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But under the circumstances I determined that the Government was right, and I determined to place at its disposal whatever influence I had with my fellow-countrymen. I have loyally supported all the war measures of the Government, have appealed to all classes of my fellow-citizens to rise to the occasion and do their share, not only in contributing money, but in the ranks by doing battle for the great cause. And I am here today for the same purpose and object, to appeal to my fellow-countrymen of all origins to do their duty, and ask all who can go to take their places amongst those who are contending for the cause of civilization on the fields of France and Flanders.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Brome.

## MR. UPHAM AND THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

The Government newspapers continue to repeat the false statement that Mr. George W. Upham, Opposition candidate in Carleton, voted against the Valley Railway project when he was a member of the House in 1912. The Woodstock Press, the pocket organ of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, goes further than the others, and attempts to justify its statement by an alleged quotation from the Journals of the House. As the Mail took occasion to point out on a previous occasion, the Valley Railway project never had a more loyal supporter than Mr. Upham and we challenge the Government newspapers to show from the official debates wherein he ever uttered a word while a member of the House in opposition to the undertaking. The statement that Mr. Upham voted against the bill is based on his action in supporting an amendment moved by Mr. Tweeddale of Victoria. This amendment simply proposed to refer the bill back to the committee of the whole House for an amendment to provide that construction work begin on those sections of the road between Andover and Grand Falls and Rothesay and Gagetown simultaneously with the work on the other sections of the line, and that the whole line from St. John to Grand Falls be completed by November 1st, 1913.

Mr. Upham spoke on this amendment and the official report quotes him as follows:

"MR. UPHAM CONTENDED THAT HE HAD NOT OPPOSED THE BUILDING OF THE VALLEY RAILWAY, BUT THAT HE HAD ALWAYS PUT FORTH EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE AND ASSIST THE SCHEME. It was only last June that the Premier (Flemming) came back from Ottawa and announced that a contract had been made for I. C. R. operation of the road, but previous to that he had a scheme for an electric railway. Why did not the Premier go ahead this summer? The thing looked to him like an election dodge. HE HAD FAVORED THE VALLEY RAILWAY FROM START TO FINISH, AND HE THOUGHT EVERY MEMBER OF THE HOUSE SHOULD SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT."

The sentiments expressed by Mr. Upham in the House, all fair minded men will readily admit, were certainly not those of a man opposed to the construction of the Valley Railway. Nobody will say, in view of subsequent developments, that Mr. Tweeddale's amendment was not perfectly in order, and that Mr. Upham was not justified in giving it his hearty support.

Before the vote was taken in the House, Mr. Burgess, of Victoria, secured the floor and succeeded in extracting from Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, the then Premier, the admission that while in Ottawa he (Flemming) had received a telegram from a Victoria county gentleman and had replied as follows: "RAILWAY WILL BE BUILT FROM ST. JOHN TO GRAND FALLS."

That the Premier sent the telegram with the object of deceiving the "gentleman from Victoria county," must be apparent now to everybody, for he never had the slightest notion of paralleling the C. P. R. by extending the road to Grand Falls. The matter was all settled months before at the time he took the private car journey to Montreal with Sir William VanHorne.

Now, to return for a moment to the amendment moved in the House by Mr. Tweeddale. When the House divided, it was found that 28 members had voted against the amendment and twelve for it. Mr. Upham being one of the latter. It was then that Premier Flemming, by a miserable trick, tried

to put one over on his opponent from Carleton by seeking to have it appear on the records that the original motion was carried by the same vote reversed. According to the official debates, "Mr. Copp and Mr. Flemming both requested that the vote be recorded," but it seems that the request was not complied with, as the names were not recorded. Mr. Flemming was evidently disappointed at the failure of his little scheme, for when the House resumed on the following day he at once returned to the subject and tried to get the vote recorded. The incident is thus reported in the official debates:

"When the clerk had read the Journals, Hon. Mr. Flemming said he would direct the attention of the clerk to the fact that the St. John Valley Railway bill had been carried on the division, the Opposition members voting against its adoption.

