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Knock for Valley Service

St. John Times: St. John people who thought the Valley Railway would help them enjoy Thanksgiving were not quite sure about it last evening. In the first place they had to get up at an extremely early hour to catch the morning train going out; and in the second place they had to be packed in like sardines coming home. Not only were the seats crowded, but the aisles and there were many persons who had to stand all the way from Public Landing to Fairville. Not only were the first class car and smoker jammed almost to suffocation but the baggage end of the latter was crowded. Moreover, the train was late and the people had a cold wait at the stations. Last night's was a mixed train, with nine freight and two passenger cars. If a proper service is given next summer the Valley Railway will have a large suburban traffic. Opinions differ as to whether the railway will lessen the steam-

WHEN NEW BRUNSWICK HAD HONEST ADMINISTRATION

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know that Mr. W. B. Tennant was called to give evidence before Commissioner Stevens on the 19th. day of June. That fact had been published in the newspapers. It is inconceivable that Mr. Baxter should have failed to see with amazement the fact that W. B. Tennant had succeeded in getting \$100,000 out of the Valley Railway contract, and that he was being called on the following day to tell the story of that money. It is inconceivable that he should be a disinterested on-looker while this was all coming on.

A Temporary Loan

Under these conditions Mr. Tennant went to Mr. Baxter and asked for \$40,000 for a few days. And immediately Mr. Baxter raised the money and hands it over without any security—only an acknowledgement to Mr. Baxter's executors that Tennant owes him \$40,000.

Mr. Tennant admits that the \$40,000, which he got from Mr. Baxter and the \$20,000, that he got from Mr. Jones was got for the express purpose of enabling him to mislead the Commissioner on the enquiry. Mr. Tennant says he may have told both of these gentlemen that he wanted the money for that purpose. He knows he told one of them. He says he told every person in sight that he must have the money before he would give evidence on the enquiry. The Commissioner found that Mr. Baxter knew the purpose for which this money was required, and assisted to mislead the Court.

A Strong Indictment

We, therefore, face this situation. A Royal Commissioner duly appointed to hold an enquiry under an Act of the legislative assembly after hearing the evidence has absolutely pronounced

four Members of the House guilty.

(1) The Honourable J. A. Murray has been found to have so mismanaged the Department entrusted to him that there was a loss of \$32,861.39. He refused to tell the people about it, and was a party to making a false account to deceive the Auditor General, and of having that false account published in the public records of the Province, and of solemnly sending it before the Public Accounts Committee for investigation. He then stood up in this House and as a Minister of the Crown, in answer to questions lawfully put to him concerning the public business, brought down answers which misled the people.

Audit Act Ignored

He allowed the business of his Department to be carried on in utter disregard of the law. He paid no attention to the provisions of the Audit Act. He permitted thousands of dollars worth of drafts to be accepted in the name of the Department without the Auditor General knowing anything about it. And as a result one at least of these for over \$2500. accepted by his department, is still outstanding and unpaid. The holder claims that the money is still due him, and Mr. Murray admits he does not know whether it is due or not. We also find that while this large contract was under way between his Department and A. C. Smith and Company, he then being Minister of Agriculture, was actually a party to obtaining \$1500 from H. Colby Smith, a member of the firm as above. But Mr. Smith was not finan-

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cially able to make a loan at the time the money was paid. As I observed before, the bank was pressing Mr. Smith for reduction of this account and Mr. Smith appealed to Mr. Murray for some money on account of the government business. Mr. Murray raised \$5000 on accommodation paper and turned it over to Smith, and some time afterwards \$1500 was loaned to Mr. Murray, A. C. Smith and Company have since that become unable to meet their obligations and have had to make an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. When Mr. Smith first gave evidence he was under the impression that the \$1500 had never been repaid, but subsequently Mr. Daggett asserted that the payment credited to the government business, was the \$1500 returned by Mr. Murray for the loan.

A Queer Transaction

The obtaining of that \$1500 under the circumstances detailed is not the right kind of a transaction which should be permitted between a contractor and a minister of the Crown, and one which I am advised is expressly prohibited by Section 158 of the Criminal Code. Receiving that money was a violation of the Criminal Code, whether as a gift or as a loan.

(2) Then we have ex-Attorney-General Baxter found guilty of assisting Mr. Tennant to fabricate evidence for the purpose of misleading the Court, a Court duly constituted to hold the inquiry concerning the Valley Railway. Fabricating evidence is an indictable offence under Section 177 of the Criminal Code. The finding against Mr. Baxter means that he is found guilty of assisting in that way.

Where B. F. Came In

(3) Mr. B. F. Smith is found to owe the Province \$2447.55, which he now refuses to pay. He deliberately attempted to mislead this House into the belief that he had paid it. Mr. Daggett claimed that he owed the Province that amount. He not only did not dispute that he owed the money, but tried to convince the people that he had paid it.

When Daggett illegally gave Smith the whole credit of the Province, he shipped in thousands of barrels of potatoes more than the Government required or had any intention of taking, and the whole loss which the Province sustained is directly traceable to his greed.

