

CARVELL-DUGAL BANQUET

A RINGING SUCCESS

Thoughtful, Earnest Men Talk Over New Brunswick's Desperate Situation--Discredited Provincial Government Will Be Swept From Power

Contractor Corbett Wants \$10,000 Back From Flemming--More Startling Revelations--Flemming Willing to Disgorge the Stolen Money Now in Hands of E. R. Teed--"A Set of Moral Degenerates"

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 3--That a revolution in the interests of good government in this province is coming was made abundantly clear this evening with the gathering of men of both parties in the interests of reform, at a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. hall to F. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., and Louis A. Dugal, M. P. P., the men who were acclaimed as responsible for the exposure of an appalling system of extortion in connection with the administration of the crown lands of the province, and the bringing to light of grave scandals in connection with the Valley Railway.

Young men predominated in the gathering, although the stalwarts of the Liberal party and recent converts from Conservatism were present, and it was evident that a new party, which will be called into being to retrieve the desperate political situation in New Brunswick, will have in its ranks the best of the thoughtful, earnest men of the province.

A GREAT GATHERING.

Every county was represented by a large delegation, and the crowd was so large that the tables in the main dining hall were over-filled, and over-flow tables were set in adjoining rooms. Enthusiasm ruled throughout, and the speakers were given an attentive hearing. The names of Mr. Dugal and Mr. Carvell were received with outbursts of cheering and references to the organization of a new party and the sweeping from power of the discredited provincial government brought forth burst after burst of applause. The suggestion of W. R. Foster, chairman of "Abolish the Bag" as a slogan for the provincial opposition party, was very enthusiastically approved.

Mr. Carvell did not mince matters in speaking of the collection of the timber graft fund, and declared that within three weeks in his capacity as a legal man he would have returned to him \$30,000 more of the graft fund to go back to the men from whom it was filched. To him it appeared a greater crime to devote this fund to corrupting the electorate than to divide it among the premier and a few chosen friends, as he believed was the intention.

Mr. Carvell went very fully into Valley Railway finances, and pointed out that the investigation besides revealing many improper charges, would prevent further waste of public money amounting to almost \$1,000,000.

FLEMMING'S NOMINATION.

Referring to the nomination of Mr. Flemming, Mr. Carvell said: "I am informed tonight that a Tory convention this afternoon at Woodstock nominated Mr. Flemming as their candidate at the next general federal

election for the constituency of Carleton-Victoria. My only comment is that if a man who has been found guilty of extortion of such a flagrant character by a royal commission is compelled to retire from the premiership of New Brunswick, is good enough a candidate for Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Hazen, the Liberal party of that constituency welcome the fight, and when the proper time arrives will deal with this disgraced politician."

Mr. Carvell, in the course of his speech, stated, without modification, that A. R. Gould had paid Mr. Flemming \$100,000 and got premier's receipts, and that James H. Corbett paid Mr. Flemming \$10,000, and that the Valley Railway books if produced in court, would have shown large amounts paid to Flemming and other Tory politicians of New Brunswick.

"If we had Berry in court, I would have the books produced we would give these men not only from public life, but from New Brunswick forever."

Mr. Carvell's words, in which he denounced Attorney General Clarke as unworthy of his office and "repugnant to the silk he wears," if he did not arrest Berry on charges of embezzlement, and characterized the ring of politicians who had benefited from the grant already classed as a "set of moral degenerates," made a deep impression.

Other speakers included Mr. Dugal, who was heard in both French and English; Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who was given an ovation by many of his supporters at the banquet; Hon. C. W. Robinson, ex-premier; E. F. Carter, P. J. Veniot, P. J. Hughes, J. M. Stevens, K. C., A. B. Copp, O. Turgeon, M. P. P.

Speech making began at 10 o'clock, after the good things provided under the direction of J. J. McCaffrey, of the Queen Hotel, had been disposed of. The toast to the King was given musical honors with great fervor, and O. Turgeon, M. P., then proposed the toast to the governor general, in a brief but eloquent speech, paying a tribute to the personal qualities of the Duke of Cornwall, and referring to the loyal response from all classes of the British Empire to the call to arms.

S. C. Matthews, of St. John, was heard in original selections.

W. E. FOSTER.

After thanking the committee for the honor conferred in asking him to preside, Mr. Foster said in part as follows:

You gentlemen of course are well aware of the purpose and reason which brings us together. In the first place, I venture to impress upon you that as far as I am concerned, and I believe I am expressing the sentiments and feelings of the most if not all of this gathering, when I say that we are here to rejoice over the fact that the charges brought by Mr. Dugal and investigated by the royal commission brought certain revelations to light, and the fact that the good name of the province has been dragged down deep in the mire, nor do we rejoice over the fact that the astounding revelations have revealed the fact that the government which now hold the reins of power in this province is discredited and will with a short time, or at the first opportunity, be swept from power by an angry electorate. Nor are we here to rejoice over the fact that by the report of this commission we have heard the names of several gentlemen mentioned, gentlemen whom we have met from time to time during our travels

over this province, and whom we have come to regard as friends, if not political ones, and who have, to use the kindest expression possible, been indiscreet in their dealings with certain interests. These are things that we are not here to make merry about, but we are here to do honor to our guests of the evening, who through loyalty to their party, loyalty to themselves and in the best interests of the province and the electorate, have unearthed the greatest political scandal that has ever been investigated, not only in the province of New Brunswick, but I am safe in saying, in the whole dominion at large.

