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MR. BELL'S CYNICAL SCEPTICISM.

The Leader of the Opposition has so developed the art of fault-finding that he has become cynically sceptical of the honesty and integrity of the farming community as well as of the legislators. It will be remembered that Dr. Robertson urged the people of this province to increase production to prevent a famine should the war continue, and he addressed the legislature and promised an advance from Ottawa up to \$5,000 provided the local Government put up an equal amount, to loan to farmers if necessary to buy seed. The whole House agreed to the procedure to be followed, which was that the disposal of seed was to be placed in the hands of the officials of the Egg Circle associations who were to be made responsible for the distribution. Mr. Bell has since tried to make out that the Government never properly accounted for the \$2,500 which the Dominion Government had advanced on account of the \$5,000 promised if necessary.

Mr. Bell knows better—as does Mr. Saunders and Mr. Gallant, for they are members of the Public Accounts Committee and had before them both the Auditor and Mr. Kerr; the Poultry Expert and chairman of

the Canadian Farm Products with which the Egg Circles have been amalgamated; to whom had been entrusted the distribution of seed. The Auditor produced the books which showed that \$2,500 was received from Ottawa on April 6th, 1918, and on April 14th of the same month a cheque for the same amount \$2,500 was handed over to the Canadian Farm Products, Ltd. Mr. Kerr stated that after allowing for printing and advertising the Farm Products Limited had \$2,136.11 to be returned to the Government if they had no loss. They had expended \$12,805.76 out of the company's own money in the purchase of seed which was distributed broadcast. If a person wanted seed the Association sent it to him. Farmers' Institutes and other farmers vouched for the applications, and of the quantity supplied only \$4,400 was now outstanding, nearly all good and collectable, as he did not estimate the outside loss to be greater than \$300.

Here Mr. Bell had a complete refutation of his charges and insinuations against the Government, but he has not yet seen fit to withdraw them and apologize for making them.

OPPOSITION WORRYING.

When the Liberal members and press are hard up for arguments, and they are exceedingly hard up at present, they unfailingly resort to their stock in trade—prediction.

Prophecy has ever been a symptom of Liberal collapse. It will be remembered how the welkin rang previous to elections in the Mathieson regime. "The Mathieson Government is doomed" was shouted from the house tops. "The Mathieson government is doomed" formed the political headlines in the Liberal press. Yet, one after another the elections passed and the Mathieson Government failed to fulfil the prophecy.

Similar symptoms are again in evidence among the opposition job-hunters. The Arsenault Government is now the subject of prophecy and there are at least as many reasons to believe it will survive the next election as there were that the Mathieson Government should survive.

Liberals as well as Con-

servatives are agreed that the present administration has been one of the cleanest and one of the most capable governments the province ever had; they are agreed that the opposition under Mr. Bell's leadership has outheroded any previous administration in misrepresentation, in falsification, in useless and meaningless obstructionism. The country is simply nauseated with reiterated and unsubstantiated charges that mean nothing and lead nowhere.

As was testified to at the complimentary dinner to Premier Arsenault the other night there has never been a more satisfactory or more generally popular administration in the province than that of the Hon. A. E. Arsenault. Its record is clean honorable and progressive and the opposition has failed lamentably to besmirch it notwithstanding all the mean and contemptible insinuations Mr. Bell and some of his followers have levelled at during the present session.

HINTS FOR THE MOTORIST

ALBERT L. CLOUGH

GARAGING CAR IN HORSE STABLE



M. P. asks: Does it do any harm to a car to keep it in a stable where horses are kept?

Answer: It is not good for fine body finish to keep a car in such surroundings, as the luster of the varnish is quickly dimmed by the ammonia gas, which is always present in the air. If the stable is well ventilated, and all sources of ammonia are kept removed, the effect may not prove serious but, if the place is not airy and kept clean, you will find the results not at all satisfactory.

WATER FOR FILLING BATTERIES

T. O. C. asks: Is snow, melted in glass, or rain water caught in glass and kept in tightly corked glass jars, suitable for filling storage batteries?



Is it necessary to collect fresh rain water, each time the battery requires filling, or will it keep from one time to another?

Answer: Yes, if freshly fallen snow only is used and the rain water is collected only after rain has been fallen for sometime and the roofs have been washed clean. In order to avoid traces of metal, water that has been in contact with tin roofs or metal gutters should be avoided, the drip from slate, tile or shingle roofs being preferred and it is well to run all natural water through filter paper before bottling in order to strain out solid particles. Water

thus prepared and protected from the air will keep in good condition for a long time.

CLUTCH ACTION IS WEAK



T. McE. writes: Occasionally, when climbing a very hard hill, on high gear, my clutch begins to slip and continues to do so for some time. This seems to be growing more frequent lately. Will it do any harm?

