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## FLEMING HEARD FROM.

The Woodstock Press, the personal organ of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, the ex-Premier, whom the electors of the province failed to vindicate on February 24th, indulges in some very amusing comment on the recent elections. Although the people in every county of the province except Gloucester recorded their verdict on Saturday last, the Woodstock Press, which was not published until the following Tuesday, seemed then to think that the issue was in doubt. It informed its readers that until the declaration proceedings were known there will be doubt as to what party will control the destinies of New Brunswick for the next five years. The poor old Press also declared in the same article that Hon. B. F. Smith and his colleagues had the largest majority given to any of the candidates on either side in the whole province. As a matter of fact the average majority of the government ticket in Carleton was 700, which is 300 less than the majority in Madawaska for Mr. Dugal and his colleague. These facts were known to practically everybody in New Brunswick on Monday morning, yet the Flemming organ, published on Tuesday morning, tries to cram a glaring falsehood down the throats of its readers. If any considerable number of the people of Carleton county depend on the Press for political inspiration, it is not to be wondered at that that fine county elects knavish politicians like B. F. Smith and J. K. Flemming to the Legislature.

The Flemming organ also takes a fling at the Government for appointing the royal commission which put its patron saint out of the government and the Legislature, as follows:

"In its anxiety to meet with the wishes of the people and to show that the government was free from graft of any kind, three or four royal commissions were appointed—something that was never done by their opponents. These were unnecessary, were unappreciated and only wasted a lot of the people's money. If Harry Blair got a present of a diamond ring and some valueless stock; if A. J. H. Stewart knew that one or two foremen had padded a pay list; if Colonel Sheridan supplied rocks from his quarry and personally did work, and the account went into the department in another's name, why not have these irregularities adjusted by the minister of the department, and, if guilty, punish the culprits, instead of appointing royal commissions. Another error of the present government is in the retaining in office and appointments to office of its political opponents. The departments in Fredericton are full of spies who carry out to the political opponents, information which, when magnified, furnish good stuff for a scandal campaign. These men are always ready to appear as witnesses before a Royal Commission."

It is quite evident from the above that the Flemming-Smith bunch of grafters are not in a happy frame of mind as a result of the recent election. They have had passed upon them the condemnation of the people and have every reason to feel sore. It is true that the old government did not find it necessary to appoint Royal Commissions, but this fact will not be taken as a precedent by the incoming administration. Mr. Carvell, Mr. Carter and other men who were active on the Opposition side in the late election have frequently intimated that there are certain political rogues at large in this province who should be exposed to the public gaze in their true colors. It is quite possible that, notwithstanding Mr. J. K. Flemming's abhorrence of royal commissions the new government may find it necessary to appoint another one in order to give Messrs. Carvell and Carter an opportunity to finish their work.

Mr. J. B. Daggett in his valdictory delivered at a banquet of fruit growers here this week, made a brazen attempt to justify his partizan course in the recent election. The fruit growers at their meeting adopted some resolutions tendering advice to the government, but it is noticeable that there was no endorsement of the partizan conduct of the Secretary for Agriculture. The fact is that his action has been repulsive to the decent men of both parties and there will be no tears shed when he steps out.

Mr. Titus J. Carter, ex-M. P. P., who got out in Victoria while the going was good, has written to the graft press to the effect that an ex-Liberal told somebody that anti-conscription canvass was used in some of the French districts. No doubt a gener-

ous measure of public sympathy will be extended to the brave and gallant Titus in his present troubles. It is painfully evident that some practical joker has put one over on him.

The Woodstock Press, personal organ of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, the ex-Premier, makes a savage attack on the departmental officials at Fredericton making use of such terms as "spies" and "informers." When Flemming was in the hey day of his power he held these same officials in such high regard that he gave them a banquet at the Barker House. Now his newspaper organ is laying the blame for the defeat of the government on their shoulders.

A prominent North Shore man in a letter to the Mail says: "The North Shore people certainly did not forget the tyrannical extortion of Flemming, but quietly laid low, awaiting the fateful day when they might strike down his vile past and its supporters, the latter unwet, unhonored and unhung."

