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THEIR GOLDEN AGE

The evidence of Hon. James A. Murray, to the effect that the late Premier Clarke suggested payment of the patriotic potato deficit out of party funds, and that he, Mr. Murray, joyously assented, is not only interesting but instructive. It suggests that Mr. Murray's party in those glad days of prosperity and patriotic endeavor had a large fund always available. To toss a trifle like \$32,000 into the public treasury to save the province from loss was so small a thing as not to disturb anybody or call for any recognition. To ask was to receive. There was a perennial source of supply, and nobody asked any more of it. Those who provided the money—those noble and trustful pillars of the state—where ever they lived, or whether they were poor or rich—never asked where it went. "Ah! Them was the happy days."

But where are those patriots now? Is there still a large and eager fund seeking an outlet into patriotic channels for the public good, and only awaiting the defeat of the penurious Foster government to flow in a beneficent stream as in the brave days of old—to Carleton county, Westmorland county, York county, and all the other counties? It is easy to see that if no deficits occurred and frequent little gifts of \$32,000 were made to the province out of the party fund there would soon be no need of taxes. As an illuminator Mr. Murray is great. One can almost hear the clink of the coin pouring from the party fund into the provincial treasury for the public good.

THE PATRIOTIC POTATOES

The story of the patriotic potatoes is now fairly well known to the people. The summing up of the evidence and the commissioner's report thereon will clearly bring out the salient points, but those who have followed the evidence known in a general way how the former provincial government caused a large deficit by the potato transaction and tried to cover it up by using funds received from Mr. W. B. Tennant, who got them from Valley Railway contractors in such a manner as to cause the present government to take action for recovery.

Having decided to contribute potatoes as a war-time gift for shipment overseas the department of which Hon. James A. Murray was the head appears to have gone on purchasing potatoes after the gift requirements were filled, and for no other reason, so far as anybody can see, than that selling potatoes to the government was a very good business for Mr. B. Frank Smith and some other friends of the government. There was no particular inspection of the potatoes' bought. Many had to be thrown away, others were shipped to Cuba at a heavy loss. But the men who sold to the government got their profits, and these appear to have been real war-time profits.

Being somewhat reluctant to tell the whole story to the people, Mr. Murray conferred with Premier Clarke. The latter, according to Mr. Murray, suggested that the deficit be made up from party funds, and Mr. Murray says he remarked that these funds could be put to no finer use. Of course he could not then foresee the little statement placed before Commissioner McQueen on Thursday as follows:—

To Westmorland county, R. Trites, \$10,000.
Carleton county, Wallace Gibson, \$6,000.
Salary of organizer, \$1,000.
Expenses, \$87.82.
Paid to J. H. Crockett for Cleaner, \$10,000.
Paid J. B. Daggett, \$83,900.
Total, \$61,582.82.

However, Mr. Murray was not only satisfied but delighted with the party fund suggestion. He did not want the province to lose the money. And Mr. Jones's statement shows that the money did not go out of the province. What more could any reasonable man ask?

No one can fail to be struck by the consideration of Mr. Murray in not wanting to burden the people with a lot of talk about something of no interest to them, and also in desiring to relieve the public accounts committee from any worry over a matter so trivial as this potato transaction. It was most considerate on his part, and commending public. Mr. Murray further testifies that there was a lot he did not know about the financing that was going on in his department. How could he be expected to burden his mind and memory with little things of that sort? It was for him to make the deserts blossom and homes to spring up in fertile areas, filled with joyous immigrants eager to build up the province.

And yet, there doubtless are—there always are—crying critics who will assert that Mr. Murray should never have permitted his department to get into such a mess; that he should have curbed the eager selling instincts of Mr. B. Frank Smith; that he should have known what Mr. Daggett, his deputy, was doing, or if the latter was incompetent got rid of him; and that when he found the province was in for a heavy loss he should have faced the music and told the people, whose servant he was, all about the transaction. There are doubtless those also who will contend that when Mr. Murray learned where the money came from to settle the score he should, as an honest statesman, have

withdrawn from the government and denounced its course. They will even be unkind enough to say that the most gracious thing Mr. Murray and Mr. Jones could now do would be to retire to private life.