Answer: Yes, it will finally ruin the surfaces of your clutch, whatever kind it may be. When slipping commences you should at once shift into second speed on which no slipping will probably occur. You should at once ascertain what causes this slipping and eliminate it. Insufficient spring pressure, ill advised lubrication or other faulty condition of the frictional surfaces may be causing the slipping.

SEASONABLE VARIATION OF TIRE TROUBLE

N. H. asks: Please explain why there is so much more tire trouble in summer than in winter?

Answer: High speed long distance driving is more common in summer than in winter and speeding is the most prolific cause of tire failures. The average daily mileage is greater in summer than in winter and tire troubles occur closer together, in point of time even if not closer together in point of mileage. Cemented repairs are likely not to hold in hot weather, while they are comparatively reliable in cold weather. Doubtless snow and ice cover many sharp objects which, if exposed, might cause punctures. Many cars are not used in the winter, but their tires deteriorate during that season, and finally give out during the summer driving season.

Questions of general interest to motorists will be answered in this column, space permitting. Address Albert L. Clough, care of this office.

Canadians Sail From Siberia

VLADIVOSTOK, May 11.—The steamship Empress of Japan sailed today with the balance of the 260th Battalion and details of seven hundred men of all ranks. The steamship Empress of Russia is due to sail about May 18th with the remainder of the Canadian Expeditionary Force with the exception of the necessary administrative details which will remain here for some time.

The Fighting 26th Left England Saturday

(St. John Standard, May 9.)

While the citizens will turn out en masse tomorrow morning to welcome home the heroes of the 4th and 6th Siege Batteries, they will be pleased to learn that a cable was received from Major "Sandy" McMillan last night, which stated that he was sailing on the 10th with the 26th Battalion. This good news will not only be received with gladness by the people in the city of St. John, but will certainly be welcome news all over the province of New Brunswick. The Fighting Twenty-sixth is the New Brunswick Regiment, and while the originals who went overseas with Lieut-Col. J. L. McAvity numbered close on to eleven hundred officers and men, there is only a few of these brave fellows left with the regiment, while many have been returned invalided home, a great number paid the supreme sacrifice, and fill graves in either France, Belgium or England.

There is something over seven hundred officers and men coming to St. John with the 26th, and these brave men represent nearly every section of this province.

In the early stages of the war when the 26th was carrying on, the gaps made by killed and wounded were being filled by drafts of Western Canada men who were sent over from England. These were good fighting men all right, but as other New Brunswick battalions were being sent overseas it was decided that all New Brunswickers to be drafted to the Infantry should be sent to the New Brunswick Regiment—the 26th—so that this famous unit is now about all composed of the sons of this province. Men from the 104th, the 140th and the 115th found their places in the New Brunswick unit on the front line, and during the last year of the war men who were sent overseas from the First Depot Battalion of conscripts also found their way to this N. B. unit, and the late comers were found to be real fighters and quite able to keep up the grand record made by the men who were in service before them.

Lieut-Col. J. L. McAvity was invalided home, and the next officer to take over the command was Lieut. Col. A. E. McKenzie, who was killed in action, and since then the regiment has been under the able command of Lieut. Col. Brown, one of the original officers and a soldier who knows every

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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A SOOTHING FRIEND

If I were you With tendency for feeling blue, In view of circumstances caught I'd make companion of some pleasant thought, And play with it And walk my way with it, And in its friendly glow Find sweet forgetfulness of woe.

UNKINDNESS

Pray for a short memory as to all unkindness.—Spurgeon. Not a day passes over the earth but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words or suffer noble sorrows.—Charles Reade.

The kind of world one carries about in one's self is the important thing. The world outside takes all its grace, color and value from that.—James Russel Lowell.

It is human nature to hate those whom you have injured.—Tacitus.

For an immortal being to set his affections on the things of this world is the falling in love with a sparrow as it flies by us and out of sight.—Marcus Aurelius.

PRICE CANADA PAID

Buffalo Courier.—If anybody has not realized the price Canada paid for her participation in the war—and the gallantry of her soldiers—let them read the despatches which tell them only one officer and eight men of the Princess Pat regiment which went overseas at the start, returned with it last Sunday.

ery inch of the game, and like those who were the O. C.'s before him, is popular with the rank and file.

It could not be learned last night if the original plan to have the snipe dock in St. John would be carried out. The plan some weeks ago was that the ship would dock at the McLeod wharf, which place the originals left when going to war. It was stated last night that perhaps the ship might not come to St. John, but would dock at Halifax and the New Brunswick Regiment would be brought over by rail. At all events tomorrow will be the date for the boys to leave Old England on their journey homeward to relatives and friends, and it will be a happy home-coming for them all.

KING'S COLLEGE WILL CONFER DEGREES TODAY

(Windsor, May 8.—The Alumni Society of King's College convened in Convocation Hall, Wednesday, beginning at 10 a. m. The President of the Association, J. Walter Allison, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved, after which Archdeacon Vroom gave the report of the Executive Committee. The report opened with a hearty welcome to all King's men who have returned from overseas. He spoke of the splendid success which has attended the Advance Movement under the direction of Canon Vernon, and made mention of the £3000 legacy received from Lady Hallburton. Mention was made of the efficient work which Dr. Boyle had done at the College, and also of the very noteworthy progress of the Collegiate School under Mr. W. W. Judd. Last year the School had a record attendance, but this year it has surpassed even the former record.

