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A REFORM GOVERNMENT

One important reform instituted by the Foster Government should be understood and appreciated by the business men of the province. It has to do with promissory notes, drafts and bills of exchange. Under the old government minister and officials were permitted to accept and endorse drafts and sign promissory notes on behalf of the province and the real extent of the evil was not disclosed until the evidence taken at the patriotic potato enquiry was given to the public. This loose method of conducting public business was largely responsible for much of the crooked work which was pulled off in connection with the purchase of potatoes for the starving people of Belgium. It was shown that J. B. Daggett when secretary of agriculture, placed the entire credit of the province at the disposal of B. Frank Smith, and accepted numerous drafts drawn by that gentleman in payment of potatoes purchased and dumped into a warehouse at West St. John. It was also shown that a government official took the liberty on behalf of the Province (with the connivance of two ministers of the Crown) to endorse a promissory note for \$32,861 and enter the proceeds of the same on the books of the province as cash. He knew and the ministers knew that the note was not to be paid by the makers at maturity, but was merely a piece of camouflage to cover up a deficit in the potato account.

The following extract from the sworn evidence given by J.B. Daggett before Royal Commissioner McQueen will show how the old system worked out:

"I would like to say right here in explanation of this: A.C. Smith & Co. were in more or less financial difficulties, and they were making drafts, and we were exchanging cheques and carrying the thing along, and my recollection of it is this: that when that \$1500 was paid there was a balance due on a matter of accommodation, and there was \$1500 that was due A. C. Smith & Co. in that transaction; I couldn't go into the details at all. All I know is, there was \$1500 which I paid on this account, which had nothing to do with it—it came from no political or potato fund in any way, shape or form. Now you have got to accept that statement. If you chased me to the ends of the earth I couldn't tell you any more about it."

Subsequently it was brought out in evidence that the mysterious \$1500 draft was an accommodation for Hon. J. A. Murray, the then minister of agriculture. It also came out that Mr. Daggett and George B. Jones, M.P.P. negotiated an accommodation draft for \$5000 and paid the proceeds over to A. C. Smith & Co. on behalf of the province.

Premier Foster upon coming into power promptly put through an amendment to the audit act which has put a stop to financial kite flying on the part of government officials. It also includes ministers of the Crown and not even the premier himself now has authority to accept a draft or sign a note on behalf of the province. This is only one of many needed reforms instituted by the present government in connection with the financial business of the province.

Premier Foster and the members of his government are fighting the people's battle in this election. It is a small matter for them personally whether they are returned to power or not, but it is a matter of vital importance to the people of this province. It simply gets down to a case of having the province ruled by a good government which will make it better known abroad, develop its resources, and protect the interests of the peo-

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ple, or having a government which will hold up foreign investors and contractors at the point of the pistol, and scatter the contents of the public treasury among themselves. The people of New Brunswick have tried both kinds and it ought not to be a difficult matter for them to make a choice.

"What are they howling about?" quoth J. K. Pinder when the public accounts committee of the Legislature in 1916 finished "investigating" the bogus account compiled by J. B. Daggett which purported to show receipts for surplus potatoes to the value of \$32,861, which it was claimed had been sold in Cuba. Mr. Pinder had reference to criticism of the opposition press of that day which cast a doubt on the genuineness of the account as published in the auditor general's report. Mr. Pinder professed to be thoroughly satisfied with Daggett's statement, although at that time all the province actually had to represent the \$32,861, was a promissory note of A. C. Smith & Co., a concern, then on the verge of bankruptcy.

The Temperance people of New Brunswick should remember that the Foster Government has given them a square deal. It has appointed the officials to enforce the Act recommended by the Temperance Alliance. Compare this record with that of the Murray Government. They passed the Prohibition Act, but not with the idea of enforcing it, but with the idea of double crossing the Temperance people. It is a well known fact that in St. John prior to the passage of the Intoxicating Liquor Act the hat was passed among the liquor dealers. The opposition demanded an investigation before Commissioner Chandler, but it was refused on the recommendation of Mr. Baxter, then Attorney General.

