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**THE GRAFTING ELEMENT
AT OTTAWA**

The demand which is being put forward by some of the Conservative organs in this country, that the Government should at once take some steps to clean out the grafting element which recent events have shown is so active in departmental circles at Ottawa, is strangely enough, being endorsed by the Grit press, which is studiously ignoring the fact that this grafting element belongs exclusively to its own political party, as every intelligent reader of the daily press has long since become aware. Enquiries before the Public Accounts Committee have demonstrated in every case that wherever any grafting or corrupt deals have been put through, a Grit office holder was at the bottom of them; and it may be taken for granted that as long as these Grits remain in positions which enable them to handle matters of patronage, this system of grafting and corruption will continue; therefore it becomes the imperative duty of the government to stop it.

This grafting proclivity appears to be a kind of second nature among the Grits. They are born and brought up in an atmosphere of such corruption that any ordinary healthy sentiment could not exist. They are educated to believe that it is the prerogative of all those placed in positions of public trust to turn such positions to their own advantage whenever and wherever possible, and that to neglect an opportunity to make a little on their own account would be criminal folly. And let it be said, they are particularly careful to live up to their education.

The demand that is being made that the Government take immediate steps to clean out the element which it is being shown is responsible for the corrupt deals that have recently been brought to light, is an eminently just one, and cannot be allowed to go by unheeded. During the fifteen years of the Laurier regime the various departments were plugged up with new officials, put there at the instigation of men who knew that these officials could be depended on to use their positions in the interests of the patrons through whose efforts they got there; and that has been the practice all along. These officials become so accustomed to getting rake-offs on Government contracts, for themselves and their friends, while the Laurier Government was in power, that they cannot resist doing the same thing now; and the result is that whenever there is any chance of a deal being put through, to all appearances, without much risk of discovery, it goes.

This sort of thing, however, cannot be tolerated any longer. The demand for a clean up in the various Government departments has become too insistent to be ignored, and Premier Borden will receive the hearty endorsement of every right-thinking man in the country when he discharges every grafting Grit who now draws Government pay. Then, and not till then, will Government contracts be put through with some little regard to honesty of method and with a single eye to the public interests. It is earnestly to be hoped that Premier Borden will lose no time in doing away with these conditions, which government investigations are showing to be a national reproach, and which if allowed to continue will sooner or later reflect on the Government itself.

MR. STEWART'S ANIMUS

The efforts of Mr. J. L. Stewart, M. P. P., seem to be devoted entirely to criticizing and finding fault with the government, which he was elected to give an independent support to. However since he has now

apparently cast aside even his independence and come out as a fully pledged member of the opposition, his criticism and fault finding is only natural. As no one treats Mr. Stewart seriously however, but little harm is done. He now accuses the Attorney General of putting a bill through the Legislature which "authorized corporations to enter upon streets and squares and highways, dig them up and erect poles in them without the consent of the City Council, town council or other local authority." We notice in the published report of the House proceedings that the Attorney-General in reply to Mr. Stewart's complaint on this point, said that the enactment to which objection was taken had been the law for twenty-two years already, and nobody had so far complained that the powers conferred by it had been harshly exercised. Mr. Stewart's animus is therefore readily apparent, when he accuses Mr. Baxter of "putting one over" on the people.

THE PROBATE COURTS ACT

One of the few new features in the Bill to consolidate and amend the Probate Courts Act, is a reduction in the scale of fees to be paid on application for probate of a will or letters of administration by the owners of small estates. This is a move which will be appreciated and the reduction in the new scale of duties on small estates is balanced by a corresponding increase on the larger estates.

The new scale of duties is as follows:

Where the probate value does not exceed \$250.....	\$2.00
Is over \$250 and does not exceed \$500.....	4.00
Is over \$500 and does not exceed \$750.....	5.00
Is over \$750 and does not exceed \$1,000.....	8.00
Is over \$1,000 and does not exceed \$1,250.....	15.00
Is over \$1,250 and does not exceed \$1,500.....	20.00
Is over \$1,500 and does not exceed \$2,000.....	25.00
Is over \$2,000 and does not exceed \$3,000.....	30.00
Is over \$3,000 and does not exceed \$4,000.....	35.00
Is over \$4,000 and does not exceed \$5,000.....	40.00

Where the probate value exceeds \$5,000 such stamps shall be \$40,000 for the first \$5,000 and \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

Another amendment does away with the altogether idiotic practice of publishing a notice directed to the Sheriff commanding him to cite the persons interested in an estate to attend the Probate Judge. In future the notice will be directed to the persons interested themselves, as is done in other countries.

