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The following extracts from Mr. F. B. Carvell's speech on the Southampton Railway in the House of Commons March 5th are taken from Hansard and their reproduction at this time will be interesting to some "local friends" of the looters of the public treasury:

MR. CARVELL: One fact is that Mr. Pinder had been trying to get this double subsidy and has failed. Another fact is that he got it in the month of November, 1913—\$32,000 in hard cash that he was not entitled to and that he could not have got if this one monstrous report had not been made by Mr. Johnson. MR. PINDER WENT TO THE CONVENTION AND GOT UP LIKE A NICE LITTLE MAN AND NOMINATED MY HON. FRIEND FROM YORK (MR. McLEOD) AS THE MOST FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN THIS HOUSE.

MR. McLEOD: But it did not make any difference whether he did or not. MR. CARVELL: But he did it. And he got his \$32,000. These are the facts. Of course, it is open to my hon. friend to explain them in his own way.

MR. OLIVER: They synchronized.

I would like to know what the minister will do about it. I THINK THAT NOT ONLY SHOULD THERE BE A PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION, BUT THAT A ROYAL COMMISSION SHOULD BE APPOINTED. This is a scandal so great that we ought to know the whole of it, we ought to know who is really at the bottom of this crime, because a crime it is. We ought to know whether E. V. Johnson is the sole culprit or whether he has wily associates. We ought to be in a position to investigate this thing to the very bottom. We ought to know who profited from the \$40,000 taken from the coffers of this country unlawfully, illegally. I think that the minister is recreant to his duty, and in the presence of the Prime Minister and of the Minister of Marine, I say that I think the whole Government is recreant to their duty if they do not appoint a Royal Commission and have this matter investigated, to find out who is the culprit and bring an action against Pinder and the railway company for the restoration of at least \$40,000 of this money wrongfully taken from the people of this country.

I have set out before the House the facts; I have brought in nothing except sworn evidence. I have shown that over \$40,000 was illegally taken away from the people of this country, AND I CALL ON THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS MAY BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THE WRONG WHICH HAS BEEN DONE and to place his department in such a position that there will be no repetition of such dishonest transactions as I have described to you here to-night.

MR. F. B. CARVELL.

(Telegraph)

The value of the service which Mr. F. B. Carvell has rendered the province of New Brunswick is not easily estimated. When he in his place in parliament made grave charges concerning the Southampton Railway he was made the target of abuse by the Tory press. Have not his charges been proved to the hilt? That they have is at least the view of Commissioner Pringle, a Conservative, who was sent down from Ottawa to conduct an inquiry. It is due also to the alertness and ability of Mr. Carvell that the blackmailing of the lumbermen to the extent of \$65,000 has been exposed, and if he is able to bring out all the evidence in the matter of the St. John Valley Railway nobody doubts for one moment that he will in this direction also place the province under an obligation to him, and give the lie in the most effective manner to that portion of the press by which he has been grossly slandered for a long time.

In order to pursue his inquiries in the matter of the St. John Valley Railway, regarding its cost and the diversion of money which is charged, Mr. Carvell finds it necessary to examine the books of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. Mr. Guthrie, counsel for the railway company, intimates that the books are probably in New York. As the company is doing business with the provincial government, Mr. Carvell has naturally appealed to Acting Premier Clarke to have the books produced. They should be in St. John this week. Mr. Carvell has also asked the acting premier to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the presence and the testimony of Mr. W. H. Berry, who is still understood to be an official of the provincial government. The request is a reasonable one. Will Mr. Berry appear?

USELESS COMPETITION

The Pennsylvania public service commission has just refused permission for an electric light and power company to enter into a city which was already being served by a competent company. At first glance this looks like a blow at the principle of competition, but a little reflection will convince one that the preventing competition that is unnecessary is to the best interest of the public. It resolves itself into the question of whether it is better for two sets of capital to be put at the task of doing what one set is performing satisfactorily, and it is plain that unnecessary duplication of capital is poor business. For instance, it would be folly to permit two water companies to do business in Woodstock, and no one would think that two electric light companies would be needed here. And the experience has been that competition of this sort is not competition at all, but that amalgamation inevitably results. There are some laws of economics that statute laws cannot overcome, if the interests of the consumer are to be consulted, and the duplication of so-called natural monopolies in the same field belongs in this class.

