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THE INDISCREET MR. YOUNG.

By far the most edifying literature that has been ejected into this campaign are the sworn affidavits of Mr. John Andrew Humble and ex-Coun. C. W. Pond, in which they bluntly state that Mr. John Young, ex-M. P. P., and one of the government candidates in York, sought to teach them how to put one over on the Auditor General with regard to road moneys belonging to the province. Messrs. Pond and Humble it seems were members of a highway board of the parish of Stanley and it is to be presumed that they had a falling out with Mr. Young. We do not know what Mr. Pond's grievance was, but we feel assured that the suggestion that Mr. Young is alleged to have made to Mr. Humble would in itself be sufficient to make the righteous Andy his deadly enemy for all time. Mr. Humble seems, however to have nursed his wrath for nearly a year before adopting measures of reprisal. Then he came to Fredericton, reeled off an affidavit, swore to it before the late Judge Bliss and then hid the precious document under a bushel, where it rested for nearly six years. Eventually it was unearthed by some friend of good government, who gave it to the public through the medium of this journal of the home.

It was expected that the publication of this interesting document would cause Mr. Young to sit up and take notice, and it seems to have had that effect. A letter over his signature appeared in the local graft organ last evening in which he made a labored attempt to extricate himself from the embarrassing position in which he has been placed. It was a most heroic effort and if his object in rushing into print was to make himself more ridiculous in the eyes of the public, it was crowned with success. Mr. Young claims that his motives were honorable and then cites as a witness Mr. D. B. Winslow, ex-secretary of the Public Works Department, who is now in France fighting the battles of the Empire. He says he acted on Mr. Winslow's advice, and although said advice was tendered six years ago, Mr. Young—thanks to a marvellous memory—is able to quote it verbatim et literatim. He says that Mr. Winslow told him how to do the trick, and he, as in duty bound, passed the buck along to Messrs. Humble and Pond. Here is a brief extract from Mr. Young's letter, and it is a real gem:

"Now, Mr. Editor, these are the facts 'in connection with this matter, which 'I will admit was indiscreet on my part, but I am not free to admit that 'there was intention of wrong doing 'to anybody, and if there was wrong 'doing it would be upon the false affidavits of the road superintendents in 'the manipulation of the highway 'boards. It would have been better for 'me had I told Mr. Winslow at this 'time to settle this matter himself."

Yes, Mr. Young, it would have been far better had you left the matter with Mr. Winslow, an honest man who would have settled it without advising anybody to purloin moneys belonging to the province. You preferred to adopt another course, and in consequence you now stand before the public charged with being involved in what looks like a very shady transaction. You have shown yourself to be wholly unfit to represent a great county in the Legislature and the people will in all probability deal with your case at the polls on the 24th inst., as it deserves to be dealt with. York county has had enough of crooked politicians and their methods. The very fact that the organ of your party in this city was content to allow you to make your own defence is prima facie evidence that your case is a very weak one.

Our old friend, Mr. J. B. Daggett, Secretary of Agriculture, has been pressed into the campaign by the government and has taken the stump in Sunbury. In a speech at Burton a few days ago he said that if a change of government occurred on the 24th he would not wait to be fired, but would

resign and go out with his party. What balderdash to emanate from an official of the government. It is quite evident that Mr. Daggett is under the impression today that his duty is to the party first and to the people afterwards. While Mr. Daggett holds and gives expression to these sentiments, Premier Murray is going about the province boasting of the efficiency of a department the first officer of which is a rank partizan. Is it any wonder there was a scandal connected with the purchase of the patriotic potatoes.

The splendid ticket which the Opposition has placed in the field in St. John will encourage the friends of good government to renewed efforts in the battle they are now waging on behalf of the people. Mr. Barnaby was for years connected with the great dry goods house of Manchester, Robertson & Allison, and is recognized as one of the keenest business men in the province. Mr. Scully was for years a member of the Common Council, and has a long business career. Dr. Roberts is a prominent physician of the North End and a pronounced advocate of temperance. Mr. Sinclair is an able lawyer and was for years the partner of the late Dr. A. W. Macrae. In the present state of public feeling in St. John the Opposition ticket should win handsomely.

The appointment of Mrs. W. J. Glenn to the position of secretary-treasurer of the Municipality of York will give general satisfaction throughout the county. It is well known that Mrs. Glenn did not seek the position, and only accepted it at the urgent request of a majority of the members of the board. Mrs. Glenn has been connected with the county offices for many years and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the work. She is a remarkably bright and clever woman and the county is most fortunate in securing her valuable services at the present time.