SOLDIERS' VOTE

Those Canadian citizens who have so freely and voluntarily gone to war as representatives of the country's loyalty and spirit certainly deserve the right to cast their votes in any election which may come off during the war. The vote of every good citizen ought to be recorded at a general election and the men who have gone on active service, have thereby proclaimed themselves to be of Canada's best. It is up to the people at home therefore to provide the means by which the votes of the men at the front may be recorded. There may be difficulties in the way perhaps, but, as a contemporary says, these are not insurmountable. This is shown by the fact that the Dominion of New Zealand overcame them not long ago under similar circumstances. New Zealand secured the co-operation of the British War Office authorities, including Lord Kitchener, and, as a result, the soldiers of the sister Dominion, many or most of whom were at the front, exercised the right of the ballot.

It will be a matter of honor for the officers of the Canadian troops to see that the voting is carried out fairly and the public will not have any misgivings on this point.

This project is not a matter requiring a decision as to policy, but rather one of detail, working out. New Zealand did it, and Canada can do it. In all essential features, the bill now before Parliament providing for taking the votes of the soldiers, is the same as the Act under which New Zealand accomplished the same purpose. The men at the front are relieved from active work in the trenches at regular periods, and there should be no unusual difficulty in securing the voice of this vital force of Canadian manhood should occasion call for it.

**Austro-German Armies
Retreat Along Front**

Soldiers of the Czar Steadily Press Onward to Rich Plains of Hungary

London, April 9.—On two great battle fields 700 miles apart the Allies are co-operating in a mighty attempt to crush Franz Josef's army and force Austria-Hungary to sue for peace. Official and unofficial despatches received here today indicated that the Allies are moving slowly to success. The Russians are pressing forward into Hungary, with the Austro-Germans in retreat at nearly every point.

The French drives of the French around St. Mihiel have caused the Germans to hurry up reinforcements originally destined to stem the Russian onslaughts in the Carpathians. Various reports indicate that Hungary is in a state of terror over the Slav invasion and demanding that the Dual Monarchy ask a separate peace.

Bucharest despatches today estimate that the Austro-Hungarian losses in killed and wounded and prisoners in the defence of Hungary from invasion totalled more than 300,000. At least 100,000 of these were prisoners, according to the Bucharest estimates.

The Berlin claim that France's sudden offensive around St. Mihiel was directly linked with the Russian advance upon the Carpathian Passes is generally accepted here. Through aiming to smash the St. Mihiel wedge, the savage attacks of the French armies south of Verdun are believed to form part of a great plan of campaign worked out at Petrograd, Paris and London. General Joffre is keeping the Kaiser too busy to send more aid to the retreating Austrians.

The same strategy, according to the French, saved Warsaw, from Von Hindenberg after the Russian de-

feet in the Mazurian Lakes. While the Slavs were falling back out of East Prussia in a disorderly retreat their French Allies began swift smashes against the German trenches in the Champagne. Von Hindenberg cried for reinforcements for a grand assault on Warsaw, but the German general staff had none to send. Every man available was plugging the German line around Pertles.

Petrograd, April 9.—The gigantic conflict between the Russians and Austro-German armies in the Carpathian mountains, in which more than 1,000,000 men and six thousand guns are engaged, is drawing into a decisive stage, according to despatches from Warsaw. The Russians are advancing over a fifty mile front from the Topla river to Uzkok Pass, but fighting is in progress over a battle line 100 miles long. Operations in Poland have been regulated, the Russians and Germans have withdrawn all their available men from the Polish arena of hostilities to strengthen the contending hosts in the Carpathians.

Having taken Smolnik, the Russian forces of Grand Duke Nicholas are now in a position to launch a drive against the rear of the Austrian army, which is struggling desperately against the reinforced Russian columns at the Galician end of the Uzkok Pass.

An extended movement has been commenced by the Russians to cut off the eastern wing of the Austrian army under General Boerovitch by the Russian troops which have been pouring through Dukla, Lpkow and Rostock Passes.

**Eastertide Services
At Loggieville**

The Sum of \$25,000 Raised for Belgian Relief Fund

April 13.—The Eastertide witnessed unusual activity along the line of patriotism in the town here. The ladies of the Red Cross Society conducted a home-cooking sale which brought in excellent returns. This money will be used to carry along the Red Cross work.

The Guild of Knox church held an Easter service in the church on Wednesday evening at which the audience and choir were asked for a collection in the interest of the Belgian Relief fund. The result was \$19.00. To this amount the society has added sufficient to make a donation of \$25,000 which will be forwarded to headquarters at once.

