

SOME THINGS PREMIER CLARKE SHOULD EXPLAIN

Where has the Road Money Gone To?—To Continue Patchwork Policy—Opposition Organizer Points Out That Wornout Promise of Government has Little Weight With the Public Now—What the People Want is Permanent Road Work and a Square Deal—Government's Hand Forced by Opposition—Some Interesting Statistics.

"Premier Clarke was surely not in a serious mood when he gave his road policy announcement to the Standard," said Organizer E. S. Carter yesterday.

"When he made the statements that 'from year to year since the present government has been in power there has been a progressive improvement in the condition of the provincial roads,' and 'On the whole the improvement has been steady and in many instances of such a character as to merit, practically permanent roads,' he surely did not expect to deceive the people of New Brunswick.

"The policy of road making he announces," continued Mr. Carter, "is but a continuation of the highway improvement policies the people have been listening to since this government went into power in 1908. A bill to amend the highway act was the first measure introduced into the new legislature by Mr. Hazen. That bill changed the law, but it was never acted upon. Instead the county councils were asked to express their opinions of it and the vigorous criticism of the \$2 poll tax section and some other things made amending necessary in the next year. The old law was in effect in 1908 and 1909, and in 1910, two years after these road reformers took office, they increased the taxes of 70,000 taxpayers from a \$1 poll to \$1.30 and all property owners were called upon to pay twenty cents on \$100 valuation instead of twelve and a half cents or an increase of seven and a half cents, or seventy-five cents on every \$1,000.

"The valuation of New Brunswick is in round figures about \$120,000,000 and taking away from that amount the valuation of the towns and cities, we are quite safe in saying that \$60,000,000 would be taxed to keep up the country highways. The increase in the poll tax under the Hazen act of 1908 would amount to fully \$85,000 and the additional rate of seventy-five cents per \$1,000 on \$60,000,000 would mean an increase of \$45,000 yearly, or both together \$80,000 a year. The Hazen, Fleming and Clarke governments have been in power eight years and this additional revenue for roads has been collected from the people for at least six years. Just about \$600,000 more in that six years than the old government had.

The Premier Ought to Explain.

"It is up to Premier Clarke to explain where that money has gone and where he holds of New Brunswick have improved \$600,000 more in that six years. The Premier says they are going to continue the work upon the roads during the summer. He might have added 'until snow flies' or 'until there is a general election.' Then this remark and statement is made with all possible gravity and the Standard honors it with a sub-heading, 'Government Loses No Time.'

"The work contemplated for this year will be undertaken at once under the supervision of the engineer, and it is hoped better results will be accomplished than were ever before reached by the expenditure of an equal amount of money. The roads which are now in the exceptional rains, are now in a few places unsatisfactory, will be improved and it is anticipated that as far as possible under the present system of road-

sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

Mrs. Job Shenton. Friday, July 21. Mrs. Shenton, widow of Rev. Job Shenton, died in Sackville yesterday. She was 82 years of age. Her husband was a member of Dr. L. A. McAlpine. Mrs. Shenton had made her home at Sackville with her only surviving daughter, Mrs. Gronlund. The deceased, formerly Miss Mary J. Lodge, was a sister of Matthew Lodge, of Moncton, and of the late Rev. W. W. Lodge. Her husband was one of the prominent ministers of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Shenton was an active helpmeet and most faithful church worker. Rev. Mr. Shenton was a former pastor here. His last circuit was Fairville. A woman of intellectual power and broad sympathies, Mrs. Shenton was a valuable worker in many causes, and had a large circle of friends who will regret to hear of her death. The body will be brought to St. John for interment, and the funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Dr. L. A. McAlpine, 181 Princess street.

Daniel Sullivan, Sr. Kouchibouguac, July 18.—The death occurred at his home here on Thursday, July 18, of Daniel Sullivan, Sr., one of the oldest and most respected residents of Kouchibouguac. Although he had been in failing health for some time, his death came as a severe shock to his sorrowing relatives and friends. Mr. Sullivan was in his seventy-third year, a life-long citizen of Kouchibouguac, and has always taken an active part in all public, social and educational affairs, and a keen and lively interest in the welfare of the Catholic church, of which he was a prominent member. He leaves to mourn, his wife (nee Hackett, of St. Margarets), six sons and four daughters. The sons are Daniel, John, James and Charles, of Kouchibouguac; William, of Victoria (B. C.); and Joseph, of Wallace, Idaho. The daughters are Mrs. J. F. McLaughlin, of Grand Falls; Mrs. W. Arthur Cutler, of St. John; Miss Elizabeth, who has been teaching in St. John county, and Miss Mae, at home. Funeral services were held at St. James' Roman Catholic church on Sunday, July 16, and were conducted by Rev. J. Doucett, P.P. The funeral was largely attended, friends and relatives being present from Chatham, Bay du Vin, Richibucto and other points, to offer their last tribute. Mrs. Sullivan and family have the sincere

Private Adelard Canty DIED OF WOUNDS. Cpl. Montgomery Recovering from Wounds—Pte. Gustave Kuhring Had Miraculous Escape.

