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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

AN UNFAIR PRESENTATION.

In what purported to be a summing up of the evidence submitted before Commissioner Stevens in the Valley Railway enquiry, Mr. W.P. Jones, K.C., in two hours yesterday, did much to destroy a province-wide reputation for fairness and impartiality. Mr. Jones has been a barrister of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick for many years, and hitherto has been regarded as a man who would attach full weight to ideals of British justice and fair play. Yesterday he judged solely by his relation to all the evidence adduced in the case, will stand out as one of the most grossly prejudiced appeals ever submitted to any tribunal in the Province of New Brunswick.

Those who have closely followed the evidence in the case, and who read Mr. Jones' address will note that the most of the contentions upon which he laid most emphasis are distinctly not borne out by sworn testimony. It has been established that Mr. W. B. Tennant received certain monies from the Nova Scotia Construction Company, a company having a contract for the construction of a section of the Valley Railway. On the witness stand Mr. Tennant admitted the receipt of these monies and there is no ground for argument upon that point. But the unfairness of Mr. Jones' method is shown by his contention that because Mr. Tennant received certain monies on certain dates, therefore they must have been used for the Westmorland or Carleton county by-elections, although Mr. Tennant had sworn that not one dollar of the amounts received by him was contributed to either campaign.

Mr. Jones also tried to make much of the fact that Mr. Corbett had sworn that Mr. Tennant had promised that if he (Corbett) would reduce his railway tender to \$29,000 a mile and pay Mr. Tennant \$50,000, he could have the contract for the construction of the road. Under oath Mr. Tennant gave evidence in direct contradiction of that, and no evidence was adduced to corroborate Mr. Corbett's story. Thus in this particular instance we have the oath of Mr. Corbett on one side and the oath of Mr. Tennant on the other. If he had desired to be fair Mr. Jones would have no right to attach more importance to one oath than to the other, yet he paraded Mr. Corbett's statement as evidence of Mr. Tennant's guilt and completely ignored the latter gentleman's repudiation of it.

Passing to his relation with the Nova Scotia Construction Company, Mr. Tennant gave evidence of a contract with that company under which he was to share in its profits and an agreement to this effect was placed in evidence. Mr. Tennant claimed the contract was drawn by reputable solicitors and prepared several weeks before it was signed. Mr. Jones insinuates that it was not drawn until Mr. Tennant knew there would be an enquiry into the whole matter and was then only prepared as a sort of weak protection to screen the character of Mr. Tennant's dealings with the company. Under oath Mr. Tennant said the document was drawn by the firm of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford at the time the Nova Scotia Construction Company secured the contract for the road. No fair-minded man, reviewing the evidence given on that agreement can take any such view as Mr. Jones professes to hold. His whole contention of an ante-dated agreement, drawn by Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, and prepared only through fear of an investigation is absurd and entitles him to little respect either for his fairness or his intellect.

Touching the \$100,000 cheque from the construction company to Mr. Tennant, Mr. Jones tries to show that because Mr. Tennant cashed this cheque and drew from the bank \$40,000 of its proceeds the day before the Westmorland county by-election, therefore that \$40,000 must have gone into Westmorland county, or, at least, that Mr. Tennant did not explain where it went and that Mr. Blanchet could not find it. Mr. Blanchet went over Mr. Tennant's books and submitted a report of his audit. He did find every dollar want and evidence to that effect forms a part of the record of the case.

Now we come to the \$20,000 payment to Mr. Tennant, a payment also made under his agreement with the Nova Scotia Construction Company. Mr. Jones insinuates that this \$20,000 was used for campaign purposes. Mr. Tennant swears it was not and there is no

evidence that it was. Mr. Tennant also swears that no member of the Government and no member of the Legislature knew he received it; that the \$20,000 which went to Mr. Thomas Bell and eventually was used for the payment of legitimate election expenses was the proceeds of a note transaction in which Mr. Tennant and Mr. George B. Jones were concerned. Both Mr. George B. Jones and Mr. Tennant gave evidence as to this note; that evidence has not been rebutted and also forms a part of the record of the case. The note had absolutely no connection with the payment received by Mr. Tennant from the Nova Scotia Construction Company. It was altogether a separate transaction and by no means the first instance where the proceeds of a discounted note have been employed in the payment of election expenses.

Mr. Jones also attempted to make capital out of the evidence that certain contributions were sent from the central executive in this city into various provincial constituencies and worked himself almost into a frenzy of horror that this should be so. The learned counsel for the Foster government was Solicitor-General in a former administration and, for a period, a member of the provincial legislature. While holding those positions he ran several elections in the County of Carleton and was regarded as an astute politician. It is to be assumed that he never heard of a campaign fund? Or that in his political experience he had no knowledge of the commodity which he, yesterday, termed "political soap to grease the wheels of the political machine." If Mr. Jones is as beryll of knowledge as he pretends to be, possibly one of the owners of the Telegraph could enlighten him as to a certain supply of "political soap" obtained from a transaction in soap of another nature.

