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## ROGERS TAKES A HAND.

We can understand now why Hon. Robert Rogers was not making noises indicative of great rejoicing when Premier Meighen visited Winnipeg recently. Mr. Rogers agrees with Hon. MacKenzie King that Union government is an usurper. More than that, in his view the Unionists are making sad havoc in the Conservative party, which Mr. Rogers regards as the bulwark of Canadian progress and prosperity. He does not agree with the remarks of Premier Meighen, or Sir George Foster, or any other Unionist to the effect that the Union government is justified in retaining power. A deputation of Winnipeg Conservatives waited on him on Saturday and asked him if there was an understanding that the Union parliament would end with the war. In his reply he said:

"Unquestionably it was the common understanding, not alone among ministers forming the Union government, but among the Canadian people everywhere as well, that the 1917 election was for the period of the war, run on a war time franchise act, an act that is no longer in existence."

To prove that the members of the Union government themselves held this view in 1917, Mr. Rogers quotes Hon. Mr. Carvell as follows:

"We who have disagreed with Sir Wilfrid Laurier are Liberals yet, and when the war is over we will start again where we were last week. We have lost none of our Liberal principles."

Hon. Mr. Calder is also quoted by Mr. Rogers. In December, 1917, Hon. Mr. Calder said:

"The day for polling is fixed for Monday, December 17th next. On that date our people from ocean to ocean will be given the opportunity to determine by their ballots whether or not during the period of the war and until demobilization takes place we are to have a non-partisan Union government to administer the nation's affairs."

Pursuing these quotations Mr. Rogers says on his own account:

"In view of all this it is indeed difficult to understand how certain recognized standard-bearers of the Conservative party in the past, who had been honored in having had committed to their care a trust as sacred as any that had ever been committed to men in the public life of their country, would now be parties to the bartering away of that trust to the detriment of that great party that had so signally honored and trusted them, and to the ruin of their country as well."

Certain recognized standard bearers like Premier Meighen and Sir George Foster will hardly welcome this broadside from Mr. Rogers on the eve of the West Peterboro by-election, election that election was caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Burnham, who believed, like Mr. Rogers, that the Meighen government had usurped the rights of the people. What Mr. Rogers thinks of the Meighen government is set forth in the following sentence:

"Those who believe faction government to be right must accept the responsibility for the disaster of ambiguity, the disaster of jobbing and tinkering which always leads to ruin, must accept the inevitable disaster of self-appointed, stillborn government, masquerading before the country under a plethora of titles."

This denunciation of the government by Hon. Robert Rogers at a time when it is appealing for support in a by-election is a burning of the bridges so far as the ex-minister is concerned. There is open war between Rogers and Meighen. It is an interesting development of the political situation. West Peterboro will ring today with the challenge of Rogers to the prime minister.

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

Vocational training is not an experiment. Neither is it a fad. To refuse to make provision for it is to deprive ninety per cent. of the school children of their rights. The nation that does not provide vocational training falls behind in the industrial and commercial competition of the modern world. The most valuable and voluminous report on technical education that has ever been prepared was submitted, in several volumes, to the Canadian parliament by a Royal Commission headed by Dr. James W. Robertson some eight years ago. That report recommended a large federal expenditure for vocational training. No action was taken for some years, but meanwhile American educators availed themselves of the report to get action in that country. The Royal Commission visited the United States, Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Germany and other countries and its report was exhaustive. Ottawa has at last acted upon it, and so have the provinces including New Brunswick. It is not a question, therefore, whether St. John should vote some money for vocational training, but whether it can afford to sacrifice the interests of the great majority of its boys and girls, who do not go through the present high school, to go out handicapped by ignorance into the industries and commerce.

Last year Ontario received about 1,000,000 from motor license fees, contributed by about 180,000 motorists.

## WILL INVADE CANADA?

The Times has received a copy of a publication named The Sinn Féiner, published in New York, and bought at a book store in St. John. On the front page in heavy black letters are the words: "England Attacks U. S. Navy—British Murder Prisoners." On the naval question an alleged London special despatch says:

"While the British and their friends in the United States are moving heaven and earth to sabotage the American navy, this government is scheming with Japan for a concerted attack on America. This whole matter of naval disarmament is fraught with the gravest consequences for the United States. British agents are now actively canvassing American Republican leaders in the hope of influencing the new administration to agree to their plans."

