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A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT.

The story of the corruption of the Government of this Province since 1912 is a long one and grows from day to day. From time to time a piece of information is obtained which supplies a missing link, but the complete tale of the iniquity may not be known for years. One exceptionally sordid incident has just been completed.

In 1911 the Legislature passed a law to provide that all pulp wood cut upon Crown lands should be manufactured into pulp or paper in Canada. The idea was that home industries should be encouraged; that New Brunswick should not supply raw material to the mills of the United States, when it could easily be manufactured at a large profit within the province. The following is the provision respecting the same contained in Chapter 10 of the Acts of that year:

Every timber license or permit conferring authority to cut spruce or soft wood trees or timber, not being pine or poplar, suitable for manufacturing pulp or paper, on the ungranted lands of the Crown, shall contain and be subject to the condition that all such timber cut under the authority or permission of such license or permit, shall be manufactured in Canada, that is to say into merchantable pulp or paper, or into sawn lumber, woodenware utensils or other articles of commerce or merchandize.

Although that provision was passed by the Legislature, it was not observed by the Miramichi Lumber Co., which cut large quantities of pulp wood off the ungranted Crown lands. Mr. J. W. Brankley, the man who collected the timber graft fund on the Miramichi for Hon. J. K. Flemming, was the president of the Miramichi Lumber Co. His company continued to ship to mills in the United States the rosed pulp wood cut from the timber limits held by them.

After Mr. Flemming had been found guilty of grafting and retired, Mr. Flemming's successors took up with Mr. Brankley this open defiance of the law. THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMED A PENALTY FROM THE MIRAMICHI LUMBER COMPANY AMOUNTING TO ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS, FOR HAVING SHIPPED ILLEGALLY ABOUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION CORDS OF PULP WOOD.

The Miramichi Lumber Company resisted this claim and alleged that they had shipped the pulp wood under an agreement made with the Hon. J. K. Flemming. This defence was set up in a document prepared by Mr. H. A. Powell and filed with the Government. The Government has apparently ceased to press the claim.

Now we have the interesting explanation. IT EXPLAINS NOT ONLY WHY THE MIRAMICHI LUMBER COMPANY BROKE THE LAW, BUT ALSO WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT COLLECTED THE PENALTY. THE EXPLANATION IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE IN THAT FAMOUS LETTER DICTATED BY THE HON. H. F. McLEOD, M. P., on Feb. 12, 1914, and recently published:

"I ALSO CHARGE THAT ONE MR. BRANKLEY, OF THE MIRAMICHI LUMBER COMPANY, PAID TO HIM THE HON. J. K. FLEMMING, THE SUM OF \$1,000 AS A PERSONAL GIFT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SHIPPING ROSSED PULP WOOD CUT ON CROWN LANDS, IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

"ALL OF THESE CHARGES I AM PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO PROVE."

Will the Hon. Mr. Clarke ask the Hon. H. F. McLeod to prove his charge or will the Hon. Mr. Clarke let the claim against the Miramichi Lumber Co. drop?

We have no doubt the claim will be dropped.

REV. MR. BULLOCK NOT WANTED.

A new recruiting officer has arrived in the Maritime Provinces in the person of Lieut. Col. (Rev.) C. S. Bullock, who is "not only the commander of a battalion, but a clergyman as well," the St. John Standard announces.

The Standard, in introducing Mr. Bullock to the favorable consideration of the public, omits the fact that he is an American and was connected with the so-called "American Legion" at Toronto, but the Government newspaper does say that this new recruiting officer "is the gentleman who told the Liberal Ottawa Free Press an interesting story concerning the methods employed by Mr. Dark Lantern Brigadier Carvell in his hunt for evidence, or rather, political campaign material, in the Meredith-Duff enquiry." It was Col. Bullock who gave,

publicity to the statement of one of Mr. Carvell's associates that the Grits "did not expect to get evidence, but hoped to secure some good political campaign material."

Yes, Rev. Mr. Bullock did give the interview in question to the Free Press, a newspaper publicly exposed by Mr. Carvell as calling itself Liberal, while its opinions were controlled by Conservatives. Since that interview was published Rev. Capt. Bullock has been promoted to be a Lieut. Colonel. Sir Sam knows how to use his high office to reward personal or political service.

But even if Mr. Bullock is an officer and a clergyman, that does not add truth to the substance of his interview. He detailed a conversation with some fictitious person reflecting upon Mr. Carvell. Why is he not man enough to give his authority? More than that, he comes from a foreign soil to Canada to stir up political strife; to do what no other recruiting officer has dared to do, appear upon a political platform (at the Carvell open-air meeting in Moncton) and interrupt the speaker of the day. He comes to the Maritime Provinces to get recruits, and at the start he antagonizes the adherents of one great political party by his open and pronounced antagonism to Mr. F. B. Carvell, an honored leader of that party.

Rev. Mr. Bullock, the Standard says, is to be a frequent visitor to St. John. The Liberals of that city should not refuse to take up the gauntlet he has thrown down. They should give him no welcome.

There is no room for him in New Brunswick. If the Standard wishes to exploit Col. Bullock as the opponent of F. B. Carvell, M. P., well and good. The Liberals will accept the challenge and see to it that this colonel-clergyman gets as good as he sends.

MR. CARVELL'S INFORMANT.

