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The annual meeting of the St. Martins Telephone Company was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford. The financial report submitted showed a good year and the usual dividend was declared. Some new construction work will be undertaken during the coming year. The following directors were elected: Capt. Robert Carson, Thomas B. Carson, Richard O'Brien, A. W. McMackin and W. A. Ewing. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the officers were elected as follows: President W. A. Ewing; vice-president, Capt. Robert Carson; secretary-treasurer, H. G. Black. A letter of condolance was ordered sent to the family of the late Robert Connely, a former director of the company.

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DECENT LIBERALS REFUSE TO FOLLOW THE FILTHY METHODS OF CARTER-VENIOT PARTY

Whole Opposition in Westmorland County Built on Misrepresentation and Falsehood —The "Patriotic Potatoes" Slander Completely Refuted.

THE CARTER "BOMBS" ONLY GAS

The Telegraph Refers to "Disclosures" of Chandler Report, But Lacks Decency to Tell the Truth About It — The Farm Settlement Board Case Another Opposition Boomerang — H. M. Blair's Statements Without Foundation —Tactics of Carter-Veniot-Blair Crowd Disgusting Honest Liberals.

On some occasions recently the Telegraph has referred to the Chandler Report. It does not state that Mr. Chandler was appointed by the Government a Commissioner to make an examination into the different departments of the public service for the purpose of ascertaining if there was any truth in the insinuations and misstatements which had been, and which have since been persistently circulated throughout the province by the men paid by the beneficiaries of the Liberal party to perform this contemptible work. It may fairly be inferred that these men must have been paid good salaries, for few possessed of any instinct of decency or honor would have undertaken it at any price. But this was why Mr. Chandler was appointed, and he was appointed by the Government in accordance with the policy which has been consistently followed since the present Government came into power, a policy looking toward pure and honest administration of public affairs, and which has been so successful up to the present time that it may be safely said that in no province of Canada can there be found in the public service a more effective, a more straightforward or more honest perofrmance of public duty than prevails in Fredericton today.

But the point it is particularly desired to impress just now upon the Telegraph and the opposition is that only in one department was any irregularity shown. With all their scavenging, the so-called opposition organizers were not able to make a single charge against any member of the Government. The greater number of the matters dealt with by Mr. Chandler were of long standing, some of them as long ago as 1910; NONE WERE UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, and all were of minor importance. This department, let it be impressed, was presided over by a liberal. It will be found in following the filthy track of those who are the directors of the Liberal party today, that wherever they were able to find a shadow of wrong-doing, together with it might be found the malign influence of the old Govrnment and that section of the Liberal party which it represented. The Government has dealt firmly with every case of irregularity brought to its attention, and today appeals confidently to the people of New Brunswick and more particularly the County of Westmorland, with a record of which for wise and businesslike administration and careful management any body of men may feel proud, and in whom the people to whom they are indebted for their support may have and do have full confidence.

In its discussion of public affairs the opposition press has descended from the high state of reputable journalism to a position which is a most pitiable one. No reader of these papers can expect for a moment to obtain from their columns a correct statement of what transpires in the Legislature outside of the official reports which they cannot safely garble, but may multilate by erasure. The most of their legislative news is nothing more nor less than sheer misrepresentation, and if any of their readers desires a correct record of the proceedings of the Legislature during the session, he must seek it outside of their columns. They are frantically declaring from day to day that the Government is corrupt, and is unworthy of the confidence of the people. This statement they know is not true, and cannot substantiate by a tittle of evidence which would have weight with any fair-minded and honest man. They have been prating about patriotic potatoes and about contributions from liquor dealers to the Government; they have been ringing the changes on what they are pleased to call a whitewashing resolution passed by the Legislature in 1915, and an alleged irregularity in the title of a farm purchased by the Farm Settlement Board; they have been publishing stolen private correspondence and the false statements of a discredited and dismissed official of the Department of Public Works—an official who was dismissed because, as the result of an investigation, he was found "guilty of corruptly receiving stock of the Concrete Constructions Company, Limited, for his influence in endeavoring to obtain work or contracts, or favorable consideration for that company from the said Department of Public Works." They have made public other matters of similar character, which are as baseless and false as those mentioned, and which are only of use as showing the depths to which the Provincial opposition has fallen under its present leadership. These charges have been answered over and over again and have been proven to be without foundation, and still the opposition press, led by the Telegraph, keep reiterating them, with the idea that perhaps some of their deluded readers may be persuaded into the belief that they contain elements of truth.

THE "PATRIOTIC POTATOES" SLANDER.

As an example, take the case of the so-called "patriotic potatoes." Subsequent to the outbreak of the war, after a consultation with the military authorities, the province decided to make a gift of potatoes to the suffering people in Belgium and the Motherland, this being one of the principal products of the Province of New Brunswick. From the time this decision was reached, notwithstanding the cries of the people who had been reduced almost to a state of starvation by the horrors of the war, notwithstanding the practically unanimous opinion and desire of the people of the province, the opposition press launched into bitter and uncompromising and violent criticism of the action of the Government, which it has pursued with a malevolence which can only be the creature of disturbed minds, and which carried with it a disregard of all the highest and holiest sentiments which have been displayed by the people of the whole of Canada, during the time of stress which has prevailed within the past two years.

