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CY DIFFIN HAS NICE TIME WITH TORY POLITICIANS

(Carleton Sentinel)

St. John, N. B.,
May 15, 1912.

Dear Sentinel,

I have spent two days here and seen a good many people, some of which I could live a long time without and not get lonesome.

The hotel is good here, very good, but a trifle cool in many I mean not temperature. It isn't exactly a glad hand sort of a house at rather austere in its character perhaps as anxious for the financial part of the transaction as the social side.

They treated me very fairly and gave me a cigar out of a box marked ten cents straight, which I smoked, and then I thought perhaps they were using me, not as well as I had supposed, but possibly more.

I took a stroll around town and met a policeman who directed me to Mr. Hazen's house. I heard he was in town and wanted to call on him.

I found him home all right. I sent my card in by the hired man who came to the door. I had just had some printed and I like to use them.

They read like this.

CYRUS A. DIFFIN
Rockland, N. B.

Farmer, Newspaper Correspondent, etc.

Hazen greeted me kindly but with dignity. I hadn't seen him since he moved the Harris car works from St. John to Amherst. I was a Tory then, a regular John A. McDonald Tory, but I flopped in 1896 and I haven't seen an reason to go back since.

I opened right up in politics and I says, "Mr. Hazen what do you think of Flemming?"

"Is this an interview?" says he looking at my card which he held in his hand.

"Not exactly," says I, diplomatically. "Any conversation which we may have will be considered confidential until mail time. After that I may telephone it to the Sentinel." "I would like what I have to say to remain private and not to be talked about among the people," he went on, "and if you will send it to the Woodstock Press, that is private enough for practical purposes, I'll talk."

"Answering your question, I like Flemming very much, I was always fond of children."

"Will he be elected again?" I asked. "I can't answer that," says he thoughtfully. "We are in favor of it, if there ain't any way to prevent his nomination, and I guess there ain't. He will make a good Premier when he grows up," says he.

"I was kind of bothered to get his drift, and I said 'You don't mean to say that Kidd isn't twenty one yet, do you Mr. Hazen?'"

"Measuring age by birthdays he is, he said, 'And considerable to spare but measuring by his antics on the Valley Railway, I should place him somewhere between seven and eleven for a rough guess.'"

There was other talk between us but not such as should be lightly related in a Liberal newspaper, for I take advantage of no man's confidence, and after about so much refreshment, men say things well fit for publication but not so meant.

I returned to the hotel and the clerk introduced me a Mr. Hubbard and Dr. Landry—who is better known as the Medical Commissioner of Agriculture, and Mr. Hubbard is first mate of the department.

Nobody was talking but Landry when I came in. Nobody else could have without a trombone.

There was quite a crowd and they were looking over some blue prints of Flemming's ready made farm scheme.

The Dr. was showing the location of the pig pen, on one of the newly bought farms. And you talk about pig pens. If you never seen this one you don't know anything about pig pens. Why on this particular ready-made farm the pig pen is as neat and nice as the New Carleton Co. Court House, and a blamed sight better than the old one.

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This ready made farm affair will cost \$100,000 and the improved pig pens \$5,000. They are all electric lighted and steam heated, and I tell you it ought to make every farmer in the province feel good, cold nights in winter, when he starts out with his lantern and his will pail to feed his pigs and has to go right off and leave his poor old pig to eat in the dark with the frost shining on the pig pen walls, to

know that Mr. Flemming's ready-made farm scheme will make the poor pigs, and their farm, warm and comfortable, with the electric light shining bright enough so that they can read the bill of fare without glasses and pick out the parts of the food they like best.

The Dr. had a picture of the head waiter with gloves on and a high hat. He is to be appointed by the government at a salary of \$1200 a year.

I told him I had never heard of an electric lighted pig pen before and he said Mr. Flemming had arranged it for some sections only, and he insisted that one be placed in Hartland—saying that cheap Canadian Kerosene was good enough for Hartland during his term of office. The Dr. went on to say the scheme was a good one and the pigs liked it and the cost would be normal and besides the gentleman who would be appointed to wait on the pigs all smoked cigarettes and they could look out for fire better.

Just then I heard a voice saying "Oh! yes. 'I turned down the electric light scheme in Hartland and—' I fairly ran across the floor."

"Hello, Mr. Flemming," says I, and we grasped each other's hand.

"How do you do, Mr. Diffin?" says Kidd, in that I-want-your-vote, candidate-for-the-Assembly tone, which he has been cultivating for some years and which he has now got down quite fine.

"Winslow," says he, turning to the gentleman he was talking with, "Shake hands with an old friend and constituent of ours, Cy. Biffin. I have known him for years, an honest farmer and a good Tory. A peculiarity of mine I never forget a face or a name."

