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WARMING UP AGAIN.

The Foster government will attempt to recover certain moneys which went into private pockets instead of into the Valley Railway. Having exposed the activities of the promoters, the government now takes the next step, and therefore proves the sincerity of its profession of a desire to clean up the politics of the province. If further proof were needed it is found in the prompt assurance of Premier Foster that there will be an immediate inquiry into the charge made by Mr. Baxter against Mr. Speaker Currie.

With regard to the Valley Railway money, the St. John Standard is widely accepted, as was to be expected. Hon. Z. A. Murray is also much disturbed because the government does not go after money alleged to have been diverted from the proper channels in the old days of the Central Railway. The Hazen, Clarke and Murray governments all had a chance to go after that money if they believed the report of the royal commission of that day. Their failure to do so is conclusive evidence that the enquiry did not prove what they expected, and they had no ground for action. They set out to "get" a public man and failed.

The Foster government set out to expose a group of profiteers and succeeded. Hence it will endeavor to recover the money.

With regard to Mr. Baxter's charges, they are to the effect that a former government sealer, Archibald Murchie, reduced his report of the amount of lumber on which Hon. Mr. Currie's company was to pay stumpage by 2,000,000 feet at Mr. Currie's request, thus defrauding the province. Mr. Murchie has made an affidavit to this effect. When Mr. Baxter had made the charges and said he would ask for a committee of inquiry, Premier Foster at once replied that the request would be granted, but at the same time he read an affidavit from Mr. Currie flatly denying any such conversation with Mr. Murchie, and another from Mr. Daniel Richards, president of the lumber company, exonerating Mr. Currie from all knowledge of any such matter. This matter comes up again on Thursday and the government will give every facility for a thorough investigation.

It will be noted that Mr. Baxter's charges followed immediately after the announcement of the government's intention to go after the Valley Railway moneys, and also that he protested against the reading of the O'Brien and Richards affidavits. If they had not been read, his charges would have had one day's start in the newspapers.

The government is pursuing the proper course in affording every facility for the investigation of such a grave charge, and in this respect its course is in striking contrast to that of the old government, which refused to aid in getting books and witnesses needed to bring out essential facts in relation to the crown lands scandal, and put every possible obstacle in the way of all investigations of its own activities and those of its friends.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

The civic elections yesterday resulted in the return of a former mayor and a citizen new to City Hall. There will now be a degree of interest in the assignment of departments. Both of those whose heads are retired are important departments, and the infusion of new blood in the council will of course have some effect upon the civic administration. There was not much general interest in the election campaign. Each candidate had earnest workers, but no enthusiasm marked the contest. The friends of Dr. Frink and Mr. Thornton are naturally disappointed at the result, but the defeated candidates will be philosophical enough to accept the decision and congratulate the winners. The latter in turn will feel that it is due to themselves to make such an administrative record as will justify the confidence reposed in them. There are matters of great importance to be dealt with this year, notable among them being harbor commission and the proposals of steel shipbuilding companies, and the ever present duty of promoting war-work, along the lines of food conservation, increased production and other patriotic causes. There is also the question of the relations between the city and the New Brunswick Power Company, which must be settled to the satisfaction of the people, now that the company has itself asked for an enlargement of its charter rights and so opened the way for action. Each member of the city council bears his share of a large responsibility at a time when pressing problems must be faced, and the citizens look to the council to guard their interest at every point, and to conduct at the same time the affairs of the various departments with due regard to efficiency and economy. To be an earnest, progressive and faithful commissioner at this time is to serve the city's interests in an eminent degree; for problems of exceptional importance await solution.

St. George's Day is being fittingly celebrated in St. John by a tribute to the men of the navy.

THE COURTEENAY BAY WORKS.

The citizens are asking what is involved in the proposals of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company. In a sentence, the company proposes to take over the Norton Griffiths contract for harbor improvements and a dry dock at Courtenay Bay, greatly enlarging the dry dock, and adding an extensive steel shipbuilding plant.

