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## HOW TORIES WON THE BYE-ELECTION IN ANTIGONISH

**Hon. Bob Rodger Promised an Expenditure of Over \$200,000 as a Bribe to the Electorate--Made Public the Estimates Before They Had Been Submitted to Parliament--An Unheard of Proceeding--Matter Will be Ventilated in Parliament**

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Premier Borden, whose health is ill withstanding the constant worries of state and the bickerings of political self-seekers, is a victim of gripe and will probably have to spend the next three or four days at the residence while he recovers and at the same time takes a brief rest.

Another revelation as to the astonishing political methods of Hon. Robert Rogers and his cynical disregard of the proprieties of political conduct has been made. For the purpose of influencing the electors of Antigonish county, Nova Scotia to support the Conservative candidate in the provincial bye-election there last week, he made public the estimates for public works in that county for the coming year of 1912-11, and this before any of those estimates have been laid before parliament. Not only did he make public the main estimates to the amount of \$16,900, but he went further and actually made known supplementary estimates totalling over \$195,000.

The Conservative candidate in the election was J. F. O'Brien, whose election card appeared in the Casket a Roman Catholic weekly published in Antigonish county. In its issue of Jan. 8, with that card there appeared a copy of a letter dated Dec. 23, 1912, from George Busbard, private secretary to Mr. Rogers, addressed to Senator Girroir, whose appointment to the senate had necessitated the bye-election in Antigonish. In that letter the minister acknowledged the receipt of an earlier letter from Senator Girroir and went on to say: "In accordance with your request I am enclosing you here with a list of the items placed in supplementary estimates for Antigonish county for 1912-11".

### WHOLESALE BRIBERY

Below the copy of the letter there was printed a list of the public works in Antigonish provided for in the main estimates, a breakwater

or two and repairs to a breakwater and wharves, the amount involved reaching nearly \$70,000. Less this should not be sufficient to make the electors think well of the Conservative candidate the list given by Mr. Rogers, of Public works, provided for in the supplementaries was also appended.

Here was held up before the people new wharves, repairs to wharves, etc., in Antigonish to the modest amount of \$195,300, and as if still fearful that even a total of \$212,308 would not suffice for his purposes Mr. Rogers allowed to be tacked on an information that "There will also be placed in the general vote dredging for Lakevale and Bayfield and a further amount for wharf repairs". The whole procedure is astounding and without precedent in the history of Canada. It is a violation of all the canons of ministerial conduct that information as to the estimates should be made public before that information is submitted to parliament.

The brazenness of Mr. Rogers' conduct becomes even more plain than it would otherwise be, when it is remembered that ordinarily the supplementary estimates are not brought before parliament until the main estimates have been considered. In deed, there is a suspicion that in all probability the supplementary estimates in this case may not have even been considered in cabinet council but that Mr. Rogers, having the winning of an election for the Conservative party to keep in mind let them become public before his colleagues in the ministry had ever seen them.

The whole proceeding with its violation of precedent and political propriety is in keeping with the history of Mr. Rogers in the elections in Manitoba and more recently in Saskatchewan in the MacDonald by elect on and in Richelieu.

In all probability more will be heard of the matter before long in the commons.

## IS FLEMMING TO RETIRE?

**St. John Globe Gives Publicity to a Rumor to That Effect**

**Says the Premier Finds the Duties of His Office so Onerous That He Must Quit**

The St. John Globe which enjoys the confidence of the local government gives publicity to a rumor to the effect that Premier Flemming will shortly retire from public life. It says:

"Is Hon. J. K. Flemming, the provincial premier going to retire from local politics? Rumors along that line are current and have been for some days. Hon. Mr. Flemming, the report goes, finds the duties of his office so exacting that he is able to give little or no time to private business. While the salary of a New Brunswick cabinet minister is so small that it does not afford a reasonable living, Hon. Mr. Flemming has not as yet made any public statement of his intentions, but that he has talked the situation over with personal friends and has intimated his intention to retire seems to be certain. The people of New Brunswick of all shades of political opinion will regret if Hon. Mr. Flemming feels compelled to withdraw from public life. He has shown both in the opposition and in office evidences of a desire to do the right thing for all parts of the province, and his removal from the arena of provincial affairs would be a distinct loss. Some of those active in public affairs to whom the Globe spoke today said they had heard rumors along the lines indicated but knew nothing definite and hoped that the rumors would turn out unfounded.

(It seems to be the impression in political circles here that there is considerable foundation for the rumor. It is stated by those in a position to speak with some authority that Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer made a strong bid for the premier ship when Hon. J. D. Hazen retired to enter the Federal Cabinet and only waived his claim in favor of Hon. Mr. Flemming with the understanding that the latter would step down and out in a short time. It is said that Hon. Mr. Grimmer now insists on the promise being carried out.)

## THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Jan. 20.—The public service commission holds its final hearing today on approval of subway contracts.

American stocks in London irregular.

President Wilson says he has not yet definitely decided on any member of his cabinet.

President Mellen says if New Haven is compelled to abandon ownership of steamship lines it possesses New England will abandon many of its dock terminal facilities, and that New England and New York City will both be heavy losers thereby.

Union Pacific committee in charge of dissolution, proceedings expected to confer again this week with Wick-ersham.

Judge Gary denies that the United States Steel Corporation contemplates voluntary dissolution.

The Bank statement showed increase of \$13,200,000 in actual loans increased \$32,908,000.

Liquidation in copper market believed to have been completed and a recovering movement is expected soon.

