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A TEMPORARY SET-BACK

The carnival of graft and plunder in New Brunswick is to be continued a little longer. Carleton county has made that possible by accepting the bribe of a portfolio and placing the seal of its approval upon the following among other acts by which the province has been shamed and humiliated:

Taking \$100,000 in plunder from the lumbermen.

Taking money by compulsion from railroad contractors.

Raiding the public treasury in the Southampton Railway steal.

Graft in connection with road work and farm sales—involving members of the legislature.

The hold-up of the liquor dealers for \$6,000.

The payment of \$2,500 to Mr. James H. Crockett in connection with the settlement of a contractor's claim which was virtually a claim against the province.

The patriotic potato steal.

And, finally, the shipment from St. John to Carleton county this week of great quantities of money in small denominations to be used to bribe the electors of the constituency to vote for Smith and Sutton.

This enumeration by no means exhausts the list of crimes which reveal the depth of infamy to which the political life of the province has been reduced. In a fit of temporary fear after exposure, Mr. Flemming was reduced to the ranks, and again Mr. A. J. H. Stewart was thrown overboard; but now Flemming is restored to favor and his offences have been applauded and approved. Those who believe a province or a constituency should not sell its soul to the bribers will find food for grave reflection in the result of yesterday's by-election. Carleton county is out of step with West-Canada and the belief, the rest of the province. The day of reckoning has been postponed, but not for long.

Those who believe in honor in public life are thankful for as many electors in Carleton county as proved by their vote yesterday that they do not approve of Mr. J. K. Flemming and those who whitewashed him, or of the Hon. B. Frank Smith and his political record and methods. Unfortunately there were not nearly enough of them to keep Smith out of the legislature, or discourage Flemming from endeavoring to get into the parliament of Canada. Even if it be true that the use of money influenced some of the electors, however, the shame is none the greater. We would expect men who approved of Smith and Flemming to regard the use of money in an election campaign as a perfectly proper proceeding. It had been hoped there were enough right-thinking men in the county to redeem it from the reproach of endorsing the most corrupt government the province has ever known—but the hope was in vain. Yet the record of the government stands. It is there in the reports of the royal commissions, and cannot be hidden. The people of the province at large have read it, and those who are not ashamed of it have no regard for honor in public life. The fight must go on. The Clarke government must be defeated. The result in Carleton county yesterday makes it all the more imperative that the people of other constituencies resolve to remove at the first opportunity the additional blot that has been placed upon the fair name of the province. The government has endorsed Flemming, and a majority of the people of Carleton county have endorsed the government. There is no reason, except that he is not in the legislature, why Flemming should not be made premier again, and given a free hand to take "by compulsion" more money from a railroad contractor, or interest himself in the activities of another Bill Berry. The hero of the patriotic potato deal has now a larger financial world to battle in.

However much the grafters may rejoice at the result in Carleton county those people of New Brunswick who are not grafters or blind partisans may well entertain fears for the future of the province. The return of Mr. J. K. Flemming to public life, unshamed and unrebuked, cannot be regarded by thoughtful people who prize the good name of New Brunswick as anything short of a calamity. What Carleton county has failed to do, the other constituencies must do, if a clean administration of the affairs of the province is to be secured.

The government's record stands. It cannot be wiped out. The men now at the head of affairs have proved themselves incompetent and unworthy, by the testimony given before their own royal commission. They have brazened it out, however, and have secured a favorable verdict in Carleton county. In view of what transpired yesterday their appears to be some ground for the cynical observation of a Carleton county man after the Dugal enquiry that the only fault the Conservatives of the county had to find, with Mr. Flemming was that he had permitted himself to be found out. Now, apparently, they have forgiven him that offence, and want him to try again. Let us hope the triumph of the government will be very short-lived. Not to be able to entertain that hope would be to lose faith in the people of the province and in their desire for honest government. The fight must go on with renewed energy.

The news that the Roumanians and Russians have defeated the Bulgars, Tatars and Turks in a six-days battle in Dobruja, in south-eastern Roumania, is the best news of the day. It had been feared that as the main army of Roumania was over-running Transylvania the enemy might crush the smaller force left in Dobruja; but the latter, doubtless reinforced by Russians, has forced the enemy to withdraw from territory they had occupied. Meantime the main Roumanian army has gained further success in Transylvania. Our new ally is delivering the goods, and the situation of Bulgaria grows more and more difficult.

Conditions in Greece are still not satisfactory to the Allies. The London Times attacks the new Greek cabinet as a group of puppets and intriguers, and calls for more vigorous action to have the attitude of the Greeks promptly and clearly defined as for or against the Allies. The people of Crete have revolted. Venizelos is closely watching the trend of events, and may soon be at the head of a general revolution, if the king and cabinet continue to mark time.

The gallant Serbians are again on Serbian soil, and have gained an important success on the Macedonian border. The Russians continue to push back the enemy lines in the Carpathian region, and there is heavy fighting farther north, the German offensive along the Stokholm being repulsed. On the western front heavy rains have interfered with active operations. The Italians report a further slight advance east of Gorizia. The fighting everywhere goes well for the Allies.

Its most flagrant assault on public decency appears as a cartoon on the first page of today's Standard.

For the present, and let us hope for all time, Carleton county holds the record for tolerance and approval of graft and grafters.

With heavier casualty lists comes the question: How are the thinning ranks to be filled if recruiting in Canada continues as slow as it has been for a long time past? What does the government propose to do about it?

Mr. J. D. O'Connell's gift to the orphans has won for him praise that is highly deserved. It means a day of sunshine every year in clouded lives, and would save far more of such kindly thought and action.

Mr. F. B. Carvell is singled out for bitter attack by the Standard this morning. All Canada knows why the upholders of graft hate Mr. Carvell. The great public service he has rendered the country is appreciated from coast to coast.

