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INVESTIGATION

The people of New Brunswick learned this morning with a sensation of relief that the charges of Mr. Dugal in connection with both the timber limits and the Valley Railway will be thoroughly investigated. Mr. Fleming and his supporters seemed to have made up their minds to jam the bond guarantee bill through the house without waiting for an investigation, and there seemed a strong disposition to refuse an inquiry into the Valley Railway charges on the ground that they were not specific. When counsel prevailed, however, and the charges were made public, it can be little doubt that the manner in which the lieutenant-governor had been placed in possession of facts upon which the charges were founded suggested the propriety of yielding with a good grace, rather than take the risk of having the governor refuse his assent to the bill until the charges had been proved. The announcement that a thorough inquiry will be held is of course made with a great show of virtue, and the expression of a deep desire to confound the enemies of good government. All that the people ask in the matter is that there be an investigation, and that it be as thorough as the government last promised. It is in the public interest that both the charges made by Mr. Dugal be fully investigated, and no legislation granting further aid to the St. John & Quebec Railway Company be enacted until these charges have been cleared up. The more prompt and thorough the inquiry the greater will be the satisfaction of the people.

THE UNHAPPY STANDARD

The case of the St. John Standard is really pathetic. Its leading editorial today informs its readers that in the matter of the affairs of the St. John Valley Railway "the loudly exploded scandal has collapsed." In the same article it says that, "the province is fully protected," and reference is made to "muck-rakers incapable of even the slightest sensation of honesty on their part," who "have been incited by unscrupulous public men to indulge in extravagant and other forms of dishonesty." These people are charged with imputing to members of the provincial government "such motives and such deeds as would naturally occur to and be performed by themselves." The Standard says that to them "common honesty on the part of others is a constant cause of surprise."

This article in the Standard was evidently written after Mr. Fleming made his speech in the legislature on Tuesday night, and at a time when it seemed to be the policy of Mr. Fleming and his supporters to jam the Valley Railway bond guarantee through the house and get away if possible without the investigation demanded by Mr. Dugal. The writer of the article did not dream that the situation would become so grave that, in spite of the action of the house on Tuesday night, it would be compelled Wednesday night to recognize the force of public opinion and the gravity of the Dugal charges and decide to order a complete investigation.

And so we have on the editorial page of the Standard an assurance that all is well, and on the first page in big type the announcement that, "the most searching investigation into charges pertaining to crown lands department and Valley Railway will be initiated upon."

It is not surprising that Standard readers in sore bewilderment daily repeat the sad query, "What is the matter with the Standard?"

THE BRITISH CRISIS

From news that came over the cables yesterday it is evident that the people on this side of the Atlantic had not realized how far-reaching and disastrous in its effects is the present controversy over Home Rule. The affair looked rather serious, it must be confessed, when it was announced that men were drilling in Ulster for the declared purpose of resisting Home Rule; and certain speeches by Sir Edward Carson, Mr. F. E. Smith and Mr. Bonar Law increased the feeling of anxiety in the minds of those who hoped for a peaceful solution of the great problem. Not for very many years had members of the British parliament permitted themselves to utter such almost treasonable remarks as were uttered by some of the Unionist leaders. It is true there was a feeling that all this was part of a political game, and that these gentlemen were not in deadly earnest, but rather were seeking to intimidate the government and prevent it from going on with its Home Rule programme. It was argued that when the real time of trial came, and the government was found to be determined to carry out its policy, the men who were threatening to smash the constitution and disrupt the Empire would subside. It was only yesterday the people on this side of the ocean were able fully to grasp the magnitude of the danger which threatened the Imperial fabric, when it was announced that the annual parliamentary golf tournament had to be postponed because some members of the House of Commons declined to meet some other members of the house upon the links. This changes the

