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IN
GOODS
AND
SERVICE

Our Customers

have learned to depend upon our service in the same way that they depend upon our goods—there's true quality in both.

Right prices, in addition to honest goods and the best of service, ensure full satisfaction and are winning us new customers daily

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and
Supplies

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and
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Easter, 1914

The return of Spring suggests something new in Wearing Apparel. A few such suggestions in

Men's and Boys' Furnishings

Smart and attractive Shirts and Collars.
Novelties in Neckwear of a variety of Patterns and Newest Designs.
Derbys and Soft Hats just arrived. They are right up-to-the-minute in quality and style.
Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuff Links, and all requisites for gentlemen's wear.

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Specially low prices in Imported and Home Suitings in lengths for gentlemen's or ladies' suits or coats.

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For Easter

Lettuce, Radish, Cucumbers, Celery
and Ripe Tomatoes.

Also Hams and Bacon, at a very reasonable price

At A. E. BURDEN'S Grocery

SENSATIONAL CHARGES MADE ON THE FLOORS OF THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Premier Flemming Accused of being Party to Extortion of \$100,000 from Lessees of Crown Timber Lands--Investigation by Special Committee into Alleged Blackmail of Lumbermen Demanded--It is Charged Extortion was through Agency of W. H. Berry under the Direction of Premier Flemming--No Portion of Sum Collected has Been Paid into Revenue of Province--Meanwhile an "Ocean Trip" for Premier is Announced.

FREDERICTON, APRIL 6.—HON. JAMES KIDD FLEMMING, PREMIER AND MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES FOR THE PROVINCE, WAS FORMALLY CHARGED BY LOUIS AUGUSTE DUGAL FROM HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE THIS EVENING WITH HAVING BEEN A PARTY TO THE EXTORTION OF ABOUT \$100,000 FROM THOSE HOLDING TIMBER LIMITS. MR. DUGAL CHARGES THAT THIS MONEY WAS NOT PAID INTO THE REVENUE OF THE PROVINCE.

Mr. Dugal's resolution, of which he gave notice for Thursday next, recited the facts in a general way, connecting the chief superintendent of scalers, W. H. Berry, with the collection of this huge sum of money, and asked for an investigation by a committee of the House.

Mr. Dugal's formal notice of motion was as follows:

I BEG LEAVE TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON THURSDAY NEXT I WILL MOVE, SECONDED BY MR. PELLETIER, THE FOLLOWING MOTION NAMELY:

WHEREAS, LOUIS AUGUSTE DUGAL, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THIS PROVINCE FOR THE COUNTY OF MADAWASKA, HAS FROM HIS PLACE IN THE HOUSE THIS DAY FORMULATED CERTAIN CHARGES AGAINST THE HONORABLE JAMES KIDD FLEMMING, PREMIER, AND MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES, WHICH HE IS CREDIBLY INFORMED AND BELIEVES HE CAN ESTABLISH BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE, AND WHICH CHARGES ARE:

THAT THE SAID HONORABLE JAMES KIDD FLEMMING, THROUGH THE AGENCY OF WILLIAM H. BERRY, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCALERS OF THE CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT OF THIS PROVINCE, AND UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE SAID HONORABLE JAMES KIDD FLEMMING, IN THE YEAR A. D. 1913, DID UNLAWFULLY EXTORT FROM DIVERS LARGE LESSEES OF CROWN TIMBER LIMITS WITHIN THIS PROVINCE, A SUM OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER SQUARE MILE OF THEIR SAID TIMBER LIMITS, OVER AND ABOVE THE AMOUNT OF BONUS PAID BY THEM RESPECTIVELY AS SET FORTH IN THE FIFTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31st DAY OF OCTOBER A. D. 1913, IN PAGES 23 TO 27, THEREOF, BOTH INCLUSIVE, WHICH SAID AMOUNTS SO UNLAWFULLY EXTORTED FROM SAID LESSEES AMOUNTED IN THE WHOLE TO THE SUM OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, NO PORTION OF WHICH SUM WAS ACCOUNTED FOR OR PAID INTO THE REVENUES OF THIS PROVINCE, AND SAID MONEYS WERE EXTORTED FROM SAID LESSEES, AND PAID TO THE SAID WILLIAM H. BERRY, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT, AND UNDER DIRECTION OF THE HONORABLE JAMES KIDD FLEMMING, WHILE OCCUPYING THE SAID OFFICES OF PREMIER AND MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES, AND ALL OF SAID MONEYS WERE SO PAID BEFORE THE SAID LANDS WERE CLASSIFIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER ELEVEN OF THE STATUTES OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1913.