An Ottawa despatch to the Standard says: "Latest reports about Sir Max Aitken are that he is desirous of being made Canadian High Commissioner in London, and that he will arrive in this country with General Sir Sam Hughes in order to press his claims upon the government personally." If Sir Sam Hughes is for him—who dare be against him?

We have become hardened to casualty lists, but the news that 400 Canadians were killed, 1,000 wounded and 800 missing, in two days of fighting, brings forcibly home the dreadful nature of the struggle in Europe. Who are going to take the places of the fallen, and to relieve those who are still living but weary with hardship and the awful strain of constant battle?

There is a serious flaw in the prohibition act in Ontario. The license board has decided that local breweries can deliver goods to local customers provided the latter send their order through an outside agent—say in Montreal. That is to say, an order may be sent from Toronto to Montreal, and the goods are delivered by a Toronto brewer. This is certainly not a desirable condition of affairs in a prohibition province.

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Proud Mother of Freshman—"My son, why do all the young men wear soft shirts?"

Freshman (hesitating)—"Why, mother, I really am not sure, but I think it's to distinguish them from the assistant professors."

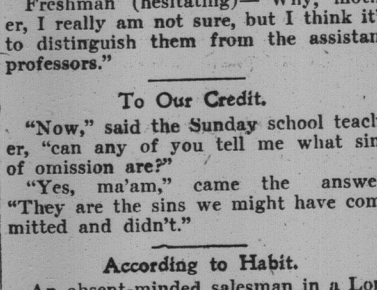
To Our Credit.

"Now," said the Sunday school teacher, "can any of you tell me what sins of omission are?"

"Yes, ma'am," came the answer. "They are the sins we might have committed and didn't."

According to Habit.

An absent-minded salesman in a London sporting-goods house recently told the firm a good customer. The buyer asked to see some dog-collars, selected one and paid for it. Just then the absent-minded one spotted it all by asking: "Shall I wrap it up and send it, or will you wear it?"



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Infantry School Here This Fall

Reported That Captain A. D. Corelli Again Will be in Charge: News of the Soldiers

Well-founded reports in military circles are to the effect that a new provisional school of infantry will be established in the city of St. John this winter. It will be remembered that last winter a school of infantry was conducted here and that it was very successful.

The school was conducted by Capt. A. D. Corelli, who is now brigade captain of the New Brunswick brigade at Valcartier Camp. At the conclusion of the school here in the spring of 1916 it was reported from high military authorities that the school at St. John had been more successful than any other branch school then conducted in Canada. The students, almost without exception, made good marks and were a credit to the school and it was at that time asserted that another school would be conducted this autumn.

Prepare Reception.

Although it has not yet been announced what battalion will be the second infantry unit to winter in St. John, already the civic authorities are taking steps to provide for a fitting reception for these men who are expected to arrive some time next week.

His Worship Mayor Hayes has appointed the following gentlemen a citizens' committee to arrange a reception for the new battalion: T. H. Estabrook (convener), Lieutenant-Colonel E. R. Sturdee, Dr. James H. Prink, H. R. McLeish, James V. Russell, G. F. Fisher, R. W. Wigmore, M. E. Agar, E. A. Schofield, H. G. Marr, C. W. Hollamore, Capt. J. Mulcahy, Walter Allison, Frank Potts, J. A. Lively, A. O. Skinner, A. M. Belding, E. L. Rising, James L. Surgen, Edward Sears, C. B. Lockhart, G. S. Mayes, John Keefe, S. H. Mayes, Charles Robinson, H. P. Robinson.

Private Belyea Wounded.

Mrs. Beatrice Belyea, 354 Duke street, West St. John, received a telegram yesterday afternoon from Ottawa informing her that her husband, Private Burpee Albert Belyea, had been admitted to Moore Barracks Hospital, Shorncliffe, on September 18, suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg. Private Belyea left here with the 26th Battalion and while in France was engaged as a bomb thrower. Prior to joining the 26th Battalion Private Belyea was engaged on the tug Joseph. He is well known throughout the city and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Burpee D. Belyea, of Rodney street, West St. John. A few days ago Private Belyea was reported as suffering from shell shock.

Private Magee Seriously Wounded.

John Magee, Prospect street, Fairville, received word yesterday afternoon that his son, Private Henry Magee, had been admitted to a hospital in Rouen, September 19, suffering from a gunshot wound in the head and was in a serious condition. He had previously been wounded in the face and head on June 8 and was only dismissed in August. He was a popular young man and was well known and respected by the residents of Fairville and all will unite in wishing him a speedy recovery.

In Somme Battle.

The only indication of the Canadian units engaged in the recent heavy fighting on the Somme front is given in a telegram received from Lieut. Roland Barnes, of Hampton, saying that he had come through the fight without injury of any kind. This cable would indicate that the 8th Canadian division, which includes the 4th C. M. B., the 22nd battalion, Princess Pats, the 48th, among others, was engaged.

Two Recruits.

Two recruits were secured yesterday afternoon at the recruiting office—Charles Stein, Apoliqui, N.B., and Henry LaBouchie, St. John.

Major R. Fitton, who returned to Canada some months ago to become adjutant of the 280th battalion, Ottawa, has arrived at his home in Margerville on leave. Major Fitton went overseas with the 12th battalion as quartermaster.

Colonel J. L. Potter of Ottawa, arriving in the city yesterday, accompanied

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The No. 9 Siege battery, under Major Wetmore, had a marchout yesterday afternoon, going to Hothouse and return, a distance of twenty miles, in five hours.

James Gaulton, formerly of this city now a member of the 26th battalion, in a recent letter, says that he had been forced to leave the trenches as the strain had proven too much for his nerves and he is now at a rest camp behind the lines.

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