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MR. FLEMMING'S CASE.

The Woodstock Press, the pocket organ of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, has made the discovery that the payment of \$2,500 to its patron saint by a member of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald was the outcome of a conspiracy hatched by Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. It alleges that Mr. Carvell advised the payment of the money, but charged the firm to give it to none but Mr. Flemming. "Without suspecting a trap," it goes on to say, "Mr. Flemming took the money and within a few minutes delivered it to the treasurer of the fund, and, for doing this, the bona fide grafters and conspirators have, in their newspapers, been condemning him ever since."

Poor, innocent Mr. Flemming! To think that he should have developed the habit of falling into traps! In other words, his sins always found him out. He got caught in a trap when he collected the sum of \$10,000 from Contractor Corbett, and he got into a much larger trap when he gave his consent to the extortion of \$73,000 from the timber limit holders of the province. Developments in the Gould arbitration case at St. John on Thursday show that he was caught in a regular dead-fall of a trap when he held up Contractor Gould of Valley Railway fame for the tidy sum of \$100,000 just prior to the local election of 1912. The Woodstock organ—if it musters up sufficient courage to offer an explanation—will probably try to bamboozle its readers into believing that "Mr. Flemming merely took the money and within a few minutes delivered it to the treasurer of the fund." But it will scarcely claim that the trap on this occasion was set by Mr. Carvell, although he had a hand in catching the quarry.

The St. John Telegraph, commenting on the revelations at the Gould arbitration case, says: "A delightful feature of the case is the fact that the old local government—the Murray-Baxter group—unwittingly set the stage for yesterday's revelations by arranging to have Mr. Gould's claim against the province arbitrated. The arbitration proceedings were jogging along in a friendly fashion when the provincial elections came, and the Murray-Baxter group were bowled out. Defeat found them with much unfinished business on their hands, including the Gould arbitration. The Foster government promptly appointed new counsel to look after the interests of the province in the arbitration proceedings, and yesterday, under the shrewd questioning of Mr. Carvell, the contractor lifted the lid."

Halifax Chronicle: The Borden government is, as our old friend P. T. Barnum, used to say, "the greatest show on earth," in one respect, that is to say, in the matter of commissions. It counts them by the hundred, and the peculiar thing about it is that a commission's report is no sooner presented than the government proceeds to discredit it. The latest instance is Sir Thomas Whites' attack on the "accuracy" of the Drayton-Ackworth report with respect to the value of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern, with the usual announcement that a new arbitrator is to be appointed to set the government's original commissioners right. Isn't it a grand and glorious game?

When the Scott Act is repealed in the remaining counties of New Brunswick it will cease to be in force in any part of Canada. The act was passed by the Liberal government of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, and was looked upon at the time as advanced temperance legislation. It was adopted by popular vote in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, but never cut much figure in Quebec. The Ontario Municipalities repealed it many years ago, and it went out in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island after the enactment of provincial prohibitory laws.

London Advertiser: Sir Robert Borden can never convince the country that he puts patriotism before party, while he continues to pack the Senate with Conservatives to obtain political control of the Upper House.

He is making appointments as speedily as possible now, and he has allowed no party "truce" to bother him at any time. He has been quite content to leave the seats of the House of Commons unrepresented, but he has taken full advantage of his political control to work everything to the advantage of his party in the Senate. The Liberals, on granting extension, certainly permitted the Conservatives to "put one over on them" when they did not have a clause inserted in the extension order providing that no appointments should be made to the Senate while the extension continued.

Halifax Chronicle: "The Western Liberals favor an increase of the British Preference to 50 per cent., looking ultimately to free trade with the Mother Country. That is the logical development of the Fielding tariff of 1897, which the leading British journals hailed as 'a great Imperial stroke.' And yet the 'shrieking sisterhood' of Tory organs is already getting ready to call the Liberals of the West disloyal."

A correspondent of the Toronto Globe, writing on the subject of "Cats and the War," says: "The milk that cats drink is a total loss, and a theft from deserving demands. Cats destroy our insect destroyers, the birds. The only thing a cat can do to help win the war is to die as quickly and quietly as possible. As a patriotic duty we ought to assist every milk and bird-consuming cat to do this."

Mr. Gould in his evidence before Chief Justice McKeown, said that when he made trips to Ottawa with his government friends his expenses were large, as he paid all the bills. His statement is no doubt correct, but the Auditor General's report shows that the province also paid the bills of members of the government when they made junketing trips to Ottawa.

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, who when Premier of the province gathered in \$100,000 from Mr. A. R. Gould out of funds belonging to the people, is still Sir Robert Borden's "win-the-war" candidate in Carleton.

