

# The Chappelle Affidavit Making Heaps of Trouble

Local Government Organ Here Denounces the Miserable Tactics of Whips Woods and Price---Also Took a Whack at B. Franklin Smith of Patriotic Potato Fame---The Ship of State Making Rapid Headway Toward the Rocks.

Another bombshell fell in the Government ranks Saturday afternoon, when the local newspaper organ of the party, The Gleaner, appeared with a bitter attack upon the Government whips and B. Frank Smith of Carleton county, as well as indirectly upon the whole Government.

Members of the Government here, representatives of York and nearby counties, officials and supporters were full of consternation. They would have expected a denouncement from the Premier for sooner than one from this newspaper, which year after year, month after month, and day after day, has defended and excused every action of this Government. No matter what was done, the Government and its supporters could always depend upon this Tory newspaper for excuse and defence. The sins of Flemming were "whiter than snow" in its eyes, and Opposition organized E. S. Carter, F. B. Carvell, M. P., and others who labored to expose and better conditions, were abused and reviled in terms decent and indecent.

Following on the exposures and proved charges of E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot, the Opposition organizers, charges which Premier Clarke and Hon. Mr. Baxter in particularly venomous language denounced in the Legislature, came the reports of three Royal Commissions, every one of which proved that Carter had Veniot were right and the men and newspapers who abused them both guilty and wrong.

As if that were not enough, James K. Pinder, who by the way fell under the displeasure of another Royal Commissioner, Mr. Pingle, was denounced in the House by one of the ministers of the Government he supported, who went so far as to say if he had his deserts he would be behind other walls. Pinder in his turn denounced Morrissey.

## The Storm Broke Again.

Then last Thursday the storm broke again. Through the encouragement of the government whips, H. W. Woods, M. P. P., of Queens, and Dr. O. B. Price, M. P. P., of Moncton city, an affidavit was secured which affected the honor and the reputation of Colonel P. A. Guthrie, the junior member for York county. The affidavit, though still in the possession of Whip Woods, became the talk of the town, and the speech of the gallant colonel, indignantly repudiating the charges that he encouraged or accepted graft, as well as those of Messrs. Woods and Price literally refusing to accept the Colonel's statement, and hoping that he "would be hale to prove his innocence," are still the talk of the capital.

All these things followed other memorable happenings this session, including the retirement of A. J. H. Stewart because of the Chandler report upon the Veniot charges, the dismissal of officials in the road service for the same reason, the promise to demand restitution of prosecute Colonel Sheridan for public moneys illegally obtained according to Chandler's report, the patriotic potatoes matter and the admitted refund of thousands of dollars in order to bring the amount up to \$32,861, the payment of long delayed amounts by Louis E. Young, of Woodstock, through opposition inquiries, the charge of paying \$10,200 to McVey & Son by order-in-council of Premier Clarke and Messrs. Murray, Landry and Baxter without the approval either of the Minister of Public Works or the engineers in charge of the work, who, on the contrary, reported against the payment, the report of M. G. Teed, K. C., on the Colby charges which had been obtained by Whips Woods and Price and James K. Pinder because of their opposition to the Minister of Public Works and his deputy, H. M. Blair, the dismissal of Blair by order in council in consequence, the threatened call for the resignation of the Minister of Public Works, the abandoning of the original route of the Valley Railway and linking it up with the C. P. R., and some other craters ready for explosion.

All of these discoveries and exposures have prolonged a session that at first promised to be very brief. To

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"My mind is clearer and my body stronger than ever before. There's a Reason." Name given by Canadian Postum Co., Windsor, Ont.

Ever read the above letter. A new one appears from time to time. They

are genuine, true and full of human interest.

day, with the most important measure to come, there is discord and division in the ranks of the Government supporters which will certainly be increased and widened by the attack on prominent Government members and the rebuke to the ministers which appeared Saturday in their principal newspaper stay and support, The Gleaner.

Some of the statements are startling. After resisting the "heart to heart" talks between Harry Woods, M. P. P., and the House messenger and contractor, Chappelle, it seems that Woods procured an affidavit from him making charges against Guthrie "because Woods was fearful," according to Chappelle's story, "that H. M. Blair would issue a statement in reference to some other transactions that would involve members of the Legislature."

## Scathing Criticism.

Referring to this, the strong and striking statement is made by the government organ, that "the attempt, therefore, of the designing ones to cast reproach upon an honored name, for the sole purpose of saving their own scalps in some other operations, miserably failed."

Then the paper charges Woods with being quite willing to hush up the Chappelle charge provided he can have the assurance that the ex-Secretary of the Public Works Department will not expose the connection of certain politicians with other public business.

What more can be exposed? Surely this "honest" government has nothing to hide, nothing that can be exposed. Premier Clarke and Messrs. Murray and Baxter are saying upon every possible occasion that there is nothing that will not bear the light of day.

