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HAWKING A PORTFOLIO

When over two months ago the people of New Brunswick, through the efforts of Westmorland notified the provincial government that they had lost confidence in the present administration of public affairs, and refused to elect P. G. Mahoney as Chief Commissioner of Public Works, it was expected that Mr. Mahoney would gracefully retire to private life and that Premier Clarke would name another member for the honorable and responsible position.

But now, after a lapse of two months, we find that Mr. Mahoney, a private citizen, is transacting the public business contrary to all rules of responsible government.

We also see the sorry spectacle of the Premier of the province and a number of colleagues travelling from county to county, endeavoring to find the right constituency to open to fill this important portfolio. Last week they visited Northumberland and Restigouche, but received little encouragement.

The probability of a local election is greater today than a month ago, and it looks very much as if the plunge will be taken early this fall.

Throughout the whole province both government and opposition forces are being organized and candidates named. The opposition, greatly strengthened by large numbers of the best thinking electors, who formerly supported the Flemming government, but who would not stand for the carnival of graft and hoodluming as revealed by the various commissions, have come out openly for clean government, feel confident that they will sweep the province as has been done in Manitoba. It is certainly time for a change.

THE HAY CROP

Because the hay crop this year is above the average, it is unwise to run away with the idea that it is going to be cheap next winter. The chances are that it will not be anything of the kind. There will be almost as great a demand for hay in Europe for the next twelve months as there has been for the last. The crop in England was a very heavy one, and promised well, but a long spell of wet weather has made it very difficult for farmers with the shortage of labor with which they have to contend, to harvest it in good shape. Much of it has been entirely spoiled, and those farmers who have sown have been advised to quit trying to make hay, but to turn their crop into ensilage. In view of these facts, Canadian hay will find a good market across the water, and farmers should not be in too great a hurry to assume that the abundant supply in this country will necessarily make the market price unusually low.—Commercial.

THE GREATER LENIENCY

The Ontario holocaust, the New York explosion and the terrific heat wave have caused a toll of death and destruction heavy enough to divide attention even with the European war. Latest advices place the Ontario deaths at 240 and the property loss will run to millions. During its twenty days' duration the heat wave was responsible directly for no less than 325 deaths, and indirectly for 302 others, occasioned fully 2,600 serious cases.

es of prostration and killed upwards of 700 horses. Fortunately the loss of life in the New York explosion was not great, but a property damage of \$25,000,000 is serious enough to cause a very insistent demand for greater precaution in the handling of explosives. Lenient as American towns, municipalities and states may be in regard to regulations about the handling of dangerous explosives, there are few who will care to dispute that greater leniency has been shown in the general attitude toward those who, under the guise of neutrality and friendship, have wrecked munition factories in many states, regardless of life or property.—Globe.

PROCLAMATION!

BY HIS HONOR JOSIAH WOOD, D.C.L., LL.D., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

WHEREAS the 4th of August, 1916, is the second anniversary of the declaration of war by Great Britain, and Whereas it has been proposed by the Central Committee for National Patriotic Organizations, with the approval of the British Government, that public meetings be held throughout the Empire on that day, at which the following Resolution should be passed—

"That on this the second anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this Meeting of the citizens of . . . records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of Liberty and Justice, which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies."

AND WHEREAS the Executive Council of this Province has passed an Order-in-Council authorizing a Proclamation to issue requiring the assembling of the people together on that day for said purpose, We therefore hereby request and enjoin that all loyal citizens throughout the Province do meet on said 4th day of August and pass the said Resolution, and in view of the gravity of the situation, and the solemnity of the occasion, the day be also observed by holding meetings of a religious and intercessory, as well as Patriotic character.

GIVEN under my hand and seal at Fredericton, the twenty-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

BY COMMAND OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

THE FOURTH OF AUGUST.

If public gatherings of any kind or sort on the fourth of August can be made to help recruiting, the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross, or any national endeavor, there need be no other justification for such gatherings. Whether held or not held, the main feature of any observance of the day, which marks the beginning of the third year of the war, should be the holding of services of prayer and intercession in all our churches, so that the greatest possible number of our people will be given opportunity to engage in prayer for our cause, our country and our country's brave defenders. Remembrance of the two years that have passed into history calls for most devout thanks to the Almighty for His manifold mercies, and the fourth of August will be most fitting time for devout supplication to the Supreme Ruler for His blessing and assistance in bringing the war to an end, and in restoring goodwill among the nations.—Globe.

TO PREVENT MOOSE

DESTROYING CROPS
A farmer near Doaktown has conceived a simple and effective means of keeping game animals out of his oats. He has stretched a wire about breast high along that side of his field adjoining the forest, attaching this single wire to the fence post by means of loose staples. Here and there along this wire he has hung empty cans and in one place an old circular saw and some pieces of metal. When this wire is disturbed the noise is indeed alarming. Suffice to say that he has never been bothered with moose since he erected this simple arrangement. The reader will no doubt have already guessed where this farmer got his idea when he recalls the tin cans hung on the barbed wire entanglements at the front.—Chatham World.

CONFIDING IN THE TELEPHONE

A new use for the trouble department of a telephone office has been discovered. The telephone officednan, News reports it in these words: "The family had not had their telephone very long, and everyone took a deep and abiding interest in it. On the outside of the directory they had noted the words, 'Trouble, call No. 4217.' It had been a hard morning, and everything had gone wrong. Finally the lady of the house, in desperation, turned to her trusty telephone and called 4217."

"This is the trouble department," answered the operator sweetly. "Is this where you report your troubles?" asked the lady.

"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, I only want to report that one of our dogs got drowned in the stream this morning; the baby is eating a new tooth; the cook left without warning; we are out of sugar and starch; the stovepipe fell down; the milkman left only a pint instead of a quart to-day;

As they "pal" together at Valcartier, comparing notes and equipment, those who are without cannot help envying those who have Gillette Safety Razors. If there's a lad there send him a Gillette, or a good supply of blades.

IN training camps—at the back of the "Front"—even in the first-line trenches, the Gillette is helping thousands of our gallant officers and men to maintain their usual standards of personal cleanliness.

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