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LONGING FOR THE FLESH-POTS.

It was once said of Mr. William Pugsley that whenever he particularly desired anything for himself or his friends he managed to discover that the country faced a crisis from which he, alone, could rescue it. And he was ready to be the Sir Galahad and go forth to meet the dragon, provided always that there was a fat purse or preferment to be secured in connection with the venture. Fortunately for the country Mr. Pugsley's ulterior motives came to be generally known and the value of his "disinterested heroism" correspondingly discounted. As a consequence he has not sought many dragons of late years.

As with Mr. Pugsley, so with the Telegraph. That estimable newspaper has fallen upon evil days and the profits of patronage on which it waxed fat have departed from its owners and gone elsewhere. Ever since 1911 the Telegraph has been playing the role of New Brunswick's Sir Galahad, sailing forth to rescue the fair maiden—in the form of this province—from the Tory dragons, who have kept her a not unwilling captive. Recently that newspaper has become more active. Attended by its trusty squire, Sir Man Friday Carter and Sir Piffle Vanior, it has rampaged up and down the highways raising a great dust, making mighty protestations of patriotic disinterestedness but always shaping its course to the road which it hoped would lead it and its retainers to the Promised Land of Power and Patronage.

To its retinue it has recently added that other doughty warrior, Sir John Morrissey, and in him it now halts a new and valorous chieftain, in whose praises it burns much editorial powder. Yesterday morning it used several columns of perfectly good newspaper space to explain that the Clarke Government was on its last legs and that, by being "kicked out," Mr. Morrissey had been saved the certainty of defeat which would meet New Brunswick's administration when it next faced the people.

With the Telegraph and its retainers the wish is father to the thought. That newspaper thinks it sees the downfall of the Provincial and Federal Government as well, and itself and its friends are more fattening at the public trough. Its frantic campaign against Premier Clarke and his associates is undertaken in the hope of bringing into power and control of the political patronage of the province the gentlemen who manipulated the Central Railway for their own benefit, the gentlemen who stood for such things as "W.P. \$5,000," and whose rule was a shameful period of graft and plunder. These are the men with whom it hopes to replace Premier Clarke and his colleagues, and it is with these as captains in the various counties that it professes to believe it will win the next battle of the ballots in this province.

Upon what does it base its hope of victory? What, indeed, is not the fact that a member of the Clarke Government has been dismissed from his office and now hurried over to the enemy willing to exchange information for sympathy and support.

Can the Telegraph and its henchmen point to one case in the history of its own party where a Minister was dismissed from office? During the quarter century that the previous administration was in power in Fredericton no Premier ever had the courage to dismiss one of his ministers, although the shameful revelations of 1906 showed there were many who should have been turned out.

Back at the beginning of the present century, Hon. Mr. Hazen, then leader of the opposition, made strong and well founded charges in the Legislature in connection with the two-ridged bridges and asked for an investigation. What sort of investigation did he receive? A committee of the House was appointed with F. R. Carroll as chairman; that committee held secret sessions; and its report, which is still on file in the archives of the province, shows that its principal function was to apply the white-wash brush to all concerned. Mr. Hazen protested but to no avail, as the government, composed of the Telegraph's friends, quashed all complaints. That is the

sort of condition to which the Telegraph would return. A few years later, complaint was made in the Legislature concerning the Rothesay election lists, one of the greatest crimes ever perpetrated on any Canadian electorate. Scores of names were fraudulently added to the voters lists of the Parish of Rothesay and although the case was taken to court and one of the Judges of this province denounced the practice as criminal, the then Attorney General took no effective steps to discover or punish the guilty ones.

When it is known that a gentleman very closely connected with the Telegraph of that day was freely mentioned as concerned in that scandal the cause for the Attorney General's inactivity may be explained. Yet this is the newspaper that today has the nerve to lecture the people of this province on honest government, and the gentlemen from whom it hopes to obtain that boon are the very men who endorsed the Central Railway deal, winked at the Rothesay election frauds and generally administered the affairs of the province in the interest of themselves and their friends.

In direct contrast to such methods the Clarke Government stands forth. That Government has not hesitated to unmask wrong-doing wherever it appeared. Complaints have been investigated by Royal Commissions and the finding of those commissions acted upon; the white-wash brush and the "lid-clampers," such useful adjuncts of the Pugsley-Tweedie-Robinson regime, have been discarded as no longer necessary to the well-being of a square deal administration.

The party now in power is the party of square dealing and courage. The people realize that fact and when opportunity offers will see to it that they are continued in authority. The Telegraph's turn at the "flesh-pots" is a long, long distance off.