THEREFORE RESOLVED: THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE, CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS, BE NOMINATED BY MR. SPEAKER TO EXAMINE INTO THE SAID CHARGES, AND TO REPORT WHETHER THEY FIND THE SAID HONORABLE JAMES KIDD FLEMMING GUILTY OF SO DIRECTING THE EXTORTION OF SAID MONEYS BY THE SAID WILLIAM H. BERRY; THEN WHAT DISPOSITION DID HE MAKE THEREOF, TO WHOM THE SAID SUMS WERE PAID, AS WELL AS THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF ALL OF SAID MONEYS, AND THAT THE SAID COMMITTEE HAVE POWER TO CALL FOR PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS AND TO SUMMON AND EXAMINE WITNESSES UNDER OATH, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE CONSOLIDATED STATUTES OF NEW BRUNSWICK A. D. 1903; AND,

FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT SAID COMMITTEE DO PROCEED WITH SUCH INVESTIGATION UNTIL THEY HAVE FULLY INVESTIGATED.

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Dugal Charges that Valley Railway Contractors were Forced to Pay Money to Members of Government and Asks for Investigation—Province Robbed and Money Used For other Purposes—Railway Owes Contractors \$200,000—Alarming Condition of Affairs Demands Full-est Investigation—In Face of Alleged Robbery Flemming is asking for \$2000,000—Will Governor Demand the Resignation of his Ministers?

Fredericton, April 7.—More grave charges against the government were preferred this afternoon by Mr. Dugal. Right on top of the explosion of yesterday in regard to the timber bonuses comes another in regard to the Valley railway.

In his notice of motion this afternoon Mr. Dugal charges that some members of the government received sums of money from Valley railway contractors—that contractors were compelled to pay these sums to members of the government before they received their contracts.

Mr. Dugal's formal notice of motion was as follows:

"Whereas Louis Auguste Dugal, a member of the legislative assembly of this province, for the county of Madawaska, from his place in the house this day has declared and states that he is creditably informed and believes he can establish by satisfactory evidence:

"That the St. John & Quebec Railway Company has already received in actual cash out of the proceeds of the bonds guaranteed by the government of this province the sum of \$2,728,573, and from the dominion government on account of subsidy the sum of \$543,000, amounting in the whole to the sum of \$3,271,573.

"That the railway company has actually under construction 117 miles of railway between Gagetown and Centreville. That the said railway company has therefore received about \$28,000 per mile for railway actually under construction; that the grading on said 117 miles, which is only problematic item in the cost of construction of a railway, is all completed, and therefore the actual cost of completion of said 117 miles ready for operation can be easily obtained.

"That it will require \$600,000 additional money to complete said railway between Gagetown and Centreville, and the said railway now owes its various contractors the sum of about \$200,000.

"That the said railway, when entirely completed as aforesaid, will not cost the sum of \$28,000 per mile.

"That the books of the said railway company and of Messrs Kennedy & McDonald, the Hibbard Construction Company and James J. Corbett & Sons, who are the contractors under the said railway company, will show the actual cost to date, and James Taylor, inspecting engineer for the dominion government can tell exactly what amount will be required to complete ready for operation by the Intercolonial railway.

CHARGES DIVERSION OF MONEYS

"That a large amount of said moneys so paid the St. John & Quebec Railway Company was diverted from its proper channel and has been used for purposes other than the construction of the railway.

"That contractors under the said St. John & Quebec Railway Company were compelled to pay and did pay large sums to members of the government of this province in the year A. D. 1912 before they obtained their contracts as aforesaid.

"Therefore resolved, that a committee of seven members of this house be nominated by Mr. Speaker to examine into the said charges, and to inquire into the actual cost of said railway so under construction to date, and the further amount necessary for completion between Gagetown and Centreville, and also to find whether or not any of said moneys have been improperly diverted from the purpose intended, and if so, the persons to whom paid, and what amounts were paid out and to what members of the government for the purpose of obtaining contracts, as above alleged, and that the said committee have power to call for papers and documents and to summon an examine witnesses under oath, under the provisions of chapter 5 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick A. D. 1903.

"Further resolved, that said committee do proceed with such investigation until they have fully investigated such charges and reported upon the same to this house."

ANOTHER SENSATION

Premier Flemming was confined to his room all day with his physician in attendance. The charges made yesterday against the Premier have been discussed to the exclusion of other topics here today. There

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