What are the facts? The potatoes were purchased—the utmost care was taken in securing them, and from the port of St. John was shipped as the gift of this province to the suffering people overseas, the finest product of New Brunswick in this particular line. Nothing equal to it has ever left a Canadian port. Numerous letters received by the Government brought expressions of deepest gratitude from the relieved people, and there is every reason to believe that the gift of this province was one of the most acceptable sent overseas. In the office of the Auditor General is the record of the purchase of these potatoes, and of their cost and of the manner in which the money was expended. Every dollar was expended properly, and after a a critical examination by the Auditor General and a searching investigation by the Public Accounts Committee it has been established that not one cent of the amount paid was wrongfully paid. Yet by constant reiteration of mean insinuation and innuendo, it is sought to create in the minds of the people of the province an idea that there was something wrong in the transaction. The opposition has been challenged in the House to produce any evidence to bear out its statements, and they have utterly failed, but parrot-like they keep repeating the cry of "patriotic potatoes," maintaining still by insinuation that there is something wrong, when as a matter of fact there is nothing wrong, and hoping all the time that they may be able to delude the people of New Brunswick into accepting the insinuation as a fact.

THAT ALLEGED CONTRIBUTION FROM THE LIQUOR DEALERS.

Take the case of the assertion that the liquor dealers in St. John contributed money to the Government for the purpose of influencing liquor legislation. What is the fact? During the session of 1915 the Government undertook and accomplished changes in the liquor license law which tended to restrict in greater degree the sale of intoxicating liquor throughout the province. This action followed the enactment by the Government of temperance legislation more advanced than that in force in any province in the Dominion of Canada, and this was further followed by the prohibitory law which was enacted at the last session of the legislature. Did this look as if the Government was in receipt of moneys from the liquor dealers? The thing is too absurd to be considered for a moment, but, further, the gentleman who styles himself the organizer of the opposition has admitted that not one dollar of the money alleged to have been paid was received by any member of the legislature or of the Government. Enquiry has revealed what actually transpired. It appears that the liquor dealers of St. John engaged lawyers for the purpose of representing them in the lobby of the Legislature during the progress of this legislation and for this work it is reported they paid very considerable sums of money, but it is now admitted by even the scandal-mongers, that not one dollar of this money was used for the purpose of influencing wrongfully any member of the legislature, and as a matter of fact this is the case. Yet even now the opposition are seeking to use what is admittedly a notorious misstatement for the purpose of influencing the people throughout the province, and particularly the electors of Westmorland during the contest now on in that county

Whole Object of Miserable Opposition Apparent.

Why do not the Telegraph and Times and the lesser lights of the opposition press, and the opposition orators tell the truth? The object of the whole miserable attempt is very evident. It will be remembered that when the Government, responding to the very general demand for a prohibitory law, had the courage to announce its policy in this particular it was followed by an alleged convention of the Liberal party, which obediently followed the Government by announcing a similar policy. But the difference between the two parties is shown by what followed. The Government maintaining good faith with the people, passed a prohibitory law which is admitted to be a wise and beneficent piece of legislation, and one which will accomplish the purpose for which it is enacted. The opposition, through its organizer, began to traffic with the liquor dealers to secure their confidence and elicit statements that could be twisted to suit their own ends. The palpable object was to embarrass the Government in the enactment of its prohibitory legislation, and to cast suspicion on its motives. But those who originated and circulated the false and malicious story did not have sufficient foresight to see that it was bound to react upon themselves as it has done, and there is not a temperance man in the Province of New Brunswick who whenever the opportunity may occur will not resent the motive behind the slander, and will not cast his ballot against the slanderers. The strongest refutation of the whole thing is to be found in the fact that a prohibitory law was enacted which has been stamped with the approval of the Committee of the Dominion Alliance in the following language:

"We are of the opinion that the act passed by the Legislature is one of the best anti-liquor laws known to your Committee, and we believe if properly worked will accomplish the purpose in view."

THE FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD SLANDER.

The opposition have charged, in the case of the purchase of a farm in Albert County by the Farm Settlement Board, that the title is defective. This statement is made on the authority of Honorable A. R. McClelan, who says he has a mortgage on the premises, but unfortunately for the opposition the records of Albert County show that no such mortgage exists, and the title is absolutely clear. Driven to the depths of desperation in the unenviable position they occupy in the estimation of the people of the province, the opposition will not permit a little thing like an official record to interfere with the statement of a gentleman who is upwards of eighty years old, and who, without doubt, at this age suffers more acutely from lapse of memory than do the few supporters of the opposition of more tender years, who are circulating similar stories without regard to truth or decency, and who have disregarded every element of honor and manliness in the discussion of public questions.