What can account for Tory Organizer Harry Woods' fear and his desire to shut Blair's mouth? Perhaps he remembers certain street railway legislation three years ago and what happened upon that occasion. If as a Queens county member he doesn't happen to know, let him inquire of a Kings county member. He can tell him all about it.

There is further comment upon the "miserable spirit and the meanness in motive" of Mr. Woods in his designs upon the soldier, Colonel Guthrie, but the honor of other members of the Legislature having been impugned in the position Mr. Woods has taken in his alleged admission that there are other things to hide, the public will demand that Mr. Woods at once set about either to establish innocence in connection with the part he is reported to have played in an attempt to conceal things or to reveal the story of the inside that competent authorities may deal with it.

The rarest reference in the whole article is the side-wiping slap at B. Frank Smith, M. P. P., of Carleton county, ex-Premier Flemming's admirer and successor. The Gleaner spoke of him as "having brought trouble enough upon the party."

The article also contains the statement that "if there are any members in the Legislative Assembly whose connection with the public business will not bear the light of day, their names should be known and their resignations requested. We cannot ourselves think that dishonesty is rampant."

If anything were needed to put the finishing touches to the party discord and dissatisfaction, the article referred to above furnishes the want.

# STUDENT'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE OPENING

(From the Normal Light.)

Should any of the peaceful citizens have chanced to look out and see in never-ending line the Normalites proceeding down the street on Thursday afternoon, March the ninth, they might well have reason to ask, "Where are they all going?" Should any of them have had enough cognition towards better learning to investigate this phenomenon, they would find the destiny of all to be the same, for all followed a snowy path—to the Parliament Building.

There they might be seen waiting—some at the side door, some at the central door; waiting for the portals to be thrown aside to admit them. At last they were in! Oh, the climb up those winding stairs! Now they were all seated, and from the dizzy height above looked down where the members were beginning to come in, and their wives and friends arriving in ermine furs and beautiful Parisian spring hats.

Above was the busy hum of voices; when all at once a great silence fell over the assembly. "It" had begun.

The first thing done was the appointment of a Speaker, one of the members from each side escorting him to the throne.

The curious part of the proceedings was that everything seemed to have been planned and prepared beforehand, for after the Speaker had been appointed he drew from his pocket a paper containing his written thanks to the members for elevating him to the said position of Speaker, which he duly read to the Assembly.

Silence reigned supreme for a few brief moments; then His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was announced. The Speaker dismounted from the throne. Preceding the Governor were a number of militia officers who lined up in solemn array on either side, while the Governor passed between them to the throne.

The Speaker informed the Governor of his election, who after acknowledging it, proceeded to read the "Speech from the Throne." This he did while still seated and still wearing his hat, which indeed he did not dispense with during the time he was in the Assembly. After reading his speech he left, and was seen there no more.

Mr. Speaker again mounted the throne, and to him were addressed the remainder of the remarks.

Each member who spoke pronounced the "Speech from the Throne" to be the best he had ever heard given in the Assembly. Each expressed his regret at the absence of the Premier, on account of ill-health, and the death of the venerable Speaker who had departed from this earth since the meeting of the last Legislature. Each Speaker also congratulated those members who had donned the King's uniform. One member was noticed present who had taken a trip to the land of fire and sword, got mixed with some German bullets and come back again still bearing the marks of the conflict.

One speaker discoursed at considerable length on the sheep industry,

which he claimed was degenerating; another spoke on the lumber industry and the Crown lands, telling how much land was under cultivation, the value of the lumber obtained each year, plans to make a complete survey of the province and other topics of vital interest.

Another member who particularly held the attention of all was he who spoke on education, complaining of the large number of subjects taught which were unnecessary, and only tended to make the children walking cyclopaedias of information. He said that his own little boy—and he was not so small either—could hardly carry the books required, much less stand the strain resulting from the study of the said books.

Of course the hearts of all the student teachers went out in sympathy as they thought of their own school days, of the cold and snowy tramps to the little schoolhouse on the hill, heavily laden with the armful of books; but more heavily laden, at least in mind, at the thought of so many lessons which the teacher had assigned for that day. Or perhaps their thoughts did not wander further than the boarding house where the great pile of books awaited them with lessons to be prepared for the next day at Normal.

At last, one member put off his speech on account of the lateness of the hour, and the motion being made, the meeting was adjourned.

Then down the winding stair passed the Normalites to think, to dream, of what they had seen in the place where our laws are made.

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"When some people around here have a little printing to be done, they visit all the printing offices, get quotations from each one, and then give the work to the man who gives the lowest figures."

"The ordinary user of printing knows his own business, but he is no more a judge of the work of printing than he is a judge of what sort of medicine a doctor should give him for the cure of his ailment. If people ask me for quotations and pass me by if my price happens to be a little more than the other fellow, why shouldn't I apply the same method to the doctor, lawyer, dentist and painter? Why not? It's a mighty poor rule that won't work more than one way."

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