The Manitoba revolt against Toryism is of Dominion-wide significance. The Toronto World the organ of Mr. W. F. Maclean the Conservative M. P., for South York, which calls

Sir Rodmond Roblin "a mire to progress," recognizes the inevitable. It declares that the Roblin Government can never redeem itself, and "the sooner it goes the sooner will better Government come to that Province." "It would have been wiser," says The World, "for the Borden Government to have let it go—not to have tried to delay the going." But unfortunately for the Borden Government it did link itself up with the Roblin Government and made the latter's fight its own. And Premier Borden has been given a rude jolt.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

W. H. Berry, the Government official who engineered the timber graft in New Brunswick, and since the opening of the investigation before the Royal Commission has been in the United States, is still beyond the jurisdiction. Mr. Carvell, M. P., who is prosecuting the charges before the Royal Commission, went over to Calais in the State of Maine the other day and had an interview with Mr. Berry in the hope of inducing him to return to New Brunswick to give his evidence. Mr. Berry, however, has declined to return, and as he holds the key to the situation, we should imagine that Premier Fleming, who protests his innocence, would compel Mr. Berry to return. From the point of view of an outsider, it looks very suspicious to say the least, to see an official of the Government remaining beyond the reach of the Commission's subpoena when his evidence is so vital to the object of the inquiry.—Halifax Chronicle.

MR. E. R. TEED—"I WANT TO TELL EVERYTHING I KNOW."

Mr. Teed's replies to important questions: "My memory is very vague." "I believe so." "I cannot remember." "I think it was in the Barker House."

"I don't know." "I have no recollection." "Vague in my mind." "I have no such understanding." "I cannot tell you."

"I could not say whether I did or did not." "I do not know from whom the money came." "I believe they did." "I went with Mr. Berry for an auto ride." "I think"—"I think"—"I think."

BUT HE REMEMBERED THAT MR. BERRY RETAINED \$16,500.

Premier Fleming has again announced his intention to "come back" as soon as the enquiries are over. Should he do so, no matter what the result of the enquiries is, his return to active participation in the control of affairs, would unquestionably result in his government being swept out of power at the next election.—Chatham Commercial.

It will be well for Mr. Fleming's lawyers to remember that it is no honor to be classed as "slick lawyers." Tricks and technicalities are what bring the law and the courts into disrepute.

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A politician makes a fatal error when he thinks that all he has to do is to decide how much money he wants to spend and then raise it by making an arbitrary levy on lumbermen.

A man who has never shown capacity in his private affairs cannot be expected to show capacity in public matters.

A man who has been inefficient in personal matters will not bloom into an all-wise legislator because he has licked the other fellow at the polls.

A Liberal appointed police magistrate of Fredericton! What do you know about that? The Flemming outfit did not dare appoint a Tory.

The divisional point of the Valley Railway is again under process of location.

Latest Tory argument—"It is all right to steal if you can make it pay."

Nothing can save Flemming and what he stands for in politics.

"This is Mr. Teed and he's all right."

The Gleaner had great admiration for Mr. D. W. Brown, C. E., who was Gould's star witness on the Valley Railway case. This gentleman was one of Mr. Pinder's witnesses on the Southampton Railway case and the Gleaner "don't admire him any more."

The Tory Woodstock Press assures the public this week that it is not the pocket organ of Premier Flemming and never was. Poor Flemming! He seems to be getting knocks from all quarters these days. The way of political transgressor is hard.—Mail.

If Premier Flemming is innocent why does he not have Berry testify?

Berry is the man that knows the whole story.

Which will prove to be the worst scandal—The Crown Lands—Valley Railway or Southampton Railway? What a record for a government of "honesty."

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The Roblin "machine" is fighting in the last ditch.

Gloom fills the Tory heart.

What a story of graft and plunder.

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Flemming party holding forty-six of the forty-eight seats. The "campaign" was confined to Teed, Flemming, Gould and the Flemming Lumber Company.

It was an amazing story told by F. R. Teed, but what would it have been if his "memory" had not failed him in certain details.

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