The program for the meeting was well rendered. The church was suitably trimmed for the occasion with flags, plants and bunting, also Easter notices. J. W. S. Bakker, President of the Society, acted as chairman, and conducted the responsive bible reading. This was followed by prayer.

During the evening Dr. Cumming of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, gave an eloquent address, describing with splendid ability a trip in Palestine, about the Easter season. A choir, organized for the occasion, composed of eighteen voices conducted the singing in a bright and hearty manner. It was augmented by two of New Castle's popular singers. The program numbers were:

- Chorus by Choir.
- Duet—Mina and Viola McDonald.
- Trio—Messrs. Archie Russell, Will Herlihy, A. E. Shaw.
- Ladies Chorus.
- Trio—Muriel Manderson, Verna Edge, Gertrude Edge.
- Solo—Mrs. Mell Manderson.
- Address—Mr. J. W. Bakker.
- Trio—Messrs. Shaw, Herlihy and Russell.
- Recitation—Hazel Johnstone.
- Male chorus.
- Solo—Byron Johnstone.
- Chorus by choir.
- Duet—Messrs. Archie Russell, A. E. Shaw.
- Address—Dr. Cumming.
- Recitation—Clyde Johnstone.
- National Anthem.
- Benediction.

Those who efficiently assisted in the chorus work in addition to the above mentioned were: Ladies—Mrs. Stan Simpson, Miss Bertie Dempsey, Miss Queenie Manderson, Miss Hilda Bakker, Miss Lou Manderson, Miss Jesse Manderson.

Gentlemen—Stan Simpson, A. L. Bakker, Mell Manderson, Archie McKay, Harold Johnstone, Clarence Tait, Wesley Dempsey, Willard Hornbrook.

Mrs. Herlihy was organist. The meeting throughout was bright and inspiring.

LET ME EXPLAIN

Spring Blood Is Watery Blood

How to Get New Health and New Strength at This Season

Spring ailments are not imaginary. Even the most robust find the winter months most trying to their health. Confinement indoors, often in overheated and nearly always badly ventilated rooms—in the home, the office, the shop and the school—taxes the vitality of even the strongest. The blood becomes thin and watery and is clogged with impurities. Some people have headaches and a feeling of languor. Others are low-spirited and nervous. Still others are troubled with distiguring pimples and skin eruptions; while some get up in the morning feeling just as tired as when they went to bed. These are all spring symptoms that the blood is out of order and that a medicine is needed. Many people take purgative medicines in the spring. This is a serious mistake. You cannot cure yourself with a medicine that gallops through your system and leaves you weaker still. This is all that a purgative does. What you need to give you health and strength in the spring is a tonic medicine that will enrich the blood and soothe the jangled nerves. And the one always reliable tonic and blood builder is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These Pills not only banish spring weakness but guard you against the more serious ailments that follow, such as anemia, nervous debility, indigestion, rheumatism and other diseases due to bad blood. In proof of this Mrs. D. E. Hughes, Hazenmore, Sask., says: "About a year ago I was badly run down, my nerves were all unstrung, and I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. As I was a long ways from a doctor I decided to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and in the course of a few weeks I felt like a new person. As an all round restorative I can heartily recommend this medicine."

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Notice is Hereby Given that the Annual

ELECTION

For Mayor and Aldermen for the Town of Newcastle will be held, as Required by Law, at the

TOWN HALL

ON

TUESDAY

20th Day of April.

POLLING FROM 10 a. m. TO 4 p. m.

Nominations of Persons duly qualified for the respective offices of Mayor and Aldermen will be received by the undersigned up to six o'clock on Friday, the 16th day of April inst.

Dated at Newcastle, N. B., this 3rd day of April, A. D., 1915.

J. E. T. LINDON, 15-2. Town Clerk.

Copies Our Advertisement

The Campbellton Tribune evidently considers The Advocate paper and job dept. ads., on page six, good ones, as we notice they have copied a recent one from our paper. We have no particular objection, and would suggest their reading the one now running.

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GEN. HUGHES TELLS SOLDIERS NOT TO BECOME IMPATIENT

London, Ont., April 10.—The troops of the second and third contingents here were reviewed yesterday by Major-General Hughes. He advised the battalions not to be impatient to leave, as the war was far from being over. He could not tell when they would be asked to depart, but all ranks should prepare for a sudden call.

Canada, he said, has now under arms 101,000 men in uniform and on duty. From now on there would be no men quartered in barracks, but summer camps would be established in various parts of Canada.