The Association, it was stated has decided not to increase its fees. The report concluded by referring to the vacancies on the Board of Governors and on the Executive of the Alumni; offices made vacant through death and retirement. The phraseology of some of the clauses was changed. The Treasurer then rendered the accounts, after which the report as a whole was adopted.

The following were elected as members of the association: H. R. Jones, J. W. Huggill, J. B. Wintle, T. H. Winter, A. E. Gabriel, Dr. N. G. Teed, R. A. Miller, G. E. Trueman, J. T. Shupe.

For governors—Chief Justice Harris, Dr. N. G. Teed, A. B. Wiswell, W. W. Judd.

Canon Vernon moved that a list of the men who went overseas, and the rank which they held, be formulated and published in next year's report.

The meeting was then opened for discussion. Rev. W. W. Judd, headmaster of the King's College School, made some interesting remarks, and brought forward some facts concerning it which were not generally known. He said that as at present constituted the school is greatly handicapped, in so far as it is not an incorporate body, and therefore can own no land or property, or borrow money. All its members are transacted through the college, and this he felt was not desirable. He recommended that the alumni appoint a committee to enquire into the status of the school and its work. The meeting endorsed his suggestion and appointed the following committee:

Canon Smithers, Archdeacon Vroom, Chief Justice Harris, Chancellor Teed, Dr. N. G. Teed, L. Forsythe.

Mr. J. T. Teed then moved that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of war memorials. The motion carried.

Archdeacon Forsythe then pronounced the benediction, and brought the meeting to a close.

Degrees to be conferred at the convocation of King's College Thursday afternoon are:

Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) honoris causa—The Rt. Rev. J. Fielding Sweeney, D.D., Lord Bishop of Toronto.

Doctor of Divinity, in course—Rev. Henry Smart, M.A., B. D., New York, (in absentia).

Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) honoris causa—Rev. W. R. Hibbard, M. A., Headmaster of Rotherham Collegiate School.

Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) in absentia—Rev. Edgar H. Fletcher, L. Th.

Master of Arts (M.A.)—Robert A. Miller, M. A.; Sydney Smith, B. A.; Rev. Edwin Jukes, B. A.; Henry T. Pimm, B. A., in absentia; Rev. J. William Foster, in absentia; Cyril George Pearce in absentia.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)—T. B. Wintle; J. F. Shupe; A. E. Gabriel.

Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) ad eundem—J. M. Keefe, L.L.L., (Dal.) Rev. H. C. St. Clair, L.L.B., (Mich.); H. B. Vaughan Evans L.L.B., (Lond.).

Licentiate in Theology (L.Th.)—Rev. Joseph Prescott; Rev. Edgar H. Fletcher.

The prize winners to receive awards at the convocation are:

Governor General's Medal—T. B. Wintle, B. A.

Stevenson Scholarship (O.C. 1918)—Miss A. E. Miller.

Binney Exhibition—Miss L. Pickett and Reginald Parnell.

Alton Welsford Testimonial—G. F. Edsforth.

Bishop Binny Prize—Horace Walsh.

DeBlois Prize—T. B. Wintle, B.A. Matriulation Scholarships—G. F. Edsforth, Rotherham School; H. J. est, Rotherham School.

Canadians are the Backbone of Allied Forces in Russia

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, May 10.—The answer of the war office to the request of the Canadian authorities, that the Dominion troops be withdrawn from the Archangel front, is that the Canadians are the backbone of the Allied forces in Northern Russia, and the war office has asked that the Canadian troops be left there as long as possible.

Considering it would be in line with the Dominion's general policy to demobilize all troops as soon as possible Canadian authorities have asked that with the opening of navigation to Northern Russia the forces go relieved. Sir Edward Kemp will probably secure the government decision on this matter on his return to Canada.

Canada has 568 soldiers in Russia. In Mesopotamia there are still nine Canadian officers and in other ranks, the remainder of the Dunster forces or Bagdad Division.

Violation of Treaty

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, May 10.—A Russian government wireless message received today says that an Afghan mission has arrived at Moscow to establish relations between Afghanistan and Russia. This is in violation of the treaty between Afghanistan and Great Britain under which Afghanistan is not allowed to enter into relations with any foreign country excepting Great Britain.

Trade in Germany

(Special to The Guardian)

BERLIN, May 10.—The members of the Borse began trading in the streets today as the Exchange was closed. The war loan securities sold away below previous figures and trading in local loans was feeble. German shipping securities were down in price while foreign shares, notably Canadian Pacific and Baltimore and Ohio and the English pound notes rose noticeably.

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