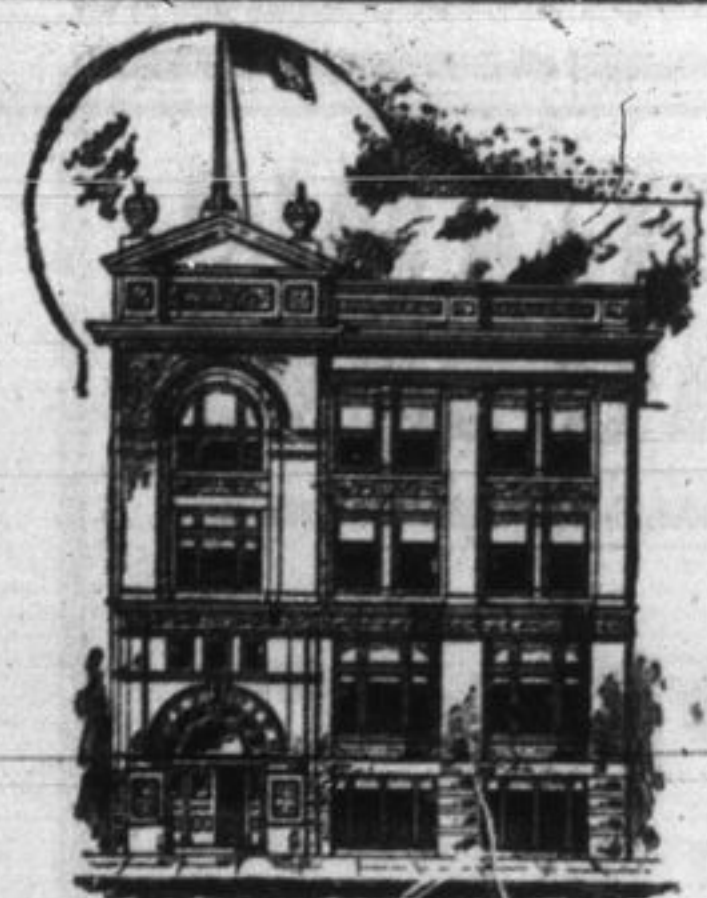


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POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

Another politician has antagonized his party on the liquor question and is in peril of self-sacrifice. Dr. Neely, M.P., a Liberal, is fighting the Scott Government on the prohibition question. He has been repudiated by the Liberal Association of Humboldt, which he has represented. Next he will appear before a party convention, and if it disapproves he is down and out, politically. The question arises, Must a member of parliament surrender his independence when he accepts a party nomination? Practically he does. He accepts the candidature to his party, and in doing so presumes to endorse its policy. When he differs from his party it is his privilege, if not his duty, to lay his case before the men who elected him and ask for an expression of their opinion. They may approve of his conduct, in which case he may be said to have reflected the mind of the party on the issue in question. If they do not approve, his duty is to resign his seat. He may seek re-election as an independent or as the candidate of the other side, which may adopt him. In Dr. Neely's case he is the federal member and he is fighting the local government, which is liberal. He is colliding, however, with his own party, and he cannot do this without injuring himself personally and politically.

GEN. INDISCREET HUGHES.

The German-Americans—and there are hundreds of thousands of them—are seeking an occasion for quarrel with Canadians. They are holding meetings at the frontier cities and talking of an invasion of Canada, an invasion which will end, it is alleged, in the annexation of it to the United States. The United States may not be seeking territorial expansion northward, but Uncle Sam may be asked to accept of a present of huge dimensions. The threatenings of these German-Americans might be ignored but for the fact that some Canadians are indiscreet. Chief of these is Major-General Hughes, who has been indulging in what the Toronto Telegram calls "wild chatter" of an irritating kind, staving read of the Londale case, and of the capital expedition forced upon the soldier in Berlin, the minister of militia threatens that if he is shot, three Germans at Fort Henry will be shot.

THE ATTACK ON DR. BLAND.

