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**MAKING THEM HOWL.**

Discussing the startling revelations made before the Meredith-Duff Commission, the Montreal Herald says:

Sir Richard Cartwright used to be outspoken on the subject of corruption. Once, when he had been delivering one of his famous harangues about the "red room contributions," as he called them, he was met by a grand outcry from some of those who professed allegiance to his own party. Then he said, "When I fling a stone at a pack of wolves, I like to hear them howl." The story is recalled by the ravings in the party press about the stone which Messrs. Carvell and Kyte have cast at the pack of munitioneers. We have already quoted the News of St. Johns, Quebec, which editorially announced on May 5 that Mr. Carvell "should be interned as an enemy or shot as a traitor." In the Halifax Herald of May 17 we find such expressions as "black-guardly Grit guerilla attacks," "the Grit crooks and perjurers," and so on. In a recent issue of the Ottawa Journal there was an article, evidently written by a Conservative member, in which it is said that "Mr. Kyte lied so colossally and so ingeniously" that he "momentarily scared nearly all of us to death." It then refers to Mr. Kyte in abusive, insulting terms, as "only a political sample of the unclean bird whose name he bears." If Sir Richard Cartwright were alive he would get much satisfaction from hearing the wolves howl.

A pack of local Government wolves in Westmorland County are doing considerable howling at the present time. Mr. H. M. Blair, former Secretary of the Public Works Department, is throwing the stones.

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming is said to have held up his hands to high heaven and declared that there was no party fund when the endorsers of the big note touched him for a payment on the same. At that very moment Mr. Kidd had in his custody the sum of \$67,000 left over from the last local election campaign, and \$100,000 extorted from the timber limit holders of the province. Only a short time before, Mr. Flemming, in addressing a meeting of soldier boys at Sussex, gave them to understand "that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." As a political four-flusher, Flemming is in a class by himself.

The bunch of grafters now in control of provincial affairs had a boodle fund of \$137,000 at the last local election. Of this amount \$76,000 was expended in the interests of "purity" and \$61,000 was left over. Mr. J. Kidd Flemming made a trip to the west at the public expense soon after the election, and it is said made large investments in lands. It rather looks as if he took the \$61,000 along with him and salted it away.

Mr. John A. Young, M. P. P., was not an endorser of the big note, but he was represented thereon by his son. Mr. Young knew all about the transaction and was a member of the delegation which waited on Premier Flemming and urged him to pay the note. Since that time Mr. Young has been the chief patronage dispenser for the Government in York.

The Local Government plunderbund have been obliged to call out the reserves in Westmorland. Hon. O. M. Melanson, Speaker of the Legislature, has been forced to take the stump on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mahoney, and Mr. Titus Carter, the Victoria County wind-bag, has been called upon to lend a helping hand. The boodlers are fighting for a lost cause.

Readers of the Mail could not have been greatly surprised at the detailed story of the big note, as told by Mr. H. M. Blair, one of the victims, in his statutory declaration. It is now eighteen months since the endorsers were rounded up with a writ in the office of the bank's solicitors, and compelled to come across with an instalment. The story of the round up was fully set forth in the Mail at the time.

Mr. B. Franklin Smith, of patriotic potato fame, spoke at a political meeting on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mahoney at Sunny Brae on Thursday evening. He claimed that he had made no profit on the 44,000 barrels of patriotic potatoes which he sold to the government, but neglected to explain why he had refunded \$4,000 after the books had been kept open seven weeks.

The St. John Standard says that Commissioner Teed refused to accept Mr. H. M. Blair's evidence under oath, and therefore the statements which he makes in his sworn affidavit should not be accepted by the public as true. All the same, it will be difficult to find a man in the county of York who will not accept as genuine the letter dic-

tated by Col. McLeod, M. P., which Mr. Blair quotes in his latest production.

Hon. Mr. Baxter, in a letter to the newspapers, claims that certain statements in Mr. Blair's affidavit concerning himself are untrue. Mr. Baxter has the remedy in his own hands. He is the chief law officer of the Crown and is therefore in an excellent position to get after Mr. Blair for perjury.

Rev. J. B. Daggett comes forward with a belated explanation of the payment of \$500 made by him on the "big note." He states that he drew the money from his private account in the Bank of Commerce, and gave it to Mr. Blair, who paid it back a little later on. If Blair paid it back, he should be given credit for keeping his word, which is more than can be said for Daggett's dear friend, Flemming.

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, according to the Blair affidavit, contributed \$8,900 to the boodle fund at the time of the York by-election; \$5,000 was raised on a note; Mr. Harry Woods raised \$4,000 for the fund, and there were other contributions amounting to a snug sum. The amount expended was equal to about \$2 per head for every voter in the county.

The Standard has been compelled to devote the whole of its first page to issues arising out of the by-election in Westmorland. Even the news of the great war has to take a back seat. It certainly looks as if the Opposition have the boodlers on the run in Westmorland.

