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PUBLIC BENEFACTORS.

It is clearly established by the St. John Standard, in its review and comments on the Stevens report, that the members of the late Murray government, along with Mr. George B. Jones, Mr. W. B. Tennant, Mr. Thomas Nagle, Mr. Thomas Bell and some others with whose names liberties have been taken by stupid witnesses at a stupid enquiry are in reality public benefactors. That \$120,000 or more received by Mr. Tennant was earned by arduous and noble toil. The modest honorarium of \$20,000 or so which was received by Mr. Nagle was but a trifling reward for valued public service. The \$20,000 carried by Mr. Jones to the safe in the office of the attorney-general and taken thence by Mr. Bell was money for which somebody had given laborious and perspiring service to the community. It was perfectly proper for Mr. Murray and his colleagues not to know anything at all about it. What business was it of theirs? And the other \$100,000 or so in connection with which the name of Mr. J. K. Fleming has been mentioned—if any such sum passed to anybody it was clearly in the public interest. Indeed we are very greatly indebted to the late government and its friends for their zeal and public spirit. If the Valley Railway cost a quarter of a million, or even a million, more than it might have cost, there is the more credit to these watchdogs of the treasury. When we consider how thoroughly they were engrossed in the great task of thinking out the way to win the war, and make New Brunswick blossom as the rose, the real wonder is that somebody did not steal in and get away with fifty cents or one dollar of real graft. We were saved from that loss. The Murray government and the gentlemen already mentioned were the guardians and protectors of the people's rights, and it must be plain to everybody that their services would be cheap at a million dollars; while the example of their iron fidelity to the cause of political righteousness and high resolve and noble zeal. There can be no doubt that the historian, measuring their deeds and comparing them with the record of the New Brunswick men whose graves are found in Flanders, will say that their devotion and sacrifice offer a finer example of genuine patriotism, lofty endeavor and unswerving honor, than that of them who died in Flanders fields. The files of the Standard will furnish the evidence. Let us all give thanks.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

The report of the commission on Workmen's Compensation is an exceptionally clear and very valuable document. Mr. Knowlton and the gentlemen associated with him have performed their duty with great ability, and the report offers a basis for such a Workmen's Compensation Act as will bring New Brunswick in line with other progressive provinces and countries in regard to this very important matter.

The report finds that the Nova Scotia act is better adapted to our needs than those of other provinces, and recommends the adoption of an act along similar lines, with some modifications and improvements.

The principle that "each industry should carry its own burden, so that every human life which is jeopardized by the process of creating should be paid by the industry affected," is now universally accepted. In framing legislation it is necessary to consider the ratio of hazard in different industries, and rate the industries accordingly. It is also wise to fix the maximum to be paid to any one employee or his dependents. There is then the necessity for such regulations as will ensure prompt action and a full measure of justice in every case.

The commission strongly recommends that the government pay the administrative expenses in carrying out the terms of the act, and submits proof that this is the cheaper and more satisfactory way.

Of course the successful administration of such a law is far from being as easy as it looks, but the record of experience in other countries is available, and an intelligent and able commission would not require a long time to get the act working smoothly. Doubtless a workable act will be produced, safeguarding the rights of both employer and employee, and its adoption will be welcomed by the people as an important forward step in both industrial and social legislation. The commission whose report is printed today has done its work well, and the report should be carefully read by all, in order that a clear knowledge may be obtained of the principles upon which the new law will be based, as well as of the probable salient features of the measure itself.

Dr. Melvin, medical health officer of St. John, and Dr. McGrath, secretary of the provincial board of health, both present sound reasons for the formation of a health department for the province.

The Foster government dies daily—except Sunday. There is no Sunday issue of the St. John Standard.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier entertains no doubts as to the future of Canada. His words, spoken in Montreal last night, reveal him as a great Canadian who has the most profound faith in his country and its people. He said:

"The Canadian confederation is not on trial. It is stable and will last. There may be a cloud, and there may be reverses, but the light of freedom is always there, and will prevail in the end. Canada is a difficult country to govern. There are many languages, many races and many religious beliefs. However, it is not impossible. I do not expect Canada to forget its ancestors, and the country of its birth. I would not forget the land of my ancestors, dear old France. There is room for us all in this country. I am an old man now, but through my ministry I always endeavored to keep Canada together and make it a united people."

THE PEOPLE SHOULD CONTROL.

The city council of Toronto asked for legislation giving it control over the estimates of the school board, but Premier Hearst refused. In his comment on the affair the Toronto Star says:

"In refusing the request the Premier adhered to the established policy, that the school board is not dependent on the city council for the funds necessary for educational purposes, but collects its revenues by a school rate levied on assessable property. Something needs to be done, however, to establish a more direct responsibility on the part of the board of education to the taxpayers. An entirely separate tax bill representing the taxes levied by the ratepayers by the Board of Education ought to be issued, and the whole board should return to the electors once a year as does the city council."

The Star's contention is reasonable. The people should have some measure of control over those who spend the tax money.

