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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."—Premier Asquith.

A GROSS BREACH OF FAITH.

The semi-official announcement recently made that the Valley Railway would not be extended beyond Centreville and would enter St. John by way of Westfield simply means that the Government has surrendered to C. P. R. influence. That is the sum and substance of the whole situation, and no labored explanations from the subsidized press and talk of hard times and tightness of the money market can becloud the issue.

Knowing something of the influences which were then at work, public men and newspapers opposed to the Government, predicted from the start that if members of the present local administration had their way the road would never be anything more than a branch of the C. P. R. Now, according to a statement given out by the Government last week, this prediction is to be fulfilled. The road will not be extended north beyond Centreville, and instead of following the east side route to St. John, will be continued as far as Westfield, where it will connect with the C. P. R. In other words, this railway, which involves the credit of the province to the extent of \$7,000,000, will be nothing more than a C. P. R. branch line, beginning nowhere and ending nowhere. Acting Premier Murray, on his return from Ottawa last week, stated that the Dominion and Provincial Governments were working in harmony with respect to the Valley Railway project. Yes, working together with the common object of fool and bamboozling the people of New Brunswick, and more particularly those resident in the St. John Valley. Hon. Mr. Hazen, not possessing sufficient influence with his colleagues in the Federal government to secure the promised assistance for a bridge over the St. John river, now evidently thinks that it is good business to have the Valley Railway a mere local line. In 1907, when he was Opposition leader in the Local Legislature, he said: "I am quite satisfied THAT AS A PURELY LOCAL ROAD THE RAILWAY WOULD NOT PAY, and I have every confidence that as part of the Transcontinental system it would be highly beneficial to the province and would not cost the people anything at all." Instead of providing the promised railroad that will not cost anything at all, Hon. Mr. Hazen and his associates are now ready to hand the people a large-sized lemon in return for their money.

The abandonment of the original plan to make the Valley Railway a part of a Transcontinental system is not only a gross betrayal of the rights of the people of this province, but it is a flagrant breach of faith on the part of the Provincial Government with those members of the Legislature who in 1914 were induced to vote an additional bond guarantee of \$10,000 a mile for the road, with the distinct understanding that the road would be completed from St. John to Grand Falls. To prove the truth of this statement, it is only necessary to quote from the speech delivered in the Legislature by Premier Flemming in 1914 when bringing down the bill for an additional bond guarantee. Mr. Flemming, then in the shadow of the Dugal charges, which ultimately drove him from public life, said:

"There had been a great deal of discussion in certain quarters as to the location of the road from Gagetown to St. John, and he regretted to say that there had been a deliberate attempt to create the impression that the Government wished to divert the road from that route originally laid out and make it join the C. P. R. at Westfield. THE CONTRACT THAT WAS ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRACTORS IN 1911 PROVIDED THAT THE ROAD SHOULD CROSS THE RIVER AND ENTER ST. JOHN FROM THE EAST SIDE AND NO REQUEST OR SUGGESTION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTORS ASKING THAT THE ROUTE MIGHT BE VARIED, AND HE MIGHT SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTEN-

TION WHATEVER OF VARYING IT." Speaking of the promised aid by the Federal Government for bridges, Mr. Flemming said:

"A delegation had been to Ottawa and had laid the whole facts before the Dominion Government, and he wished to say in passing that that delegation had performed a most valuable service for which the hearty thanks of the province should be accorded them. They came back from Ottawa WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ONLY FINANCE THE BRIDGES TO THE EXTENT OF \$3,000,000, BUT WOULD IN ADDITION PAY THE INTEREST ON THAT AMOUNT FOR FIFTEEN YEARS JUST THE SAME AS THEY HAD AGREED TO DO FOR THE \$1,260,000. * * * THE PLAN OF THIS GOVERNMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT A LINE OF RAILWAY WHICH WILL HAVE GRAND FALLS AT ONE END AND ST. JOHN AT THE OTHER. HE WOULD SAY WITHOUT ANY FEELING WHATEVER AGAINST THE C. P. R. THAT THE ST. JOHN VALLEY RAILWAY AS CONSTRUCTED BY THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE TIED UP TO THE C. P. R. AT ONE END OR THE OTHER."

On the strength of Mr. Flemming's solemn declaration his supine followers in the Legislature voted to saddle an additional liability of over two million dollars on the people of this province.

It may be stated here that Hon. Mr. Murray, now acting Premier, was a member of the delegation which travelled to Ottawa at the public expense and secured from the Federal Government an alleged promise of \$3,000,000 to aid in the construction of the bridges. If Mr. Murray really secured such a promise, why does he not take steps to compel the Ottawa Government to live up to it. He surely must know that it was largely on the strength of this promise that the Legislature was induced to vote an additional \$10,000 a mile to the road. Surely an explanation from the acting Premier on this subject is due to the people.