An agreement for taking over the Norton Griffiths contract and plant has been arranged. The new company proposes to make the dry dock 1150 feet long, instead of 900 feet, and 125 feet wide instead of 100 feet; and to give it a depth of 40 feet over the sill at high tide, so as to accommodate the largest ocean steamers in existence or at present contemplated, as well as the largest battleships. The other proposal is to establish as quickly as possible a first-class steel shipbuilding yard at Courtenay Bay, where it is claimed at least six large steamers could be under construction at the same time; and the company says it feels it can safely give assurance that contracts will be obtained from the government of Canada, and also a large and steady amount of construction work obtained from private parties.

It is explained that if satisfactory arrangements with the provincial and municipal governments as to the aid to be granted are made, the Canadian Dredging Company, Limited, of Midland, Ontario, will have a controlling interest in the stock of the St. John Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company in the whole undertaking. The Canadian Dredging Company is said to own a plant of value of at least \$1,000,000, and has large cash assets. Practically all of its members are also interested in two affiliated companies, the Midland Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., which is building steel vessels at Midland, and the Great Lakes Transportation Company, Ltd., the second largest inland marine transportation company in Canada. Senator Richardson of Kingston, J. B. Tudhope, M. P. of Orillia, and other well known financial men, including citizens of Toronto, Hamilton and Cleveland, Ohio, are named as among those interested in these companies. The total cost of the dry dock, ship-repair plant, ship-yards and shipbuilding plant is set down as at least \$7,000,000.

Of course the attitude of the citizens toward this enterprise will depend upon the extent of the concessions asked and the guarantee that the plant will be established without delay and become a real working concern of a permanent nature. We are not yet told what concessions are asked, but it is understood they include subsidies, exemptions from taxation and also a free site. The province and the municipality have already the power to grant large concessions, and it is therefore a matter for negotiation. Judgment cannot be passed upon the proposition until all the facts are made public, but if some reports are true the concessions asked are very large.

THE WAR LECTURES BUREAU.

Mr. Frank Yelgh, secretary of the War Lectures Bureau, addressed the Rotary Club yesterday, held a conference with a group of citizens in the mayor's office, and in the afternoon, conferred with a small committee later, and in the evening gave five minute talks in three moving picture houses. As a result the bureau will hereafter be well represented in the city. Mr. Yelgh will spend a week in the province, and organize the other towns. New Brunswick will then be in line with Nova Scotia and the other provinces. The aim of the bureau is not to offer advice, to scold, or to depress the people, but, as an Ontario man suggested, to keep them keyed up to concert pitch in relation to Canada's part in the war. There is danger that we become war-weary, or just a little indifferent; and five minute talks conveying special messages from the government should have the effect of a new inspiration. The five minute talks Mr. Yelgh gave last evening were certainly of that sort. In this as in all patriotic efforts the promoters of the moving picture theatres here heartily co-operate, as others are doing throughout Canada, from Sydney to Victoria. Words will not win the war, but the spoken word has a direct influence upon many hearers, and there is no danger that we shall hear too much of a stimulating and inspiring nature in this great crisis in our history.

While St. George's Day is being observed by Englishmen at home, wherever their homes may be, the Englishmen in France and Flanders and on other battlefronts and with the Grand Fleet, are proving the traditional qualities of courage, devotion and resourcefulness that have been the glory of the race.

The lull on the western battlefront is believed to be but the prelude to another great German drive against the British front. The Allies, however, are declared to be better able to withstand the shock than they were at any previous stage of the great offensive.

The people of St. John rely upon the members of the legislature to save them from paying dividends on watered stock to enrich the exploiters of a public utility.

LIGHTER VEIN

A Slight Difference.

The wife looked at her dress materials just sent with evident dissatisfaction. "There is no body in my purchase," she said.

Her husband opened his parcel, laid in with a view to future emergencies, and sighed with satisfaction. "There's lots of spirit in mine," he smiled.—Baltimore American.

Something to Talk About.

The deer-hunter who kills his neighbor is outdone by the Lebanon man who fired at a squirrel and peppered his wife's face, thus providing a topic for family discussion that will last a life-time. Oregonian.

In Dublin.

