

MARITIME BAPTIST SPEAKS OUT FOR IMMEDIATE RETIREMENT PREMIER FROM PUBLIC LIFE

The Maritime Baptist of July 22, 1914, the official organ of the United Baptists of the Maritime Provinces and which goes into the homes of thousands of the strongest Protestant denominations in New Brunswick contains a severe and searching editorial on the Crown Lands investigation and its results.

The article follows:

"The evidence adduced by the Royal Commission appointed to examine into the Dugal charges against the crown land administration of the New Brunswick Government has attracted not a little attention. The climax of public interest was reached when Premier Flemming was called to give evidence. His friends and supporters had all along claimed that he had no complicity with the affair and the vast majority of the citizens of New Brunswick were inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt. HIS OWN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMISSION HOWEVER, HAS NOT DONE HIM CREDIT AND SORROW IS EXPRESSED ON EVERY HAND THAT A MAN WHO HAD GAINED PUBLIC FAVOR, AS MR. FLEMING HAD DONE, SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO HAVE BECOME MIXED UP IN SUCH A DISCREDITABLE TRANSACTION.

"He gave evidence that he believed the fund was made up as a voluntary contribution and that it originated among the lumbermen. Mr. W. H. Berry, the Government Secaler, had so informed him and he accepted his statement. He denied extorting money from the crown land licensee, and declared that he had known compulsion was used by Mr. Berry he would have put a stop to it. He did not restrain or reprimand his chief sealer for his activity in raising the fund, but named a personal friend, Mr. E. R. Teed, to be the custodian of it. For a time, during the illness of Mr. Teed, the Premier admitted he had kept the key of the strong box containing the money and at one time obtained a loan of \$15,000 from it, which he afterwards paid back. Apart from that, he had received no personal benefit from the fund. He looked upon the money as a campaign fund contributed by the friends of the administration and saw nothing dishonorable or discreditable in the transaction.

"With Mr. Flemming's view of the moral aspect of the case that part of the public, which is not inured to vicious party methods of raising funds for corrupting the electorate, will not agree. When the fund was raised the Premier was Surveyor-General of the Province and was largely responsible for shaping the crown land policy of the Government. Indeed, one of the contributors flatly declared under oath that he paid his levy because he regarded it as 'good business' so to do and others made similar admissions. In other words, they paid into a political fund either because they received favors or expected to receive them from those appointed to honestly administer the public domain.

"IF THE PEOPLE OF NEW BRUNSWICK CAN CONDONE SUCH CONDUCT ON THE PART OF ITS MOST TRUSTED PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVE, WE ARE GREATLY MISTAKEN IN THEIR MORAL FIBRE. THE ROYAL COMMISSION MAY NOT FIND THE PREMIER GUILTY OF THE CHARGE OF EXTORTION WHICH HAS BEEN LAID AT HIS DOOR, BUT ITS FINDING WILL NO DOUBT BE SUCH AS TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MR. FLEMING TO REMAIN THE FIRST MINISTER OF NEW BRUNSWICK. NO ONE WILL BE SURPRISED TO HEAR OF HIS RESIGNATION. IT WILL BE SURPRISING INDEED, IF HIS RESIGNATION IS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AT AN EARLY DATE.

"WHATEVER WRONG DOING IN PUBLIC PLACES HAS BEEN CONDONED IN THE PAST—AND MUCH HAS BEEN WINKED AT—THE TIME HAS COME WHEN HONEST AND FAIR-MINDED PEOPLE WILL NOT STAND FOR SUCH TRANSACTIONS AS HAVE JUST NOW BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT. WITH THE PETTY AFFAIRS OF POLITICAL PARTIES THIS JOURNAL HAS LITTLE CONCERN, BUT IT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE GREAT MORAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE CROWN LAND INVESTIGATION AND FOR THE HONOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

BIG GATHERING OF ODD FELLOWS AUGUST 11-13

Following is the programme of the sessions of the I. O. O. F. of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland which opens here August 11th and continues to the 13th, as given in the official book:

(Subject to change)
TUESDAY, AUG. 11th.
10.00 a. m.—Grand Encampment.
9.30 a. m.—Opening session Rebekah Assembly.

