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THE LUMBERMEN MUST PAY

The secret of the numerous caucuses held by the Legislative supporters of the Flemming Government during the past few days is out. The government as a result of the extravagant policy it has pursued finds itself sorely pressed for funds, and it is proposed to compel the lumbermen to stand and deliver.

It will be remembered that when the Robinson Government went out of power in 1908 the revenue of the province was in round figures \$975,000. According to Mr. Flemming and his colleagues, the government of that day was criminally extravagant and the province was on the very brink of bankruptcy. "It is time to call a halt," was the burden of their song, "or we will have to resort to direct taxation to carry on the ordinary business of the country."

Mr. Flemming and his colleagues have been in office now nearly five years, but instead of reducing the annual expenditure as they promised to do when in opposition, they have succeeded in increasing it by nearly half a million dollars. To increase the controllable expenditure by \$100,000 a year is certainly a pretty good record for a government composed of men who, when in opposition were so loud in their professions of economy. They not only went into power pledged to economy but they promised to keep the ordinary expenditure within the income, and in both cases they have miserably failed to keep faith with the people. With forty-five hungry supporters at his heels clamoring for a fulfilment of reckless pre-election promises Premier Flemming now finds himself on the horns of a dilemma. He realizes that if the government is to live and keep its supporters in line it must have a largely increased revenue and in order to provide it the lumber operators must be squeezed. They now pay into the provincial treasury \$1.25 per thousand for lumber cut on crown lands and it is proposed to increase the amount to \$2. As a sort of quid pro quo the present twenty-five year leases of timber lands, which expire in 1918, are to be extended for an indefinite period. The increase on spruce lumber will amount to ten cents per thousand feet and there will be proportionate increases on other kinds of lumber. The proposed changes will mean an increased tax on the lumber industry of the province of not less than \$200,000 per year.

Notwithstanding statements to the contrary the lumber industry of the province is not in a prosperous condition at the present time. Ocean freight rates have steadily advanced, and the margin of profit during the past year has been small. Lumbermen have been obliged to curtail their operations during the present winter, and the outlook for next season is not over bright. Had the reciprocity agreement with the United States been ratified, and the duty removed from lumber entering the American market, it would have meant greatly increased prosperity for the lumber industry and would have put operators in a position to pay an increased rate of stumpage. Although friends of reciprocity pointed this out at the time, members of the Flemming government, for party purposes opposed the measure tooth and nail and now they propose adding to the burdens of the lumbermen. The proposal is certain to meet with stiff opposition, and while Premier Flemming's supporters are very anxious to have the revenue increased, it is doubtful if all of them can be whipped into line in support of a measure that is likely to cripple one of the most important industries of the province.

Having opposed the reciprocity agreement with the United States the enactment of which would have given our lumbermen free access to the great market of that country, the Flemmingites certainly display wonderful nerve in their proposal to increase the rate of stumpage.

PRIVATE BILLS TAKE UP THE TIME OF THE LEGISLATURE

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Murray presented a report from the Standing Rules Committee.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a petition in favor of a bill respecting the sale of properties belonging to the city of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to amend the act to authorize the town of Milltown to fix the valuation of Canadian Cottons Ltd.

Hon. Mr. Wilson presented a petition in favor of a bill to allow the city of St. John to close certain ways to vehicular traffic.

Mr. Tilley presented a petition in favor of a bill to allow the City and County of St. John to appropriate private lands for certain purposes.

Mr. White (Victoria) presented petitions in favor of bills to allow the town of Grand Falls to grant certain exemptions from taxation, and to issue debentures for installation of an electric lighting system.

Mr. Carson introduced a bill to establish St. John Sanatorium.

Mr. Gramman presented a petition in favor of a bill to provide for a safeguard to be placed by the St. John Street Railway Company at their track near North Rodney Wharf, St. John.

Mr. Tilley introduced a bill to vest the appointment of the police of St. John in the Common Council.

Mr. Carson, on behalf of Mr. Baxter, introduced bills to amend the Lancaster Sewerage Act and relating to bye laws of the city of St. John.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that copies of the report of the Conservation Commission of Canada on the Deep Sea Fisheries of Eastern Canada would be distributed to the Honorable Members of the House.

