

## Some Canadian Political Topics

Provincial Government and Water Powers—Statement That Demands An Explanation—The Patriotic Fund—P. E. I. Car Ferry.

Government and the Water Powers.

(The Gleaner.)

Has there been any material progress made by the commission appointed by the Provincial Government to investigate the Water Powers of New Brunswick? Upwards of two and a half years have elapsed since the Government promised development of these powers. It has not yet announced a policy, and possibly it is even yet without adequate information. A great need in this province is cheap power for industrial development and cheap light for the agricultural communities. It is the Government's duty, if not to provide these, to put others in a position to provide. The only light so far thrown upon the subject is by a correspondent at Riverton, Kent County, who, in a letter to this paper of a few days ago, intimated that a member of the Commission, under pay of the Government, was seeking to make contracts for electric current, and that this presumably upon his own responsibility and for his personal advantage. He was said to be endeavoring to negotiate contracts based upon power to be acquired on the Telegraphic and Restigouche and Gloucester counties. Our correspondent promises to give the public some further information in the near future. If what he says is true, and if his deductions are not inaccurate, the Government has really outlined a policy which has, for a reason not commendable, been withheld from the public, and a policy designed to prefer private interests to the public interests. No sincerely held trust that the facts are open to an interpretation somewhat different from that placed upon it by our correspondent, who appears to write with accurate knowledge. But as we recall that some of the most important water powers of the province have already passed beyond our reach through the manipulations of a preceding government, which were supported by members of the present government, and in which manipulations at least one member of the present Executive is said to have taken a prominent part to his advantage, we are inclined to fear that the manipulations which are said to be in progress in Restigouche and elsewhere suggest further designs on the public and that the Government policy and the methods permitted have other than the public interests in view. The gentleman who has been endeavoring, apparently in his official capacity, to make private contracts for current, or in a very friendly touch with members of the Government who appointed him. They have had to do with him in another capacity, and for some reason their relations with him have apparently been very intimate, very cordial, even embracingly cordial. It is therefore with

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some anxiety that the public await the announcement of the Government policy for the development of the water powers, a policy apparently already determined and withheld from the people seemingly for a purpose. The public in this province should be able to get the essentials without being compelled to fee and feed the politicians and their intimates—and cheap power and cheap light are essentials.

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## BEAUTY TO POSE FOR STATUE OF EVE.



Miss Virginia Lee. PHOTO BY WHITE.

In response to an inquiry from the studio of George Grey Barnard, American sculptor, asking if any of the young women in "The Greenwich Village Follies," a musical comedy now running in New York, had a figure suitable as a model for a statue of Eve, the management wrote Mr. Barnard that Miss Virginia Lee's would undoubtedly do. The desirability of Miss Lee, who is one of the several show girls who have had experience as artist's models, was figured out by Miss Clara Tice, who is connected with the management in an artistic capacity. Some difficulty was experienced by Miss Tice in making the selection, but she chose Miss Lee, eighteen years old, who, Miss Tice said, stands more than five feet six inches in her Eve slippers.

## St. Stephen

St. Stephen, Jan. 9.—The Misses Lillian Murchie, Gertrude Lowell and Margaret Murchie gave a most delightful card and dancing party in A. O. H. Hall, Calais, on New Year's night. There were about one hundred guests present, and some very handsome gowns were worn. Miss Lillian Murchie wore a charming gown of white lace over white satin; Miss Lowell wore a dainty gown of pink georgette over pink silk, and Miss Margaret Murchie wore a very attractive gown of black chiffon. The hall was daintily trimmed for the occasion and delicious refreshments were served at about 12 o'clock.

The Literary Club meets this week with Miss Arthureta Branscombe.

Mrs. A. E. Vesey entertained a few friends very informally at the tea hour on New Year's Day for the pleasure of Miss Nettie Thomas of the Mount Allison Ladies' College staff.

Mr. and Mrs. James Inches are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Tuesday of this week at Chipman Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Beek have returned from Fredericton, where they spent New Year's with relatives.