There were hundreds of thousands of dollars grafted during the time the present opposition was in power. Pinder and Young were your representatives during that time. From their past record do you consider them safe men to represent York County?

There is just one question before the electors. Are they going to reelect the Foster Government which has given such honest and efficient service, or put back into power the present opposition which grafted from the province hundreds of thousands of dollars, and would do the same thing again if given the opportunity.

Col. McLeod, M. P., has been going about the county of York condemning the Public Health Act passed by the Foster administration. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. The Colonel does not live in a glass house, but he lives in one which is not connected with the city sewerage system, but with an old time cess pool, regarded as a menace to the public health. This means that he has been a tax dodger for the period of fifteen years.

The opposition candidates in York are at their old tricks. They have women going about from house to house trying to work the race and religious cry and making a mean, low down personal canvas against members of the government ticket. A woman who has made herself a nuisance at the polls in several elections is prominently identified with this underhand campaign.

The opposition party have no candidates running in six counties and in a seventh they have only one in the field. In the election of 1917, although the House was dissolved at short notice the then opposition on nomination day had full tickets lined up in every constituency. Public feeling was then running strong against the government; today the reverse is the case.

The Province of New Brunswick is going forward now as never before in its history. It has a government which has administered its affairs honestly and faithfully in the most trying time in the history of the British nation, so why should the people want to swap horses while crossing a stream?

A government which would ship a schooner load of rotten potatoes to Cuba camouflaged beneath a carload of good ones is scarcely the kind of an administration which the honest electors of New Brunswick want in control of their affairs at a time like this.

The people of Fredericton have had a lot of experience with governments and know a good one when they see it. This is why they are going to roll up a record breaking majority for the Foster Government on October 9th.

Look at the record of the Foster Government and compare it with that of the present opposition. Then for the love of your province can you support the opposition ticket? A vote for this ticket means a vote for further graft.

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THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Of tonsils the doctor says: "Cut 'em out!" Slang for going to a hospital.

At that there's as much music in jazz as there is in eating celery.

Lima Beane says the shorter the skirts the longer the male animals look at them.

One man can't make a success of the Golden Rule. But one man can keep his own conscience clear.

Next to some murder mysteries overhead expenses are the most mysterious things in existence.

Lima Beane says the fellow who spends most of his time boasting of his ancestors is trying to get through life on a punched ticket.

A Chicago woman shot and wounded her husband because he wouldn't go to work. It is a poor method. Now he has a real excuse for loafing.

Our modern educational system leaves much to be desired. Not a single course in domestic science, so far as observed, gives the slightest instruction in home brewing.

There must not be much curiosity in this old world after all, judging from the number of people who have never been curious enough to look at the inside of a church.

Don't blame parents for naming their sweet pink-and-white girl baby after a lovely flower. They can't be expected to visualize her, twenty years later, making the hay scales groan.

The Doak Road. Complaints with regard to the condition of the Doak Road were aired in Monday night's committee meeting of the City Council. Ald. Neill brought the matter up and Ald. Young explained that an offer had been made to the residents of locality that the necessary repairs would be made if ten to fourteen of the residents with two teams would agree to form a crew for some ten days. So far there had been no indication that the offer would be accepted.

LECTURE

DR. GEO. C. MELVIN

Will deliver a Lecture in the York Street School Tomorrow (Wednesday) Ev'g at 8 o'clock on "Medical Examination in the Schools, and Public Health." The public are invited and no tickets are required, the lecture being under the management of the Vocational Education Committee.

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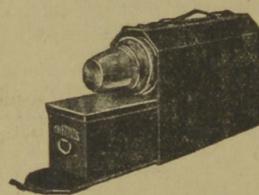


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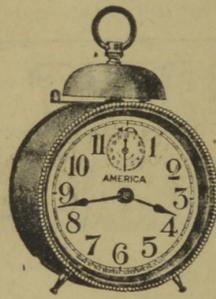
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