"Mr. Upham objected to having his name recorded as voting against the bill. He had voted for the amendment of the hon. gentleman from Victoria (Mr. Tweeddale). He was ready to vote for the bill, as he had always supported it since the commencement of his political career.

"Mr. Speaker said that a record should have been made of the names on the division of the original bill. It had been distinctly stated by both the leader of the Government and the leader of the Opposition, that the vote should be recorded, and any objections should have been made then. However, it would be in order for any hon. gentleman to make the correction today.

"Mr. Upham said that neither the leader of the Opposition nor the leader of the Government had any right to speak as to how he (Upham) should vote.

"Mr. Tweeddale thought that there had been a misinterpretation of the vote. He had not voted against the passage of the bill. He had always favored the construction of the Valley Railway, and he wanted to be recorded as voting for it.

"Mr. LaBille— I think the matter was a rather sharp practice on the part of the leader of the Government (Flemming).

"Some Hon. Members—Oh, Oh!"

The above extract proves conclusively (1) that Mr. Flemming, when Premier, resorted to underhand methods with the object of placing Mr. Upham in a false position, (2) that Mr. Upham caught on to his little game and nipped it in the bud, (3) that the official records show that the Woodstock Press uttered a deliberate untruth when it stated that "George Washington Upham made no objection to his vote going on record at the request of his leader." We repeat and emphasize the statement made on a previous occasion, that the Valley Railway project never had a more loyal supporter than Mr. Upham, and that the effort being made to misrepresent his attitude in regard to this question is small politics worthy of small politicians.

Mr. H. M. Blair, in a speech at Lakeville, Carleton county, on Tuesday evening, made the charge that railway contractors were held up last fall by, and compelled to pay tribute to, heeled of the Government. He also alleged of a member of the Government, ledge of a member of the Government, and proof would be forthcoming before the Carleton campaign was closed. It is worthy of note that no statement made by Mr. Blair concerning the rascality of the Government and its agents has been successfully contradicted.

Voting in the British Columbia provincial elections is taking place today. The campaign has been a spirited one, and if public sentiment has not undergone a great change since last winter the Liberals should win by a large majority.

## Ontario Physician Works New Stunt

Camp Borden, Ont., Sept. 14.—A physician practising in Central Ontario has been found guilty, according to a statement by the assistant director of medical services, of rendering false health certificates to soldiers who de-

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At the close of the ceremonies and speeches, refreshments were served, and a very pleasant hour was spent by those present.

Following are the names appearing on the honor roll:

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An' we're still askin' is this hot enuff fer yuh?

Going down—gasoline—you can almost notice it.

No, Mr. Simp, none of our educational institutions teaches a golf course.

So far no remedy is offered for corn on the ear.

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming is now "the sick man" of New Brunswick politics.

This is the time of the year when the May straw hat begins to crack under the strain.

When a man's business runs down the sheriff comes along and winds it up.

Genuine French briar pipes will continue to be made as long as there's an apple tree left in America.

Very coarse! We s'pose it will now be nipp and tuck between the golf course and the race course to see which will develop the most speed.

The early bird may get the worm, but we should worry. Sleep knits up the unravelled sleeve of care—so what's the hurry?

sire to prolong their leave.

For a dollar or two he would give a soldier a certificate declaring him unfit for service for a few days because of an imaginary ailment.

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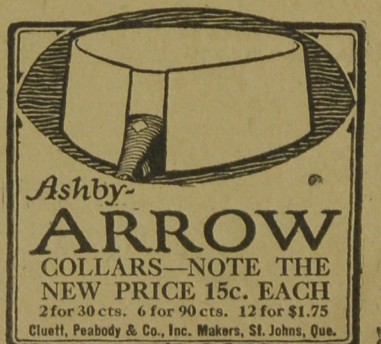
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