

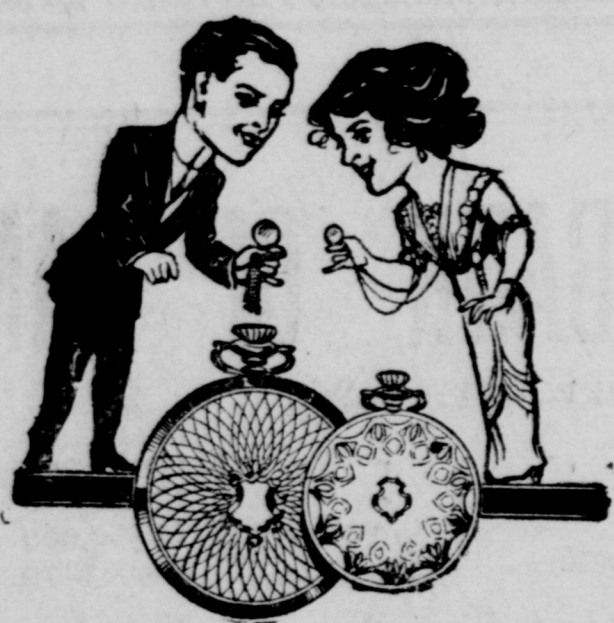
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# Culminating Exposure of Duplicity and Dishonesty Of Local Government

**Hon. H. F. McLeod and Hon. John Morrissey Strip the Mask From the Clark-Murray-Smith Combination—Revelations of a Startling Character—Cabinet Ministers Give the "Inside Story" Over Their Own Signatures**

The inside facts concerning the local government were recently disclosed by two former Ministers—by Hon. H. F. McLeod, who was Provincial Secretary, and by Hon. John Morrissey, Minister of Public Works. Hon. Mr. Morrissey's letter is republished in this issue, and it speaks for itself. And here follow Hon. Mr. McLeod's revelations, as given in the remarkable solemn declaration of Harry M. Blair, Deputy Minister of Public Works:

### THE BLAIR LETTER.

"Province of New Brunswick, County of York, I, Harry M. Blair, of the City of Fredericton, in the county of York, accountant, do solemnly declare:

"(1) That in the month of February, 1914, an election was held in the county of York for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the representation in the house of assembly caused by the resignation of the Honorable H. F. McLeod.

"(2) That Mr. Percy A. Guthrie was nominated to contest the said election as a supporter of the government then led by the Honorable J. K. Flemming, and Mr. James M. Scott was nominated to contest the said election as an independent supporter of the same government. The opposition did not nominate a candidate.

"(3) That the committee handling the campaign in the interests of the said Percy A. Guthrie decided that it was necessary to have for use in the said election a campaign fund of considerable size. It had been understood that there was a large fund in the hands of the Honorable J. K. Flemming, remaining after the general election of 1912, and the said committee decided to try to obtain a portion of this fund.

"(4) Several members of the committee, including the Honorable H. F. McLeod and myself, saw Mr. A. R. Gould concerning this, and he agreed to see the Honorable J. K. Flemming and to tell him that the committee, in addition to what they could otherwise raise, wanted a contribution of \$10,000 from Mr. Flemming. The said Mr. Gould informed us later that he had seen Mr. McLeod and that the said Mr. Flemming would provide the money. A little later the committee received a remittance, but it contained only \$5,000. The committee then pressed for the other \$5,000 as being absolutely necessary. Mr. Flemming promised to send it. A package came, purporting to be for the remaining \$5,000. When it was opened it contained only \$1,900.

"At this the Hon. H. F. McLeod was very angry and said he would bring Mr. Flemming to time. He said he knew all about him. Mr. McLeod then told me to take a paper and pencil and write as he dictated. I did so in the presence and hearing of the following gentlemen, namely: Harry A. Smith, Terence V. Monahan, Percy Gerow, Charles K. Howard, Albert Smith, John A. Young, M. P. P., Norman P. McLeod, Percy A. Guthrie.