Of special interest to Canadians, however, is the following extract from a page written by Major Michael A. Kelly, whose photograph appears beside that of Abraham Lincoln, presumably because Major Kelly is regarded as a modern Lincoln. Major Kelly says:

"The British have tried our patience long enough. To remain supine any longer in the face of such wanton attacks on humanity would be to court our own destruction. With all solemnity we say that if Britain does not make peace with Ireland very soon an American army will be marching through Canada and an American fleet bombarding Britain's South American outposts. Our country will arouse the rest of the world against her and instead of her losing Ireland alone, half a dozen other republics will be reared on the ruins of the British Empire."

Where will Mr. Lindsay Crawford and his friends be when the American army starts on its march through Canada?

The Standard, discussing harbor commission says: "If there is an attractive proposition looking to harbor commission this city will vote unanimously in favor of it. But if on the other hand we refuse to swallow the bait which has been offered, to accept the sop handed out by a departmental head who, judging from his policy of the past few years, has not the interests of this port at heart, if we are unwilling to admit ourselves bankrupt and eager to take whatever dose of medicine McGillin politics, then harbor commission has no place in our civic programme."

Mayor Schofield invites any citizens who desire to criticise the estimates to go to city hall and they will get a hearing. That is a fair proposition.

Addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club of Montreal last week, Sir Arthur Currie said: "I am now seriously considering the approval of a course of lectures at McGill in politics. The name politics may frighten you, but do not let it do so. For such a course the students would be encouraged to attend, as well as other citizens, while the speakers at the various lectures would not be members, per se, of either the government or the opposition, but would give lectures entirely free from partisan bias, taking the subject of politics on its broadest basis."

When people of the middle age were young they were thrilled by stories of the Mad Mullah and his exploits in Africa. In those days pursuit of the murderous chieftain was perilous in the extreme. Today we read that what troops on the march could not do successfully has been done by airmen, who flew over the haunts of the enemy and by the use of bombs completely destroyed his power.

"Quebec needs prohibition as much as any place on the continent," says The Huntingdon Gleaner, "and if another rotten whiskey law is introduced the province will become but a resort for more and more saloon habitués, an undesirable class who will cause much trouble."

St. John will be well represented at the Montreal skating championships, and perhaps farther afield.

## MEN OF MONOMOY

### LOSE SURF BOATS

Portland, Me., Jan. 23.—The French freight steamer Bacchus, which occupied on Friday from the network of shoals off Chatham after grounding in the breakers, arrived here yesterday bringing the sixteen coast guardsmen of the Monomoy and Monomoy Point stations who assisted in guiding her out of the danger zone.

The guardians were forced to stand by until the Bacchus reached here because both their boats were lost in the thrashing of the propeller while she was working free of the shoals.

## MONTREAL'S IDLE

Montreal, Jan. 23.—The three returned soldiers alleged leaders of the unemployed here who last week raided a couple of restaurants, came before the Recorder's court Saturday, pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy and were allowed their liberty.

Colonel Gaudet, director of public safety, insists, despite protests, that the offices of the ex-service men's association in St. James street shall be closed. In the meantime, supplies of groceries have been sent to these offices for distribution.

New York, Jan. 24.—Apt Stmr Carmania, Liverpool, Western Cross, Halifax.



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## ALL ARE OFFENDERS.

My neighbor, Johnson, plays the flute, I hear him at it night and day; he cannot play it worth a hoot, and yet he whangs and whangs away. There ought to be a law, I've said, when much incensed by music stale, whereby punk flutists might be led to court, and fined, and placed in jail. For nowadays we all believe in shooting laws at every day; if anything should chance to prove, we want a statute, right away. And so I sat down to think how I might have a statute framed, to cinch that fluting Johnson gink, and make him sorry and ashamed. And as I sat, I heard him say to someone, just beyond the hedge, "I wish that hard would move me away—he surely keeps my nerves on edge. He has a wheezy phonograph that plays a lot of ancient slop; month after month I stand the gaff, for there's no law to make him stop. I'd play sweet music on the flute, soft, soothing chords that thrill and thrill, but when I start that fat galsot turns loose his clanking music m'ill. Now, you are learned in law, my man, so tell what methods one employs to get a statute that will can the scoundrel with a hollow laugh, "Before I squish my neighbor's flute I'd better bust my phonograph."

