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CONCERNING SCANDALS.

The Gleaner, with its usual flagrant disregard for the truth, assailed the Provincial Government in its issue of Wednesday. In its endeavor to convince the public that, in spite of evidence to the contrary, scandals have crept into the expenditures of road moneys, and that there must be something radically criminal in the charges against the Hon. Mr. Currie, our contemporary seems to have entirely forgotten that the public reads the evidence as published, and can form its own conclusions.

The Gleaner also seems to forget that it is one thing to make a charge of wrong-doing against a department of the Government, but to prove the charge is an entirely different proposition. Charges, when made and proved, constitute a scandal against the Government; but when they are not proven, as the evidence as published in the Gloucester road expenditure clearly shows, then the scandal rests upon the shoulders of the party making the charges.

The Gleaner's memory is not so short but that it still remembers the scandals under the old administration that forced two members of the Legislature to retire from public life, and forever relegated to political oblivion a certain Premier of this province.

We feel certain that our contemporary does not forget the lumber steal, the Valley Railway steal, and the shady transaction in connection with the patriotic potato purchase, an insight into which was so forcibly given last session in the budget debate by Hon. Mr. Veniot.

All these disquieting memories must still be cherished by the Gleaner, and, under such conditions, we are not at all surprised at the attempt now being made to cast discredit on the Foster administration. It is really amusing to hear the Gleaner exclaim: "The Government must call a halt. People will no longer tolerate the present methods in handling the public business." When such an appeal is considered in the light of the way the Gleaner not only tolerated, but abetted, the outrageous boodling transactions that disgraced the former government, the public will not be slow in discovering the intentions of the opposition organ.

The statement that large sums of money "were paid out of the provincial treasury ostensibly for road work to men who were not employed on the roads," is absolutely without any foundation. The evidence distinctly shows that not one dollar was paid for which value was not received in work performed. The Gleaner has not published, and dare not publish, even a synopsis report of the evidence in this case, because it knows full well that by so doing its readers would at once see the falsity of the statement it now publishes.

The attack of the Gleaner on the Minister of Public Works for not having his report on this investigation ready is as unfair as it is unjust. The investigation took place on the 15th and 16th of May. The evidence, which was voluminous, could not be prepared for his perusal before the end of May. The last meeting of the executive took place on the first Wednesday in June. It is unfair to expect that the Minister, occupied, as everybody knows he has been, could have his report ready for the Executive meeting in June. The Mail learns that his report has been ready for submission to the Executive since June 20th and will be dealt with at the present meeting. Such reports cannot be made public until they have been submitted to the Council. It will therefore be seen that the Gleaner's insinuation that the Minister was holding back his report because "a colleague figured shamefully in the evidence," is only another instance of our contemporary's black-hand methods of dealing with a political opponent. And so far as the Minister's colleague is concerned, and the dirty attack made upon him by the Gleaner, those who have read the synopsis report of the evidence as published, know that there is not one particle of truth in the statement. The evidence discloses that Mr. Robichaud, M. P. P., is a merchant, and that as such he gave advances to men working on the roads in question; that these men gave orders to the postmaster to hand the cheques to Mr. Robichaud, which was done. There was no scheming about it; the transaction was open and above board. Is Mr. Robichaud to be debarrd from selling goods to gov-

ernment employees because of the fact that he is a member of the Legislature? Those are the facts, and no amount of distortion on the part of opposition organs can change them.

In its reference to the investigation now going on into the charges made against Hon. Mr. Currie, the Gleaner says: "To what extent has such business as that been handled in other lumbering operations under the present government?" If such a question had been asked by the Gleaner in the days when its friends ruled at Fredericton, the answer would be easy to give. It is no secret that during the four years previous to the advent of the Foster government to power, the stumpage collections were only made on about 75 per cent. of the lumber cut. It would certainly be interesting to have an investigation even at this late date into the methods of stumpage collection as carried on by the old regime. If the opposition were sincere in making the charges against Hon. Mr. Currie, the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter should have gone one step further. We do not wish to impute motives for his not having done so, but there are some uncharitable enough to say that he could if he would.

The Toronto Saturday Night refers to the Canadian newspaper men who are visiting England as "a deputation of job printers and business managers, with here and there a real editor, probably included through some oversight." It says that on the other side "the job printers will be taken in hand by Lord Beaverbrook, who as chief jollier of the present home government, will unquestionably give them a good time." New Brunswick is represented on the contingent by Commodore Stewart, who has always been a devoted admirer of Lord Beaverbrook, and never lets slip an opportunity to sing his praises.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Navy League weather.
Better learn to be a real sailor, too.

Our views of society depend upon whether we are inside or outside.

Continual rain sure is discouraging—even the ripe strawberry shows a yellow streak.

"A warm July" was predicted by a weather sharp. Right here we predict a cold January.

Were it not for the weather lots of people couldn't think of anything to talk about.

Pretension isn't natural—nature never pretends. How about the worm that's the same color as the cabbage?

A quarrel often proves that one of the parties it hasn't any more sense than the other.

One of the great drawbacks is that a person never knows when it is too late until it is too late.

There are mothers and mothers. One kind turn their children into the street to keep the house tidy.