"The said Hon. H. F. McLeod dictated to me, and I wrote from his dictation the following letter:

"Fredericton, N. B., February, 12th, 1914.

"The St. John Daily Telegraph, St. John, N. B.:

"I desire to make public a matter which is absolutely of public importance.

"I CHARGE THAT HON. J. K. FLEMMING, PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, RECEIVED FROM MR. A. R. GOULD, PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY, THE SUM OF \$100,000 PREVIOUS TO THE GENERAL PROVINCIAL ELECTION OF 1912.

"THAT THIS WAS THE CONTRIBUTION OF MR. A. R. GOULD TO THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION FUND.

"THAT THE SAID HON. J. K. FLEMMING RECEIVED THE SUM OF \$10,000 FROM SIR WILLIAM MACKENZIE OF MACKENZIE AND MANN.

"THAT THE SAID HON. J. K. FLEMMING RECEIVED THE SUM OF \$9,000 FROM THE PRUDENTIAL TRUST COMPANY, OF MONTREAL.

"THAT THE SAID HON. J. K. FLEMMING RECEIVED THE SUM OF \$8,000 FROM THE MARITIME DREDGING COMPANY, LIMITED, ST. JOHN.

"THAT THE SAID HON. J. K. FLEMMING RECEIVED FROM THE JAMES H. CORBETT & SONS, INC., THE SUM OF \$10,000—MAKING A TOTAL OF \$137,000, ALL OF WHICH WAS CONTRIBUTED FOR ELECTION PURPOSES.

"I also charge that there was expended in the said provincial election of 1912 in the way of CAMPAIGN FUNDS THE SUM OF \$76,000, LEAVING A BALANCE UNEXPENDED OF \$61,000.

"I also charge that the said Hon. J. K. Flemming was indebted to the said A. R. Gould for the sum of \$12,000 for moneys advanced for personal use; that the said Hon. J. K. Flemming did not pay, and, though often requested, has refused to pay.

"I also charge that subsequent to the last provincial elections Mr. Norman Winslow of the town of Woodstock, received and conveyed from the said Mr. Gould to the said Hon. J. K. Flemming on each of two separate occasions checks for \$2,500; that the check for one \$2,500 was not cashed, but after being held for one week was returned to Mr. A. R. Gould in Houlton, Maine, with the request that Mr. Gould give Mr. Flemming the cash instead; that Mr. Gould on that occasion made a draft on Boston for the amount and handed the proceeds to Mr. Flemming.

"I also CHARGE THAT HON. J. K. FLEMMING, UPON AGREEMENT TO RENEW CERTAIN LICENSES UPON CROWN TIMBER LANDS, DEMANDED AND RECEIVED IN THE APPROXIMATE AGGREGATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 FROM THE VARIOUS LICENSEES, NO PART OF WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE FUNDS OF THE PROVINCE.

"I also charge that one Mr. Blankley of The Miramichi Lumber Company paid to him, the said Hon. J. K. Flemming, the sum of \$1,000 as a personal gift for the privilege of shipping rossiad pulp wood cut from Crown lands in violation of the law.

"Yours truly,"

"THE SAID LETTER WAS DICTATED TO ME LONG BEFORE ANY CHARGES HAD BEEN MADE IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BY MR. L. A. DUGAL.

"(5) That after writing down the said letter, and upon further consideration, it was decided that one more attempt should be made to get the balance of the promised fund from the said Mr. Flemming without making use of the said letter, and the said Mr. McLeod again called Mr. Flemming on the telephone. Mr. McLeod in my presence, and in the presence of the other gentlemen named, spoke to the then Premier over the telephone, and used very strong language to him. After some talk concerning the matter, Mr. Flemming told the Hon. Mr. McLeod to raise the required money locally in whatever way they could and that he, the said Mr. Flemming, would have the amount made good.

