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THE DUGAL CHARGES.

The most serious charge that has ever been made against a government member is the charge made against the Premier of this Province. He is charged with being a party to the extortion of \$100,000 from lessees of crown timber lands. The charges, made by Mr. Dugal, were not made on the spur of the moment. The matter was thoroughly investigated and the evidence secured before any action was taken. There is no use of the government papers blaming this one or that one for instigating the charges, they have been made by a member of the house and only a thorough inquiry will satisfy the people.

Rumors have been in circulation that all was not right in connection with the leasing of crown lands and the only surprise, if any, in the affair, is in the amount claimed to have been extorted from the lessees. There is no disposition to condemn the premier before an investigation is held; but there must be a thorough inquiry as the charge is the most serious that has ever been made against a member of a government. W. H. Berry, chief superintendent of government scalars, is mixed up in the affair and is said to have acted under the premier's direction. Undoubtedly there is much to be revealed to the public, and the public, although stirred by the recent developments will withhold final judgment until the full facts are known.

If there is any failure on the part of the government to conduct a fair investigation after well-grounded charges have been made, it will be the duty of the governor to take such action as he deems necessary, and we believe the people will credit him with being anxious to do his duty.

The insinuation that the present situation in Fredericton has "lofties" in it is too silly for serious consideration. It may be all right for \$100,000 to be unaccounted for and \$600,000 or \$800,000 to be "lost, strayed, or stolen" in connection with the Valley railway, but of course it isn't possible to try and trace these huge amounts, in the line of provincial interest, except at the risk of being accused of "politics."

A Presque Isle man remarked yesterday "Gould can put it all over your New Brunswick government." Quite correct—he is master of the administration.

Mr. Flemming's stomach trouble and shattered nerves did not prevent him from proposing a further bond guarantee of \$10,000 a mile. This is a cool performance for a man charged with blackmail.

Mr. Flemming cannot distract attention from himself by attacking Mr. Carvell. The extortion charge must be cleared up.

FURTHER CHARGES.

Mr. Dugal charges that a large amount of money paid the St. John and Quebec Railway Company was diverted from its proper channel and used for purposes other than the construction of the railway. He charges that contractors were compelled to pay large sums of money to members of the government before they obtained their contracts. These charges were made by Mr. Dugal on the floors of the house Tuesday.

What will the sanctimonious premier do about it? Watch him.

Mr. Gould is "Johnny on the spot." When it was announced that the Premier was unable to leave his room Gould took the reins. The leader of the government had personal charges made against him and the "man from Maine" knew he had something to explain.

The St. John Globe and the Standard both demand a full investigation of all the charges preferred by Mr. Dugal.

The sudden death of Mr. John H. Bagley comes as a benumbing shock to the whole community. A vigorous man in the prime of life might have confidently expected that he would have been spared to many more years of usefulness. The high was respected by many friends.

opinion of his worth is amply shown by the expressions of regret heard on all sides. He was a man of likeable qualities and was generous to a fault. It is not surprising that his death is keenly felt and those who knew him the best will miss him the most.

In the legislature this week there have been proceedings of a serious nature. A member has placed his seat in jeopardy in order to make charges of a grave character against the Premier of the province. The charges are published elsewhere in this paper and there is no necessity to repeat them. They are the result of serious and determined work on the part of a small Liberal group about the legislature. L. A. Dugal and Joseph Pelletier of Madawaska, the only opposition members, have won the respect of all men by their courage in the face of many difficulties. They have had assistance in their preparation of questions and in their investigations but their work in the House of Assembly speaks for itself.

OBITUARY

NEWTON ESTEY.

The death of Newton Estey, a former resident of Florenceville, N. B., took place in New York on Wednesday last. Mr. Estey lived for many years in Florenceville where he was respected by many friends.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES

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is but one opinion—that there should be the fullest investigation; not only into them but also into those preferred this afternoon in connection with the cost of the Valley railway.

The Gleaner tried in this evening's issue to divert public attention from the real issue by attacking F. B. Carvell, M. P., and saying this is a last and desperate effort to hold up the Valley railway. No man has worked harder for the Valley railway than F. B. Carvell, and in an interview in the Mail yesterday he said that the portion of it under construction must be completed, no matter what happens; but he stands firmly for an investigation into the expenditure already made upon the road, and to this end to-day Mr. Dugal asked for a committee of investigation, coupled with the grave charge that large amounts of money had been diverted from the legitimate purposes intended and paid by contractors to some members of the government before the contracts were signed in 1912.