## THE ARTIST.

What has he left us, now that he is gone, Who accompanied with quiet, and was stirred To the depths by beauty's gaze, who heard Unseen pipes play sweet airs where we heard none?

Prizes the world regards he never won. Fame knew him not, and he was friendless, poor; But when trade's worn-out wheels are thrown upon Time's old scrap heap, his visions shall endure.

For those elusive things he caught shall look Down from still walls, in no mere count-house, Or shine like jewels in some pensive book. Till custom's crusted heart may feel the dew. Yes, he, the sense-dulled spirit may arouse, Or faded colors of the soul renew. HALIFAX. ALEXANDER LOUIS FRASER.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

"Reverse English."

Sir Arthur Shipley, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, recently visited the United States and in an article in The Outlook (New York) relates an incident of the presidential campaign which he was told by a fellow-traveller on a train in Texas. "Last night," said his informant, "I sat next to a lady in the theatre, and I said to her, 'Do you think Governor Cox will be our next president?' She answered, 'What? I repeated: "Do you think Governor Cox will be our next president?" She said she didn't get me. Then I yelled in her ear for the third time, 'Do you think Governor Cox will be our next president?' adding, 'Are you hard of hearing?' 'Oh, no,' she softly answered; 'I have heard of Harding.'"

## Not Aiding Profit.

The third grade was studying multiplication and some of the children were having trouble with the tables. One boy was having a especially hard time, so his folks were helping him at home. One night they were questioning him, and his sister said: "Bireh, if you were to go down to the store to buy nine apples and the grocer told you they were seven cents apiece what would you say?" "I'd answer, 'Nothing,' immediately." "I'd say, 'Nothing,' don't, I won't pay it!" Indianapolis News.

## Dry Inside.

The football club had fallen upon bad times, and its true, loyal supporters were few and far between. But the prime mover decided to call a meeting of all "fans" in the club and football in the district."

Perhaps it was because it was a rainy night, but, at any rate, the room in which the meeting was held could have seated a great many more without overcrowding. At the sparse attendance even the great man who was fighting so valiantly for the continuation of the club was disheartened, and determined to cut short his speech.

"I'm afraid I have kept you too long," he said. But a voice from the back of the room called: "Go on please! It is still raining."

Houston Post.

## ALL QUIET TODAY AFTER LYNCHING

## Race Trouble Breaks Out in a Little Town in North Carolina.

Warrenton, N. C., Jan. 24.—This little town, the scene of the lynching of two negroes by a mob of masked men last night, was restored to quiet today. A company of home guards, ordered last night, too late to prevent the double lynching, still was on duty and further trouble was not anticipated.

The lynching was the culmination of several days of ill feeling between negroes and whites of Norlina, which reached a climax early Sunday in a pitched gun battle there in which five white men and three negroes were wounded.

Thirteen negroes were arrested. Last night a mob of about 150 overpowered John Green, negro jailer, took Alfred Williams and P. Bullock, two of the prisoners, a mile outside the town and ridged them with bullets.

When the mob gathered Sheriff Davis, who lives some distance from the jail, was notified. He started to town, but was fired upon and stopped by masked men. The men said they were guarding the jail from attack by would-be lynchers and said they had fired thinking the sheriff one of the attackers.

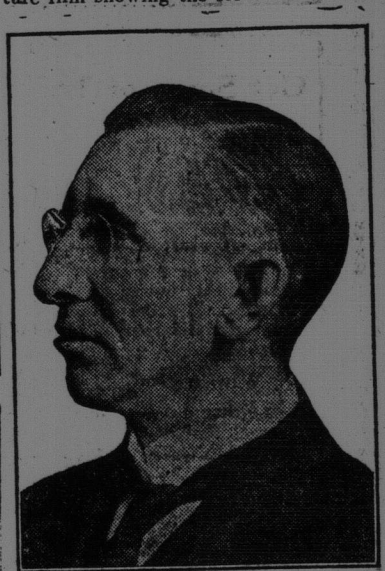
## GEN. MCBRIEN HERE

Halifax, Jan. 23.—Major-General J. C. McBrien, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., chief of the general military staff of Canada, made a formal inspection here Saturday. He left tonight for St. John.