About the time that Hon. H. F. McLeod addressed that letter to Premier Flemming, this journal of the home published a report of a street row in which the two were involved. They rushed into print on the following day and declared that their relations had always been harmonious.

Hon. J. A. Murray denies that he was shown a copy of the letter which Col. McLeod dictated to Mr. H. M. Blair, giving particulars as to how the boodle fund was raised. Premier Clarke, on the other hand, acknowledges the corn.

The St. John Globe thinks that a clean-up in provincial politics is necessary. The Globe is right now, but it was wrong a few years ago when it proclaimed Flemming as the soul of honor.

It is said that Hon. J. A. Murray will enter an action for libel against the newspapers which published the latest Blair affidavit. Ex-Premier Flemming has not yet been heard from.

Mr. B. Franklin Smith, "as if he had not already brought trouble enough to the party," to quote the local graft organ, is now stumping Westmorland on behalf of Hon. P. G. Mahoney.

Mr. James M. Scott and those who worked for him in the York by-election have nothing to regret. Time has certainly vindicated them.

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, once described as the biggest grafter in New Brunswick, is still the Liberal-Conservative candidate in Carleton.

It will be observed by Mr. H. M. Blair's affidavit that the gallant Col. McLeod was careful to keep his name off the back of the big note.

The so-called "Local Government party" in York has certainly fallen upon evil days.

**FIRST BAND CONCERT AT WILMOT PARK SUNDAY**

The first open-air band concert of the season will be played at Wilmot Park by the Fredericton Brass Band Sunday afternoon, beginning at four o'clock. Twenty concerts are to be played during the summer by the band, some on Sunday in Wilmot Park and some during evenings of week-days at Parliament Square.

The program for tomorrow afternoon's concert is as follows: Hymn, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." March, "Sabbath Morn"—Hare. Sacred Fantasia, "Religious"—Round. Motet "Vesper Bells"—Gounod. March, "To the Front"—Seinthe. Selection, "In the Chapel"—Lingley. Hymn, "Abide With Me." God Save the King.

Mrs. Allen and daughter of Providence, R.I., who were here for the Lottimer-Tweedie wedding and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chestnut, have returned home.



**104TH BATTALION BAND GAVE FAREWELL CONCERT**

Excellent Program Played By This Organization at the City Opera House.

The farewell concert of the 104th Overseas Battalion Band, given at the City Opera House last night, was one of the best ever heard in Fredericton. The band since playing a concert here during the winter, has improved wonderfully, the instrumentation having been changed for the better and the personnel increased. The program was interspersed with vocal selections. Band Sergt. Lanyon proved a pleasing soloist and responded to an encore with "Mother Machree." The chorus "Soldier's Farewell," sung by the band, was encored and a quartet was heard.

The attendance was not as large as at the preceding concert, about half a house being present.

The program was as follows: God Save the King. O Canada.

104th Battalion Band March, arranged by C. J. Hayes, former bandmaster of Infantry School Corps Band, Fredericton.

March Militaire, No. 2, F. Schubert Op. 52.

Overture, from Opera Martha, by Flotow.

Waltz, Beautiful Danube. Song, Little Grey Home in the West, H. Lohr, by Band Sergeant Lanyon.

Encore, Mother Machree. Selection, Zigfield Follies, Part 4. (a) All Aboard for Dixie, Cobb. (b) Where My Caravan Rested, H. Lohr.

Chorus, Soldier's Farewell, J. MacKenzie Rogan.

Encore, Vocal Quartet. Grand Military Tattoo. National Songs of Allies.

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**H. M. BLAIR PUT IT UP TO BAXTER**

Fredericton, May 26, 1916. Editor Telegraph, St. John.

Sir,—I see by this morning's Telegraph that Hon. Mr. Baxter claims my declaration is a "tissue of lies."

Well, Mr. Baxter is Attorney General, and knows what is due a person who commits perjury. He has the full machinery of the law at his command. Why doesn't he start something?

I court an investigation into each and every one of my charges, and dare him or his associates to come across.

If they could only get up courage enough to start a suit I would welcome it, as it would not be private like the Teed burlesque. H. M. BLAIR.

**AMERICAN GOLD FOR SINN FEINERS**

Dublin, via London, May 27.—The names of Judge Daniel Coholan of the New York State Supreme Court, and Dennis P. Shelly, a New York lawyer, were mentioned by Major Price in his testimony before the Irish commission investigating the Sinn Fein revolt, in connection with money sent from America to the Sinn Feiners.

Major Price said that \$100,000, mostly American gold, had reached the Irish revolutionists during the first six months after the war broke out. The Sinn Feiners then withdrew all their funds from the banks and stopped making further deposits, so that it was impossible to trace later sums received by them.

The witness added, however, that he was certain that large sums had been remitted subsequently from the United States.

SUE FOR \$6,500.

A writ has been issued in the Supreme Court in the case of Messrs. A. C. Jardine and D. C. Clirch against the Prescott Lumber Company, claiming \$6,500 commission.

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