Dealing more directly with the cost of the railway Mr. Jones attempts to show that payments to Mr. Tennant from the Nova Scotia Construction Company were made out of that company's "excess profits." The Nova Scotia Construction Company's contract involved \$2,000,000, on which Mr. Cozzolino estimated they expected to make from \$250,000 to \$350,000. Mr. Jones must believe Mr. Cozzolino's figures, for he uses them, and yet they show that the company's profit was, at most, thirteen per cent., while the ordinary profit on a contract of that magnitude, private or public, is approximately fifteen per cent. The Nova Scotia Construction Company's profits instead of being exorbitant, therefore, came between \$40,000 and \$50,000 short of being merely ordinary, and when we consider that out of this Mr. Jones claims they paid \$133,000 to Mr. Tennant, \$42,000 to Kennedy & McDonald, and \$12,000 to Smith & Merrieth, it is not difficult to conclude that the contract was not so remunerative after all.

But Mr. Jones insinuates that the Valley Railway directors, by awarding a second contract at higher prices than the first, practically made the company a gift of \$77,000. Surely a serious allegation if true. But there is no evidence to support it. To obtain the higher price the company must have convinced the railway directors that, owing to abnormal conditions, the cost of material and labor had so increased that it would be impossible to continue at the old rate. Directors of the railway company, called to the stand, swore that no improper influence was used with them, and gave reasons why they agreed to the higher price. When we recall that the Valley Railway directorate of that day was composed of F. W. Sumner, John D. Palmer, W. S. Fisher, Richard O'Leary and Edward Grouart, men of the highest standing, and that all but Mr. Fisher, who was out of the province, agreed to the higher rate, the unsound character of Mr. Jones' contention is at once laid bare.

There is another, though, possibly, a minor circumstance in connection with the whole affair that will suffice to show the unfairness of the government counsel. Mr. Jones made his statement and took no chance on a come-back. During the enquiry, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Nagle and Mr. Lindsay against whom Mr. Jones argued, have been represented by Mr. M. G. Teed, K.C. It was supposed that yesterday's session of the enquiry would be for the hearing of evidence. When no evidence was introduced, and Mr. Jones proceeded to argue, it would seem to have been the course of ordinary courtesy to notify Mr. Teed of that effect so that he might be present

to speak for his clients. No such notice was given. Consequently, Mr. Jones had a gala day all to himself. But what would have remained of his beautiful argument after a barrister of Mr. Teed's recognized ability had finished tearing it to shreds and exposing its inaccuracies? Mr. Jones took no chance. The court had no opportunity to hear the "counsel for the defence." But the public who read the newspaper report of the day's proceedings will not be slow to remember that but one side has been heard. And, possibly Mr. Jones desired that but one side should be heard.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE SONG IS HUSHED.

In memory of Wilfrid Campbell.

The song is hushed—the singer strangely still
Shrinks not at blame, nor heeds the voice of praise;
Winter and care and time have had
Their will, and
And haunting horror of these dreadful days.

Lover of beauty, lover of righteousness,
Lover of childhood and the childish heart,
Lover of Britain in her sore distress,
Eager to do and more than do his part.

Singer of gladness in the far gone days—
The quest eternal towards the hills of dream;
The magic cloud, the iridescent haze,
The mirrored lake, the sunset's dying gleam.

A vast enchanted palace seemed this earth,
And he a child to seek its wonder out.
With more of dread and awe than joyous mirth,
Smitten at times with chill and tragic doubt.

But through it all the true and trusting friend,
Scorning no task to help the common weal,
Drilling our Home Guard at the long day's end,
Firing us all with patriotic zeal.

To him as unto Abraham came the call—
Take now thy son—he made the sacrifice,
Undreaming that upon himself should fall
The stroke deferred—the bitter, bitter price.

Sweet singers we have had since time began,
Waking new harmonies in sound and soul;
Singer and prophet, patriot and man—
Such will be Campbell as the long years roll.

Our eyes were holden that we knew him not,
So simple, and so human every breath;
Immortal paths mark his earthly lot,
Seen through the cloud and crystal lens of death.

J. E. CALDWELL.

City View, Jan. 26th.

LIUT.-COL. OLIVER M. BIGGAR IS MAN

Was Erroneously Stated That Brigadier General J. L. Biggar Had Been Appointed Judge Advocate General.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Owing to a confusion of names, it was stated yesterday that Brigadier-General J. L. Biggar, of the militia headquarters staff, would succeed Major-General R. Smith, as judge advocate general. The position of judge advocate general will be occupied by Lieut.-Col. Oliver M. Biggar, K.C., formerly of Edmonton, a member of the militia service board.

Colonel Biggar will continue on the board after taking up his new duties.

Major-General Biggar will continue as director of supplies and transport on the headquarters staff.