Married in 1880, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Burgess of Phelps, N. Y., have just begun the 71st year of their married life in the same house where they lived when first married.

## AN EMINENT ENGINEER.

John Murphy of Ottawa, who will address the Canadian Club and the Engineering Institute of St. John this week recently announced that he had been able to obtain an excellent moving picture film showing the formation and action of a glacier.



John Murphy, M. E. I. C., Ottawa.

tion of frazil, is the electrical engineer of the department of railways and Canada consulting electrical engineer to the board of railway commissioners for Canada.

He has had a distinguished career as a consulting engineer. During the last year of the war, the fuel controller of Canada appointed Mr. Murphy as his special agent to present coal consumption for the production of power where hydro-electricity was available. Ever since his appointment to the department of railways and Canada, Mr. Murphy has been acting as consultant for almost every department of the Dominion government in which hydraulic or electrical problems have arisen. He is a member of the Dominion Power Board, and has been a member of the Canadian section of the International Electro-Technical Committee since its formation. He is also a fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a councillor of the Engineering Institute of Canada. In 1915 and 1916, Mr. Murphy was chairman of the Engineering Institute's Ottawa branch.

## SOME FEAR OF REPRISALS BY THE DOMINION

## Questions of British and U. S. Financing and American Tariff.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Before Great Britain and the United States agree upon the plan to repay the foreign loan and adjust the interest payment of which has ceased for some years, the house ways and means committee will report, according to a plan of the measure, a permanent tariff bill, which will naturally have some bearing upon the loan and this country's financial relations with other countries.

Already the fear has been expressed by those appearing before the ways and means committee that our nearest neighbor, Canada, will adopt some retaliatory measure against a high tariff that will work harm to American trade. One witness last week, representing a Minnesota lumber firm, declared in favor of a continuance of the present schedule of duties, and expressed the fear that Canada would place a prohibitive export duty on pulp wood as one way to retaliate against a tariff detrimental to freedom of trade with the United States.

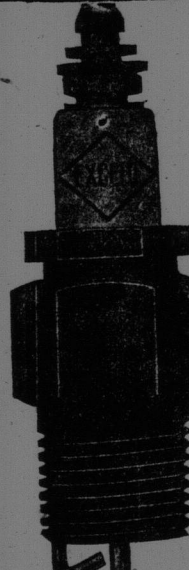
Such is not the view of Representative Watson of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee. He favors a high tariff and, if necessary, the cancellation of the foreign loans, rather than a continuance of a policy which would permit debtor countries to pay their debts by trade.

"A national debt of \$24,068,000,000, including \$9,530,000,000 lent to our allies during the war, but not including \$4,225,000,000 advanced to them since the armistice, presents an economic question that emphasizes the necessity of high tariffs," said Mr. Watson. "The cancellation of the United States loans to European governments by maintaining a protective duty would be a wiser financial plan than to invite the payment of them by a free trade policy."

## DYNAMITE BLAST

### WRECKS PARLOR

Dartmouth, N. S., Jan. 23.—A twenty pound stone with a shrapnel accompaniment of slate rock fragments tore through the front of Frank M. Tierney's house, Windmill road, Saturday afternoon and wrecked the parlor, causing damage of \$1,000. Town workmen engaged in widening the road had set off a dynamite blast fifty feet away. They say it was the usual charge of dynamite and were astonished at the damage done. There was nobody in the room at the time.



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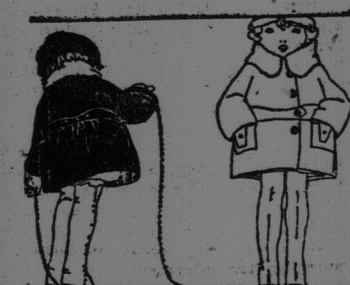
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