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## THE FLEMMING BOODLE FUND.

The Blair affidavit, wherein it was shown how the big boodle fund used by the Flemming government in the election of 1912 was raised, is attracting considerable attention in other provinces. In Nova Scotia, where a provincial election is now pending, it is being used as a horrible example of Conservative rule. The Toronto Globe, the leading newspaper of Canada, recently discussed the matter editorially as follows:

"For some time public ownership and operation of railways was condemned on the ground that our politicians were weak and corrupt. Everyone who thought for a moment on the problem knew that private ownership imposed incomparably greater temptations and opened incomparably more opportunities for political corruption than public ownership. In spite of this, the argument did service until worn threadbare and thrown aside.

"Some of the effects of private ownership have been disclosed by Mr. Harry M. Blair, Deputy Minister of Public Works in New Brunswick, who is said to be actuated by anger at dismissal. Mr. Blair declares under oath that Hon. H. F. McLeod, formerly Provincial Secretary, and now Conservative member of the Commons for York county, N.B., dictated a letter containing the statement that Premier Flemming received, previous to the 1912 election, \$100,000 from the President of the St. John & Quebec Railway Co., \$10,000 from Sir William Mackenzie, \$9,000 from the Prudential Trust Co. of Montreal, \$8,000 from the Maritime Dredging Co. and \$10,000 from James H. Corbett & Sons. This makes \$137,000 for the election, and the statement further charges that \$76,000 was spent, leaving a balance of \$61,000.

"The same authority charges that a sum approximating \$100,000 was received by the apparently receptive Premier for agreeing to renew some timber licenses. This, together with \$1,000 said to have been received from Mr. Brankley of the Miramichi Lumber Co. is also classed with the missing.

"When a Royal Commission found that the Premier knew of the receipt of money from timber licensees, he resigned and is now a candidate for the broader field of Dominion politics. Some time ago Mr. E. B. Osler, now Sir Edmund, ventured the statement in Parliament that all the money voted to railway companies did not stay with them. He was certainly a competent authority. The practice seems as simple as the public toleration is stupid. The people's money is handed out to the promoters, governments acting with the seeming innocence of children, not knowing the difference between a loss and a gain. But this is accompanied by the mysterious appearance of a gigantic election fund that reconciles and secures the endorsement of the electors.

"Although the taxpayers of Canada were not inclined to learn from the repetition of impressive lessons, they may learn or be moved by the pressure of necessity. Raids on the treasury have begun to assume the aspect of the successive farewell tours of elderly actors and singers. Each year has brought a "final" demand and a "final" compliance, although no amount of stupidity could overlook the inevitable yearly recurrence of the same situation and necessities. In New Brunswick it is said that the large proportion of the fund missing accounts for the disclosure. The public should profit by this accidental glance behind the scenes."

Mr. Blair's affidavit was by long odds the most important contribution to political literature that this province has known in many years. It is now nearly a month since the document was given to the public, and no effort has been made to contradict the very damaging statements which he made under oath. Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, the sanctimonious individual, and exponent of honest government, who is alleged to have gathered in the enormous boodle fund, has been as dumb as the proverbial oyster. He has not, nor has anybody in his behalf, attempted a contradiction of Mr. Blair's statements.

Then there is Lieut. Colonel H. F. McLeod, M.P., the alleged author of the very pointed letter which Mr. Blair quotes in his affidavit. He has recovered from his recent illness and has been expatiating on his favorite theme, "the lion's cubs," for the edification of the people of England. Copies of New Brunswick papers containing the Blair affidavit must have reached him long ere this. So far,

there has been no word in the way of a contradiction from him. It is rather noticeable also, that the Fredericton Gleaner, which has always been prepared to go the limit in defence of the boodling transactions of the Government, has maintained a Sphinx-like silence in regard to the Blair affidavit. The serious charges made by Blair up to the present time remain unchallenged and the men who must take the responsibility for the state of affairs which he has disclosed are still clinging desperately to office, waiting for something to turn up. The Lieutenant Governor appears to be the only man who can bring to a head a condition of affairs which is becoming intolerable. It is clearly his duty to reform the Government by kicking it out.

Premier Clarke seems to be a long time trying to make up his mind to ask Hon. P. J. Mahoney to resign. Nineteen days have now elapsed since Mr. Mahoney was turned down by his constituents after having accepted a portfolio in the Clarke government. As a political procrastinator Premier Clarke is certainly some class.

Marconi, the wireless wizard, announces the invention by him of a simple device, which, installed on the bridges of ships, will put an end to the danger of collisions at sea in foggy weather. Marconi's reputation as an inventor is already firmly established.