(4) Lastly, we have George B. Jones of Kings. He has been found guilty of swearing directly opposite on two different investigations. As I have said, he is the gentleman who got the \$61,500 graft money from W. B. Tennant and distributed it. On the inquiry before Commissioner McQueen he told all about it and how he distributed it.

When sworn before Commissioner Stevens shortly after having paid in the \$20,000 to Tennant to help cover up the transaction, he went on as a witness and on oath swore he had never got that money from Tennant.

Grave Responsibility

This House is therefore, confronted with a very grave responsibility. We have four gentlemen, who after a thorough hearing and investigation, have been found guilty of the things which I have rescribed. The evidence upon which the findings are based seems clear. The gentlemen accused cannot deny it truth; because almost the whole of it was evidence drawn from themselves—however, unwillingly.

After a disclosure such as we have had, the most graceful thing these gentlemen could have done would have been to have retired from this Assembly and have asked the public to forget and forgive the wrongs which they have done. That is what the public expected them to do. Some have thought, indeed many have thought and have expressed themselves so to me, that if the Members mentioned did not feel bound to accede to the demands of a portion of the public, that they retire from this House in the interests of the public life of the province, to declare the seats vacant which they now hold. That I am advised has been done in the Parliament of Great Britain; that I am advised has been done under the law and custom of parliament by which Parliament has been enabled to uphold its dignity and position; but whether this Assembly has like powers or not I will have to leave to the legal fraternity to determine. Perhaps if it has the power it would be best to exercise it. But for the present since the finding against them has not been made in the regular courts of the province after a trial, I would not ask the House to exercise the full powers in that respect. But I believe that the House ought to express its disapproval of the conduct of the members mentioned and its condemnation of their conduct as revealed.

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Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

THOUGHTS OF THE FUTURE.

How long it seemed since I was in New York and brought Letty that orchid negligee, ye only months had passed.

All at once I felt almost faint with the crowding memories and future hopes. With a hurried exclamation to Robert and Letty to stay with father for a moment, I hurried up to my little tower room. Almost before I knew it I found myself at the window facing my Whispering Tree.

It was so dark that I could not see the letters ha Theo had cut in its bark, and I all at once realized that Theo was very different from the man I had married. His life in the army had almost made me, or any other woman, unnecessary to him. Men friends seemed to satisfy him. I wonder if all the men who returned from the war feel the same way.

I did not feel Theo was in love with Sally Saunders, but I did realize almost intuitively that she had managed to intrigue his curiosity as no other woman had ever done. I cannot tell why I understood that she was going to try and get Theo away from me but I did know it. And although I was going to play my part as well as I could tonight I did not feel that I had the strength to go on definitely.

Nature has implanted in women a queer uncanny instinct that tells her when others of her sex are stalking her game.

If a woman loves, or is even interested in a man, she can quickly tell, when another woman comes on the scene, whether the man will be interested or not.

I remember Aunt Margie telling me that a bride might be introduced to fifty of her husband's women friends—girls that had known before his marriage—and out of the fifty the bride will be able to pick hesitatingly the girl with whom her husband has had a real love affair. At the time I was sure Aunt Margie referred to a girl to whom her first husband had been engaged before he married her.

Afterward someone told me that this girl—Eleanor Fairlon—was the tragedy of Aunt Margie's life.

"I am afraid—afraid," I said to my Whispering Tree, "I do not want a baby just now—just when the only kind of a woman who could make an impression on Theo—one with superlative beauty and youth—is trying to do that very thing."

I sometimes wonder to how many young married women the knowledge of the coming of a first child brings joy and happiness. Doubtless to most, but I confess I am not one of these admirable women who accept the responsibilities of motherhood with great joy, at least I am not doing so now, with Sally Saunders trying to get my husband.

There comes a time, after you have nursed your baby through all infantile ills that you must send him to school—give him his first contact with the world. Your heart will be torn with fears. Through all the pitfalls of school and college, through the puppy love of adolescence you must carefully watch, diplomatically advise and then when he reaches the age of discretion and you feel the time has come to take some comfort with your child he transfers his love to some young woman who has never sacrificed a jot for him. "Oh, dear, Whispering Tree, I know it's foolish for a mother to feel jealous pangs when a son takes a bride, but it's very human—and I am very pensive tonight."

The real glorious good times I have had with Theo have been few and far between. As children we quarrelled frequently and I really had no courtship, as we only seemed to sense the fact that we real sweethearts when Theo joined the army and we knew we were going to be separated, perhaps forever. I think we both felt at that time that we could not live without each other. Then he went away and living in a totally different environment he found probably that neither I nor any other woman was necessary to his life. I also found that I really could live without him.

Theo has lived so long in a man's world where women are only creatures for his lighter hours that he does not take married life seriously at all and so I am afraid, afraid when he finds that a serious—very serious situation confronts us that he will be very unhappy.

I hastily undid my eyes, having it out with myself and my Whispering Tree and came back to my father's sick room. Just as I arrived at the door, I found Robert was still there, for I heard Letty say in a troubled voice, "I would never forgive you, Robert, if I thought His Honor had overheard what you had said to me and that that was the cause of his attack."

(Tomorrow)—"Robert and Letty."

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