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## GET-RICH-QUICK METHODS.

It is very proper that the Valley Railway enquiry should be resumed at a time when some of the gentlemen who were most active in the financial transactions dealt with are whispering here and there that it would be a very fine thing to have union government in New Brunswick—meaning that some of them or their tools would be taken into the government. The Foster government is doing very well, and there could be no greater political misfortune for the province than to restore to places of power any of the gentlemen whose record is spread on the reports of Royal Commissions.

In Montreal yesterday three men with revolvers entered a jewelry store in broad daylight, took \$5,000 worth of jewelry, returned to their automobile and rode away. In Sonora, Mexico, on Wednesday, a band of Indians held up a train, killed twenty or thirty passengers, looted the baggage and express cars and rode away. The New Brunswick method is much milder and less dangerous, and yet who can say that it has not been as effective? We are getting so used to off-hand explanations about how large sums of the people's money were gathered in for the personal benefit of individuals, and for the furtherance of their schemes, that the grey ghost of Montreal and the red ghost of Mexico merely excite our pity at the crudeness of their mode of operations.

We are now hearing about the Valley Railway affair. Let us hope the holding of the liquor dealers—without a gun—will also be made the subject of a fitting enquiry. In the New Brunswick Who's Who there are pages waiting for the record.

## SHIPBUILDING.

A brief despatch from Ottawa today says that the union government will carry out an ambitious programme of national shipbuilding, and will utilize to the fullest capacity the existing yards and establishing rolling mills where necessary.

The union government is proving itself both courageous and progressive. The city of St. John should be especially interested in the new announcement. But for the unwise course pursued by the old Borden government we would not be building steel ships at this port. What will be the relation of St. John to the new enterprise?

The importance of shipbuilding as a national industry for Canada has long been recognized, and the new government will do well to take vigorous action along that line. Let us hope it will mean a growth of St. John industry and the full development of long cherished plans for this national port.

## PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

The Standard this morning presents a very long criticism of the financial statement made by the Foster government yesterday. The burden of its cry is that the people have not got enough to show for their money, and that the government has not attempted "to control expenditures so as to make them compatible with limited revenues." The Standard knows very well that the old government left a legacy of bills and work which the new one could not control, but had to accept.

Of course the Standard knows a great deal of our troubles as a province. Get out of Hon. P. J. Veniot as minister of the works, and we presume, put a porter of Hon. James A. Murray in place. But not Hon. John Morrissey.

The Hazen, Flemming, Clarke and Murray administrations suffered from the unbusiness-like methods pursued by Hon. John Morrissey as minister of public works.

One is prompted to ask why some one of these administrations did not replace Mr. Morrissey long before his resignation was tendered. Perhaps they were too busy looking after the money of careless lumbermen, railroad contractors and liquor dealers to have any time for Mr. Morrissey.

The truth is that in his road policy during the past summer and fall Hon. P. J. Veniot has given the people more for their money, in the shape of improved and in some cases permanent roads than they ever got in any two years under the old government. And this despite the fact that his department was loaded up with unsuitable machinery ordered by the Hon. B. Frank Smith.

The financial statement issued by the Foster government will stand the closest enquiry. It is full and clear, and tells the people the truth about the state of the provincial finances. Starting at that point, it will be possible to take such steps as will bring about a more satisfactory condition of affairs.

The French have won an important success on the Italian front, the Bolsheviks in Russia appear to be turning against the Germans, and the general war outlook is therefore a bit more cheerful.

## SHEEP-RAISING.

The importance of developing the sheep-raising industry is not only being urged in Canada but in the United States. Our neighbors in Maine are giving the subject more attention. The Bangor Commercial says:—

"The annual report of the State Board of Assessors, submitted last week, notes an increase in the number of sheep in the state, an encouraging feature and a proof of the wisdom of the action of the legislature in 1915 in exempting sheep from taxation, a measure that was strongly advocated by the Commercial as a method that would result in adding the sheep industry in this state. In 1908, there were 856,182 sheep in Maine and each year witnessed a decrease of this number until in 1915 there were but 96,286. We then commenced to feel the benefit of the law enacted the previous year and the recent report of the state assessors finds 99,999 sheep in the state, an increase of \$19 over the previous year. This is not a large advance, but it is a gain rather than a loss and that is the main thing. The figures afford a cogent demonstration of the wisdom of the legislative action for the relief of the sheep growers and also that this relief should be continued and increased."