PRaise FOR MR. DUGAL.

In proposing the health of our guests of this evening, I wish first for a few moments to refer to our friend, Mr. Dugal, and the part taken by him in these charges, and the investigation which followed. Let any of us face the position in which Mr. Dugal found himself, and I am afraid that while some of us will shrink from much, yet perhaps we would not all have regarded our duties as seriously as he. But Mr. Dugal, characteristic of the nobility to which he belongs, and with the evidence supplied with, undertook his disagreeable task in a brave and dignified manner, realizing as we believe no doubt he did, that if he failed to prove what he charged he would not only forfeit his seat in the legislature of this province but would forfeit the respect of all decent people of his acquaintance, and the respect of the Acadian population which he has the honor to represent; but Mr. Dugal, with the information supplied him, formulated his charges and presented them to the house in the proper form, but alone-handed as he was, he was not alone solidly to a man by a hostile legislature composed of a government prepared and determined by all means to retain office at any cost.

What was the first objection Mr. Dugal met? These men realized that Mr. Dugal, possessed as he was of only a limited knowledge of the English language, would be unable to discuss his motion unless it was in his native tongue. I happened to be a witness in the gallery of the legislature when the motion was presented, and there saw a partisan speaker rise in his place and refuse to hear the motion discussed in a language that is spoken by a great many inhabitants of this province. We are, however, proud of the fact and lucky that we live in a land and country of free speech, do our business under the protection of the British flag, and under British institutions, and where under the old flag will you find forty or fifty men gathered together where there will not be shown some evidence of fair play? In this case one would have thought that the Acadian representative of the government would have at once appealed to the chairman on behalf of Mr. Dugal; but not so; he sat silent, and it remained for an independent member of the county of Northumberland to rise in his place and protest against such proceedings. Mr. Dugal was heard, and you all know the result.

MR. CARVELL'S GREAT WORK.

Then we have another guest who I am sure you will agree with me played no small part in this investigation, and where over this broad dominion could Mr. Dugal have procured for counsel a gentleman better able in ability and upon whom he could better have pinned his faith, than no stone would be left unturned to safely guard his interests; and in addition who knew the gentlemen with whom he had to deal, as a skipper would know his ship from stem to stern. Therefore it is to Mr. Carvell that I also ask you to drink this toast, a man who for twenty years has been the representative of the noble county of Carleton not only in the legislature of this province but in the dominion of the house as well, and who long ago could have tasted the sweets of office, and who could at the present time have been in receipt of a lucrative salary and position of honor, but preferred to remain in the thick of the fight, and continue to represent his native county, fighting for the principles which he believes to be right, and in the interests of the people as a whole.

I am no prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I believe and predict that the day is not far distant when

the people of this province will show their appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Carvell in this matter, for I believe it is the first step and will eventually be the means of uplifting this province from the political mire into which it has fallen and place it in the position it deserves, alongside of the sister provinces of this dominion.

Having laid the foundation for better government, we must then build upon this foundation a substantial structure; and how is it to be done? It can only be done by the business interests of this province, the test element of the farmers, the fishermen and the lumbermen awakening to the realization of the duties they owe to themselves, the province and generations to come, by allowing their names to come before the nominating conventions and forming an alliance with the opposing party and assisting to complete a thorough organization of provincial affairs, not a political party in the sense of the word, but a party from which will spring the best elements representing all these interests, and which when the sound of a general election goes forth, which cannot be long delayed, we will appeal unitedly to the country, with the slogan not unlike that used by one of the other provinces recently, which was "Abolish the Bag," but in this case "Abolish the Bar," that now hangs in the door of the legislature of this province, and in its place inscribe a notice, "Take notice, all ye who enter here, no more legislation in the interests of private individuals, no more fore-bills, no more guaranteeing of bonds for private individuals and corporations, but legislation that will be in the interests of the people and future generations to come."

F. B. CARVELL, K. C., M. P.

Mr. Carvell said: I have great pleasure in meeting so many friends here tonight, assembled for the purpose of paying tribute to the attempts being made for cleaner and decent government than we have been suffering under for the past six years.

The question is so big that it would be impossible with the short time at my command to more than touch the fringe of it. The two great questions involved in the investigation were the crown land scandal and the Valley Railway finances, more particularly than any other matters referring to the government of our province.

It is well known to all those who have taken any part in public affairs that for many years past the renewal of the timber licenses, when they expired in 1913, would be an important subject, and, considering the results of the election of 1912 every person who knew anything about the personnel of the present government felt sure that the passage of the monstrous crown land legislation of 1913 (by which the renewal of these licenses was practically left in the

hands of Mr. Flemming) would result in nothing but a steal of the most gigantic proportions known in the history of the province.

