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### CENSURED BUT UNREPENTANT.

The people of New Brunswick have no further interest in the political fortunes of the members of the opposition party in the legislature, except to vote against them if they should have the hardihood to offer again as candidates in a political campaign.

The tumult and the shouting died a little before two o'clock this morning, and these men lined up to vote solidly to whitewash the four members implicated in the patriotic potato and Valley Railway fund transaction. True, they expressed "regret that greater care was not exercised in the purchase of the potatoes," and deprecated "the effort made to suppress the facts and circumstances surrounding the matter, instead of the making of a full and candid statement in relation thereto," but they refused to join in a vote of censure and demand for resignations.

In other words, they tried to apply the whitewash brush which was so joyously used in the Flemming case. They refused to stand up and be counted in favor of inflicting a penalty for political wrong-doing of the most glaring character. They put party before country and as they have meted it will be measured unto them.

Each of the members whose resignation has been asked for by a majority vote of the house made a statement yesterday. Each of them had made previous statements on oath—and the record stands. Rather coarse abuse of Commissioner McQueen does not remove one jot or tittle of that sworn testimony. Solemn assertions of political purity do not hide the real character of transactions that have made New Brunswick a by-word.

The province is to have the further humiliating spectacle of seeing men who have been asked for their resignations defying a vote of the house and remaining in their seats. "Of course we will," said Hon. J. A. Murray, when asked if they would remain in the house. It may be hoped the business of the session will be expedited as much as possible and the house dissolved before another session, so that the people may send representatives who will not thus defy public sentiment and public opinion.

Premier Foster and his supporters have had an unpleasant duty. To picture them as unscrupulous politicians willing to stoop to any act, however low, to strike at an opponent, is to do them a gross injustice. They have acted and voted in the interests of the people, with a desire to lift public life to a higher plane. It had been dragged in the mire, not by them, but by the old government. Had they failed to follow up the revelations made in sworn evidence by such action as that of yesterday they, too, would have deserved and received the unparagoned censure of people who are weary of political rotteness in this province.

It is quite unnecessary to review the statements of Messrs. Murray, Smith, Jones and Baxter. Having determined to brazen it out they multiplied words in an effort to break the force of their own previous testimony and that of other witnesses who were their aiders and abettors in the whole transaction. All they said yesterday in praise of themselves and denunciation of their critics may be set aside, for the real basis of judgment is their previous sworn testimony concerning the patriotic potato transaction and the money got from Valley Railway contractors. The province has had enough of that sort of thing. The whole matter now goes to the tribunal of the people. In view of yesterday's developments there must be an appeal to the people before another session of the house.

### MR. R. B. MACAULAY.

For many years the name Macaulay Brothers in St. John has represented good business and good citizenship. The death of Mr. Beverly R. Macaulay is sincerely mourned by his fellow citizens. It was something worth while to have been one of the builders of the business in King street, so long associated with the name of Macaulay, but he of whose passing the people were shocked to learn this morning was more than a mere man of business. In the board of trade, the exhibition association and other organizations for the city's welfare he took an active interest. Apart from business he was a man of wide reading, well-informed on topics of the day and able to give clear expression to his views on public questions. Of a very independent turn of mind, he never hesitated to say where he stood on public questions. His alert fire will be missed in business circles, and among the great number of personal friends he had gained in the course of a successful business career.

### GUARD AGAINST FIRES.

There is no record of the annual loss through careless setting of fires in New Brunswick; but the annual report of the crown lands department tells of \$80 fires on crown lands last year which burned over 19,000 acres and did damage to the estimated value of \$72,266. Of these fires many were due to the carelessness of fishermen, hunters, campers and picnickers, or to settlers neglecting their slash fires, or carelessness by operators of portable mills, the last named being, however, the cause of very few. These fires occurred as follows:—May, 91; June, 288; July, 191; August, 244; September, 66.

The brush fires will probably start earlier this year, as there are signs of an early spring. But it is not alone on crown lands the damage is done. The St. John fire department is called on every spring to watch grass fires, and all over the province carelessness causes destruction. The government of Ontario has issued a striking notice which says:—"The annual fire waste in the province of Ontario is as much your concern as if someone came to you and said:—'Six dollars from you, please, as your share of our annual fire loss.' By a little more care and thought we can reduce our yearly loss from fire by one half. Bad house-keeping, as exemplified by failure to clean up, is one of our greatest causes of fire. Guard your own property and your neighbor's property by cleaning up. It is cheaper than burning up."

That is to say, the householder as well as the sportsman, camper, picnicker, farmer and lumber operator, needs to guard against fire. At this season of the year the pupils of every school in the province should be told about the waste and destruction by fire.