The more the Methodist thinks about it the more he feels that he has been personally and grievously insulted by Hon. Mr. Rogers in the vicious attack which he made upon Rev. Dr. Bland. The minister of public works has felt the sting of the preacher's rebukes before. Dr. Bland, as a professor in Wesley College, Winnipeg, and a preacher that is always in demand, has, following the example of the prophets of old, not hesitated to condemn wickedness in high places, and some of the censure Hon. Mr. Rogers has taken to himself. But Dr. Bland has not been a politician. He has not been a professional hypocrite. He has not, as Mr. Rogers alleges, endorsed, approved, and applauded every wicked act that has been committed by any

liberal. While stationed in this city he had occasion many a time to refer to aspects of public life which could not be appraised according to Christian ethics. No one who heard him, and knew him, would for a moment believe that he was actuated by any sinister motives. On the contrary he felt that the reverend gentleman was expressing his abhorrence of wrongdoing out of a pure heart. To those who knew Dr. Bland, then, in Kingston, and all over Canada, wherever he has carried the sweet gospel of reasonableness, the abuse to which he has been subjected by Hon. Mr. Rogers will come as a personal affront. If Mr. Rogers has an idea that his attack upon one of the finest characters in Canada will be forgiven, or that by him the trumpet note of a noble spirit will be silenced, he is certainly and egregiously mistaken.

STRIPPED THE COUNTRY.

The British Columbia Government is to be thanked for bringing to Canada from England an expert accountant, M. B. Cotsworth, F.G.S., to act as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, and redraft, revise and regrade the civil service of the province. It was while so engaged, and while not yet finished with his work, though the government was eager, for obvious reasons, to dispense with his services, that the occasion arose for an important investigation of provincial affairs. For this work he was employed by the Ministerial Association, and both he and the committee under whom he acted announced that they have not been actuated by political motives.

The indictment of the government is very severe. The statements of Mr. Cotsworth are said to be based upon documentary evidence, upon files of the government, upon information of a public character which has hitherto been suppressed. About 99 per cent. of the available agricultural lands of British Columbia have been alienated from the people to whom they belong. A list is supplied of firms and individuals in Canada and the United States who grabbed over 2,000,000 acres of tillable land. Laws were made in the interest of the public so that tens of thousands of acres could be secured under a power of attorney, to say nothing of the hundreds of square miles of coal lands, containing millions of tons of coal, that were sold to favorites for \$2 per acre. The extravagance and waste in all the public departments suggest a prodigal and wasteful rule, a maladministration of public affairs without a precedent.

The whole story is set forth in a pamphlet of considerable size, and freely circulated among the people. Meanwhile the premier is in England. He appointed a time for an election, and later cancelled it, in order to pacify his rebellious colleagues. Now he has to face public opinion. The Secretary of the Commission, in presenting the report at a recent public meeting, said: "God knows what further inquiry will be found. Never in the history of humanity has there been such desperate need for the investigation of a government. They have stripped this country to the bone. If we allow them to get back into power for another five years they will pick the very marrow out." Strong language, but not any stronger than the circumstances demand.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The war has settled one thing, namely, the value of the Colonies to the Empire. It has solidified Great Britain and under it the Greater Britain.

It is announced that the British Government is considering the question of fighting the devil with fire. The devil in this case is the Hun, and he is suspected of having a very close relationship with his satanic majesty.

Lower, since the Chancellor of Great Britain, suspected that the Colonies would kick when they were taxed for imperial purposes. And they have voluntarily assumed great burdens financially on her account. Here is a revelation.

Even the Winnipeg paper which is said to be Bob Rogers', so friendly as it is to the minister of public works, denounces the wanton attacks that have been made on Dr. Salem Bland. For once the minister of elections went too far in his abuse.

The McBride Government is charged with letting its friends plunder and rob the province of British Columbia of agricultural and coal lands to the value of millions of dollars. The indictment has been put in print. It must be met at the bar of public opinion.