Mrs. Guy Daye gave a delightful bridge party at her home on McGill street on Wednesday evening of last week. The guests were Mrs. Douglas Dyas, Mrs. Brewer Edwards, Mrs. Murray Allen, Mrs. Ralph McNeill, Mrs. Harold Haley and Misses Alice Hanan, Mildred Todd and Bessie Dinan. The prize was won by Miss Alice Hanan. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the game. Miss Dinmore assisted Mrs. Daye in serving.

Miss Nettie Thomas, who spent the holiday season at her uncle's, Mr. H. R. Hill, left on Friday night for Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville.

Miss Alice Cockburn has returned from the Christmas season at her home.

Mrs. E. A. Cockburn of St. Andrews is the guest of Mrs. M. N. Cockburn for the winter.

Mrs. William F. Boardman left on Friday last for an extended visit with friends in Houlton.

Judge M. N. Cockburn was in Fredericton on the week-end.

Miss Mildred Todd left on Monday for an extended visit with friends in Boston and New York.

Miss Roberta Grimmer, who spent the holiday season at her home in town, returned on Monday to Simonds' College, Cambridge.

Miss Arthureta Branscombe gave a very delightful bridge party at the Nurses' Home on Friday afternoon last. The guests were Mrs. W. F. Todd, Mrs. Harry Wall, Mrs. M. N. Cockburn, Mrs. E. A. Cockburn, Mrs. H. J. Gordon, Mrs. Maria Burton, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Charles Main, Mrs. William Richardson, Mrs. Douglas Dyas, Mrs. J. M. Flewelling, Mrs. Jas. Lawson, Mrs. A. E. Vesey, Mrs. R. E. Smith and the Misses Ella Gregory, Mildred Todd and Liela McVay. A very enjoyable game of bridge was played at which Mrs. E. A. Cockburn won the prize. A very delicious tea was served at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Main, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. H. L. Wall and Mrs. Douglas Dyas assisted Miss Branscombe in serving her guests.

Mrs. William Richardson left on Monday for Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowman of Marlboro, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark at their home on Peter street.

Mr. G. H. I. Cockburn spent a few days in St. John during the week.

Mrs. Gates Murchie is the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Ganong at her home on Main street.

A number of the young people enjoyed a drive to Oak Bay on Friday evening last, with a dance and supper at Orange Hall there. The party included the Misses Florence and Doris Heusit, Phyllis Vansions, Alice

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Graham, has returned to her home.

Hamilton and Arnold Clarke left on Tuesday for Mount Allison.

Mr. Mel McCormack, who has been spending the holiday season with his family in town, has returned to New Brunswick, N. J.

Dr. Holland left last week for Florida, where he will spend the winter months.

Mrs. and Mrs. N. A. Allison left last week for Florida, where they expect to spend the winter.

Walter Ross left on Saturday for Portland, enroute for Boston to resume his studies at the Institute of Technology.

Miss Florence Heusit has returned to Mount Allison after spending her vacation at her home in town.

Messrs. Blair Carson, Henry Scovill, and Mr. and Mrs. James Keay, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McClellan, have returned to their home in New York.

Messrs. Blair Carson, Henry Scovill, and Harry Grimmer left on Monday to resume their studies at Acadia University.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Goodill announce the engagement of their sister, Olive Faith, to Elery Sanford Johnson of Montreal, the marriage to take place at an early date.

Miss Helen Bonnell has returned to Boston after a pleasant visit at her home here.

Mr. Hugh McBride and young son, Wallace of Winnipeg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James McBride.

Messrs. Burton Crocker and Hazen Dinsmore returned on Monday to Mt. Allison to resume their studies there.

Glen Nicholson returned to the Normal School at Fredericton, on Monday after spending his vacation at his home in town.

Miss Edna Patterson, who has been spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Ada Patterson, has returned to Montreal.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—Arvid Str Chignecto, St. John.

Sailed—Mrs. Emmore, Glasgow; American, Bermuda; Rosalind, St. Johns, Nfld.

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