Premier Murray in his manifesto promised to follow in the footsteps of his immediate predecessors. The electors seem to have been determined that he should keep at least one promise. In a few days he will probably emulate the example of Premier Flemming and Premier Clarke, and resign office.

Mr. J. B. Daggett told the fruit growers that he believed that good men should take an active interest in politics in order that the baser element could be kept in control. He failed, however, to express an opinion on the propriety of a minister of the gospel assisting to finance an election note, the proceeds of which were used to corrupt the electorate.

The graft newspapers, with an eye on the approaching Federal elections, are still working over-time on the race cry. It is not surprising that that eminent financier, Hon. Dr. Landry, failed to put in an appearance at the government meeting here this week.

If the reptile press keeps on scolding the Acadians the first thing they know Hon. Dr. D. V. Landry, Senator Bourque or ex-Speaker Melanson will get angry and tell the public a few things.

The graft newspapers which are screaming about Acadian domination, should, for the benefit of their readers, name the English speaking constituencies in which their candidates made gains at the recent election.

So far no government organ has claimed that the result of the recent election was a vindication of Flemming.

It is said that the Hon. B. Franklin Smith, of Waterloo Row, has not yet awoke to the fact that the Government has been defeated.

## Through Our Sieve

A large income is the only really effective labor-saving device.

In these modern days knighthood is in flour.

Well, housewives have been mashing potatoes for a good many years.

You can't blame the potato for reciprocating.

Just think how disrespectful we used to be to the lordly potato—even calling them "spuds."

After an election a lot of time is taken up answering fools according to their folly.

The St. John Telegraph speaks of the provincial government grafters as "gleaners." What is a synonym?

The timber supply is getting scarce. Already toothpicks have been raised 25 per cent.

Before Judge Myers of Winnipeg appeared John Hrabl, who announced that he was a barber, also a Pole. Ha.

Why is it that a girl who can't get her own brother to walk across a room for her can get some other girl's brother to run a mile for her?

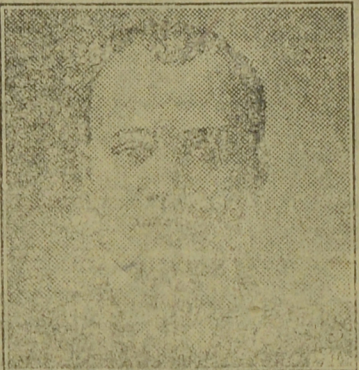
Sometimes a woman is almost as sorry she married a certain man as she is glad she kept some other woman from getting him.

The philosophically aloof may now proceed to debate which is the more libelous—to say the Kaiser is insane or say that he does as he does in his right mind?

Premier Murray's back to the land policy, while it did not appeal to the electors at large, seems to have caught one J. B. Daggett about right. Back to the farm for him!

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London, March 1.—The British socialists have declined an invitation from the French socialist party to send delegates to a congress of socialists of the Allied countries which it is proposed to hold on March 15. The British reply to the invitation says: "We are strongly of the opinion that the Congress should not be held. The year 1917 is the most critical period of the war. The great majority of socialists are fighting at the front to repel the German invasion, and are unable either to attend as delegates or appoint others to be present in their place."

Of the socialists still at home, a small but active minority consists of those who are demanding peace at any price. These anti-nationalists are the aggressors. Even an overwhelming vote of the Congress could not entirely outweigh the effect of a fierce internecine debate received by a few advocates of non-resistance and socialism itself would suffer in the opinion of the world of workers, whence must come our converts.

"We appeal to socialists throughout the Allied countries not to attend a Congress which can only hearten the enemies of real socialism, strengthen the power of Chauvinism in Germany and greatly damage our cause."

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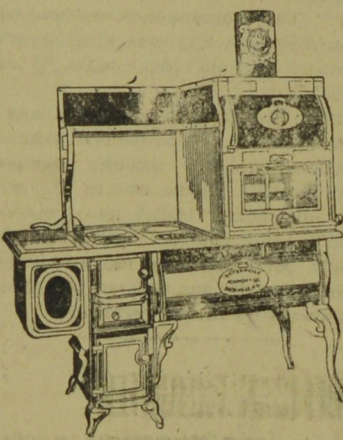
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