

## H. W. BLAIR COOLY LUGS OFF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

Premier Flemming Dumb as an Oyster on the Transaction - Dishonesty and Hypocrisy in Handling Public Business - Deal Too Rotten to Bear Investigation - Automobile Branch of Public Works Department

Fredericton, N. B.,  
April 4th, 1913.

The Sentinel:

Dear Mr. Editor, - The Hon. J. K. Flemming has not yet ventured to explain why some of the moneys of the province, paid personally to an officer of the government at his own request, were permitted to be withheld from the treasury records and to pass into the private pocket of the officer who asked that the money be paid to him. Mr. Flemming is very glib when he has a way out of things. But I venture to say he is not courting an investigation into the dealings with the province's funds exposed in answers to questions put in the Public Accounts Committee meeting three days before the Legislative Assembly prorogued. He will be as dumb as an oyster on this subject, great as might be his desire to find a way to bluff the public on the character of the transaction. The province's money went into the pocket of H. W. Blair, Secretary of the Board of Works, and there was no accounting of it in the records. The Auditor General who by law is required to know where every dollar of the public moneys come from and whither they go, says he knows nothing of it. The \$150 which Blair admits he received were not in the Auditor General's records, nor was the Auditor allowed to have any knowledge of the deal. Blair says that what he took was taken with the knowledge and concurrence of the Premier, and that the Premier must therefore take the responsibility. What is there in this deal that emboldens an officer to shoulder the responsibility upon his superior? There may be a suggestion in this, but the public feel there ought to be an explanation unless the deal is too rotten to bear an explanation. In how many other departments are the province's moneys thus handled for private use—thus speculated? What of the boasted system of accounting and audit upon which the Hon. J. K. Flemming, with his egotism and empty vanity, had almost shouted himself hoarse? Will the government appoint a committee from among its number to investigate? Not likely; as Blair says the leader of the government himself was mixed up in the business.

How long has the clerk who manipulates moneys that don't get into the accounts and the Premier been running together? Last year the Clerk, Blair, got moneys in addition to his salary under the head of extra services. The extra services were claimed to be connected with the automobile branch of the Public Works department. Although nobody is overworked, he got it without difficulty. The law of 1909, passed by this government, says that no public officer can claim anything for extra services, nor is he to be paid anything for extra hours. Yet Blair was paid for extras in the very face of this law! Will Mr. Flemming say that he was not aware of that illegal payment also? It could not pass the Auditor General without a kick. How did it pass? Blair got the money.

Some time ago one of the contractors under the Public Works department was discovered to have been buying supplies from another than Blair's brother. Blair put the screws on and it became necessary for the contractor, if he were to make a profit, to do as Blair told him, although he had been buying from other men at prices that were satisfactory. Did the leader of the government not know of this? If not, what were the considerations upon which that sort of business was allowed to go on?

At the last meeting of the Contingent Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Blair tried to get the committee to vote him a hundred dollars or so, on the plea that as

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## TOWN COUNCIL

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Coun. Balmain spoke on the condition of the entrance to Chapel street and said some place should be secured to store the vehicles, etc., that are now an eyesore.

Coun. Gallagher—We don't own any land in town except the Golf Links and Island Park and it was very doubtful under present circumstances that they could be used for any town purposes.

Coun. Lindsay—The town can use a piece of land near the armory until such time as I require it.

Coun. Dibblee said that I. Churchill wanted a sewer put in on College street. Referred to Sewer Com.

Coun. Dibblee spoke at some length on the deplorable drinking habit among small boys. He was satisfied that hotels and drug stores were not responsible for this, but it must be pocket peddlars. The Inspector fines the hotels at stated intervals, why not ferret out the people who are doing the pocket business. If the officials can't stop it, it is time to turn them out. There is drunkenness Sundays around town and if the Inspector can't stop this sort of thing it is time to get another. It is in the hands of the Council.

Coun. Gallagher—The Scott Act is a farce—the town is full of drunken men. If the Inspector is short of funds the hotels are fined. No honest effort is made to stop the sale of liquor. It is time something was done.

Coun. Balmain—I don't think conditions are as bad as pictured but they are bad enough. Some young men in town have one ambition only, to play poker and drink rum. I can't see where the Inspector can stop it—it is a hard case. There is only one way he can do it and this will not meet with approval.

Coun. Burden—The present enforcement is a farce. We all know that the intoxicated men seen about the streets do not, and cannot get liquor at the hotels and drug stores. The fines should be put on the pocket peddlars to stop the evil.

Coun. Jones—If Coun. Balmain was on King's street he would see a condition of affairs that would convince him that matters were bad enough—he would move that Inspector Colpitts appear before this Council Friday night to explain the situation. Carried.

Coun. Lindsay—The best remedy is to wipe the Scott Act off the statute books and substitute a license system. It is a good plan to have Inspector here. He was satisfied the Chief of Police was doing all he could to keep the drunks off the street.

Coun. Gallagher spoke in reference to a public dumping ground and read a letter from a land owner offering a dump in rear of the cemetery. Coun. Gallagher, Lindsay and Burden were appointed a committee to look into the matter and report.

Adjourned to meet Friday 11th inst.

### MARRIED

A happy event took place at the home of Mrs. Martha Pheaney, Woodstock, N. B., on Tuesday, April 8th, when her daughter, Minda Pearl, was united in marriage to Zemro K. Clark in the presence of a large number of the relatives of the contracting parties. Rev. S. H. Clark of Sandford, N. S., father of the groom, performed the ceremony, he was assisted by Rev. H. C. Archer.

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