Through Our Sieve
● Acquiring the home garden habit was well worth while.

Just at present Old King Coal is a sorry old soul, and a worried old soul is he.

To matter how high gasoline may go the movie heroes will continue to use an auto in every scene.

When a man's wife goes to the country the man hardly ever tells the truth about his loneliness.

The elephant in the Leipsic zoo has been eaten. We shall soon hear of rubber plant salad.

Time flies. The little boy who was in "the grades" the other day is now flying through the air of France on a biplane.

As the home garden passes through the home kitchen into the home pantry, the value of domestic team work begins to be realized.

That mystic connection between sunspots, the aurora borealis and telegraph disturbances brings the fact home to the prosaic human race that there is a lot of romance in this interesting universe.

SPOTLIGHT ABUSE STOPPED

(Bangor News.)

Edward Allen, state automobile inspector, gives warning to all automobile owners that he will strictly enforce the state laws regarding the use of lights on cars, with particular reference to the use of the spot light in general running, and the use of a red light at the rear to illuminate the registration plate.

The use of the spot light is now prohibited for general use, its only recognized employment being for temporary use in deciphering signposts or special objects for a brief period only, and in backing.

The new regulations also compel the use of amber lenses or others which diffuse the rays of light in the headlights to do away with the glare of the old style lamps, and Mr. Allen will also prosecute any offenders in that line. He also states that he has given all the warnings he thinks necessary.

Similar laws would not be amiss in New Brunswick where glaring headlights have become a nuisance and a danger.

SHUFFLE IN THE CABINET AT OTTAWA

(Montreal Star.)

Ottawa, Aug. 16. — Although the close of last week found Union Government negotiations definitely "off" at least for the time being, it is only one more example of the fickleness of the political situation in this crisis that today new overtures are being made for a fusion of various political elements of the country in the reorganized cabinet of Sir Robert Borden.

From inside Government sources comes the information that the "pot is still boiling," and that hope of some kind of Union is not yet dead, or rather, has been resurrected once more.

Needless to say, there is no talk of any truce between the two parties as a whole. That possibly passed long since, and the truculent attitude of the Opposition in Parliament, as evidenced every day, and most recently by yesterday's debate on the Canadian Northern Bill, proves that it will not likely come back. The elements with which the Prime Minister is today negotiating represent factions in the West.

To Sir Clifford Sifton, who is now in Ottawa, is attributed the renewal of union pourparlers. It is known that Sir Clifford has had three conferences with Sir Robert Borden in the last forty-eight hours. Yesterday it was expected that N. W. Rowell, the Opposition leader in Ontario, would confer with the Prime Minister but Mr. Rowell failed to arrive.

One indication that Sir Clifford's influence is strong in the present negotiations is the report that one of the Western men it is planned to take into the reorganized cabinet is J. G. Turfitt of Assiniboia, who presented Sir Clifford's views at the Winnipeg convention.

So far as can be learned the plan now being discussed is more of an elaborate reorganization of the present cabinet than the formation of a real fusion. No less than eight of the present ministers, according to well authenticated information, are to resign from their portfolios. Three men now sitting on the Opposition side will fill three of the eight vacancies thus created, is the story. These three are Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer, Western conscriptionist Liberal; Hugh Guthrie of South Wellington, Ontario, conscriptionist Liberal, and Mr. Turfitt. There will also, it is stated, be a representative of the Western Grain Growers, and four new Conservative ministers.

PRAISE FOR MR. CARVELL

(St. John Globe.)

Political feelings have been so bitter in Carleton county that Mr. F. B. Carvell would not be human if he failed to experience a very large measure of personal satisfaction over the success he has achieved in uncovering Valley Railroad rottenness. As counsel for the province, it is Mr. Carvell's duty to get all the facts and the knowledge that those facts discredit his political opponents cannot make his task less congenial. Aside altogether from the political aspect of the matter, it must be agreed that Mr. Carvell is discharging a very important public duty in a thorough and business-like manner.

OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Miss Rachel Maunsell of Winnipeg, is spending the week-end with Mrs. F. deL. Clements. Miss Maunsell formerly belonged to Fredericton.

Miss Murray and Mrs. George Murray of St. John, are the guests of Mrs. George Stratton at Springhill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe at Cherry Bank.

Miss Gregory is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Macrae at Millidgeville.

Stanley Picnic.

Everybody is delighted to know that the people of Stanley have planned for a picnic on the Exhibition grounds at that place on Thursday, August 23rd.

Remanded Until Monday.

Arnold Blizzard appeared before the police court this morning on a remand and was remanded further until Monday morning.

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