The Commercial presents some interesting facts from the national standpoint, which emphasize the necessity of developing the industry. It says:—

"The decreasing shortage of wool and mutton has long been felt in the United States, but it appears to have required the exigencies of the war to call general attention to the shortage. 'Raise more sheep' is the slogan that has been adopted by the Federal Department of Agriculture which points out that more than the entire wool production of the country will be used in clothing and outfitting our army. 'The apparel of one soldier represents the yield of twenty sheep,' says the department and then notes that there are 1,200,000 fewer sheep today in the country than there were in 1914. The wool production of the United States was \$21,802,750 pounds in 1910 and shrank to 28,878,000 pounds in 1916. The amount of wool manufactured in this country increased from 550,856,023 pounds in 1914, to 787,079,294 pounds in 1916, while the consumption of mutton also increased. The difference represents the importations and today we have other uses for our shipping. The result is that we must increase the production and to do this, we must involve every legitimate incentive for the farmers."

Not only must the farmers be encouraged to raise more sheep, but there must be such laws as will ensure protection from dogs. We are told that in Ohio last year 24,000 sheep were killed by dogs, and every sheep so killed is an economic loss. Hence the Commercial says:—

"This is a matter of business and not one of sentiment and legislative action should be taken for the protection of the sheep from dogs. Had Maine acted last winter it would have been in the forefront of the states. 'Today bills to curb the menace of dogs to sheep are before several state legislatures including those of New York and Massachusetts. In the latter state a law is proposed to provide for the confinement of all dogs between the hours of 6 p. m. and 7 a. m., and any person is empowered to shoot a dog which strays away from its yard in violation of the proposed law. And this measure, the support of the United States Department of Agriculture."

## THE POTATO SURPLUS.

Dr. Kierstead says there is a surplus of two million bushels of potatoes in New Brunswick according to data in the food controller's office, and a still larger surplus in Prince Edward Island. He therefore advises farmers to market their product.

There is also a surplus of butter and of eggs in Canada at large, but it is held in cold storage. There is an abundance of food of all kinds in Canada, and there has been too much hoarding or holding for speculative purposes.

With regard to potatoes, if they had been put on the market at a reasonable price last fall, all the people might have been eating more potatoes and saving more wheat to be bent overseas. And this would have been done if the food controller had done his duty. It is not too late yet to take such action as will encourage the substitution of potatoes for wheat without depriving the farmer of what would be a reasonable war-time profit. In England the people are to be put on rations.

The Utica Observer says: "Don't lose sight of the Russian situation. Read every word you can discover concerning it. Russia is at the highest point of socialistic development. The millenium, according to socialistic teaching, has been reached in Russia. Watch its progress. It will be illuminating to all sane, clear-thinking people."

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

## THE KAISER.

C. A. King & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, in their weekly trade circular, insert the following:—

"Germany's maniac ruler thinks he is going to succeed where Napoleon failed. He may terrorize the world two or three years more but his days are numbered. Byron Newton asks the Kaiser some pointed questions. He says:—

The night winds steal o'er the fields of France,  
Where a million dead men lie,  
And a million ghastly faces there  
Are mutely asking, Why?

Why are the heavens red with hate  
From the cannon's angry flare?  
Why must the eyes of the pitying Christ  
See myriads dying there?

Why from the Alps must snow-fed streams  
With brave men's blood run red?  
Why are the bodies of innocent babes  
Strewing the ocean's bed?

Why are starvation and sorrow and pain  
And terror in every clime?  
Why are the souls of men cast down  
With death at this Christmas time?

What's happened, O God, to your beautiful world,  
Afflict with the furies of death?  
What demon has banished sweet peace  
From the earth?  
And lessened hell's withering breath?

Answer, O Teuton—the secret is thine—  
Give up thy creed of hate,  
For on the final judgment day  
God will make you tell.

Out with your Kultur of lust and blood  
And rape and demon skill!  
Tell us, O Hun, of the subtle joy  
To cruelty and kill.

Tell us, vile monster in human form,  
By whom your war was planned,  
And where that soul may be at peace  
By God and mortal damned!

TO JACK FROST.

(Bangor Commercial.)

When they hit us with the income tax  
And raised our cigarettes  
We only sighed and filed away a few  
More vain regrets.  
When Hoover came along and put the  
"bee" on sugar drinks  
We merely said, "We're no worse off  
Than countless other ginks."  
We took, with wondrous fortitude,  
The bitter with the sweet  
And lived along on just about half what  
We used to eat.

We were strong men, we every dund that  
We're need could invent  
And often we subscribed to things that  
We took our final cent.

Of course, we know that some days  
Must be dark and dreary, too.  
But, Mister Frost, we take YOUR slap  
As most unkind of you.

You make us feel that life will be just  
One long, walling plaint  
War, as Sherman said, is Hellish, but  
Believe us, Bangor ain't.

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"Excuse me," the other man interrupted. "I don't think I will buy a diamond unless it is perfect. This is a diamond, and one of your assistants let me take on Saturday afternoon. I deposited \$50 on it. Please let me have my money and we will declare the deal off."—London Answers.

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