IN THE NEW DAYS

Rev. Peter Bryce of Toronto preaches a social gospel that must appeal to all who hear or read his utterances. In a recent address he said:—

"The function of the government is changed from being a policeman, to providing for the needs of the people. The function of society is for the strong members to support the weak. We are living in new days when our problems will be dealt with in a new way and we must adopt fundamental basic principles on which to work in helping to build up one of the greatest nations in the world. I am looking with great hope into the future. We must have a co-ordination of all social and philanthropic work. We must also cultivate the community spirit and common standard of living and appeal for a minimum wage law in order that a man may maintain his family in efficiency. Mothers' pensions are among other important items, also health insurance, unemployment insurance, and old age pensions. Old age and ill-health are the grim spectres of unemployment and they must be removed. Every child has a right to be well born and enjoy home life. I hope the day will soon be past when the children of widows are put in the homes and women are forced to put their infants in the crèche. No mother can be a bread-winner and a homemaker. Girls in the future must be fitted for home-makers and motherhood while our boys must be fitted to be good providers in the home. Our public schools must become more and more community centres where lectures will be given to the fathers and mothers as well as to the children, where they will have instilled in them the ideals of Canadian home life."

All over Canada men and women are thinking deeply upon these things, whether they have as yet the broad vision of the Toronto preacher or only a groping consciousness of social wrongs to be righted. The era of reconstruction will only yield adequate results if all the people get this wider vision of united action along lines of social betterment, where selfishness is largely eliminated and the whole standard of living, of conduct and of duty is raised to higher levels.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Odessa, the principal Russian port on the Black Sea, is being evacuated by the Germans. The disarmament of Von Mackensen's army is spreading systematically.

The municipal council of Paris yesterday decided to confer on Woodrow Wilson the title of a citizen of Paris.

Lloyd George, in a statement issued last night, said that he stood for the abolition of conscript armies in all lands.

Major-General Salmon, commanding the air forces in the middle east, accompanied by Captain Ross Smith, have completed a flight from Cairo to Karachi, India, a distance of 2,548 miles, in thirty-six hours actual flying time. The machine used previously had been flown from England to Egypt.

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LIGHTER VEIN.

John Scored.

She stood and glared at him. "And you mean to stand there and ask me to press your trousers?" she demanded. "Why, yes, my dear," responded Mr. Stubbs. "Is that asking too much?" "I should say it is," John Henry Stubbs. "I'd have you to know that when you married me you did not marry a flat-iron."

That evening his turn came. "John, dear," said Mrs. Stubbs, "just button up my blouse before you go, there's a good man."

"Nay, nay, Maria. When you accepted me you did not say 'yes' to a button-hook," and, picking up his hat, he rumped out.

A Novelty.

"What is this you have invented?" "A ventilator for street cars and railway coaches."

"What is unusual about it?" "It will ventilate."

Nocturnal Habit.

"Would you call a cat carnivorous or omnivorous?" "All I know about cats is that they are vicious."

Pays to be Cautious.

"Your letters are very matter-of-fact," said the girl.

"I can't help it," replied the man. "You never feel sure now whether you are writing a letter for the information of the recipient or for the entertainment of a jury."

RECENT DEATHS

The death of Mrs. Cecilia A. Burns, wife of David Burns, formerly of St. John, occurred very suddenly of pneumonia in Bawling, N. Y.

Luke Goodfellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Goodfellow, of South Esk, N. B., died yesterday morning of a short illness. He was nineteen years old.

Mrs. Jessie McKee, widow of John McKee of McKee's Mills, Kent county, died in Moncton recently. She was seventy-one years old.

James Kerr of Summer Hill, N. B., has received word of the death of his brother, Adam C. Kerr, of British Columbia. Mr. Kerr was a resident of Summer Hill until about eight years ago, when he went west. He was about forty-five years old.

PICTURES AND ROLL OF THEIR HEROES.

Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, elected officers on Tuesday evening, resulting as follows: President, P. J. Punter; vice-president, F. J. Byfield; chaplain, W. C. Parker; secretary, Chas. Leiford; treasurer, G. H. Lewis; committee, E. J. Pettis, A. Wood, A. L. H. Stephens, C. W. Tilt, B. W. Thorne, R. Dickey; inside guard, D. G. Spencer; outside guard, E. A. Derby; trustees, B. W. Thorne, T. H. Carter, R. I. Carloss;

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That's What Worried Her.
"I'll learn ye the tie the kettle tae the dog's tail!" Tommy's mother yelled, in her wrath.
"It wasna' oor dog!" cried frightened Thomas.
"Naw, it wisna' oor dog," shrieked the enraged mother, "but it wis oor kettle."

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