HELPING THE OTHER FELLOW

The Boys' Work Conference held in this city last week is another indication of a growing movement in the direction of social service and real community work. One of the speakers at the business men's luncheon on Saturday pointed out that the emphasis in religious work is now placed upon the thought expressed in the words, "I am come to give you life and to give it more abundantly," and it is worthy of note that Mrs. Livingston in her address at the York Theatre on Sunday evening quoted the same saying, in connection with the cause for which she pleaded with so much eloquence and force. The interpretation of the saying of Jesus is that this life should be made to mean more and be worth more to every human being. To realize that ideal means universal social service. It means the death of selfishness, and the birth of a consciousness of one's duty to the other fellow, who may be struggling against difficulties and amid a social environment which in so many cases prove too great a handicap. These boys who met in St. John and pledged themselves to accept their responsibility in connection with work for the welfare of other boys have before them a great opportunity. That which is more needed than anything else in connection with work for boys is a sane and kindly leadership, which will take groups of boys and impress upon them the personality of one whose example is worth following, and whose virtues are worthy of emulation. Any institution today which professes to stand for the welfare of society, but does not impress upon its members the great need there is for personal service, is either marking time or doomed to ultimate failure. There is a great opportunity in this city for the work of boys among boys. There is a young army of lads in St. John who are not in touch in any vital way with the work of the churches or the Y. M. C. A., and very little attention is paid to them, with the result that there are always recruits for the police court and reformatory. If some of the boys connected with the churches and Y. M. C. A. have received from this conference a new inspiration, we may confidently look for good results in connection with the boy-life of the city. If the only result of a conference were to strengthen a group of youths or older folk in their own self esteem, and give them the impression that they personally had a surer grip upon the rewards of virtue, society would move steadily on toward an upheaval from below which would sadly disturb the satisfaction of these superior persons. Only when those who are more fortunately circumstanced socially take account of that very large part of society which exists in poverty and amid great disadvantages and ceaseless temptations, can there be any hope for social betterment. Let us trust these boys will set some of their elders such an example as will lead to a city-wide campaign to promote the welfare of all the boys.

whole aspect of the situation. It is time for Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes to order up the reserves.

Mr. Borden is paying another visit to the United States.

Tomorrow, Good Friday, the Times will not be issued.

Mr. Hasen is coming to St. John to spend Easter and to consider the sad state into which his party has fallen in this province.

The dullness of the lumber market is illustrated by the fact that exports from St. John to trans-Atlantic ports since the last of January show a decrease of fifty per cent. compared with the like period last year.

An Ottawa despatch says that the feeling among New Brunswick members of parliament is that there must be a reorganization of the provincial government. An appeal to the people may also be among the possibilities.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt played a joke on the government yesterday by attacking the senate for having turned down the Borden gift of \$85,000,000 for the benefit of shipbuilders in the old country. It was most unkind of Mr. Cockshutt thus to recall to the memory of his party the fateful "emergency."

Senator Jones has left the Liberal party. Senator Jones, as Mr. Taffel pointed out yesterday, is interested in the Massey-Harris Company, which seriously objects to free agricultural implements. Canadian farmers, however, pay a good deal more for agricultural implements than is paid by the American farmers. Senator Jones is not impressed by this fact, and wants the duties retained.

He had received a dollar in change and was examining it closely. Finally he turned to his companion and said: "Here's a dollar back that I marked and put into circulation only day before yesterday. Surprising, eh?" "O, I don't know. A dollar doesn't go very far these days," replied the other.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

Sir Henry Newell Bate, whose eighty-fifth birthday occurs today, has the reputation of owning more real estate in the city of Ottawa than any other man. It was largely because of his consequent interest in the welfare of the capital that he was made chairman of the Ottawa Improvement Commission in 1909, and to him must be accorded much of the credit for the excellent work that has been done during the last fifteen years in beautifying the city. Sir Henry is in private life a wholesale grocer and has been in business in Ottawa for the last sixty years. He is now a very wealthy man and despite his advanced years continues to enjoy a life of considerable activity. A few years ago he erected, at his own expense, All Saints' Church.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

This is the sixty-seventh birthday of George Burn, who has been general manager of the Bank of Ottawa since 1880. He was born at Thurso, in Scotland, and learned his profession in the Royal Bank of his native country. Then he crossed to Canada in 1886, and sought employment in the Royal Canadian Bank in Montreal, whence he was selected for his present position. He is today one of Ottawa's most prominent citizens, and is interested in various artistic, musical and philanthropic undertakings. As president of the Schubert Club and a member of the Earl Grey Choral and Musical Competition Committee, he has shown himself anxious to develop the highest artistic life of the capital.