These charges did not surprise anyone after what transpired yesterday, for the irregularities in connection with the construction of the Valley road have been talked about in every village in the province.

Recently came the Southampton trial and exposure, and later the statement of H. F. McLeod in the Commons at Ottawa saying that he had known of these irregularities all the time. This remarkable confession seemed to awaken the public and show what kind of people were in control of provincial affairs. After that came the demand of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company for another bond guarantee of \$10,000 per mile, which meant a further liability of \$2,000,000 upon the province.

HOW THE INVESTIGATION CAME ABOUT

The opposition to this on the part of many members, and the trips to Ottawa for further assistance for the bridges, have all delayed the legislation, and in the meantime events have crowded thick and fast. Stories of a huge graft in connection with the timber license bonus began to leak out, and when followed up seemed to have so much of truth in them that further investigation revealed a wretched state of affairs. The preferring of charges based upon the evidence was considered the only thing to do in the interest of the public, and Organizer E. S. Carter, who had the evidence, asked for the assistance of one experienced in parliamentary procedure, F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton. So far from Mr. Carvell knowing the nature of the charges and the evidence, he was in ignorance of both until made acquainted with the facts, and only after careful examination and inquiry were the charges made by Mr. Dugal, who was convinced of the correctness of his position and was actuated solely by his high sense of public duty. Both he and his colleague from Madawaska have done splendid work during this session, and if they succeed in having the investigations asked for they will have performed a signal duty as representatives of the people. Such duties are not pleasant, and only men of high resolve and the best motives would have undertaken the task.



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MRS. CHARLES TILLEY.

Mrs. Mary Amelia Tilley, aged 75 years, widow of the late Charles Tilley, and formerly of Woodstock, passed away Friday night at the residence of her son-in-law, Charles K. Palmer, Fredericton. One son, J. Frank Tilley of Montreal, and three daughters, Mrs. George F. Burpee of Avondale, Carleton county, Mrs. Charles K. Palmer and Mrs. J. T. Brewer survive.

The funeral service was held Sunday evening and was conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin. A male quartette sang most beautifully "Nearer My God To Thee", "Sleep Thy Last Sleep" and Christian "Good Night". The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Another service conducted by Rev. R. W. Weddall and Rev. Wm. Penna was held at the residence of her son in Woodstock, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the Methodist cemetery. The pall bearers were: Dr. Sprague, Dr. Camber, H. E. Burr, C. L. Smith, Frank Atherton, H. V. Dalling.

MR. AMOS BULMER.

Mr. Amos Bulmer, who has been employed by Mr. A. J. Hayden for a quarter of a century, died Friday night, aged 65 years. He is survived by a wife, four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Ernest Robinson, Misses Ida, Cassie and Beatrice at home; Frank of Portland, Me., and Alfred at home. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. The pall bearers were Messrs. Godfrey Worth, Will Bragdon, Horatio Atherton, John Smith.

Miss Delia Dibblee, who has been an invalid for 30 years, died at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. F. Byron Bull, Friday afternoon. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Byron Bull and Miss Fannie Bull, and two brothers, C. F. K. of Woodstock, and Edward of New York. The funeral took place on Monday. The pall bearers were—Charles Peabody, Sterling Peabody, Arthur Raymond, C. L. S. Raymond, Rev. A. S. Hazel was the officiating minister.

MRS. JOHN MAJOR.

Mrs. John Major, Queensbury,

York Co., died Sunday night, April 4th, age 45 years, of measles followed by pneumonia. On Tuesday while they gathered at the house for the funeral her husband died, age 67 years. Mr. Major had been in poor health for a number of weeks. They leave to mourn their loss one son George at home, four daughters, Ethel, clerk at Thomas Brewer's store at Hawksbury, Sarah attending Normal School at Fredericton, Susie and Elva at home. Mr. Major was buried on Thursday.

JOHN H. BAGLEY

John H. Bagley who was kicked by a horse Saturday evening, passed away Wednesday morning as a result of the injury. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Deceased was 51 years of age and for a long period was a member of the Woodstock Fire Department from which he resigned only a few months ago. The funeral will be held today. His widow and the members of his family have the deepest and most respectful sympathy of the whole community in their unexpected bereavement.

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