ANOTHER LIE EXPOSED. Another of the mean, miserable and despicable untrue canvasses of the provincial opposition organizer has been thoroughly exposed. Some days ago, Mr. E. S. Carter, in an effort to discredit Hon. J. A. Murray, charged that while giving information to the Legislature in connection with the Fullerton farm in Albert county, which had been purchased by the Farm Settlement Board, the Minister for Agriculture denied that the farm was mortgaged when, as a matter of fact, Hon. A. R. McClellan, ex-Governor of this province, held such a mortgage.

Mr. Carter contended that the mortgage was held with Mr. Murray's knowledge, otherwise there would have been no reason for bringing the matter to the attention of the House. Recourse to the records of the Farm Settlement Board revealed that A. W. Bray, a reputable barrister of Albert county, had certified that the farm was free of encumbrance when purchased by the Board. This information was published.

Mr. Carter then admitted that there might have been "a mistake," but that he did not believe it and followed this with the threat that unless Mr. Murray came forward and gave the desired information he (Carter) would go to Albert county himself and "dig out" the truth.

Mr. Carter has not since been heard from, but just to show the utter falsity and unreliability of his charge The Standard this morning publishes a letter from Mr. Bray, written to Mr. James Gilchrist of the Farm Settlement Board, and which explains itself. In that letter Mr. Bray says: "AS FAR AS THE ALBERT COUNTY RECORDS GO THE HONORABLE A. R. McCLELLAN HAS NOT, NOR EVER HAD, ANY CLAIM WHATSOEVER ON THE SAID LANDS SOLD THE FARM BOARD BY MR. FULLERTON."

Little Benny's Note Book

Ma went out with a basket this afternoon to the butcher store and different places, and coming with her on account of not knowing what to do to, and on the way back we went into Hinkles grocery store, and what was in one corner but a big barrel full of jelly beans. G, ma, look at the jelly beans, I sed. And ma started to tell Mr. Hinkle what she wanted. Mr. Hinkle being a long man with grate big hands and feet, and I stayed there looking into the barrel of jelly beans, and after a while I sed, Say, ma, did you see all these jelly beans. With ma just keep on ordering and Mr. Hinkle keep on getting her different things till she didn't want any more, and then she started to go out agen, and I sed, Look at the jelly beans, ma. For mercy sakes, I saw them, sed ma. Take a handful, Benny, take a handful, sed Mr. Hinkle. Take a handful, sed Mr. Hinkle. Don't you hear Mr. Hinkle inviting you to take some, sed ma. Mam! I sed. What is the world has got into you, its the first time I ever noo you to be bashful wen there was anything to eat in site, sed ma. Which I jest stood there looking down at the jelly beans as if I didnt have no sense, and Mr. Hinkle came from in back o the counter, saying, Ill give him a handful, I ant bashful. And he took a hole handful of jelly beans and put them in my pocket, almost making a hole pocket full, and then me and ma went out, ma saying, For goodness sakes, y didnt you take them wen the man invited you to. His hand was bigger than mine, I sed. Which it was, about 5 times.

THE LIBERAL PARTY FACES A CRISIS

(London, Ont., Free Press.) The Liberal party in Canada is rapidly approaching a crisis that may totally disrupt the Opposition, and even drive Sir Wilfrid Laurier from the leadership. The signs are multiplying rapidly that there is grave dissatisfaction within the party ranks. Dr. Michael Clark, the stalwart Western Liberal and free trader, voiced the sentiment that is prevailing among the rank and file of Liberals throughout the country when he said: "It is for us to stand for that cause and under that flag until victory rests upon our banners. It is because the people of this country believe that the Prime Minister and his Government and the majority of his supporters have taken that attitude and are determined to occupy it to the end, WITH A SINGLE EYE TO VICTORY FOR A CAUSE THAT FAR TRANSCENDS THE SQUARES OF THE PARTY—it is because the people believe that I believe they are behind the Government until the war is won."

As a Liberal Dr. Clark was speaking for the Liberal even more than for the Conservative citizenship of Canada. He is on more familiar ground than the Liberals. He knows their sentiment more intimately. When he stood in the House of Commons and announced in the presence of the leader of the Opposition and his own leader that the people of Canada are behind the Government, he was not giving utterance to his own sentiment alone. He was speaking for the great mass of Liberalism throughout Canada.