In New York the police have been helped by the organization of the boys as preservers of the peace. They are uniformed and given certain provisional power. They succeed where the men do not. An outcome of the Juvenile Court and boy city which is more than an experiment.

An occasional letter from Germany may indicate that the British prisoners are faring well, but accounts generally agree that they are

the victims of German malignity. If any one suffers from the brutality of the Huns he is the representative of the nationality that checked the Kaiser's plans.

In the pavement on Wellington street being dug up, in the search for a gas leak, under the direction of the engineer's department? The Works Committee should see that the Utilities Committee does not interfere with its duties, and it appears to be successfully trespassing at the present time.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The 14th Regiment has been invited to take part in a big military demonstration in Toronto on Dominion Day.

The police force consists of twelve men. In 1864 there were sixteen policemen and in 1865 twenty-five.

A special meeting of the Streets Committee was held to-day. The total sum asked for is \$32,000. A great many soldiers in the Battery are laid up with gripple.

The Debt Increase.

We are informed that in estimating last week the increase of the public debt, we sought to have said that the proceeds of the \$25,000,000 loan lately located in London would probably be used to pay floating liabilities. Even so, we should not be convinced that Mr. White has established an equilibrium between income and outgo, and that debt increase, except in so far as the United Kingdom contributes to the maintenance of the Canadian soldiery, has come to an end. A decrease of the total foreign trade for the past year of more than one hundred and thirty millions is announced. There will be inevitably a greater decrease this year unless the most sanguine expectations of the crops are more than realized. As to the crops, we hear that the west is dry. The coulees are empty and the farmers are seeding in clouds of dust. A decrease of trade involves a decrease of customs revenue, and it involves Mr. White in more borrowing. His difficulties are great. He has been obliged to double the price of post-office money orders payable abroad to keep his gold supply from leaking out through that hole. He will probably find it necessary to reduce expenditure on the Welland Canal, if not to abandon it for a time.

Attack On Mr. Bland.

Rev. Mr. Rogers, in Montreal. A few clergymen, but fortunately very few in number, through want of knowledge, are simple-minded enough to venture to re-echo from their pulpits some of the misrepresentations being published from day to day in the Grit press of our country. It might be well for these individuals to better study and better understand the true conditions before undertaking to enter upon a discussion of public affairs, for, if they have no better knowledge of their Bible and its teachings than they appear to have when they undertake to discuss public questions, all I can say is, may God have mercy upon the souls of the unfortunate people that depend upon such individuals for spiritual instruction and direction. Of course the case of Professor Bland is somewhat different, in that he is a well-known professional hypocrite, who has ever been ready to endorse, approve and applaud every crooked act that has ever been known to have been committed by any Liberal. For such an individual as this, who has never been guilty when speaking politically to have any regard for either principle or truth, one can well afford to look upon with feelings of sorrow rather than of anger.

No Lists For Manitoba.

Manitoba Free Press. The point raised by the Ottawa correspondent of the Free Press in a dispatch yesterday, that in the event of a general election in June there would be no legal lists for the Manitoba constituencies, is well taken. If there is any election in Manitoba, in June, as is freely predicted, it will be held upon lists illegally compiled by party workers and polls illegally fixed by the same partisan agencies. These are considerations which would not deter Mr. Robert Rogers for a moment; but it is not unreasonable to assume that they will have greater weight with Sir Robert Borden and Honorable C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice.

Many a family Bible is more ornamental than useful.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. Illustration of a man and a woman.