Mrs. Roberts, whose death is announced today, had reached a very advanced age. Her passing was the closing of a long chapter of life, with memories reaching back to the first half of the last century. It must have been a great joy to her toward the close of her earthly career to know that a son so devoted as Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts had ever been to her had risen to an honored position in his native province, and had come to the realization of some of his dreams and hopes in relation to public health and the advancement of the great profession of which he had devoted himself. His fellow citizens extend to Dr. Roberts their sincere sympathy at the severance of a bond so tender and so dear to the human heart.

### BASEBALL ASSURED FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Evening—Men on Record as Favoring Daylight Saving

That there will be baseball here this summer was practically assured at a meeting of representatives of various teams which was held in No. 7 engine house, West St. John, last evening. Participants were Messrs. McGovern and Snodgrass; Carleton by Messrs. White, Ramsay and Joyce; St. Peter's by H. Cleary and J. Dover; Acadia by Messrs. Payne and Francis; Great War Veterans by Captain G. Earl Logan; Y. M. C. A. by H. Sheehan and H. Nixon. Captain Logan was the unanimous choice for chairman and Mr. Snodgrass was appointed secretary. The names of those representing teams were then taken and the subject was opened for discussion. Whether or not the league was to be termed West St. John or city league was debated and it was decided that it was to be a city league. The question of the number of teams to be admitted was left undecided. It was decided to have the representatives of the teams adjourn and conference to come to some decision and report back to the general meeting. After being out about three-quarters of an hour they reported that if grounds could be procured in the city they would form a six-team league and games would be played four nights a week in West St. John and four nights in the city. On the other hand if grounds were not available in the city the games would be played on Queen square diamond and only four teams would be admitted to the league, one from the city proper, one from the North End, one from Fairville and one from West St. John.

The meeting put itself on record as being strongly in favor of the city commissioners adopting daylight saving this year, no matter what action was taken in Ottawa. The meeting then adjourned and a further discussion will be held at the next meeting in the G. W. V. A. rooms.

### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

Reports received from Major Skinner and Captain Pratt, who examined the large home nursing class instructed by Miss McGaffigan, show very satisfactory results. The following thirty young ladies having passed successfully:—Misses Jeanette Bullock, Rose A. Brady, Rose Phillips, Mary Lingley and Beatrice Gannell. Mrs. Genieve O'Malley, Misses Mary McMurray, Ethel Coster, Bessie Smith, Bessie Carson and Gladys Burritt. Mrs. Margaret Legere, Mrs. Agnes O'Toole, Mrs. Nina P. Carter, Miss Doris Mulloney, Mrs. Mabel Reid, Misses Eugenia Kelly, Rose Rowley, Doris Barbour and Mary Merritt. Mrs. Calista Keith, Misses Blanche Clift and Mary Connor. Mrs. Flora McMurray. Misses Kathleen Gorman, Evelyn Bradshaw, Regina Lawlor and Helen Merritt. Mrs. Mary Owens, Miss Lucia Felt. Miss McGaffigan has kindly consented to give another course of instruction.

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## RUSH JOHNSON OUT OF CUBA

Havana Police Chase Ex-Champion Because of "Frame" Stories

New York, March 28.—Word comes from Havana that Jack Johnson was ordered to leave Cuban soil by the police authorities after he had announced that his battle with Willard was not on the level. Johnson was compelled to make a hurried getaway for Mexico the other day or go to jail for "defrauding" the Cuban sporting public.

The discredited ex-champion evidently made a bad break in Havana, where the natives will not stand for sharp practice by foreigners. Johnson, while in Cuba engaged a manager, who is blamed for the negro's statements concerning the Willard bout. But when the Havana police got busy Johnson's manager, it is said, deserted him.

### Princess Mary as V. A. D.

Notwithstanding that the war is over, Princess Mary is persevering with her V. A. D. duties. Her company, which took the preliminary course of instruction last year, is now taking the lectures in the advanced course. Some dozen young ladies join the princess at Buckingham Palace, where Sir James Cantile lectures to them.

### Military Nurse Dead.

Miss Ernestine Champagne, daughter of the late Judge C. L. Champagne, died this week at the Belmont military hospital, Montreal. Miss Champagne went overseas as a hospital nurse in 1915. She returned last year and for some time was undergoing treatment at St. Agathe. Miss Champagne had been decorated with the Legion of Honor by the French government.

A very interesting time was had by the members of the Eclectic Reading Club at the home of Mrs. John McMillan, Germain street, last evening. The evening was arranged by Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley and was entitled "Some War Heroes." In the absence of Mrs. Tilley an introduction written by her was read by Miss de Soyres. The following took part in the program: Richard Hooper, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Dorothy Bayard, Mrs. Courtland Robinson, Miss Homer, Miss Louise Knight, P. B. Ellis, Miss de Soyres and Mrs. Heber Vroom.

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Angus McNamara, Forest street, and Carl Kemp, Smythe street, were also on the schooner E. E. Armstrong, believed lost last August.

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