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## SOLDIER AND LEGISLATOR.

Every member of the legislature who has spoken since the session began has referred to what we owe the soldiers who went overseas; and to what should be done to prove ourselves worthy of their devotion and sacrifice.

Every New Brunswick soldier who went overseas had opportunity from time to time to read the newspapers from home. He therefore learned that while he was making his body a bulwark to save us from the Hun there were politicians in his native province who were betraying the trust of the people and dragging the name of New Brunswick in the mire.

How would it do as a guarantee of good faith, to clean house at Fredericton, and send those politicians back to private life?

They, like the soldiers, had an opportunity, though not in the trenches, to prove their patriotism and their devotion to the cause of humanity. How they availed themselves of it is told in reports of commissions, based on sworn evidence. A soldier can read it, as well as any civilian. He can make comparisons. He can analyze motives and form judgment on the actions which speak louder than words. He has his eye on the legislative chamber at Fredericton. With that new vision which came to him in the welter of blood and misery when he stood face to face with death, he is judging men and measures. The members of the legislature should not forget that his eyes are upon them and what they do this week. They are being put to the test. He has heard their professions, and awaits their acts. He did something to make the world safe for democracy. Will they do their part to make democracy safe for the world?

## FIGHTING THE POWER COMPANY.

The New Brunswick Power Company sets down its assets, in its last annual report, at \$5,650,910.88. This includes the \$2,000,000 of common stock.

The carrier commission values the company's property at \$3,800,000. It would, however, recognize the \$3,100,000 of stocks and bonds, and would add \$500,000 more when a surplus reserve of \$300,000 had been built up. This would eventually make the total \$3,600,000.

The amount of capital when the New Brunswick Power Company took over the property was \$2,067,000.

The city's experts value the company's property at \$1,850,000, contending that the \$2,067,000 contained some watered stock.

Somewhere between the company's claim of \$5,650,910.88 and the city's estimate of \$1,850,000 will be the valuation fixed by the legislature. The carrier commission does not indicate by what means it increased the city's estimate from \$1,850,000 to \$2,800,000; nor make it clear why upon a valuation of \$2,800,000 there should be exacted a return of \$3,100,000, with \$500,000 to be added when \$300,000 of a reserve had been contributed by the people.

It is perfectly clear that the city must fight for its rights. It must fight for a fair valuation, a fair purchase price if the property should be taken over, a proper measure of public control if the company goes on, a means of getting efficient service and needed extensions of service, and protection against exorbitant rates. Its appeal is to the legislature, whose action will be eagerly watched, not only by St. John people but by people everywhere, who may now or in the future be made the victims of the exploiters of public utilities.

## THE PREMIER'S WORRY.

The Standard has discovered that Premier Foster is worried over something. That is probably true. It is not a cheering and joyous experience to sit in a legislature with men who have made such a record as certain members of the present opposition have made. It would worry any man who believed in keeping faith with the people and conducting their affairs without graft and gross deception. There can be no doubt whatever that Premier Foster is both shocked and grieved at the disclosures made, and especially at the brazen hardness of these men in refusing to resign their seats in the house. Even the Standard would be worried if it were not the organ of the men in question. They have thrown an unpleasant duty upon the premier. He would be very glad if even at this late date they showed some evidence of repentance and grief for their betrayal of the people's trust. They do not, and every right thinking person in New Brunswick is worried at the thought that representative positions are still held by them, after the shameful revelations made under oath before royal commissions. The better element of the Conservative party is worried. To that element the Globe says:

"The opposition in and out of the house should not permit itself to be made the tool of the men who abused the trust reposed in them as shamelessly as the Valley railroad and malted grain extract dened disclosed that trust was abused, in

some instances for purely private gain. No reason exists why the clean men of the opposition party should assume responsibility for the unpatriotic, unworthy and discreditable acts of leaders who, instead of being supported, should be driven from public life."

Christian Science Monitor: "If the United States had instituted and maintained an intelligent and strict conservation policy earlier in its history there would have been smaller opportunity for the individual and corporate exploiter and monopolist, and a great deal more for the mass of the people. There would have been, in other words, less wealth in spots, but there would have been more in general. The great defect in the policy of the past was that it opened a highway for the satisfaction of sordidness and selfishness. It created a craving for gain that justified ruthlessness in the destruction of mighty forests, in the pillaging of mines, and in the confiscation of water rights that were essentially a part of the popular inheritance. In the mad lust for money, common prudence and discretion were often lost sight of, and waste and extravagance became the order of the day. Because wealth was obtained so easily, it was frequently put to evil uses. Instead of enriching, it too often impoverished morality."

If the Standard could get the returned soldiers to aid in restoring the reign of graft and political rascality it would use them for that purpose without the slightest compunction. Whatever criticism the soldiers may offer in regard to any action of the present government they are quite competent to read and judge the record of its predecessor. They know exactly what the Standard is trying to do—and why. It would use them just as the old government used the patriotic desire of the people to help the starving Belgians for its own purposes.

