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## Mr. B. Franklin Smith's Help in the Patriotic Gift of Potatoes to the Mother Country Returned a Profit of \$25,000

People Are Shocked To The Heart By the Proof of This Transaction--Patriotism of the Country Pretext to Make Money for Smith--Arrangements Made by J. B. Daggett--The Most Disgraceful Piece of Business in the History of Canada

The people of Carleton County have been shocked to the heart by the proof of the statement that was printed by the government in its official organ, the Royal Gazette, that the Patriotic gift of potatoes which were bought from and through B. Frank Smith cost New Brunswick \$90,632.

The People of Carleton county know what the cost of those potatoes were. They know that 100,000 bushels means 37,000 barrels and that Frank Smith paid the farmers not more than one dollar a barrel and in many cases only 85 and 90 and 95 cents. The Sentinel has the names of men who sold for these prices but if it is allowed that Frank Smith paid \$1.00 per barrel the cost here in Carleton County would be not more than \$37,000. The freight to St. John would be not more than \$6,000 and the freight from St. John to England was 15 cents per bushel or \$15,000. The cost of the potatoes now stands:

Paid to farmers	\$37,000
Paid freight to St John	6,000
Paid freight to London	15,000
...	...
...	\$58,000
Allowance for bagging and sorting	7,632
...	...
...	\$65,632
Profit for B. Frank Smith and others	\$25,000
Total cost	\$90,632
What do the farmers of Carleton	...

County think of this. The statement is true beyond a doubt. Not a word of denial has come from the government press, Smith or his friends.

THEY KNOW IT IS TRUE AND NINE OUT OF TEN CONSERVATIVES ARE ASHAMED OF THE WHOLE TRANSACTION. NOTHING WILL SHAME THE BOODLERS. They hope to get some of Smith's money and would not grieve if the patriotism of New Brunswick people were used as a pretext to make money for Smith.

As a matter of fact, Daggett the secretary for agriculture, made an arrangement with B. Frank Smith to buy the potatoes for the provincial government. Smith first of all sold the product from a fifty acre field in which he was largely interested, some 5000 barrels on which he made a growers profit as well as his huge dealers profit.

The packing and sorting B. Frank Smith turned over to relatives in St. John. No other persons need apply. Baxter tried to get part of the business for a St. John firm but Murray Minister of Agriculture, said that Daggett had made arrangements with B. Frank Smith and there was no chance for the work to be divided.

Now who got all the money except B. Frank Smith and his associates? The potato growers are indignant that Carleton county should again be the graft centre and at the expense of a business that has always been honorable and straightforward.

## Messrs Simms and Venoit Heard in Able Speeches at the Opera House On Thursday

Both Received an Ovation--The Candidate of Honest Government Tells Why Vacancy in Carleton County--Premier Driven from Power and B. F. Smith, "His Adopted Child" Takes His Place--Proves Smith's Reference to "Stolen Seat" Absolutely False--Mr. Venoit Makes More Startling Charges Padded Pay Lists--Fraud in Farm Settlement Board--Will Submit Charges in Twenty Four Hours if Guaranteed a Commission

## Valley Railway Bills Will Not be Paid by Government

The following statements Hon. G. J. Clarke, Premier of the Province, will be of deep interest to many people who have claims against the Valley Railway. The statement needs no comment and is only another of the choice morsels handed out as a result of the corrupt Flemming-Clarke government.

Mr. Clarke says:--  
"A NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS FROM THE CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY HAVE BEEN FILED WITH

THE GOVERNMENT BUT FOR THEIR PAYMENT THE GOVERNMENT ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY. IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE LEGISLATION OF THE LAST SESSION YOU WILL SEE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY. AS NONE OF THESE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED THOSE WHO HOLD ACCOUNTS MUST LOOK TO THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR PAYMENT."

## R. L. Simms' Answer to Marvin L. Hayward

"I have been a member of the Christian Church for twelve years and that should be sufficient answer to the slander of Marvin L. Hayward of Hartland, that I am an infidel," said R. L. Simms at the Hayden Gibson Theatre, Saturday Evening, January 2nd

Mr. R. L. Simms the candidate of Honest Government on rising to address the audience was received with loud cheers. The young candidate made an excellent impression and his speech all through was received with much favor.

Mr. Simms said in part: "It is indeed sad to have an election at this time. There is sadness in the home and in the nation.