2.00 p. m.—Grand Encampment.
2.00 p. m.—Rebekah Assembly.
8.00 p. m.—Exemplification of the Rebekah Degree by the degree staff of Brunswick Rebekah Lodge No. 44, in the Fisher Memorial School building.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12th.
10.00 a. m.—Opening session Grand Lodge.
9.30 a. m.—Rebekah Assembly.
11.15 a. m.—Civic Reception, Mayor Jones and others, speakers.
2.00 p. m.—Session Grand Lodge.
4.00 p. m.—Conferring the degree of



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DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF FLEMING AND FOR APPEAL TO PEOPLE IS INSISTENT

(Sackville Tribune)
Will Governor Wood preserve the good name of the province, by forcing the government to resign and dissolving the legislature?

(Halifax Chronicle.)
There appears to be only one thing for Premier Flemming of New Brunswick to do, and to do it quickly—get out of office. The story he told in the witness box, taken in conjunction with the astounding revelations of "graft" made before the royal commission, ends his usefulness as a public man.

(Toronto Globe.)
When the premier of a province makes such admissions in the witness box as Premier Flemming of New Brunswick made on Thursday there can be but one end to the story. After the royal commission reports New Brunswick will have to choose a new political head.

(Moncton Transcript.)
His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood has a grave responsibility resting upon him; a trial to which happily few of the lieutenant-governors of Canadian provinces have been subjected; viz. the dismissal of a premier, under whose personal direction a corrupt undertaking was carried out.

The people should be given immediately the opportunity of pronouncing their verdict upon the transaction and the political party responsible therefor.

(Moncton Times.)
The facts brought out are such that Mr. Flemming's usefulness as a member of the administration is greatly impaired, if not altogether destroyed. He should resign.

(Chatham Commercial)
Premier Flemming 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.

(St. John Globe.)
The revelations in connection with the crown lands and the Southampton Railway scandal, to say nothing of the Valley Railroad, are so astounding that it must be apparent to Hon. Mr. Flemming himself, as well as to his party, that his usefulness as a political leader is gone. If he has not already tendered his resignation, the lieutenant-governor should insist that he do so at once. Under a new leader there should be an immediate appeal to the electorate, so that the people of the province can express their opinion as to the future management of provincial affairs.

(Sackville Post.)
Mr. Carvell may not be able to prove extortion on the part of Mr. Flemming, but we fear the premier's usefulness has been very greatly impaired. In fact we cannot see how he can continue to act as leader of the government of this province. As soon as possible the friends and supporters of the provincial government should be called together, and the situation discussed thoroughly. In the meantime we think Mr. Flemming should send in his resignation to the lieutenant-governor.

(Chatham World.)
"MR. FLEMING SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT, BUT SHOULD GET DOWN AND OUT AT ONCE. HE STANDS CONDEMNED NOW BY PUBLIC OPINION."

We say, with as much emphasis as we can command, that the finding of the Royal Commission should not be waited for. Mr. Flemming should immediately retire from the premiership and resign his seat in the legislature.

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

Another Attempt to Give Away Rights of Citizens is Frustrated—Mr. Gould Must Come Here and Discuss His "Electric Promises"—Coun. Lindsay Fails Again

The promoters of the electric power company, that is headed by the famous Valley Railway magnate, Gould, made their weekly attempt on Friday to get the concern into Woodstock. The question was handled by Coun. Lindsay with his usual success and the rights of the town are yet preserved until a contract, or proposition, from the Gould concern is placed before the board.

The deep interest of the gentlemen advocating this company's "rights" is most praiseworthy and their concern over the injustice of the "suffering citizens" is pathetic in the extreme.