The presence of clergymen of other churches at the opening of the Jewish synagogue in this city was perhaps too much to expect at the present stage of religious development, but the Christian community was well represented by prominent laymen. The Jews of St. John are to be congratulated on what is said to be one of the finest synagogues in Canada. It had previously been a Christian church and it is still dedicated to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Those who crowded Centenary church in this city a few years ago to hear Mr. Raymond Robins of Chicago will be amazed to learn that he advocates recognition by the Allies of the government of Lenin and Trotsky in Russia. He is the last man one would expect to put a premium on murder, and the Bolsheviks have deluged parts of Russia with the blood of the innocent.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale talks too much to please the Standard. Well, he has some thing to talk about. His department has made a splendid record, and his plan for soldier-settlement was approved at Ottawa. And that is really what troubles his critics.

Serious trouble has broken out in Hungary and Bohemia, and one observer says Bolshevism is spreading in Germany. The question of Poland also presents grave difficulties. Europe is still in turmoil, and grave problems confront the peace conference.

The section in the road law which empowers the supervisor to prevent heavy motor traffic on the roads while the frost is coming out is a very wise provision, and will appeal to motorists, who are as much interested as anybody in having good summer roads.

The St. John men who were members of the band of the Princess Patricia were warmly welcomed home. Theirs has been a great experience and they have linked up St. John in a notable way with the history of great events.

It goes on the record that three sea-sickness with soldiers on board were delayed for a long time off Halifax by fog. In other words, there is fog a long way from St. John, where indeed there has been scarcely any during the past winter.

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## ECONOMIC MATTERS IN FIRST TREATY

Paris, March 22.—(By the Associated Press). The economic subjects to be introduced into the preliminary peace treaty were definitely determined at a meeting of the economic commission today. These take a wide range, the important subjects including the disposition of German patents, trade marks and copyrights and alien property such as that held by the custodian of such property in the United States. The main subjects, which will appear in the treaty are the following:

First—The future status of German commercial treaties with the Allied countries, all of which have been abrogated.

Second—A tariff arrangement under which trade may be resumed, and providing against discrimination between Allied countries.

Third—A provision regulating pre-war contracts between German business interests and Allied interests which were suspended by the war.

Fourth—Provisions for the disposition of German property in Allied countries, mostly in the hands of government custodians, and also Allied property in Germany. This branch includes German patents, trade marks and copyrights.

Fifth—A provision for the assembling of an international conference to deal with economic and commercial questions.

The foregoing subjects are being drafted in treaty form, for inclusion in the treaty.

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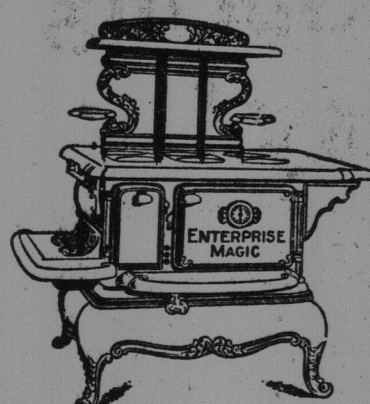
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He said that there had been practically no travel from the United States to Canada during the past two years, because of the war, business conditions, congestion on the railroads, requisitioning of steamers by the government and because young men were in the dark regarding the military and transportation regulations for considerable time.

During the war Canada had made a name for itself which had not been surpassed by any other country and none stood higher at the present time in the estimation of the United States people. Many strictly United States citizens would visit Canada this year, he believed, and he knew that very many former Canadians who have been unable to get home for years would come across the boundary during the summer.

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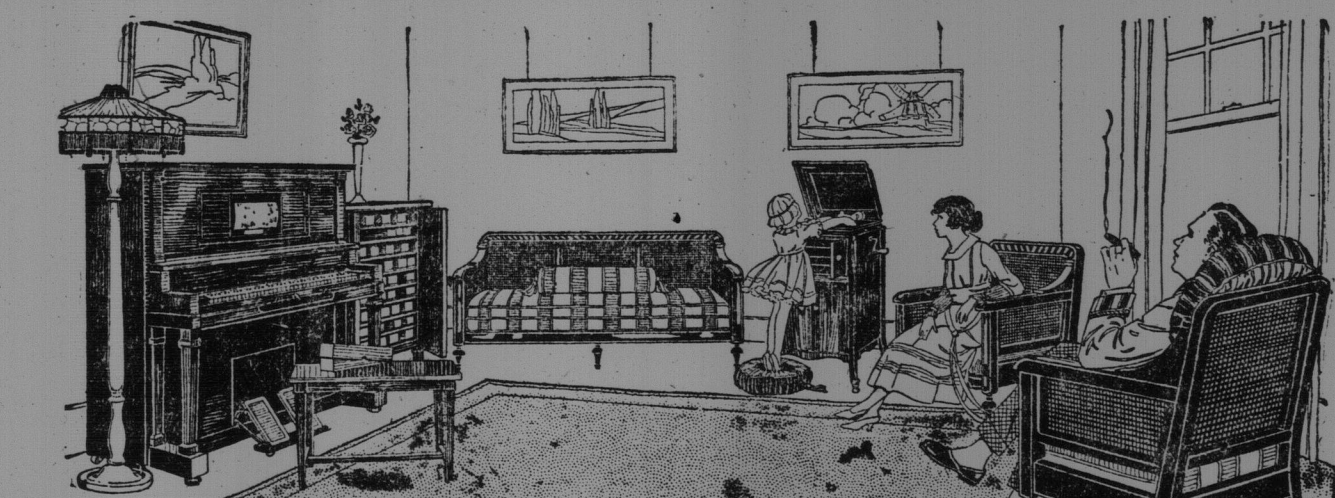
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