When Col. John Wesley Allison's lawyer demanded to know where Mr. Carvell got a certain communication produced before the Royal Commission Mr. Carvell announced for the first time the source of some of his inside information on commissions had rakes-offs. He declared that he got "a whole pile" of documents from Mr. J. R. Rathom, editor of the Providence Journal, "the man who has done more than anyone else in the United States to destroy the German propaganda."

The Montreal Herald, in speaking of Mr. Rathom, says:

"Mr. Rathom has become famous for some of the most startling disclosures ever published relating to pro-German activities on this continent ever published. It was he who charged that the Sayville wireless was being used for enemy purposes, and supported his charges by producing copies of every message passing through that station since the war began. The United States government thereupon took over the station. It was he also who exposed Von Papen and his schemes and brought about the recall of that emissary of the Kaiser. Other remarkable works along the same lines done by him was the warning that an attempt would be made to burn Ottawa's parliament buildings.

"Mr. Rathom is a native of Australia, but has lived in the United States for twenty-five years, and is a naturalized American citizen. He was born in Melbourne on July 4, 1868. He was correspondent in the Sudan in 1886 for the Melbourne Argus; in Cuba in 1898 for the Chicago Herald; member of the Bunbury expedition to New Guinea, 1888; Schwatka's Alaska expedition, 1890. He has been editor of the Providence Journal since 1905. He is widely known as a magazine contributor, and an authority on immigration and sociological subjects.

THE SINKING SHIP.

(St. John Telegraph.)

Sir,—The combination of the aggregation of dishonest, disreputable, and scheming politicians designated as the Government of New Brunswick, has been grievously disappointed by the grand result of the election in Westmorland.

Well done, Westmorland! Congratulations!

Persons who have read the Telegraph recently cannot fail to have discovered by sworn testimony the damnable condition of said political combination. Dugal will now have an honest associate in the person of Dr. E. A. Smith to root up and expose the Government's nefarious political designs.

J. W. M. Charlotte County, June 1, 1916.

The Winnipeg Free Press, commenting on the result of the Westmorland by-election, says: "The sensational defeat of a cabinet minister in a by-election suggests that the people of New Brunswick are waiting for an opportunity, which cannot now be long delayed, to put this Government, which took office not so long ago as a reform administration, out of business. The political revolt against corruption and inefficiency in high places has plainly extended to New Brunswick."

"Westmorland Led Province in Recruiting," says a headline in the Standard. The people of Westmorland

should certainly be proud of their work last week. They not only led the province in recruiting, but they set an example to the other counties by relegating to the political bone-heap a gentleman who appealed for re-election to the Legislature after accepting a portfolio in the most incompetent and corrupt government which ever cursed the province. It is only natural that a county which led in the fight for good government should also lead in recruiting men to fight against Kaiserism and all that it implies.

ON THE SIDE.

Next winter may be a cold one—fade!

There was some cold weather last winter—forget it.

The arc light still shines brightly in front of the old post office.

Frost is predicted for Thursday night. Oh, you, amateur gardener!

When those horrid exams are over the P. N. S. girls will soon leave us.

The soldier boys will also be going before long.

An optimist is a man who goes to the band concert at 8 and expects to hear music within 15 minutes.

It takes the potato bug to do his shopping early. But he has nothing on the cut worm.

If a man succeeds, the world envies him; if he fails, it openly sympathizes with him—and secretly rejoices.

Dr. Wiley advises girls that it's their duty to stay thin; but if they get fat, stout or beefy, as the case may be, shall it be said of them that they have failed in their duty? It has been said in their duty? Flesh is about the most undisciplined thing in the world.

SECURES RELEASE

OF A DESERTER

Boston, June 6.—Mayor Curley yesterday received word that his appeal in behalf of Arthur B. Barnes, of East Boston, a minor held as a deserter in Canada, had been honored.

Barnes is only 17 years old. United States Consul Gen. John G. Foster, at Ottawa, notified the Mayor that Barnes had been discharged from the 219th Battalion of the Canadian forces at Caledonia, N.S.

Relatives of the boy are now in Caledonia. Word was received two weeks ago that the boy was held as a deserter. They supposed death would be the penalty and went to get the body.

This is the second time Mayor Curley has procured his discharge from the army of Canada, but the present affair attracted more attention because of the arrest for desertion and the interest taken in the case by the State Department.

In the fall of 1915 Barnes was visiting relatives in Nova Scotia, when he enlisted. Although only 17 years of age, Barnes is of excellent physique and splendidly fitted to be a soldier. His mother conferred with Mayor Curley and the case was reported to the State Department at Washington, which soon secured his discharge.

Instead of returning to East Boston, Young Barnes went to see Canadian relatives near Yarmouth, N. S., and enlisted a second time. Soon after he deserted from camp at Caledonia, N. S., but was caught when the censor opened at letter addressed by young Barnes to relatives in East Boston.

Mrs. Barnes again appealed to Mayor Curley and vigorous messages from the Mayor's office to both Secretary Lansing and Consul General Foster at Ottawa, together with an attested copy of Barnes' birth certificate, prompted a declaration that the British government would be held for an indemnity if Barnes suffered the penalty for desertion, in time of war.

Owing to the delay in proceedings, Mrs. Barnes developed a very serious nervous trouble and was treated at the Relief Hospital. The inaccessibility of Caledonia, N. S., was such that it required a month to obtain a ruling.

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