"Premier," says I, "You did first rate this time, for you. With the exception of a few trifling errors which can be readily corrected, your obituary of me is all right. My name ain't Cy, and I ain't a Tory and never was. Otherwise your statement can stand."

"Don't blame me Diffin," says he. "This mixed up position of mine is telling on me. It's knocking my conscience all out of gear and sometimes I wish I wish I was a young man back in the store in Woodstock giving fourteen ounces to the pounds and not less than thirty four inches of calico for a yard."

"Why my conscience got in such shape over the Valley Railway and the Hartland Electric Light Bill that I want to see Dr. Peppers about it. He said it was Atrophied. 'I don't know what that meant, but I suppose it meant overworked.'"

Just then Winslow looked up.

"Kidd I tell you what the trouble is with you. You think too much. Look at me. I am as tough as Jack Johnson and I never thought in my life. 'I can run the Post Office and be in all the companies that Ed. Teed is in at the same time and not bother half as much as you do. Stop thinking.'"

MR. HUBBARD'S VIEWS

Hubbard pulled up his chair, and he says:

"That's all right, Winslow, a postmaster don't have to think. That's what his clerks are for. All he has to do is to sign his name, and attend to the dismissal of Liberal office holders, but in private business it's different."

"I know better," Winslow says. "Didn't I run a law office before I went into politics and railroading and I didn't think then."

"No," says Hubbard, "But some of your clients did, I have heard lots of 'em speak of it."

And then Hubbard went on to explain. "It's just this," says he, "Flemming must learn to separate his deals in his mind. He must accustom his mind to occupy several positions at the same time."

"Play the C. P. R. against the people with the former as the trump card. Favor the Hartland Electric Light Bill and Kill it with amendments. Give Wilmot Hay and others sleeper contracts and reserve rake off. Put through a ready-made farm scheme at a cost to the people of \$100,000, being careful to buy farms from Tories who hold the mortgages. Stop the Valley Railway at Centreville and make the people believe it will go to Grand Falls in 1915 (at that time the charter will have expired and the C. P. R. steps in.) Bid hard for Liberal support but give all contracts to Tories and dismiss all Liberal office holders. Oppose the C. P. R. and the Valley Railway. (Continued on page five.)"

Many Human Lives Were Imperilled by Collapse of Bridge

A Striking Example of Flemming Government Jobbery—Bridge over Washademoak River went down while Train was Crossing

(Moncton Transcript)

When the Tory Press was in opposition, it was urgent reason for turning the then Laurier Government out of power, every time a crack appeared in the ceiling of a public building or a small piece of masonry fell.

But it is as dumb as an oyster respecting the collapse of the Central Railway Bridge across the Washademoak at Cody's Queen's Co., where a train was almost precipitated into the water and THE LIVES OF FIFTY PASSENGERS IMPERILLED.

The Transcript does not ask the supporters of the Flemming Government to vote against the government

done, and, if we are to judge by results, such supervision over the work as was exercised was not sufficient to make the job a good one. At all a large section of country has been subjected to loss and annoyance because it did.

The job was done by day's work, and not by contract and tender, in spite of the government's pledge on this question.

It seems to The Transcript that grave as is the government's offence in not carrying out its pledges, yet the manifest insufficiency of the employment of engineering safeguards in protecting the foundation of the concrete pier and thereby imperilling

5 What steps were taken during construction and since and by whom to see that said bridge was sufficiently strong and safe for the running over it of passenger and freight trains?

Ans.—Answered by No. 3.

The commissioners in their report to the legislature placed much of the falling off of revenue upon "the interruption to traffic by the fall of the steel bridge in the Washademoak at Cody's, caused by the burning of one of the wooden piers." This occurred on June 26, and traffic was not resumed until August 26, just two months, and local freight and coal shipments were hung up, to say nothing of the inconvenience to the people.

To replace the bridge cost \$3,127. These were the kind of public works that the government promised faithfully to put up to public tender, but the demands of the "day's work people," the foremen, the superintendents for their share were acceded to and the general public suffers in pocket in consequence.

How do you like the way in which the Flemming government keeps its pledges?

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LIGHTNING LEFT COATING

Montreal, May 25—A strange phenomenon occurred yesterday at the Bout De L'Île during the heavy electrical storm which passed over the city during the afternoon.

The hotel of J. B. Bureau was struck by lightning. When those in the building had recovered from the shock and put out the slight fire which resulted, they found a strange black coating over the walls. It proved to be a sort of soot.

Upon examination it was found that the walls ceiling and furniture of every room in the house was thickly covered with the substance.