Private Adelard Canty's wounds, which he sustained about two weeks ago, have proven fatal and word of his death was received in Bathurst last Tuesday. He passed away on July 16, at No. 4 General Hospital in Caen, France. Corporal Montgomery Improving. John Montgomery, of the post office staff, received a message yesterday in-

PT. RALPH N. SECORD, of Aiguillon, who was recently reported 'killed in action' forming him that his son, Corporal J. Lewis, who was seriously wounded about a month ago, is improving. Lost Left Arm. E. Winslow, superintendent of western branches of the Bank of Montreal, with headquarters in Winnipeg, has received a cablegram from England informing him that his son, Lieutenant Hugh Winslow, had lost his left arm at the recent battle of Ypres. Mr. Winslow has a younger son at Aiguillon. He was recently made provisional lieutenant.

Miraculous Escape. Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, wife of Rev. (Capt.) Kuhring, received word that her son, Private Gustave Kuhring, miraculously escaped death. A shell exploded near him and buried him completely with the exception of his head. Companions soon dug him out, and he had just been free a short time when he was buried a second time. He sustained a number of bruises and abrasions. He was forwarded to a base hospital.

Ottawa, July 24.—The midnight casualty list follows: INFANTRY Killed in Action. C. E. Newcomb, Hopewell (N. B.) Wounded. Pioneer Melvin Betts, Amherst (N.S.) Pioneer Mitchell Francis Gardner, Reserve Mines (C. B.) Wm. W. Riley, Hillsboro (P. E. I.) ENGINEERS Wounded. Lieut. Robert R. Murray (now returned to duty), Springhill (N. S.) ARTILLERY Died of Wounds. Corporal Ronald M. King, Lunenburg (N. S.)

GERMAN OFFICER, MAD, KILLS HIS OWN MEN. Spreads Terror in Fort Amid Fire and Shell—French Captors Learn Story From Lips of Dying Bavarian.

Paris, July 24.—The destruction of a German fortified work on the Somme front was marked by a tragic episode, says a Berlin dispatch. The order was given to destroy the fort at whatever cost. In less than six hours more than 2,500 great shells were fired at it, and the defenses gave way by one in a cloud of dust and smoke. The infantry then went forward and the German positions were conquered.

ALLIES CONTINUE POUNDING GERMAN LINES. (Continued from page 1). Turkish Report Naval Fight. Constantinople, July 24, via London.—The Turkish official statement today says: 'In the Euphrates sector one of our monitors attacked two hostile monitors, causing a fire to break out between them. Our volunteers fired from the bank and killed some of the crew. The hostile monitors were forced to retreat.'

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A Plea for the Returned Soldier

By Lance-Corp. J. MacCarthy in Toronto Star

"We don't want to lose you, but we think you ought to go, for your king and your country both need you so. We shall love you, cheer you, kiss you, when you come back again."

The singer was a very patriotic young lady, of decidedly prepossessing appearance, doing her bit for king and country by means of her voice. It so happened, however, that the audience was kind one, and as a recruiting effort the song was unnecessary, but it was sweet to be reminded of the lovely time in store for us when we returned to our blood-stained fields of France and Flanders. "We shall love you, cheer you, kiss you, when you come back again."

IRISH BILL AGAIN DISCUSSED BEFORE HOUSE OF COMMONS. (Continued from page 1). themselves free to exercise their individual judgment in criticizing the government's vacillation, not only in the conduct of the war, but in the conduct of the war.

Secretary Lloyd George emphasized the difficulty in embodying heads of agreement in an agreement, and insisted it was only a question of phrasing. He confessed that a departure had been made in the matter of Irish representation in the house of representatives, because the Unionist members of the cabinet found it impossible to secure the assent of their followers to the maintenance of an undiminished Irish representation after a general election, and after home rule had been set in Ireland.

It is of course, a matter of course, that the government were not introducing any bill until it was satisfied that it met substantially with the assent of all parties. Mr. Redmond moved the adjournment of the house to call attention to the matter.

ITALIANS TAKE PRISONERS. Rome, July 27, via special cable. "Yesterday on seven front the enemy's artillery actively against us in the Asiago Basin, and Degano Valley. Lower Isorno also was damaged by slight, and times are reported. 'In the Val Arsa, a Pozzina Valley, on 29th, the enemy attacked our position on the Del Coston. On the enemy is stubbornly advance in strongly in the woods north of Yesterday, however, making some prisoners, and against our position. 'The remainder of the day.' Italian Aerial Attack. New York, July 27. Rome to the Journal. 'Official announcement today that Italian aircraft have been reported in the Adriatic. The planes of the Austrian army stations, and then returned. Turkish Regiment Moves. New York, July 27. 'The reports received Smyrna state that a mutiny at Sevelken in the forest of Mount forces pursued the army to the forest. A mutiny was reported to have broken out at Sevelken. Berlin, July 27, via cable. 'The Austro-Germans today, has protested against repeated criminal attacks upon Austria ships. It cita-

FARMERS BUY AUTOS. Sussex Record—Sussex and vicinity now has bought 75 automobiles this season. The majority of these have been sold to farmers, who are rapidly returning to realize the advantage of the automobile from their standpoint. A number of large dairy farmers are now talking of using autos for bringing milk to town, and the next few years will see a change in the rapid transport of dairy products.

From the mother's point of view it is always the mind of the father that are visited on the children.

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