"(6) The committee agreed to the said proposition of Premier

## Opposition Chooses Two Strong Candidates In Carleton County

**Andrew McCain and George W. Upham Nominated at Hartland On Wednesday-- Greatest Enthusiasm Prevails -- Mr. Carvell Replies to Unfair Attacks-- B. F. Smith and His Colleague Challenged to Run Pure Election**

Hartland, Aug. 30.—The nomination of two of the most popular business men in Carleton County this afternoon by the Opposition places that party in a most favorable position in the present bye-election campaign.

Andrew D. McCain and George W. Upham, the choice of the Opposition, are not only popular men but they are strong in a business sense with the highest reputation from every view point.

Upham shows his strength in the bye-election in 1908 a few months after Hazen went into power when he converted a majority of over 600 for the government with a handsome majority for himself. In the whirlwind of 1912 he went down to defeat with his ticket which was approved by the then Premier Flemming and his colleagues with their immense campaign fund.

Andrew D. McCain is one of the brightest young business men in the province. He is the active head of the McCain Company, one of the largest firms dealing in general produce in the province. His father, H. H. McCain, sat in the legislature some years ago and the cheers that greeted him today as he took the platform shows that he has a warm spot in the hearts of Carleton County electors.

It is admitted here this afternoon that the selection of McCain and Upham means a different phase to the Campaign—a non-partisan phase which is hailed

with eagerness by those who want to vote for honest government and against the present discredited administration. McCain has never been an out and out partisan. He has always been a liberal but has never antagonized an opponent. Many Conservatives who want to do what they think should be done will cast their ballots for Andrew McCain. This while true of McCain is even truer of Upham. It can surely be said of George Upham that after an election he knew no difference between men because of their politics. When hiring a man and he engages many of them he never inquires their politics. Both candidates are the kind of men who have deservedly won popular favor.

The Convention was notable for its vivid enthusiasm, for its businesslike character and splendid attendance. With such fine weather and thousands of acres of grain waiting to be housed a large attendance was not looked for. But to the surprise of all there was a full house of more than 200 delegates from every part of the county—eager enthusiastic workers determined to bend every energy and effort to choose good Opposition Candidates and elect them.

There were speeches of acceptance from the Candidates that could barely be heard for the cheering—a splendid effort by

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Flemming, and a note for \$5,000 was made and signed by the following:

Terence V. Monahan  
J. D. Black  
H. M. Blair  
Thomas Feeney  
B. M. Mullin  
A. C. Smith  
N. P. McLeod  
Percy A. Guthrie

James H. Crockett  
Chas. K. Howard  
J. F. Ryan  
Edward Dewar  
A. C. Flemming  
Robert Forbes  
Harold Young

"The said note was drawn, according to my best recollection at thirty days, and was discounted in the Bank of Nova Scotia at Fredericton.

"(7) When the said note came due, the Hon. J. K. Flemming made no arrangement to pay the same, and an extension of time was gained by discounting a renewal note. After that time several of the makers of the note interviewed members of the government and urged that the undertaking of the Premier be carried out. This was done on a number of occasions.

"(8) THAT ON OR ABOUT THE EVENING OF THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1914, (THE SAME BEING A FEW DAYS PRECEDING THAT UPON WHICH MR. L. A. DUGAL FROM HIS PLACE IN THE HOUSE GAVE NOTICE THAT HE WOULD CHARGE THE HON. J. K. FLEMMING WITH HAVING EXTORTED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY FROM THE HOLDERS OF TIMBER LICENSES), A DELEGATION HEADED BY MR. JOHN A. YOUNG, M. P. P., INTERVIEWED THE HON. MR. FLEMMING AT THE BARKER HOUSE TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING PAID ON ACCOUNT OF THE SAID NOTE. After the said interview the said Mr. Young reported to me, and to others in my presence, that Premier Flemming held up his hands to high heaven and said that no party fund of any kind was in existence; and the delegation got nothing on the said note.

"(9) That according to the evidence afterwards given by the Hon. Mr. Flemming during the investigation of the Dugal charges, the money raised from the holders of timber licenses was in existence

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