LIGHTER VEIN.

In Political Circles.

"How about my letter proposing matrimony?"

"It has been advanced to a second reading," said the congressman's daughter, "and will come to a vote before very long."

A Hopeful Outlook.

"Are you satisfied with the jury?" he asked his lawyer when the twelfth man had been accepted.

"Yes. It's one of the toughest looking juries I ever saw."

Circumstances After Cases.

Crabshaw—I thought they were violently opposed to the motor car?

Mrs. Crabshaw—Oh, that was before they could afford one.

A Song to Suit.

Since colored hair is all the rage, The balladists will soon be seen Inspiring plaids on the stage With "Silver Threads among the Green."

Cynical.

"Papa, what does the preacher mean when he talks about an 'angels' choir'?"

"He means, my dear, the only choir that hasn't any jealousies."

Missed.

"I'm so sorry your wife couldn't come to our party. We'll miss her terribly."

"So will I. I'll have nobody to remind me on the way home of the bad breaks I made."

Merely His Way.

Mrs. Watkins was entertaining some week-end guests not long ago, when they were startled by a commotion downstairs.

"Mercy! What's that awful profanity

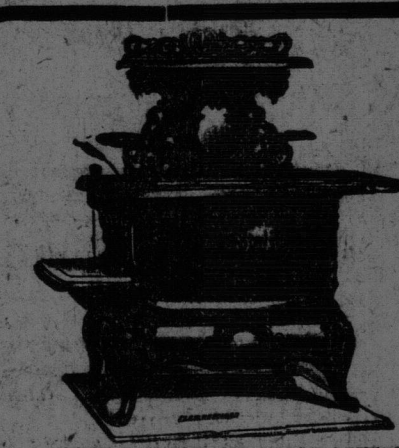
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LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Harry Bridges of this city left last evening on the Boston train en route to Philadelphia, where she will spend the Easter season with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Phillips. Mrs. Bridges will be met at Boston by her son, Leonard, who will accompany his mother to Philadelphia.

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Don't forget labor meeting tonight in York Theatre. Workers turn out in your hundreds, if you have a vote. This is the first night in Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p. m. You will be interested.

HERE ABOUT MAY 1.

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FATHER HOGAN CHALLENGED.

By Wilfrid Tribble (national organizer Socialist Party) to defend his case against Socialism. Come to meeting Friday night in Oddfellows' Hall, 8 p. m. You will be interested.

CIVIC ELECTION.

See Candidate Fisher's card on another page. Examine his platform. Vote for him.

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LABOR CAMPAIGN.

Grand rally in the York Theatre (old Nickel), Carleton street, 8 p. m., Thursday, April 9, J. L. Sugrue will deal with the platform issued by the Trades and Labor Council. Workers, whether wage or salary earners, this interests you. Men and women, this is to your benefit. Come and hear him. Questions answered.

AHEZER BROTHERHOOD ATTENTION.

The above Brotherhood are notified to attend the meeting in their hall, Paradise Row, on Friday evening, April 10, 1914, as they will be addressed by Messrs. Wigmore, Sproul and Potts on the issues of the day. The public are cordially invited. W. C. Goldsworthy, Rec. Sec.

The shipment of spruce lumber from St. John on March 31, 1914, was 50 per cent less than during the same period in the previous year. The decrease is especially to European ports, but there has been an increase in shipments to South Africa and lumber was sent to Australia this year for the first time. Shipments of hardwoods have increased

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