A MOTHER'S WORK

Mothers as a rule spend so much time in looking after their children and in household work that they overlook the absolute necessity for that rest and relaxation upon which their health depends. The consequence is that soon they find their health breaking down. The daily humdrum of household life as a mother knows it, with hurried meals and family and household cares, quickly thin the blood and weaken the nerves. Then follow headaches, pains in the side and back, swollen limbs, palpitation, a constantly tired feeling, and often an inclination to fretfulness. These symptoms are the sign of poor blood, and are the inevitable penalty of overwork and over anxiety in the care of children and the affairs of the household.

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Little Benny's Note Book

Pop didn't feel very good when he came home early this afternoon, being we he came home early, and his sent me around to tell Dr. Rorer to come over. Which I started to do, and sits around the corner Puds sitting, watching a funny bug crawling along the pavement, and I started to help him watch it, saying, Gosh, that sarteny is a funny looking bug, ain't it, Puds.

Yes, but I've saw funnier looking, sed Puds, and I sed, Who ain't I've saw bugs twice as funny looking. And we kept on watching it for a while, Puds saying, Shell I tred on it? No, it mite have a family sumwates, I sed. Wich it mite of, and we kept on watching it till it went down a crack as if it knew wat crack it was, and jest then a fire engine went by a humming, and me and Puds ran after it to see wate the fire was. Wich it waseint anyware, on account of the firemen jest being out drilling for practice, and after about 5 blocks the fire engine stopped and terved around and went back to the fire house, me and Puds going back after it and standing outside watching the firemen clean it, wich they did with a hose and sponges, Puds saying, How wood you like to be a fireman, Benny? and me saying, Not so much, how wood you? and him saying, Not so much, there ain't enuff fires.

Wich jest then Skinny Martin and Sam Cross came up, and we went and looked down the celler windows of the baker store and smelled the bread getting cooked, and after that we got a sarten shell from the corner Puds sitting, watching a funny bug crawling along the pavement, and I started to help him watch it, saying, Gosh, that sarteny is a funny looking bug, ain't it, Puds.

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SEA-GULLS ARE GOOD DETECTORS OF SUBMARINES

Plea for Protection of Birds Made by Massachusetts State Ornithologist, Edward H. Forbush.

Boston, Jan. 30.—A plea for the protection of gulls, described as the best submarine detectors in the world, was made today by Edward H. Forbush, state ornithologist, at a legislative hearing of a bill providing for the extension of the closed season on water fowl.

"Airplanes see the gulls and signal for the destroyers to come and take care of the submarines," Mr. Forbush said. "The gulls follow submarines to pick up refuse and so they are sure to detect the presence of such craft."

Mr. Forbush defended the gulls when asked if they should not be killed because they destroy scallops. He said the scallop supply had not been reduced and that the advance in prices was no greater than that of other shell fish.

Eczema Cured Five Years Ago

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(Rev. S. F. Coffman, Vineland, Ont., states: "This is to certify that I know Mrs. Thwaites and the party to whom she refers, and her statements are correct.")

Dr. J. E. Jones, 228 University avenue, Kingston, Ont., writes: "I had eczema in my hand for about five years. I tried a great many remedies but found that while some of them checked it, none cured it permanently. Finally I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment, and in six weeks my hand was completely better. I would not do without a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment in the house if it cost \$2 a box. I am giving my name to this firm so that it will get to those who suffer as I did."

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New York, Jan. 30.—Concentration of export freight destined to the Entente Allies and its movement in solid trains to the seaboard as expeditiously as possible, was ordered tonight by A. H. Smith, regional director of railroads. In a circular sent to railroad executives Mr. Smith explained that thirty thousand carloads of export freight, having permits over embargoes, had not been started from the originating point. More than 12,000 carloads originated at Chicago, St. Louis and points west of those cities.

WOOD IN HOSPITAL

Paris, Jan. 30.—Major-General Leon and Wood, United States army, who was wounded recently, while visiting the French front, is confined to the Ritz-Carlton Hospital, where he is reported to be doing well. He expects to be out in about a week.

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S. GOLDFEATHER, Office Hours—9 a.m.—10 p.m.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ann Kerrigan.

Many will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Ann Kerrigan of Musquash, which occurred on Jan. 25. She was seventy-four years of age and is survived by three sons, John of New York, Thomas of Fairville, and James of Musquash; three daughters, Mrs. Daniel Toban, Mrs. Joseph Shannon of St. John, and Mrs. Daniel Murray of Dipper Harbor. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Toban, 108 Lancaster street, West St. John.

John Macintosh Paisley.

The death is announced of John Macintosh Paisley in Boston on Monday. Mr. Paisley's father, Mr. Wm. Paisley, was a well known resident of St. John, a member of the post office staff in the "old days." Deceased had been living in Boston for a long time. He is survived by his wife (a daughter of the late John B. Turnbull of this city), two

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