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., broke his long silence in Parliament yesterday and came to the defence of the government on the naval bill. This is Mr. Crockett's second speech since he moved over to the right of the speaker. His chances of getting the vacant judgeship on the N. B. Supreme Court bench seem to be improving.

It now looks as if the lumber operators of the province might be called upon to pay that increased indemnity which some of Premier Flemming's supporters in the Legislature are clamoring for.

CANADA'S PREMIER GETTING ALONG WELL

Ottawa, Feb. 19—Canada's prisoner of state, R. C. Miller, who is exciting much more interest in Parliament Hill than the naval debate, is still comfortably enjoying at the country's expense the hospitality of parliament.

His "cell in the tower" is a comfortable room between the private office of the minister of customs and justice. He slept there last night on a comfortable Davenport bed with a Dominion policeman on an adjoining couch. He said this morning he did not sleep very well. "There were noises" but on the whole he is thoroughly enjoying his captivity.

Meals served from the commons restaurant and good cigars are obtainable at the public charge and other refreshments can be had if desired. The parliamentary library with 40,000 odd volumes is at his service and he is not even required to read Hansard as a punitive measure. He has nothing further to say to parliament or to the press.

Meanwhile the government is still wondering just what it will do with its white elephant. There was some talk of again bringing him before the bar of the House this afternoon for a further hearing and remand, but since the prisoner is not yet in any repentant mood and apparently does not fear any dire results from his public contempt of parliament it was decided to give him another twenty-four hours to think it over.

Today he is in conference with his counsel but did not enjoy again the privilege of listening under guard the debate in the house. He kept in semi-solitary confinement and meals were served in his room at no extra charge.

The next move is the government's. Just what it will be nobody yet seems to know. Probably he still refuses to tell what he did with the alleged bribe money he will be transferred from the care of the sergeant at arms to the custody of the authorities regularly constituted for the care of offenders against the majesty of the law.

During 1912, 452 employees of railroads were killed and 9,020 injured in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. S. Hatheway is in St. John visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Murray.

The volume he said, contained a lot of valuable information, including several articles regarding the cultivation and propagation of oysters, which, in view of certain legislation in connection with that industry to be introduced in a day or two, would prove of very general interest.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill entitled The Fire Insurance Policies Act. The object of the bill he said, was to remedy a condition of affairs which had existed in the Province for years in respect to fire insurance policies the conditions to which were not creditable to the Province. In all other Provinces of Canada there were acts upon the Statute Books which required a uniform set of conditions for all fire insurance policies, the conditions to be set forth on the back of the policy. The conditions attached to a policy really controlled the contract, and where they were enabled to place different conditions on different policies the Fire Insurance Companies when the fire took place were always looking for technicalities under which they might escape payment. This bill is to require a uniform set of conditions for all fire insurance policies. Ample time would be given representatives of the Insurance Companies to examine the bill before its consideration was taken up.

Hon. Mr. Flemming drew attention of Hon. Members to the desirability of having as much private legislation introduced before Friday next as possible, so that there might be enough bills advanced sufficiently for the Municipalities and Corporations Committee to commence active work the first of next week. Tomorrow a number of Government measures would be introduced.

DELEGATION ENLARGED.

The delegation of the St. John Board of Trade which is to come to Fredericton to discuss with the members of the Legislature matters in connection with the route which the Valley Railroad is to take to enter St. John, has been enlarged. The following have been added: Percy W. Thomson, F. W. Holt, William Emerson, Harry Smith, J. E. Cowan, W. J. Smith, Norman McLeod, E. Scully, W. B. Baxter, C. E. Colwell, W. I. Fenton, and W. O. Dunham. The delegation will come here next Monday evening and will meet the members of the Legislature on Tuesday.

Ex-President Madero of Mexico has been exiled to Europe.

Washington reports a Democratic split in the Ways and Means Committee over the first draft of tariff revision bill.

Winthrop Ames has disposed of his rights to "Romance" to the Thuberts, who will make an early production of it. The play is by Edward Sheldon.

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