THE POLITE MAN

When Wiggelwax is on the street, a charming smile adorns his face; to every dame he bows to meet, he bows with courtly grace. His car, when riding in a car, to any girl he'll sweetly yield; and women praise him near and far, and say he is a Chesterfield. Throughout the town, from west to east, the man for chivalry is famed. "The Bayards are not all deceased," the women say, when he is named. At home this Bayard isn't thus; his eye is fierce, his face is sour; he looks around for things to cuss, and jaws the women by the hour. His daughters tremble at his frown, and wonder why he's such a bear; his wife would like to jump the town, and hide herself most anywhere. But if a visitor drops in, his manner changes with a jerk, he wears his false and shallow grin, and bows like some jim-twisted Turk. Then for his daughters and his wife, he wears his smile serene and fat, and callers say, "No sordid strife can enter such a home as that!" A million friends like Wiggelwax are smirking on the streets to-day, and when at eve they seek their shacks, they'll beef and grouch, the old stake way.

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FRICITION IS RENEWED.

Father Murphy Retires From Ottawa College Staff.

Ottawa, May 7.—The deplorable English-French friction at Ottawa University evidenced last summer, when Rev. Father James Fallon, was removed by the Oblate provincial superior for his connection with separate school election, has again broken out.

The latest development in the resignation of Rev. Father Stephen Murphy, who was appointed to succeed Father Fallon and who, a week or so ago, withdrew from the institution, presumably on the ground of ill-health, but, it is said, really as a culmination of a state of affairs which the English-speaking fathers and Irish-Catholic supporters are understood to have deemed unbearable. Father Murphy does not intend to return.

A prominent English Catholic discussed the situation as follows: "Affairs among the students have been in a more or less constant state of turmoil and uneasiness since Father Fallon's departure and that condition has been accentuated since Father Murphy left. More than half the students are English-speaking, and I believe that few of these will return after the present term. The English-speaking bishops and priests of the province are, under the circumstances, not standing behind the university. The institution is now clearly French and how a French university will succeed in Ontario remains to be seen."

WIRELESS FOR ADMIRALTY.

Powerful Station Being Erected Near Kingston, Jamaica.

New York, May 7.—Great Britain is erecting a powerful wireless station in the Blue Hills, near Kingston, Jamaica, according to the Rev. George B. Stalworthy, a Unitarian minister who returned to-day on the steamship Juan, from a five months' visit to that island. He said officials on the island thought the new station, which was three hundred feet above the sea level, was intended to enable the Admiralty to send messages to the warships on the South Atlantic station. Naval officers stationed at Kingston had informed him that if such a plant had been in existence at the beginning of the war it would have prevented the defeat of Sir Christopher Cradock's fleet and enabled the warships on the coast to have picked up the Dresden and Karlsruhe before they sank so many vessels.

Jamaica is raising two squadrons of cavalry, composed of natives with English officers, to send to the front. The cavalry will be equipped and maintained by popular subscription on the island. A battalion of infantry numbering one thousand men, sailed for England with the Canadian troops, the minister asserted.

FIGHTING NEAR WARSAW.

But No Important German Move Is Noted.

Warsaw, May 7.—The absolute quiet which has prevailed on this front for several weeks has given place during the last few days to spasms of fighting on the front adjacent to Warsaw, but there are no indications of any immediate movements of importance on the part of the Germans near here. The Russians will take the offensive, it is generally believed, before the end of May.

Growing determination is evident among the Poles to prevent German influence from gaining a foothold when the war is ended, and decisions here centre on this and similar topics, rather than the probability of the Germans taking the city, which formerly was the main subject of conversation.

The wish is generally expressed here that the war shall be continued to a decisive point, regardless of the misery of Poland, as the Poles are ardently praying for delivery from German industrial and commercial domination, and unitedly hoping that the terms of peace will include Danzig, at the mouth of the Vistula River, as the new boundary of Russia, thus giving them an independent outlet for trade with the outside world.

Conservative Game at Renfrew.

Renfrew, May 7.—South Renfrew Conservatives want J. B. O'Brien to be their candidate for a seat in the Commons. He has not as yet been approached in the matter, but that it is the wish to have him run there is no doubt. Mr. O'Brien resides in Renfrew and is a brother of M. J. O'Brien the well-known contractor, whom it is hoped might be induced to remain neutral and give no help to the Liberals should his Conservative brother seek election to Parliament.

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