There was promise at the beginning of the war that Canadians would find leadership from both sides of the House in the great crisis through which they were called to pass. Sir Wilfrid said he would not use the bloody key to open the door to office. But the public has seen to it that if Sir Wilfrid was not ready to use the bloody key, he had no hesitancy in permitting his followers to endeavor to put it to effective use.

Expected to Force a General Election. The campaign which was instituted against Sir Sam Hughes and the military department was clearly not begun with the purpose of aiding in the winning of the war. It had for its prime object the defeat of the government and the enthronement of the Liberal leaders. A prominent Liberal in this city who visited Ottawa when the Kytel charges were launched came back with the news that the government was wrecked and that there would be a general election held within a few weeks! Where did he gain this idea, if not from the Liberal headquarters? The fact lends added evidence that the Kytel charges were deliberately launched in the absence of Sir Sam Hughes from Canada, in the expectation that the government would be forced from power by the withdrawal of their own supporters. Sir Sam's absence was in itself a suspicious fact, since Sir Wilfrid failed to tell the House the minister had first asked him if he knew of any reason why he should remain and had been told he knew of none. Mr. Kytel sought to make his charges so convincing that disaster would befall the Borden administration before it could do ought to save itself. As the country has already seen, there were Conservative members, among them no less than Hon. Andrew Broder, who voted against their own leader upon the issue raised by Mr. Kytel. We wonder what Mr. Broder thinks of his own position in view of the humiliating failure of the Kytel allegations.

Failure of Charges is Damning to Liberal Leaders. And since these charges are so evidently ill-founded and are heading toward an ignominious end it becomes evident that the Liberal party cannot escape the responsibility that it incurred when Sir Wilfrid Laurier permitted Mr. Kytel in the name of the Opposition and with Opposition support to bring his charges before the House and the country. The failure of these charges is the most damning incident that has ever befallen the Liberal party. Not even the reciprocity fiasco can compare with the injury that failure to prove Jot or tittle of the complaints has done to Liberalism. The reason is that the charges were plainly launched without regard whatever for the fortunes of the Empire and the allies in the great war. They were lodged, it already appears, without the least pains having been taken to discover whether there existed what in the courts is known as a

prima facie case. As the Ottawa Free Press said this week: "With Canada engaged in a war that means life or death to the British Empire and all it stands for, is there anything 'liberal' about the man who continues to place party interest above national interest, who deliberately besmirches reputations for a selfish purpose, who delights to embarrass those upon whom fate has placed burdens almost greater than that can bear?"

Sir Wilfrid Creates Trouble For Overburdened Ministers. The responsibilities of the war have robbed the Prime Minister and more than one of his ministers of possibly years of life. It is remarked by those who have seen him from time to time during the struggle that Sir Sam Hughes has aged ten years. But Sir Wilfrid appears to his friends to be as bithe and chipper as ever. His good health gives them great pleasure, as it should give pleasure to all Canadians. But ought not Sir Wilfrid to have some thought for those who are carrying the heavy burdens of the crisis and make it possible for him thus to enjoy health through freedom from care? If the leader of the opposition has so little time that he cannot awaken Quebec from its stupor,

Druggist Took Ill. Yesterday at noon a little girl entered Robert E. Coupe's drug store on Main street for the purpose of making a purchase, and found Mr. Coupe there in an unconscious condition. F. S. Thomas was notified, and he summoned Dr. W. F. Roberts, who found Mr. Coupe suffering from heart trouble. After receiving treatment he was conveyed to his home on German street.

Elected Officers. At a meeting of the N. B. Tourist Association held yesterday morning in the Board of Trade rooms F. A. Dyckman was elected president; J. E. Seccord, 1st vice-president; A. C. Currie, treasurer; H. W. Rieting, auditor; E. A. Schofield, chairman of advertising and publicity committee; F. C. Smith, H. W. Rising and H. G. Marr, committee on subscriptions.

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he at least had time and to spare in which to have set an inquiry on foot as to what foundation there might be for the Kytel charges, before he allowed these charges to become public, before reputations as precious as his own, had been besmirched, before the country's good name, maintained at Givenchy and St. Julien and in the Ypres salient, had been made a subject for jest and criticism in foreign countries, before the idea could have been formulated that Canada was in the hands of rogues, before one of his own party newspapers could have been misled into asking if Canada were worth fighting for or dying for. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's failure to rise to the great occasion in this war is the greatest failure of his whole public career. By his own act he has destroyed his personal prestige to so alarming an extent that, as already noted, one of his chief supporters arises in his presence to announce that he has no sympathy with the tactics of the opposition led by Sir Wilfrid, and to say that it is within his knowledge that the people of Canada are behind the Government.

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