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THE PROVINCIAL PROBLEM

New Brunswick is soon to have a change of government. A grave responsibility rests upon the opposition party which, when the elections take place, whenever that may be, will include a great many people who were supporters of the present government until it proved itself unworthy of their confidence. It should now be the duty of the best men in the province to get together, in each constituency, and see to it that the candidates chosen to oppose the government are such as will command public confidence, and from whose members a strong and business-like cabinet can be selected. We have been governed too long by the rule of graft and by the patronage committee. There is now an opportunity to break away and demonstrate that there is still honor in public life, and capacity for unselfish public service. These are something of infinitely greater value than mere partisan activity in public affairs. The fair name of New Brunswick has been sullied by the conduct of men elected by the people to represent them. The stain must be wiped out. Better men can be found. The self-seeker, the man who makes promises that can only be fulfilled at unwarranted cost to the province, the designing man who regards bribery as a political virtue, the man who has one code of ethics in private and another in public life, is a menace to the public welfare; and it is not true to say there are no other men. It is at this crisis in provincial affairs the duty of the best men and women to unite their efforts, not to replace one sort of bad government by another, but to create a public sentiment that will stand for nothing short of good government. The individual who says there cannot be any improvement, does not want any improvement, and does not represent the best minds in New Brunswick today. To perpetuate existing conditions would make the name of New Brunswick a by-word, and its people the target for well merited contempt.—St. John Times.

Enlistment Under Age

(From Hansard, April 25)

On the Orders of the Day:
Mr. Carvell: I desire to ask the premier, as the acting minister of militia, if any policy has been adopted regarding boys who have enlisted who are under age or who are very much under the age of eighteen years. I have here a letter, which I will send over to my right hon. friend, from a lady

living in the county of Victoria, who lays a very serious complaint against the recruiting officer at Andover. She claims that her boy was inveigled into joining the army at fifteen years of age, and that when the recruiting officer was told over the telephone that the boy was only fifteen years of age, he stated that the boy had told him he was eighteen and that he had as good a right to believe the boy as to believe his mother. The boy was signed on, and now he wants his discharge, and his mother is anxious to have him discharged. I do not want to mention names. I believe this matter has already been brought up by the hon member for Two Mountains (Mr. Ethier), and I do not know exactly what decision has been reached. If any policy has been adopted, I would like to know what it is, and I would like if the Prime Minister would reply in regard to the letter, either publicly or confidentially, as he sees fit.

Sir Robert Borden: I have not had my attention directed to the subject recently, but I have always understood that the policy is not to enlist boys under eighteen years of age. If that is not the policy, it ought to be the policy. I will take up the case to which my hon. friend has drawn my attention and see that steps are taken that the boy who is the age of fifteen years or under eighteen shall be discharged and returned to his parents.

Mr. Carvell: That is very satisfactory. I did not want to read the letter and make it public; but the Prime Minister, when he reads it, will understand the reasons why I brought the matter up.

[It is announced that the lad in question has since been given his discharge.]

Hartland Superior School

Grade X—Kathleen Kennedy 78.5, Eva Shannon 77.5, Reta Murdoch 74.5, Nellie Nixon 72.5, Agnes Belyea 66.5.

Grade IX—Roy McGee 73, Mabel Morgan 72, Frank McAdam 72, Harold Birmingham 67.5, Herbert Rogers 66.5, Julia Birmingham 63, Robina Sippell 60, Kenneth Keith 60, Dean Ham 60, Jean Miller 45, Edna Allen 45, Carrie Noddin 40.

Grade VIII—Burt Rideout 72, Beatrice Tompkins 67.5, Kelsie Crabb 66.5, Clara Boyer 63.5, Alfred Trafton 62.5, Dorothy Trafton 60.

Average attendance 21+. Percentage attendance 70+.

B. M. Berry, prin.
Grade VII—Mary Loupin 87.75, Evelyn Rogers 80.5, Mary McMullin 76.25, Alice Ward 75, Kathleen Gray 70.5, Leila McElhiney 60.25, Reta Hatfield 58.25, Mona Orser 50, Sadie Jensen 31.25.

Grade VI—Joe Rideout 80.5, Alex. Miller, 80.5, Clayton Rideout 80.5, Emma Trafton 64.25, Ivan Nixon 63.25, Gerald Hammond 61.5, Ellen Mc Goldric 61.5, Willie Carr 36.5.

Grade V—Bertha Donkin 77.

Walter Morgan 72.75, Zeke Sippell 72.25, Arden Nevers 65, Raleigh Britton 64.25, Irene Featherstone 63, Carleton Hatfield 61.5, Kenneth Irving 61, Ida Loupin 58, Victoria Irving 48.75, Miles Miller 57, Daisy Grant 45, Winfred Craig 40.25, Marion Donkin 36.5, Mildred Luskey 31.75.

Grade IV—Margaret Kennedy 86.2, Willie Crawford 81.75, Helen Nevers 76, Hughie Smith 74.5, Ena McAdam 73.75, Madeline Peoples 67.5, Maggie McLaughlin 65.25, Maud McGoldric 64.25, Bessie Goodwin 58.25, Rosie Orser 51.5.

Perfect attendance: Alice Ward, Clayton Rideout, Joe Rideout, Ivan Nixon, Walter Morgan.
Pupils enrolled 49; average 38.35; percentage 83.3.

Jennie Paget, teacher.