"No doubt the canvass will be made that an election was not necessary, and that Mr. Baxter was returned unopposed. There was no vacancy in St. John, gentlemen, but there is a vacancy in Carleton caused by the fact that Mr. Flemming was forced to resign. This is the fact in spite of what the Tory press may say, and it is also a fact that they propose him as federal representative, and he was nominated by B. F. Smith who thus becomes his partner in crime. This is the man who wants to be your representative in the legislature, and the man who sought a portfolio in the government and was turned down. They believe and we believe he is the same stamp of a man as J. K. Flemming. I have asked Mr. Smith the following questions through the papers and he has not answered:

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS

"1. DO YOU APPROVE OF J. K. FLEMING'S TAKING THE \$2,000 FROM CONTRACTOR KENNEDY? HAD YOU BEEN IN MR. FLEMING'S PLACE WOULD YOU HAVE DONE OTHERWISE?

"2. DO YOU APPROVE OF MR. FLEMING'S SANCTION TO BERRY'S TRANSACTIONS? WERE YOU A MEMBER WOULD YOU PROTEST IN THE HOUSE AGAINST SUCH TRANSACTIONS AS HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED?

"3. ARE YOU STILL, AS YOU ARE RECKONED, A COLLEAGUE AND SUPPORTER OF J. K. FLEMING? DO YOU BELIEVE HIM A FIT PERSON TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY?

"4. WILL YOU GIVE THE REA-

SON WHY YOU RESIGNED THE FEDERAL LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY WITHOUT CONSULTING A REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF THE PARTY?

"5. DO YOU BELIEVE IN CLEAN ELECTIONS? IF SO WILL YOU DEFINE WHAT YOU MEAN BY A CLEAN ELECTION?

B. F. SMITH'S NERVE.

"By not answering these questions he sanctions the acts of the ex-premier. In 1908 Mr. Smith held a seat in the local legislature which he resigned to contest the county against F. B. Carvell, and he was beaten at the polls. At the next election he decided to try again and was again beaten, and now he has the audacity to come to you and ask you to again take him up and put him in the legislature.

"I have a statement in the Woodstock Press in which B. F. Smith says: 'I was beaten in 1911 by the action of a grit returning officer who illegally threw out 22 ballots cast for me and who is now out of the country, a fugitive from justice.' Gentlemen, either Mr. Smith is grossly ignorant of the election law or HE IS TELLING A DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD, and I cannot think a man who has run two Dominion elections can be so ignorant of the law. I have the law here for the law the deputy returning officer any man to read who wishes. By places the ballots in the envelopes and seals them in the presence of agents, and the returning officer DOES NOT EVEN SEE THE BALLOTS. How could he throw any out? Mr. Smith stated in the affidavit whereby he hoped to secure a recount that he BELIEVED there were TWO ballots rejected which were intended for him. And now he boldly faces the electors with the story that there were TWENTY-TWO

N. B.--Mr. Hayward says that Mr. Simms is right as to the law, in other words that B. F. SMITH HAS LIED TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE.

"There would seem to be only two men in the Conservative party in this county--J. K. Flemming and B. F. Smith--but let me tell you, gentlemen, there are hundreds of honest men who would make fit and proper representatives of this noble county. These two men run for the federal house when they feel like it, and for the local house when they feel like it.

"I am not asking you to vote for me on personal grounds, I believe it is my duty, under the present circumstances, to become a candidate, and let me tell you, gentlemen, in accepting the honor of this nomination, we must have an absolutely clean election, and set up a standard of purity in this grand old county of Carleton. We have already paid the price for the enormous graft of the past five years. I shall do all I can to ensure success on January 7."

Mr. P. J. Venoit, of Gloucester, was introduced and referred to as the man who had a son at the front fighting the battles of the Empire in spite of Mr. Smith's sneering reference to the "Frenchman." The speaker was given a hearty reception and his speech was most convincing and his readiness to answer questions, put to him, received the approval and applause of the big audience.

Mr. Venoit is sure of a cordial reception any time he visits Carleton County.

He said:

"The eyes of the province were on Carleton county at this time, when for the first time in Canada a by-election was called on account of a premier being hurled from power because of graft charges being proven against him.

As a compatriot of L. A. Dugal he had been called to assist as interpreter during the last two sessions of the legislature and, with the exception of Mr. Casvell, he probably knew more of the facts connected with the timber graft than any other persons outside the grafters themselves. He therefore could speak with authority on the most heinous political acts that had ever been laid at the door of any public man.

Although the opposition consisted of "only two little Frenchmen" he

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