Still, if an owl knew why it is funny it would not be an owl, and therefore not funny. 'Tis a complex life!

If a man has a good scheme and makes money out of it, people call him a genius; if he loses they call him a fool.

Germans are wearing paper underwear, it seems. The well known Deutschland Uber-alles are wearing a little thin, too.

Divorce Court

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K. C., for the defense. Upon the application of Mr. Jones an order for further suit money was issued. The case was continued this afternoon.

Court Considers

In the court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Wednesday evidence was completed in the case of Mary Louise Gormley vs. William Gormley. The plaintiff who went on the stand in the morning completed her evidence being cross examined by the defendant who appeared in person to make his defence. Many of his questions were objected to and objection was sustained, his cross examination being confined to matters already before the court. His expressed desire was to place before the court matters which he claimed caused trouble between himself and his wife. Other witnesses were Alice Gallagher and Bertha McEachern. The motion to amend the libel stating the number of children at three instead of two was granted. Court considers.

The case of Eleanor Elizabeth Cunningham vs. William Henry Cunningham was resumed. John L. Knox brother of the plaintiff was examined relative to the service of the order for suit money. D. Mullin, K. C., who appeared in the case and the Gormley case argued for divorce in each. Court considers.

EX-SCALER MURCHIE

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On the latter occasion no one was present but he and Murchie.

Archibald Murchie recalled and examined by Mr. Copp with regard to his estimate to the Crown Land office of February 5, 1917, said it showed for A. and J. Culligan an estimate of 3,075,000 feet. He did most of the work himself. He could not swear who he had to help him. He could not say if McKay helped him. That total constituted all the Culligan cut that he found to that date. He went into the woods and estimated it. He was the only government scaler on Culligan's cut in Restigouche.

Witness was not jobbing for Culligan in 1916-17 or any other year and had no interest in any contract for cutting for them. He had been interested in the driving contract in the spring of 1916. He did not take the same steps with regard to their final estimate as he did with the Continental Company. He could not say if the Culligan final estimates showed a decrease as did the Continental Company's. Outside of scaling his business was that of a farmer. He sold farm produce to the camp foreman.

To Mr. Baxter he said that he had received no request from the Culligans to reduce their estimate.

Mr. LeBlanc—"It was not necessary, that was low enough already."

The court then adjourned to resume in Fredericton on Wednesday morning, July 17.

Road Tax

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the balance, \$143.63 to the parish of St. Marys outside Devon. Mr. Cowperthwaite could have obtained this information by simply making an inquiry. I may further add that while the Municipal Auditor's report shows the sum of \$8,850.70 to credit of road fund for York on July 3rd, the report submitted to the Department up to June 1st showed \$7,188.77. No doubt the balance was collected after that date, but I was never notified of that fact.

Expenditure Had Been Ordered
"Is it true that that amount of road tax remains unexpended?" the minister was asked.

"The statement that such an amount remains unexpended is not correct. At the time Councillor Cowperthwaite spoke before the Council orders had been issued for the expenditure of \$5,198.16 in the several parishes that were entitled to such expenditures. The orders for payment of this work have not yet been issued as the accounts have not reached this office."

Small Parish Balances

The minister further informed The Mail that orders were issued for expenditure of road tax money in the following parishes, owing to the small amounts to the credit of each, until such time as the department was sure that all Assessors' fees had been paid viz:

Bright	\$179.56
Canterbury	127.03
Dumfries	110.21
Kingsclear	143.73
Manners Sutton	17.84
New Maryland	13.25
Prince William	42.12
Queensbury	15.86
Southampton	42.63

He went on to say that arrangements were made for expenditures of road tax in all other parishes. It must not be forgotten that should one parish have a large amount to its credit, it cannot be used for road improvements in any other parish.

Slight Error

Asked if Coun. Cowperthwaite was not in error in referring to the large sum unexpended to the credit of roads the minister replied: "Well, I have given you the correct figures, so you can judge for yourself if he was in error. I do not believe the gentleman in question would knowingly misrepresent the facts, nor would he speak in that way for mere political effect. The best of us are liable to make mistakes. I have nothing further to say."

W. W. Hubbard

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ready he had been forced to discontinue the use of his motor car and if improved conditions did not materialize he would be compelled to take the business connected with the station amounting annually to thirty or forty thousand dollars away from Fredericton. On the motion of G. Y. Dibblee, seconded by C. F. Chestnut it was decided to take the matter up with the City Council and the Road Committee.

The Transportation Committee was instructed to take up the matter of the coal rates between Fredericton and Minto with the Railway Commission in conjunction with the Manufacturers' Association and the City Council.

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Every Ewe Lamb weighing 80 pounds and over and of reasonable quality, should be retained by farmers for breeding purposes. Sell the males and the inferior females for butcher purposes. If you have more ewe lambs than required, induce your neighbor to purchase.

THE VALUE OF WOOL

Unwashed wool of the best quality brought 80 cents a pound this spring, or about \$5.00 a fleece.

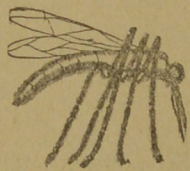
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