Silver Anniversary

Saturday afternoon, April 29, Mrs. McPhail was again at home to a number of her friends. Among those invited were Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. C. Palmer, Mrs. J. J. Weldon, Mrs. Guy Porter, Mrs. Murray Wright, Mrs. Geo. Morehouse, Mrs. Howard Giberson, Mrs. Harry Gilman, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Geo. Dionne, Mrs. Marshall Armstrong, Mrs. M. I. F. Carvell, Mrs. Mason Johnston, Mrs. Geo. Clark, Misses Ruth Harper, Sylvia Cronkhite, Louise Blakslee, Mrs. Gordon Graham and a number of Andover ladies. Miss Bessie Kilburn invited the guests to the dining room, Mrs. Douglas Baird poured tea and the Misses Isabel and Alice McPhail, Dorothy Olmstead and Eula Cronkhite assisted in passing refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McPhail entertained a number of their friends Friday evening, April 28, in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McPhail, Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. D. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Niles, Mr. and Mrs. C. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lewis, Sheriff and Mrs. Tibbitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gilmstead, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beveridge, Mrs. Donoghue, Mrs. Carrie Armstrong; the Misses McPhail and Bessie Kilburn served refreshments.

It was noted that Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sisson were the only couple who were still residents of Perth when Mr. and Mrs. McPhail came to live here.

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One of the early symptoms of tuberculosis is a loss of weight. Any decided decrease should be watched with suspicion. It often means that the general bodily functions are not all that they should be. It is certain, under any circumstances, to indicate that one's physical resistance is being lowered, and this in itself opens the way to unusual chances of disease.

If this loss in weight is accompanied by loss of appetite, night sweats or a persistent cough or cold a physician should be consulted and nourishing food, plenty of rest and long hours of sleep in the fresh air should be resorted to in an effort to build up the body.

People will neglect themselves for months when decreasing weight should warn them as surely as the falling barometer denotes a coming storm that their physical well being is in jeopardy.

The Gravy, Not the Meat.

I was speaking to a friend on the question of eating less meat. Said he: "It's not the meat itself I should miss if I gave it up, but the gravy." And there, I believe, lies the chief barrier to vegetarianism with many. One of the great advocates of a non-meat diet in the early nineteenth century was Sir Richard Phillips, whose eloquent writings on the subject were suddenly discounted by the revelation that although he would eat no meat, Sir Richard was guilty of gravy over his potatoes!—London Chronicle.

And Some Were Missing.

It was Miss Julia May's birthday, and in honor of the occasion a cake had been baked to be decorated with candles, one candle for each anniversary. Dinner was being delayed, and Miss Julia May called to Aunt Piney: "What is holding dinner, Aunt Piney?"

Aunt Piney's answer called for no further explanation: "Lawdy, honey, is you forgot how many of dese candles dey is to light?"

Varicose Veins.

Varicose veins are a dilation and overfilling of the veins, usually of the lower extremities. They are caused by too great pressure of the veins involved or by the weakening of the thin walls. They are brought on by a weak circulation, interference with the return flow by tumors, overloaded bowels, long standing and overstrain.

The Hitch.

"I don't think that stenographer you sent me is speedy enough for the work." "Why, sir, that girl can write 200 words per minute."

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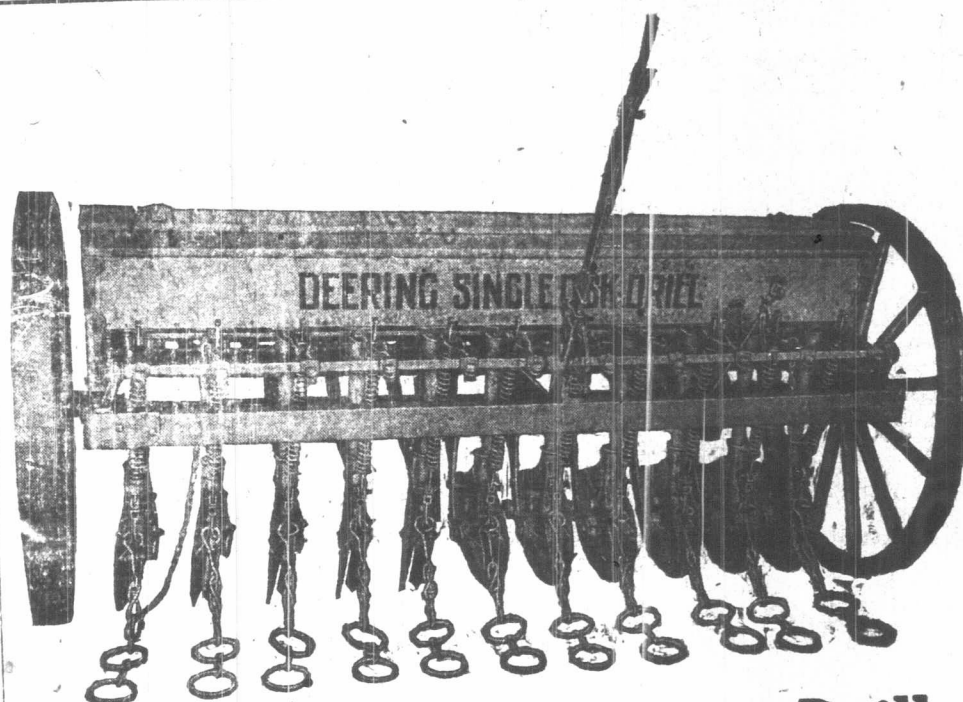
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