## ON THE SIDE.

"The gentle rain from heaven."

But then again sometimes it rains like—well, like hail.

General Pessimism is now leading the Austrian forces.

Evidently the Americans are not too proud to fight Mexico.

We'll soon be up against that word Przemysl again.

The war map might be the basis of peace after all—the war map of the near future.

A boy's mother has to teach him to say his prayers, but he can learn to swear of his own accord.

You can always make a hit with a man by telling him that he works too hard.

If you want to know just how small a man is, give him an office or let him become suddenly rich.

Hats off to the gallant military men who captured the alien enemies at Fredericton Junction last week.

A woman can't cuss when she gets mad—but don't you believe for a minute that she isn't thinking a few torrid thoughts.

With so many new cafes and "quick-lunch" counters in town perhaps we can live a little faster and make up for not adopting daylight saving.

There is some doubt as to which cackles the most joyously, the new suburbanite who finds the egg or the chicken that laid it.

No doubt on Judgment Day every married man will be half an hour late in rising, if his wife doesn't call him; and then he will want her to hang around and find one of his wings and sew a button on the other.

## REV. DR. W. H. SMITH

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will retain its own organization and creed if it so desires. All other churches will remain just as they are at present, but in smaller places where there are two small churches, they will be united under one organization. The same thing will happen in places where there is a weak and a strong church.

Dr. Smith, in conclusion, stated that churches which had pronounced against union would be given an opportunity to take another vote before the matter was finally disposed of. The property rights of churches which decided to remain out of the union would be protected.

Mrs. Jasper Lorette and Mrs. Fred Quarterman Jr., are in St. John to attend the wedding of Miss Nellie Marsden and Mr. Harry Snider, and are the guests of Mrs. Lorette's mother, Mrs. Thomas Snider, 71 Hawthorn street.

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## ELECTION BOOZE

## SEIZED AT CANNING N. S.

Round up Was Made at the Home of an Active Conservative Worker—  
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Canning, N. S., June 15.—A seizure of election booze under circumstances rivalling in sensational features the famous exploits of the "Choice Tomato" brigade of Colchester, was made here today. Over half a ton of rum intended for election purposes was seized early this morning in the house of Leslie E. Baxter, president of the Conservative Association of Ward One, and that eminent purist and exponent of Tory Tannerism has taken to the woods, hotly pursued by provincial constables.

The whole countryside is ringing with the sensation, and the Tory party, who have been parading themselves as the party of purity, and whose candidates, one of whom is a clergyman, have just taken the pledge to observe and aid in the enforcement of the law, are panic-stricken over the disclosures of their nefarious purposes.

The booze was purchased in St. John and arrived last night on a motor boat known as the "Old Scout." The boat stole stealthily up the Habitant river, and came to anchor in bold water opposite Mr. Baxter's house. The booze was unloaded and transferred to the home of the president of the Conservative Association by the aid of wheelbarrows. Mr. Baxter had previously aroused suspicion by cornering all the old jugs and bottles in the neighborhood. While the wet goods was being unloaded a crowd of young Liberals on their way home from a successful meeting, came along and silently watched the whole performance.

They waited until the transfer had been completed, and then surrounded the house, maintaining the vigil until daylight, when constables who had been sent for arrived upon the scene.

Entrance was effected to the house and the liquor was seized, loaded on a sloven wagon and taken to Kentville, where its arrival created a great sensation. Baxter, the owner of the House, jumped from a window when the officers arrived and has not since been seen.

The supply of liquor seized was intended for use in the counties of Kings and Colchester.

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CARANZA WARNS  
GENERAL PERISHING

New York, June 17.—An Associated Press despatch from Chihuahua City, Mexico, last night said General Jacinto Trevino, commanding the Carranza army of the north, advised General J. J. Pershing, American expeditionary commander, that any movement of the American forces from their present lines to the southeast or west would be considered a hostile act and a signal to commence warfare. General Trevino acted upon scientific instructions from Carranza.

VALLEY RAILWAY  
SUIT IN MONTREAL

(Montreal News, Friday.)  
Mr. Justice Charbonneau yesterday dismissed the action taken by F. A. Hibbard against A. R. Gould for \$10,000 with interest since February 14, 1913, being the amount of the transfer of his interests in the Hibbard Co., Ltd., and the St. John & Quebec Railway Co. for the construction of a part of the railway line between Fredericton and Woodstock, N.B.

The defendant had refused to complete his contract, claiming that the representations of the latter were incorrect and the judge found that he had established his case.

(The mention of Mr. Gould's name in the above is evidently made through error. The defendant in the suit is Mr. A. D. Gall, who is well known here.)

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