MR. DUGAL AND THAT PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Dugal, the leader of the opposition in the House, in an enquiry during the last session, produced private correspondence between a representative of Rhodes, Curry & Company, manufacturers of Amherst, and Honorable John E. Wilson, who, when the correspondence was written, was then a member of the Government and President of the Council. When Mr. Wilson retired from the Government and the Legislature, he left this correspondence in his private desk or drawer. The next heard of it was as presented by Mr. Dugal in the House. How Mr. Dugal obtained possession of it he has not yet explained, and until he does explain the only inference is that the correspondence was stolen for the purpose of being used for political purposes. What bearing it has on any action of the Government only those who used it can tell, for Rhodes, Curry & Company did not receive the contract to which the correspondence related, and were not considered in the matter in any way by the Government.

H. M. BLAIR QUALIFIES AS AN OPPOSITION LEADER.

Opposition papers are now publishing statements which are emanating from the fertile brain and all too vivid imagination of Mr. H. M. Blair. In his judgment on the charge against Mr. Blair, who ,it may be explained is the dismissed Secretary of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner, Mr. Mariner G. Teed, K. C., referring to Mr. Blair and to a gentleman with whom the dismissed official had maintained very confidential relations, saw fit to use the following language:

"These two men, after measuring each other's capacity, apparently each sought to out-distance the other in their disregard of the truth respecting this matter of the return of the stock."

The evidence to which the Commissioner was referring was taken on oath, and from this it may be inferred what credence is to be given to the utterances of the man whose statements the Telegraph is now gleefully publishing in order to discredit the Government. Smarting under the firm attitude of the Government in dealing with his case, he has since been travelling round breathing out threats as to what he might divulge in connection with the administration of public affairs. Under these conditions, thinking men will wonder how much further he would go in his perversion of the truth, than when he was matched against his erstwhile confidential friend in giving evidence under oath.

THE RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE.

But in the determination of the opposition to maintain its reputation for inconsistency and misrepresentation, it is persistently circulating a statement that a resolution passed by the Legislature of 1914 was what it is pleased to term a "whitewash" resolution. As has been explained, this was a resolution of concurrence in the report of the Royal Commission, when it was submitted ofr the consideration of the House, and when some action indicating acceptance of the findings was deemed necessary. It practically embodied exact conclusions of the Commission, and was very largely a repetition of the language used in the report. Notwithstanding their present representations which are made solely as a feature of their campaign of misrepresentation and slander, the best answer to what they say is the fact that when the report was published they were unanimous in their approval of it, including the language adopted in the resolution, which they now condemn. They have been asked to explain their change of front, but have not yet done so. Until some explanation is forthcoming, the public will value at its true worth this additional attempt to draw a herring across the trail and prevent a consideration by the electors of the true issues before the public at the present time—the issue of honest Government against a record of the most wholesale, barefaced and dishonest administration of public affairs ever tolerated in the province, the record of which is still fresh in the minds of the public. That record is the record of the old Government, which is now madly attempting to be placed in power once more in the province in order that this record may be repeated.

THE RESULT.

The above is practically a summary of the opposition campaign, and its answer. Is it any wonder that decent liberals throughout the province are practically refusing to take an active part in the councils of the party, are refusing to attend its conventions, and are refusing to sanction the methods herein outlined? As long as the present leaders are in charge of the opposition methods, as long as all decencies in public life are disregarded, honorable men, no matter of what political faith, will not be found associating themselves with those who have brought discredit and shame upon the province and dragged in the dust the traditions of old-time liberalism. It is not likely that the honest electors of Westmorland will in the present instance adopt a different attitude from that which has so plainly been made manifest by honorable men in the Liberal party throughout the length and breadthof the province.

OBITUARY.

Robert S. Robinson.

Robert S. Robinson, son of the late James Robinson, and the last male representative of the old and respected firm of J. & T. Robinson, long engaged in the West India trade, died on Wednesday, aged 69 years. He is survived by one sister, Mary E. Mr. Robinson was for a long time an active Conservative worker in King's ward, and it was a dull day at the polls when he didn't take part in contests—civic, provincial or federal. While an ardent party man, he made no enemies on the other side. Mr. Robinson never married. His funeral will take place on Friday from his late residence, Union street.

Mrs. R. L. Hamilton.

Relatives here have received word of the death of Mrs. Emma Hamilton, wife of R. L. Hamilton, which occurred Wednesday at her home in New Bedford, Mass. Mrs. Hamilton was only twenty-nine years old. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jennings of 235 Germain street, West St. John, and besides them and her husband she leaves three brothers—Charles, Albert and Harold Jennings, all of West End. The body will be brought home on the Boston train at noon today.

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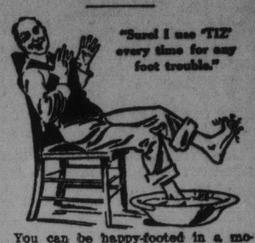

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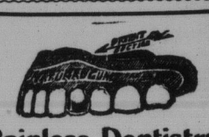

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