CYR AND CORMIER THE TORY VICTIMS

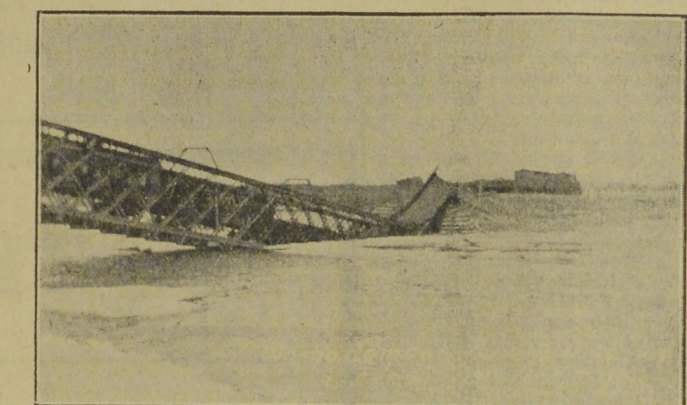
Edmunston, May 24—The Tories held a convention last night. About seventy persons were present. Charles L. Cyr, of St. Leonards, and Max Cormier, was elected a Liberal in 1908 and Mr. Cormier was defeated by Pius Michaud last fall by 1,948 votes.

Hon. Dr. Landry, in his address, spoke of everything but agriculture.

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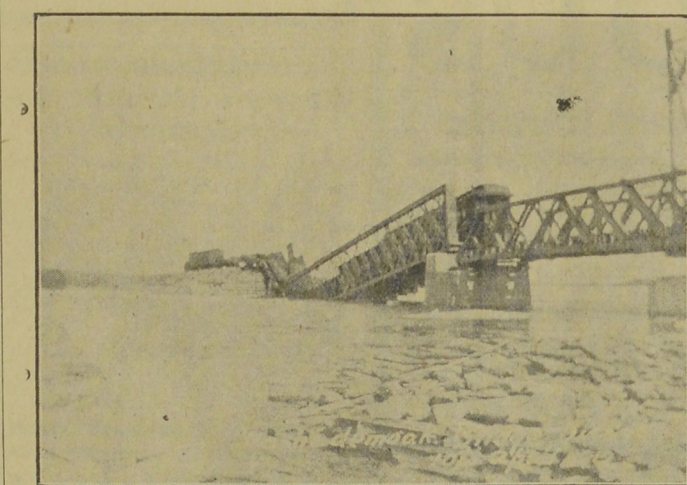


HERE IS ANOTHER ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE COLLAPSED HAZEN-FLEMMING BRIDGE. NOTE THE CARS CONTAINING HUMAN BEINGS, SAVED BY THE MEREST MIRACLE FROM AN AWFUL DEATH.

merely on hearsay but it presents as justification for so voting, two reproductions of actual photographs showing what occurred.

NOTE 'THE TRAIN ON THE BRIDGE

where the span which fell is resting in the bed of the river. Each photograph shows the train. Now when it is recalled there was about 50 persons on that train and that they were within a few feet of being drowned like rats in a trap through the impossibility of their escaping from the car in time is it too much to condemn the Flemming Government because of its responsibility? This bridge erected and placed upon piles, was built by the Hazen-Flemming government. The claim is made that the bridge fell because the concrete pier's foundation became undermined. But what excuse lies there? It is the duty of the government through its engineers according to the doctrine laid down by the Tory press, to anticipate all such possibilities and by engineering devices guard against them. That's what the Government is paid for doing, and not having done this it is censurable. The gravity of the peril



ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH OF COLLAPSE OF RAILWAY BRIDGE BUILT BY THE HAZEN-FLEMMING PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. NOTE THE CARS ON THE BRIDGE.

to the passengers on the train is sufficient alone to furnish grounds upon which to

TURN THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF OFFICE

The St. John Telegraph in discussing this matter says:—

In attempting to explain the large deficit resulting from the operation of this railroad last year, the local government made the excuse that accidental interruptions of traffic had reduced the receipts. So they did, but reasonable care would have prevented these interruptions to traffic and, considering the amount of business, the revenue of the road should at least have been equal to the operating expenses.

The cost of repairing the bridge had been considerable, and it was clearly a case where tenders should have been called for. This was not

Copp, inquired on April 15:

"1. Has the government been informed as to the particulars of the collapse of the Washademoak bridge of the eleventh April instant annexed in the St. John Telegraph?"

Ans.—Yes, some additional particulars.

2. When was the said bridge constructed and under whose supervision?

Ans.—The piers were built last year under the supervision of Mr. Archibald.

3. Who was the contractor who constructed said bridge?

Ans.—The work was not done under contract but by day's work, under the personal direction of Mr. Archibald.

4. What supervision was given to the same during construction?

Ans.—Answered by No. 3.

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