Another member of the delegation which picked up \$3,000,000 so easily at Ottawa was Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M. P. P. Speaking in the Legislature on the subject, he said:

"The heartiest thanks of the people of this province should be accorded to Mr. Hazen and Mr. Borden and the other members of the Government for the very ready response and generous aid they were willing to give; now they had been asked to make this one million into three, AND THE REPLY CAME UNHESITATINGLY THAT THAT SUM WAS AT THE SERVICE OF THE PROVINCE, FREE OF INTEREST FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. That places beyond any doubt in his (Tilley's) mind that the road must go on to completion."

Having journeyed to Ottawa and secured a promise of \$3,000,000 for bridges, Mr. Tilley can very well claim to have done his bit. He should now see to it that the Federal Government carries out its promise. The thanks which Mr. Flemming accorded to Mr. Tilley were generously passed along by the latter to Mr. Hazen and Mr. Borden. In view of the recent developments, who is entitled to thanks today?

Now we have Mr. Baxter, then a private member, but now Attorney General, speaking in the same debate. We find him declaring: "The history of the Valley Railway was one of many ups and downs. Its start was a sham, but that was no fault of the present Government." After hurling a few diatribes at Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, he said:

"If such a thing should happen that the province stood to lose this \$7,000,000, which the opposition press seemed to like to talk about, then if New Brunswick had its friends at Ottawa it would be reasonable to look there for assistance. BUT THE ROAD MUST BE BUILT THROUGH FROM GRAND FALLS TO ST. JOHN, AND HE FELT JUSTIFIED IN VOTING FOR A MEASURE WHICH PROVIDED FOR PUTTING IT THROUGH AND PUTTING IT THROUGH ON TIME."

How does Mr. Baxter reconcile his attitude in 1914 with the position he takes in 1916? Two years ago he was keen for having the road built from Grand Falls to St. John. Today the Government of which he is a member announces that it is to be nothing more than a branch line of the C. P. R.

Another member of the Legislature who seems to have been "gold bricked" by Mr. Flemming's honeyed words was our own Mr. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P. The junior member for Queens, after declaring "that he had every confidence that the Hon. Premier (Flemming) would emerge with flying colors from the attacks which had been made upon him by men who would tommyhawk any opponent in the dark," proceeded as follows:

"In conclusion, he would like to say he was very much pleased that the bill provided that there should be no delay

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in the completion of the road, and he felt that the thanks of the country were due to the hon. members who went to Ottawa and there secured such handsome assistance from the Federal Government."

Mr. Slipp, in view of subsequent developments, has another think coming to him. His confidence seems to have been betrayed in both cases, and he should try and square the account.

Mr. J. L. White, M. P. P., of Victoria, is another member who has been placed in an embarrassing position by the recent announcement. He is thus reported to have expressed himself during the course of the debate:

"Mr. White (Victoria) said he only wanted to remind the committee that the road had two ends, one at St. John and one at Grand Falls. HE WAS EXTREMELY GLAD TO HEAR THAT IT WAS GOING TO GRAND FALLS. He was very pleased to hear the other night the Premier remark THAT THE ROAD COULD NOT BE TIED UP TO THE C. P. R."

Poor Mr. White! What must he think of the announcement that the road will not go to Grand Falls, but instead will be "tied up to the C. P. R." and what must his constituents think about it?

It seems that Mr. White was not the only back-bencher who was caught with chaff in 1914. Mr. Philip Grannen, M. P. P., of St. John, was another. He went on record as saying that "he was heartily in accord with the proposal for a further guarantee of \$10,000 per mile of bonds under the provisions of the bill, AND NOW THAT THEY HAD THE ASSISTANCE FROM OTTAWA AND THE ASSURANCE THAT THE ROAD WOULD ENTER ST. JOHN FROM THE EAST, HE WOULD GIVE THE BILL HIS HEARTY SUPPORT."

If the latest plan is carried out, it is presumed that Mr. Grannen will resign his seat.

The present Government's handling of the Valley Railway project has been a disgrace and a scandal from the start. They have broken faith with the people and have gold bricked their followers in the Legislature. The extracts which we have quoted above show conclusively that Messrs. Baxter, Slipp, Tilley, White and Grannen voted for the extra bond guarantee with the distinct understanding that the road would be completed from Grand Falls to St. John. Mr. Baxter has already stultified himself. Will the others, and those whose sentiments they expressed, swallow this latest dose without a protest. If they do, it will be proof that they are lost to all sense of honor and decency in public life.

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