TRIBUTE TO MESSRS. CARTE AND VENIOT

Our friends immediately sat themselves at work to discover it, and just here I wish to give to Messrs. Carter and Veniot their full share of credit for unearthing this horrible condition of affairs. Week in and week out, standing the scoffs and jeers of the whole machine in Fredericton and their reptile press over the province, these two brave men stood by their posts, assisted by Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier, in framing questions and obtaining what information they could from the hands of an insolent and unwilling government. The Liberal party of New Brunswick (and not only they but the whole body politic of New Brunswick) will never even know, let alone be able to repay to these two men the debt of gratitude which they owe them for their zeal and integrity and real heroism in unearthing the diabolical steals which have recently been brought to light.

Another matter which I think should be given to the public is the fact that when Mr. Flemming saw the net was tightening around him by means of the questions Mr. Dugal was asking, he had sent to him an invitation to attend the government caucus and when that failed, he met him on the train and again renewed the invitation, promising various favors should Mr. Dugal fall into the trap. Had he succeeded, our last avenue of obtaining information and bringing to light the crimes of this miserable brigand would have been gone, but, fortunately for us, he did not know his man. Mr. Dugal remained true to his friends, true to his promises and true to the best instincts of his race. He heroically promulgated the charges which have led to such a revelation of graft as has been exposed and is here tonight to answer for himself and receive the thanks and plaudits, not only of his political friends but of every other person over the province of New Brunswick, regardless of his political affiliations, race or creed.

ROBBED THE PROVINCE

It must be apparent to any man who thinks that if the lumbermen were willing to pay \$100 per mile to the government and \$15 per mile to Flemming either for political or personal uses (and I care not which view is taken, because in my judgment they are synonymous) that these lumbermen would surely have been just as willing to pay \$115 per mile to the province, the net result being that--argue as you will--Flemming and his crowd for their own purposes and contrary to their oath of office, attempted to pilfer from the funds of this province the sum of over \$70,000, and in making this statement I am not referring in the least to what further sums might have been obtained had ordinarily honest business methods been followed in regard to these timber licenses. That is a subject which will be discussed more fully and at another time, but it is one of the big questions staring the people of this province in the face today and one which can never be settled by the party of grafters now controlling the affairs New Brunswick.

FLEMMING WILLING TO DISGORGES

The only hopeful sign in the whole dismal story is the fact that Flemming is now willing to make restitution of the stolen goods. I am happy to be able to announce to you here tonight that I have already received the money extorted from the Lynch estate and can assure you that within the next three weeks I have the strongest reasons for expecting to receive much more than half of the fund now in the hands of Mr. Teed and from information of a trustworthy character I

feel satisfied that the whole of it will be disgorged in the very near future. While this will in no way prevent the present government from having an enormous boodle campaign in the next election it will at least take this large amount out of circulation for unlawful purposes, such as they claim it was intended for.

VALLEY RAILWAY CASE THE WORST

The other branch of the case is much more complicated than is the timber grant charges, and if the people of this province really understood all of the schemes and plots connected with it they would absolutely drive from the province every man who had any connection with this transaction.

Time does not allow me to enter into the history of this Valley railway question from the beginning, and it is probably fairly fresh in the minds of the most of my hearers tonight, but from the very inception a steal of gigantic proportions was being engineered and no person who was a resident of New Brunswick was allowed even to tender for the construction of this work, simply because the government realized they could not work out their schemes with as great safety in that manner as they could with a foreigner.

I have no hesitation in stating tonight that the sole object of importing Mr. Gould was for the purpose of having this road under a foreign corporation, and having its books kept in a foreign country, and in that manner prevent any investigation into the corruption which was intended to follow the enterprises, and how well they have succeeded is known to every person who watched during the progress of the inquiry the appeals made by my associates and myself for the production of these books, and the frantic efforts made by the counsel for the government and all the parties connected with the same to keep the books out of a safety vault in the city of New York.

A PARTIAL AUDIT.

It will be remembered that on the day the railway charges were preferred in the legislature by Mr. Dugal, in April last, Mr. Flemming laid before the house the audit of Mr. Blanchette (a gentleman of very high standing in his profession) purporting to give a complete statement of the financial affairs of the railway, but upon investigation we found this report although made in the month of March, only carried the record of the work done upon the road down to the end of November of 1913, and the payments to the end of December.

We naturally wondered why the audit was not brought down to date and my colleagues and myself spent many an anxious hour discussing the matter not endeavoring to find the reason why, and let me assure you from the very inception we had no doubts whatever but that a good and sufficiently corrupt reason existed, and set about to discover it. We fully realized that Mr. Blanchette would honestly report what he found, and therefore there must be something between the end of November and the middle of March which they did not want Mr. Blanchette to report.

During the investigation we obtained an order from the commissioners giving us the right to examine the books of the construction company at Fredericton. We spent three days of sweltering July weather in a little 8x10 room, securely guarded by three officials of the company, and made what progress was (Continued on page ten.)

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