Mr. E. S. Carter, the energetic Opposition organizer, and his colleagues, are putting up a gallant fight in Kings in the face of odds. Mr. Carter has been on the trail of the boodlers and grafters of the Local Government for some years past, and his splendid work in ferreting out and exposing wrong doing is going to make it much easier for the Opposition to win this election than it otherwise would have been. Mr. Carter has certainly earned a seat in the Legislature if ever any man did.

Careton Sentinel: How quick the poor soldier is dropped when it pleases a certain brand of politicians in our land. We do not hear anything of the soldiers' vote in this election. Perhaps our brave boys overseas know all about the potato gift and what became of the few barrels and bags that did get overseas. And the truth is not at all good reading for the gentleman asking a mandate of the people of New Brunswick.

Commodore Stewart, who recently declared in his paper that "the only way to reform this Government is to kick it out," has taken a flop to himself and is now a government candidate in Northumberland. What a nice time he must have trying to explain away his attacks on the Government. The commodore displayed good judgment—he will not have to pay his own election bills this time.

Why did the Provincial Government spring an election on the people at this inclement season, instead of holding a session to give the new Premier a chance to get firmly seated in the saddle? Was it afraid to face another session of the House with the possibility of grappling with another crop of scandals?

Although some very good men have been induced to accept nomination on the Government side, the grafters are still in control. Have you noted the activity of the Valley Railway crowd of late?

The boys in the trenches are doing their bit to destroy Kaiserism. Are the people at home going to permit the grafters and political cracksmen to rule the roost.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. JOHN A. YOUNG

To Mr. John A. Young, Taymouth.

Dear Sir,—You have been nominated as a candidate at a convention held in the city of Fredericton on Thursday, the 8th inst., to contest the County of York at the election of February 24th. Associated with you as a ticket are the names of Mr. James K. Pinder, Dr. Wm. C. Crockett and Mr. S. B. Hunter. I am surprised to see Mr. James K. Pinder's name associated with yours on a ticket asking the electors of the county of York for their votes and support, after the villainous attack you made upon your neighbor, friend and colleague, the same Mr. J. K. Pinder, in a public place in Boies-

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of conditions in St. Marys parish that were heartrending. This was the first council which ever favored the establishment of a home, and he hoped that York county would adopt a modern system of maintaining the poor.

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Appointed.

The following commissioners were appointed: ex-Coun. Walter Walker, on the motion of Coun. Allen, seconded by Coun. Lawson; Thomas Griffiths, on the motion of Coun. H. A. Smith, seconded by Coun. Alex. Brewer; and Coun. Alex. Brewer, on the motion of Coun. Allen, seconded by Coun. Douglass.

Coun. Pat Graham objected that the motions had gone through too rapidly. His parish was not favorable to establishing a Municipal Home.

Coun. Sloat wanted some information as to what expense would be incurred. Coun. Alex. Brewer said he could guarantee that no heavy expenditure would be incurred before the July session. It would be necessary, however, for the committee to visit some well conducted Municipal Home.

Coun. Sloat moved that the Council be given a statement of the number of persons confined in the county jail during the past six months. Carried.

Warden Neill appointed a committee composed of Coun. Reynolds, Coun. Young and Coun. Clarkson to obtain the information and report on Friday morning.

On the motion of Coun. Hunter, the parish officers for Manners-Sutton were appointed and the assessment for parish purposes in that parish was passed as follows:

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town, at the time a vacant seat in the Legislature was being contested by Col. Guthrie and Mr. James M. Scott. You there and then, in the post office at Boiestown, in my presence and in my hearing, said "Pinder was a liar and thief."

Now, Mr. Young, in fairness to you, I may say you were talking politics, for you went on to say that "Pinder, by lying and deception, tried to obtain and did obtain from the government \$2,000 per mile additional bond guarantee for his railway."

Now, Mr. Young, if your colleague, Mr. J. K. Pinder, is what you said he was, he is not a fit and proper person to be associated with you on a ticket for a seat in the Legislature of this province, or any other province. On the other hand, if you were defaming your neighbor and colleague, then you are not a fit subject to represent this county of York or sit in any assembly.

The intelligent electors of York must decide.

Yours truly,
M. ATKINSON.

Fredericton, Feb. 12th, 1917.

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