

Says He Was Asked to Assist in Buying Members of Legislature at \$50 Each: Told the Attorney-General; F. B. Smith Makes Interesting Statements at Oppo-

Dorchester, May 24-J. H. Hickman presided at a large and enthusiastle meeting here tonight in the interests of the opposition party. P. J. Veniot and E. S. Carter made ratiling speeches. Mr. Veniot, who spoke for forty-five minutes, dealt fully with the patriotic potatoes question and pointed out that the re-fund of \$4,000 from B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., was not mentioned in the auditor. general's report of last year at all, and at the close of his speech he invited who had come in while he was speaking, to take the platform and make any answer he could. Mr. Smith accepted and it was understood that he should have half an hour to speak. He was allowed forty minutes, and he made much the same defence of his connection with the purchase of the potatoes as he made in the legislature, but he did not explain why there was not any men-

the firm of A. C. Smith & Co., of St. John. At the close of this speech he said that Flemming had done wrong, but that no government was perfect and that

E. S. Carter then spoke, going over what Mr. Smith had said and pointing out that there should be no profiteering in matters of this kind. He charged Mr. Smith with shipping potatoes in much greater quantity than could possibly

Mr. Carter referred to the fact that his father and grandfather had been born in Dorchester, and he was not sware that he had the dreadful reputa-tion that was attributed to him until he had heard of the remarks of Hon. Mr. Blair in his affidavit said that he tool member and has no personal knowledge of what was done. Blair's affidavit also dealt with the

Murray and Hon. Mr. Baxter. As he had never been a member he at least had on legislative size to arreat in connection with which he says that Mr. Baxter's

had never been a member he at least had no legislative sins to answer for, which was more than either of the gentlemen referred to could boast of. Hon. Mr. Baxter had been particularly virulent in his references to both him and his asso-ciate, Mr. Veniot, in connection with their work as opposition organizers in the county of Westmorland. It was the duty no fo both of them, however, to be present wherever the cause of the opposition called them, and when after all the ex-posures and revelations that had been made in connection with the government to of this province, the government had the corrs of Westmorland upon their acts by 1 tringing on a by-election, it was their duty and their business to come to West morland and to give what assistance the opposition party in Westmorland desired a Those Half Denials.



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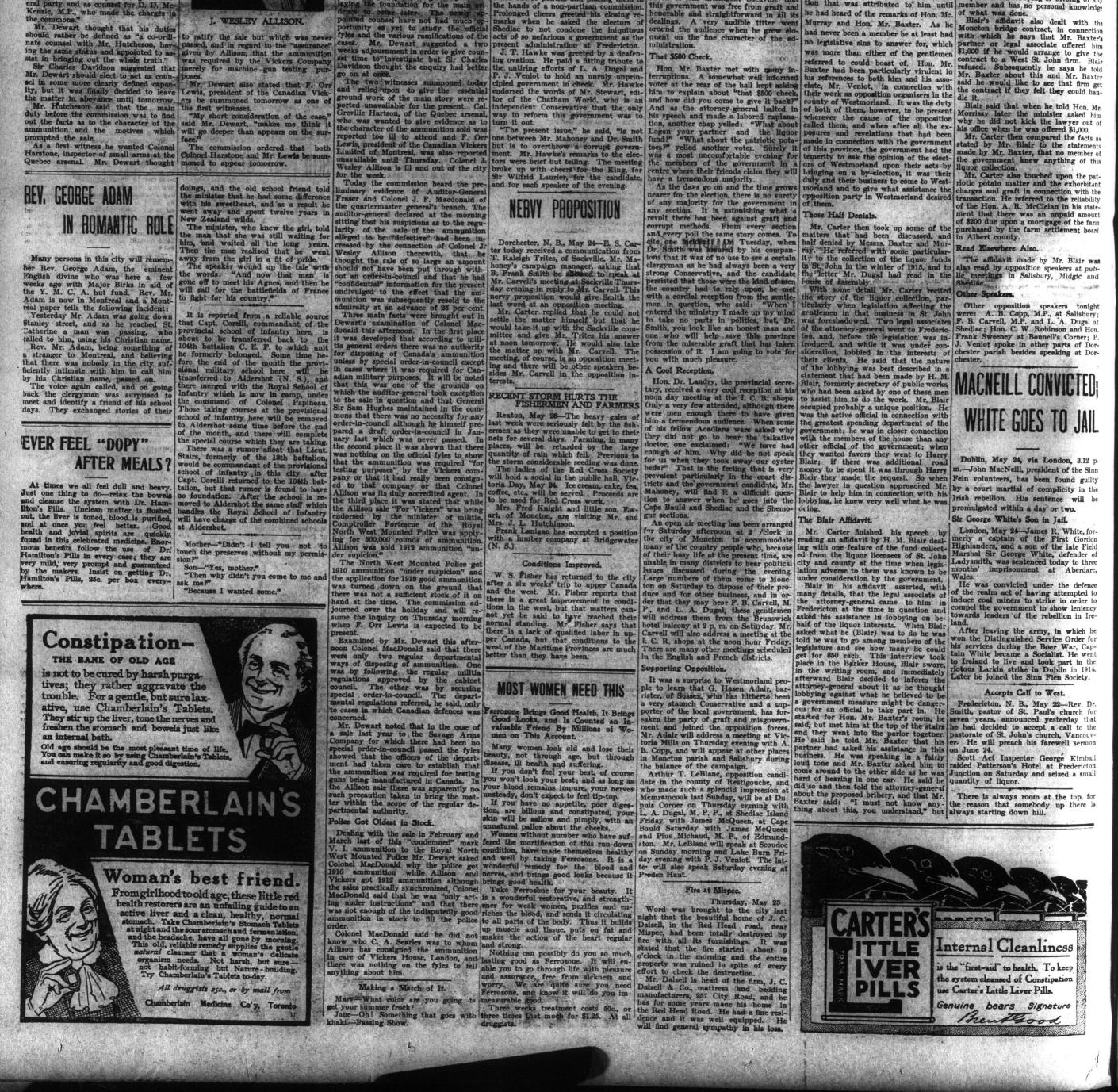
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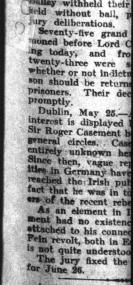
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