The province of Ontario anticipates a rush of immigration after the war. A Toronto paper says: "Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, introduced a bill into the legislature yesterday afternoon giving the government permission to borrow five million dollars to be used in the development and opening up of northern Ontario. He said it was the intention of the government to provide for the flood of immigration expected after the war, and for the settlement of soldiers on the land. The money is to be used for the purchase of seed grains and seed potatoes and agricultural implements to be sold or distributed to the settlers; the purchase of cattle and live stock; the purchase of land; the erection of schools; for making loans; the erection and operation of creameries, cheese factories and grist mills."

Here is a hint from the United States, which is interesting in connection with the new food regulations in Canada. The Bangor Commercial says: "That the food regulations must be observed is borne in upon the understanding of the proprietors of fifty-seven lunch rooms in New York city, who now witness their places of business closed for a period of twenty-four hours for violation of the regulations. The next offense will be dealt with in far more drastic manner. The offending proprietors are warned that if they transgress again all supplies will be cut off from them, so that they will be forced to retire from business."

Rudyard Kipling says: "If for any reason whatever we fell short of victory the whole ideal of democracy would be dismissed from men's minds. Democracy, if it failed to maintain itself against the Hun, would die and be discredited. The Hun ideal, the Hun root notion of life, would take its place throughout the world. Under that dispensation labor would become a thing to be knocked on the head if it dared to give trouble and worked to death if it did not. That is what the world has banded itself together to resist."

The address of President Mackenzie of Dalhousie University before the Canadian Club last evening on Scientific and Industrial Research, was an admirable supplement to that delivered recently by Hon. William C. Redfield of Washington. It set out very clearly the value of pure scientific investigation and how it must be linked up with industry for the fullest development of the resources of the country. This is one of the lessons the war has taught the people of the British Empire.

The people of St. John are showing a growing interest in the question of public ownership. This is one good thing the New Brunswick Power Company has done. It has set everybody thinking and reading.

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"Being a poor young man, you need a thrifty, economical wife," said the kindly friend, quoted in the Boston Transcript.

"Not at all," replied the young man. "What I want is a rich and liberal wife."

Editor—"What do you mean by writing such phrases as 'The house burnt up'? We always say houses burn down."

Reporter—"Yes, but this one caught fire in the cellar."

"Well, doctor, if I got to die, I die contented. My life insurance is ten thousand dollars."

"I think, with the aid of stimulants, I can keep you alive for a week longer."

"Don't do it, doctor. Der bromium comes due day after tomorrow."

"Daddy," said Bobby, who was eating an apple, "what would be worse than finding a worm in this apple?"

"I do not know, son, unless it would be worse to find two worms."

"Oh," said Bobby. "It would be worse to find half of a worm."—Everybody's.

"I am sure I don't know where that boy of mine gets all his impudence and self-assurance; surely, not from me," complained the head of the family. "He returned home from school the other day to spend the holidays, as I supposed, and entering my office, he threw his hat on the floor, selected an easy chair, put his feet on my desk, lighted a cigarette, and then drawled:

"I say, dad, do you remember the time you were expelled from school for one day, in a burst of confidence, I had told him of my escapades as a boy."

"What do you mean, you young rascal?" I roared.

"Oh," said Bobby, easily, "I've been expelled, too. Astonishing, isn't it, dad, how such things will run in a family?"

—Chicago Daily News.

Girl of Eleven Pale and Lifeless

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Mrs. Stephen Hartman, Italy Cross, Lunenburg county, N. S., writes: "My little sister at eleven years of age became nervous, irritable and seemed all tired out. She had no appetite, was lifeless and drowsy, and her complexion grew pale and sallow. Finally she had to keep her bed and have somebody with her all the time. She was afraid of everything, would get excited and tremble till the bed would shake. As she seemed to be getting worse under the doctor's treatment, mother decided to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. After she had used about four boxes improvement was noticeable, and it was wonderful to see how much brighter and stronger she grew week by week. She used ten boxes altogether, and they cured her. She got fat and rosy and went to school every day with an ambition that she never seemed to have before. I do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to anyone, for it was indeed wonderful what it did for her."

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EUROPE BUYS CHEWING GUM.

London Agent Says the Habit Has Spread Since War Began.

The "great American habit" of gum-chewing is spreading in Europe and the war is directly to blame for it, said F. R. Yates at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. Mr. Yates recently arrived from London, under orders to buy chewing gum and ship it to England.

"American gum is a comparatively recent arrival in England and France," said Mr. Yates, "but the practice is fast becoming widespread, although personally I cannot see the slightest reason for it. I believe your American Tommies who flocked to the colors four years ago are responsible for introducing it, but now the officers encourage gum-chewing, and believe that it lessens the craving for cigarettes and tobacco."

Mr. Yates said that an American factory opened in England a short time ago to manufacture chewing gum is so overrun with business that it is six months behind in its orders. He said the small amount of sugar and flavoring used in gum-making added to the basic materials, make small inroads into the food stocks.



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