boat last spring. We can assure Sir Edward that the Union Party will refuse to support legislation dealing with the subject of his recent blundering unless an act providing for the Commission approved by the F.P.U. is introduced into the House at the same time or previous to his other pet bills.

In this respect we pause to ask what the dummy Minister of Justice is doing in New York now and how it was that he got away so secretly from the Colony the day following the Graball political meeting in the C.L.B. Armoury?

It will be remembered that Squires was dumped into the Legislative Council and appointed the first dummy Minister of Justice Newfoundland ever had, about the middle of March. He left the country for a picnic in Canada and the United States just after the sealing disasters and remained away until the middle of July.

He condescended to remain at his post for about three weeks. The next place he is heard of is at New York, and at another grave crisis, when his services—if of any use at all—could be utilized in drafting the proposed legislation to be submitted to the special session of the Legislature which will open Sept. 2nd.

The Premier was so delighted about his return that on Saturday his joy knew no bounds and he informed the daily evening papers that the Hon. R. A. Squires, Minister of Justice, would return here with his wife about the 1st of September, or one day before the House opened.

WHY did the Premier take so much trouble to inform the public as to when Squires and his wife would be at St. John's?

Who amongst the thousands of toilers in the Colony would care two straws where Squires was or when he would be in Newfoundland, if they had not been told last March that he was dumped into one of the most important positions in the gift of the Colony, in direct opposition to the will of the electorate?

Squires is drawing some \$2500 from the Colony and the Governor should see that his insane craze for roving is not permitted to interfere with his duties as dummy Minister of Justice. His services to the country—if they are worth anything at all—ought to be forthcoming just now in order to assist the Premier in preparing Bills to be submitted to the House next week.

ANOTHER matter of importance upon which the Premier will be expected to make an announcement when the House opens is the fixing of the date of the Twillingate bye-election.

That vacancy must be filled without much further delay and some one should occupy the position before the 20th of Oct. next.

We have heard of the personell of the Commission to enquire into the sealing disasters recommended by the Minister of Fisheries before he departed for Canada the past spring and we regret to intimate that some of those named would not meet with the approval of the F.P.U.

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W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.
Chairman Patriotic Committee.
aug25,14



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