An Englishman entered a provision shop in Dublin and asked for a ham. The Irishman's expense, asked for one yard of bacon. Paddy promptly turned to one of his attendants and said: "Give this man three pigs' feet."

He Probably meant Raize.

Jones (suddenly become patriotic and planning to plant things): "If say, old man, how do you raise a garden?" Jones' Right Kick: "Now, you get some seeds and plant them; then you buy a hen, and—"

The Right Kick—"Then you leave it to the hen. She'll raise it."—Cartoons Magazine.

Pale and Feeble But Now Well Again

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BEWITCHED U-BOAT.

H. Warner Allen, writing from Italy, tells a submarine story for which a sailor can vouch, but which, he says, seems to have some foundation in fact. One day a U-boat torpedoed a merchantman. Sighting a British destroyer coming up at full speed she made off as fast as she could below the surface taking her bearings from a lightship before submerging. Depth charges dropped by the destroyer exploded in unpleasant proximity but the Germans were lucky, and after a time they seemed to have reached safety. The captain, however, held on submerged on the same course for some time. Then he came up again, hoping to find himself without a sail in sight.

To his horror, he found the same lightship and the same destroyer as near him as ever. Again taking his bearings from the lightship, he submerged with all speed and set out once more on the same course. Again the destroyer made herself unpleasant, and again the U-boat was lucky. Once more the German came up to see where he was, and again he found the lightship in the self-same position, while the same destroyer was after him again.

How long this tragically continued history does not relate, but when at last, after trying his utmost, the German commander found that he could not get away from the lightship and had exhausted his accumulators, he surrendered, convinced that there was magic in it.

Only then did he learn the truth. The lightship was being towed from her station for overhaul and refit under escort of a destroyer.

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WHAT HAS HE NOT DONE?

Fine Bit of Ironical Writing On Kaiser's Plight

(New York Times.) Kaiser Wilhelm is looking down upon the battlefield of Quent, west of Cambrai. A war correspondent of the Berlin Lokal-Anzeiger is near; alongside, perhaps, and notes the pathetic scene. His Majesty's silence was broken only once, when he remarked to an officer who stood beside him: "What have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors?"

The form of the question implies that His Majesty has done everything, has left nothing undone. This is an important revelation. From it we are able to construct a complete history of the Kaiser's part in the beginning of the war. Since he did everything that could be done to prevent the war, he must have begun his labors at Potsdam on August 1, 1914, when the lords of Germany decided to launch it. He positively forbade them to do so; he must have. When they persisted, he, of course, threatened to abdicate rather than to sanction such horrors. They silenced his protests by binding him and gagging him and imprisoning him in the cellar, while they went ahead with their plans.

It was eighteen days later when the conspiracy bore fruit in the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia. The Kaiser was said to be cruising on the North Sea in his yacht at that time. We know now, from his revelation on the battlefield of Quent, that he had a wireless apparatus on his yacht and was keeping it busy with frantic appeals to Kaiser Franz Josef not to carry out the Potsdam plot. In the ten days that followed he did not send the hocus-pocus messages signed with his name, in which the writer pretended a Pockinifian anxiety for peace and at the same time found some way of blocking everything that Sir Edward Grey of Sazonoff proposed for the purpose of bringing it about. On the contrary, the real Wilhelm was beseeching the lords of Potsdam with urgent pleas to let him accept the proposals of Grey and Sazonoff and

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get the dispute arbitrated. He must have been.

Indeed, we can go further back even than this. We must assume that for twenty-five years Kaiser Wilhelm had not been planning this blow at the peace of the world, that he had not been building up his army and creating his navy and taking advantage of every incident, from Agadir to Adrianople, to force the domination of the world by Germany. He did not approve, he disapproved, he must have disapproved, the seizure of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908, the stirring up of Bulgaria and Serbia against each other in 1912, and all the other steps that led inevitably down the road to this war. He did everything he could to prevent them. It must be so. And he failed. Now, with a clear conscience, he can ask posterity, by way of the correspondent of the Lokal-Anzeiger, "What have I not done to preserve the world from these horrors?"

And there is one point on which he need have no doubt—posterity will answer him.

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