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THE TOLL BRIDGE SCHEME

It is almost time that the members of the Flemming government were taking the public into their confidence in regard to the St. John Valley Railway proposition. The Opposition members by the exercise of dogged perseverance, have been able to extract some information but there are many matters with respect to this great undertaking in which the public are still waiting to be enlightened. That a railway scheme involving the credit of the province to the extent of over \$5,000,000 should be enshrouded in mystery is not creditable to the government of the day and grossly unfair to the people of the province, more particularly those of the St. John Valley district who are vitally interested in the successful carrying out of this great project.

Only this week the information was extracted from Hon. Mr. Loughheed, the government leader in the Senate, that the Valley Railway bridges, which are to be constructed by a separate company and assisted by a government bond guarantee of one million dollars, are to be toll bridges. In all the public utterances which Premier Flemming and his colleagues have made in regard to this railway project they wisely refrained from discussing the fact that the bridges are to be owned and controlled by an independent company and that tolls will be exacted on every passenger and every ton of freight carried over these structures. This is information which the public should have had long ago, and having kept it back, it is safe to assume that the government is withholding other information of perhaps greater importance.

The original plan of the Local government was to build a road that would have been nothing more than a branch line of the C. P. R. and there is a well grounded suspicion in some quarters that they have not yet altogether abandoned that idea. It is a well known fact that the interests of members of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company and the C. P. R. are closely interwoven and that the big corporation for business reasons is anxious to retain its grip on the St. John Valley. It is also a fact that an official of the C. P. R. is an incorporator of the company which will build and control the railway bridges. Under the circumstances therefore the people have every reason to harbor the suspicion that there is a nigger somewhere in the woodpile.

The Opposition in the Legislature will fail in their duty to the public if they do not demand from the government the fullest information in regard to this great railway project. It is a matter of the greatest importance to the future of this province and the government should not be permitted to sacrifice the public interests with impunity.

Moncton Transcript.—According to the St. John newspapers a learned judge has sentenced a man to two years in the penitentiary, and to receive twenty lashes; ten when he enters the institution, and ten "when he leaves." There is no difficulty about the administration of the first instalment of bodily punishment, but we confess to being somewhat puzzled as to the method to be adopted in order to carry out the latter part of the learned judge's order. The prisoner cannot well leave the penitentiary until the expiration of his sentence, and should punishment be inflicted then, it is a grave question whether or not he would have the privilege of retaliating.

COLD CAUSED
SERIOUS TROUBLE

But Dodd's Kidney Pills Brought the Cure

Mr. Hugh Martin, Suffering from Kidney Disease for two years, tells how he got back his Health

St. Hippolyte de Kilkenny, Lake L'Adigan, Terrebonne Co., Que., April 1—(Special).—Again the people of this neighborhood are talking of a complete cure of kidney disease. Mr. Hugh Martin, Jr., a well-known young farmer, is the person cured, and he gives all the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My trouble was caused by a cold," Mr. Martin says in an interview, "and I suffered for two years. My head would ache and I had pains in the back as well. I felt heavy and sleepy after meals. I was often dizzy, my memory was failing and I found it difficult to collect my thoughts. I was also nervous while heart flutterings added to my anxiety."

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"To use the power of filling positions as a reward for party service, and without regard to the character and capacity of the individual selected is a gross breach of a solemn public trust. The character of a government may be judged by its appointments."—Mr. R. L. Borden, in his "Halifax platform." It is to be hoped that the electors of York at the next election will judge the Borden government by the character of some of the appointments it has made in this country.

Premier Flemming in a recent speech declared that his government would know no party, but would accept support from both Liberals and Conservatives. Yesterday the Premier went to Montreal to consult the Ottawa Tory bosses with a view of ascertaining what support of a financial nature will be coming from that source at the next election. So far as the Liberals are concerned he is more considerate; he wants nothing from them except their votes.

The report which was given currently some weeks ago that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., is to become a member of the tariff commission, has been revived. It is now said that he has been offered the position but has not yet made up his mind to accept it. If Mr. Crockett should see fit to decline this job it will be for the reason that he feels he is entitled to a better one. His usefulness as a representative is gone and the sooner he gets himself shelved the better.

The session of the Dominion Parliament which closed yesterday afternoon, wound up with a sharp debate between young Mr. White, the Finance Minister and Hon. George E. Foster on the one hand and Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the other. Judging by the press despatches the honors were easily with the old chieftain.