Coun. Lindsay moved the following resolution which was, of course, seconded by Coun. Flemming:

Whereas Mr. A. R. Gould on behalf of the Maine & New Brunswick Power Company have requested permission from the Town Council of the Town of Woodstock to erect poles and string wires along the streets of said Town for the purpose of furnishing the said Town electrical current for light and power from their electric plant on the Aroostook River; and

Whereas, Mr. A. R. Gould in consideration of the franchise asked for has offered to enter into an agreement binding upon him or any Company to whom the franchise may be transferred, that current for lighting shall be furnished at a price for all time of not more than nine cents

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Therefore Resolved, that the said franchise be granted to the said A. R. Gould conditionally upon his entering into a contract as above specified and not otherwise, binding upon him or any person or corporation succeeding him in the supplying of current throughout the Town of Woodstock for light and power purposes from the plant owned by the Maine & New Brunswick Power Company of the Aroostook River.

Councillor Burden moved, seconded by Coun. Jones, the following amendment, which was carried, Couns. Lindsay and Flemming voting no:

Whereas—The Maine & New Brunswick Electrical Power Company Limited have made applications to the Town Council of the Town of Woodstock for permission to erect or place poles, wires, conductors or appliances upon the public streets or highways in the Town for the purpose of transmitting, distributing and selling electricity for light and power within the said Town; and

Whereas—The said application has been, by resolution of the said Council, referred to a committee consisting of the Mayor and Town Council; and

Whereas—It is represented that the said Company through Mr. A. R. Gould is willing to enter into an agreement with the said Town and to grant certain concessions to the said Town and to fix certain rates for which light and power shall be furnished; and

Whereas—It is expedient that the said A. R. Gould or the said Company or any company acting under the Charter of the said Company or any other Charter that may be obtained therefor, should furnish reasonable security that any agreement, so made, shall be carried out, and shall furnish also evidence to satisfy the said committee of the financial ability of the said A. R. Gould or any such Company to fulfill the conditions of any such agreement; and

Whereas—This Council is willing to grant the permission asked for provided that such agreement is made but is of the opinion that the terms of any such agreement can be more conveniently and particularly dealt with by the said committee of the Mayor and whole Council; be it therefore

Resolved—That the application of the said Company be granted upon the making of such an agreement, with such terms and conditions and with such provisions as to security to be given as to the said committee of the Mayor and Town Council may seem reasonable and proper.

Coun. Dibble—"I think we ought to settle this question one way or the other and the proper thing to

do is to get Gould here and discuss it. The town has certain interests at stake and if we get what we want everything will be all right. This Council should have charge of all the details and all work done under the council's direction. Coun. Lindsay's resolution does not safeguard the town as does the other. I am satisfied the ratepayers want the company to come in, but they also feel that the interests of the town must be looked after. There is nothing to prevent our meeting the company in good spirit and allow them to come in under certain conditions. They are offering concessions—perhaps the other company will do the same. The matter should be left to the Clerk and Mayor to make a cast iron agreement.

Coun. Lindsay—"I don't think the amendment gives real permission."

Ross Thompson on behalf of Valley Railway asked that water be extended to the park. The matter was left in the hands of the water committee. The company also applied for extension of sewer—Left with sewer committee.

Coun. Dibble moved that Clerk write A. R. Gould asking him to name a date when he can come here and discuss the electric light matter. —Carried.

Harry McCarron, Formerly of Woodstock, Gets Appointment

WINS OUT IN STRUGGLE FOR IMPORTANT OFFICES.

FREDERICTON, July 27.—Harry McCarron, of Lewiston, Me., who was in Fredericton last week and who with his wife has been visiting friends in St. John and elsewhere in the Maritime Provinces for the past fortnight, has been appointed deputy collector of internal revenue with office at Lewiston, Me., the office having been moved there from Portland. Mr. McCarron has been chief of police of Lewiston since March, 1913, but since last March has been carrying out the duties of his office without the rather important duty of drawing his pay. That has been held up while some legal differences regarding his appointment and that of George R. Hall, who was named in March by the new mayor, are being settled. Mr. McCarron claimed that under the charter his appointment was good for two years, but the mayor appointed Mr. Hall in March. Mr. McCarron kept on carrying on his duties and for a day or two Mr. Hall reported at the office each day but since then he has not. If he wins out before the courts Mr.



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McCarron will have both jobs. He was born near Woodstock, N. B., night policeman Thomas McCarron of that town, being his uncle. His mother is a native of Sunbury Co. Mr. McCarron was manager of a cigar factory in Lewiston before becoming the city marshal.

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