WAS HON. MR. BURCHILL
PENALIZED BY GOVT?

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by stating that it was because the Highway Commissioner lived a long distance from the road to be worked upon. Mr. Robinson gave them enough rope to get tangled up in, then asked how it was that G. E. Mollins had been appointed Special Commissioner in Coverdale Parish right under the nose of Lane Colpits, one of the Highway Board, who was the best road man in that part of New Brunswick. There was only one reason. Colpits was a Liberal, who had worked upon the roads for fifteen years and had put them in such excellent shape that F. W. Sumner of Moncton Parish disregarding politics, offered him \$3 a day to go there and superintend the making of roads for them. Owing to Mr. Robinson having to attend the Municipalities Committee where some Moncton bills were under consideration, the Public Accounts Committee concluded its investigations earlier than usual.

Premier Flemming
VISITING IN MONTREAL

(Special to The Mail)
Montreal, April 2—Hon. J. K. Flemming premier of New Brunswick arrived here this morning. In an interview he stated that he was in the city on private business.

PUBLIC INTERESTS ARE
PROTECTED BY SENATE

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"Is the government or the minister of finance in earnest about this?" asked Sir Wilfrid. "If he were serious the province. These showed the and the country it was a very easy thing to come to a clearer understanding under the rules of parliament by asking for a conference with the senate, with a view to making the wording of the amendment clearer, if necessary, and more satisfactory, if such were required. But the minister and the government had refused to ask for a conference. Yet he came to the House and virtually informed it that it was not the merits of the amendments with which he had any quarrel, but he was not satisfied with the language."

"Moreover, the minister had declared that the bill covered the points in question. If, then, the government was bona fide in its professions to the House and country, why had it not asked for a conference? The only defence he had offered the House for killing the bill was that the amendments were not sufficiently grammatical and were not sufficiently aesthetic."

LAURIER COMBS WHITE.

Hon. Mr. White jumped up. "Messages have practically superseded conferences," he declared.

"Nothing of the kind," responded Sir Wilfrid, amid Liberal applause, and to the youthful minister's discomfiture the Liberal leader recited cases to show that in all difficulties of the kind conferences had been held. As late as 1906 his government had held a conference over the Sabbath observance bill. As a matter of fact the government was giving evidence of the fact that its intentions in the bills were not what they were stated to be.

"Are we to be told, in this age of parliamentary procedure, that there is no way to settle the differences of this kind?" asked Sir Wilfrid. "Conference is the only method and the proper method."

He regretted that the young minis-

ter of finance had descended to quibbling in the matter. The point he had endeavored to raise concerning the wording of the amendments did not bear serious discussion. He had sought to make a point of the fact that in a bill providing for the appointment of a tariff commission and dealing with tariff matters exclusively, he did not know what was the meaning of an amendment calling for an investigation in all cases where an "increase" was demanded. "Increase of what?" he had asked. "Increase of salary?"

"The shallow sharpness of such conduct was unworthy of the Canadian minister of finance. He understood what was meant right well, and every member of the House knew that he understood it. He must learn that parliament dealt with serious matters and would not be content with the behavior of a child or baby" (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. White had also, if the Liberal leader understood him, rightly, complained because the senate amendment had required that in cases where increases of tariff were demanded, the commission should be required to examine into the dividends of the concern. Did he not think that the dividends were a fairly accurate criterion of its prosperity and the cost of production?

Mr. White again interrupted. He knew and had admitted that the dividends were a most important feature in this connection.

"Therefore," responded Sir Wilfrid, "he should not object to the senate's proposal that they should be investigated." (Liberal cheers.)

IN THE CONSUMERS' INTEREST.

Continuing, the Liberal leader pointed out that the information which the senate asked that the commission secure was of great importance to the public, who were taxed on the tariff.

"It is information that the people should have," said Sir Wilfrid, "and for myself I am glad to share re-

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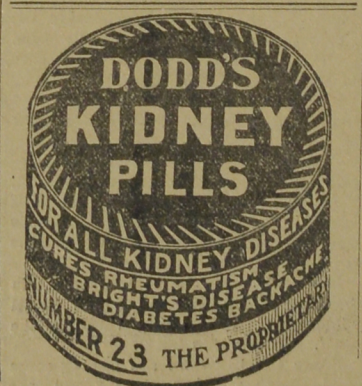
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