12 inhurtrials advanced .14; 20 active railroads advanced .17. Twin City lines, first week January increase \$11,840.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 18.—Although all the 160 locomotive engineers and firemen employed on the Bangor & Aroostook Railway struck today for an increase in wages, the road's passenger service was maintained. Trains were manned by men brought here from outside the state several days ago in anticipation of the strike. Freight service was at a standstill throughout the day.

## A SHOCKING TRAGEDY

**Oniario Man Crazy by Religion Brutally Assaults His Wife**

**He Afterwards Cut His Throat With a Razor Expiring Almost Instantly**

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Leaving his wife for dead after beating her head almost to a pulp with a hammer, William Gauthier, aged sixty-five, cut his own throat with a razor and died almost instantly at his home in the little village of Orient, Russell County, four and one-half miles from Clarence Creek Station, yesterday afternoon.

From a letter which the dead man left pinned to his bedroom wall it was evident that he was suffering from religious mania and this is given as the cause of his rash deed.

His wife has regained consciousness and there is a possibility that she may recover. She is fifty-four years of age and they had eight grown-up children living. Dr. Desrosiers of Rockland, attended the woman, while Dr. Ferguson, the coroner, who was called, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The Gauthiers had lived at Orient for about twenty years, coming from the immediate vicinity of Clarence Creek and Gauthier was known as a quiet and hard-working man. In the few broken sentences which she has been able to utter as she lies with her head almost completely covered with bandages, Mrs. Gauthier has revealed that her husband was mentally deranged by some years but that she lived on with him fearlessly.

## EARL AND COUNTESS MAY SPEND SUMMERS HERE

**But their Future Plans Will not be Decided Upon Until the Earl Returns From England**

While the plans of the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham for the future are not yet settled, their friends will be glad to learn that they will probably arrange to spend the summer months in Fredericton each year. Lord Ashburnham sailed for England by the Grampian on Saturday, to look after his newly acquired estate and will return for Countess Ashburnham early in the spring. It is likely that they will both leave for the Old Country some time in May.

Lord Ashburnham is said to have ridiculed the statement published in some of the newspapers that the income from the estate would be \$50,000 per year. He is said to have told a friend that seventy-five thousand pounds sterling would be much nearer the mark. Countess Ashburnham's allowance for "pin money" alone, it is said, will be ten thousand a year.

While the friends of Countess Ashburnham, who are legion, are all congratulating her on her good fortune, all regret that it will mean her departure from the city. She is a lady of most affable and generous disposition and has been a devoted wife.

Mrs. Ashburnham, as is well known, is a daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Anderson, who represented Wellington Ward in the City Council for several years. Her grandfather was a member of the 104th Regiment, a corps raised in this province during the American War and which made a mid-winter march from St. John to Quebec. She has two sisters residing in the city, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Lucy Anderson.

The Earl and Countess Ashburnham were united in marriage at the Parish Church here ten years ago, the late Rev. Canon Roberts being the officiating clergyman.

### PERSONAL

Mr. George W. Upham, ex-M.P.P. of Woodstock, is in the city. He is at the Queen.

Mr. F. W. Roach of St. John is registered at the Queen.

## TURKEY MAY SURRENDER ADRIANOPOLE TO ALLIES

**This May be Done in Order to Hold Some of the large Aegean Islands--The Porte's Answer to Note of Power is Anxiously Awaited--If it is not Satisfactory the Allies Will Resume the War--Naval Battle Reported Between the Greeks and Turks**

London, Jan. 20.—The latest report in circulation here is that the Ottoman government is in favor of ceding Adrianople to the allies. If this is done an effort will be made to hold some of the larger Aegean Islands.

London, Jan. 19.—The porte's decision to call a national assembly on Tuesday to take under advisement that the Balkan situation probably heralds further concessions on the part of Turkey, concessions which could not be yielded by the cabinet without risking its fall. In any case the Balkan delegates in London do not believe that the porte's reply to joint note of the powers will be such a flat refusal as foreshadowed from Constantinople.

Yesterday's despatches reported that the Turkish government had reached a decision to cede Adrianople or the Aegean Islands, but was willing to enter into negotiations respecting these islands some distance removed from the Dardanelles.

If Turkey's answer is unsatisfactory the allies in deference to Europe will ask the powers whether they have means to compel Turkey to comply with their wishes. If not the allies will carry out the plan already announced leading to the resumption of the war. In such event the allies will regard all concessions heretofore made for the sake of peace, either to Turkey or the powers as void. Thus they will not recognize the undertaking consenting to an autonomous Albania, or the promise of Serbia and Montenegro to retire from the Adriatic.

Questioned as to the possibility in this case of Austria employing force, the head of one of the delegations said today: "We shall see whether the triple entente, and especially Russia, will permit such action on the part of Austria. If we are forced to fight another war, the cost of which is nearly \$1,000,000 daily, we will not abandon territory already occupied unless driven out by force. That would mean an European war. If Austria were permitted to

march on Belgrade and to bombard our troops on the Adriatic, and we were crushed, we should prefer to become Austrian rather than belong to the Slav race our mother Russia lacks the force or the will to protect us."

### TURKISH REPORT OF BIG NAVAL BATTLE

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The ministry of the interior has issued a report of an engagement between the Turkish and Greek fleets between the islands of Tenedos and Lemnos, lasting several hours. According to this official report there were heavy losses on both sides. The Turkish fleet returned safely to the Dardanelles and the wounded are being brought to Constantinople. It is not known here whether this report refers to the engagement on Saturday or whether the engagement was renewed on Sunday.

Vienna, Jan. 19.—A despatch from Constantinople says that at the council of ministers held Saturday a majority opposed continuing the war.

### TURKISH OFFICERS WOUNDED

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The government has decided to convene the national assembly on Tuesday in order to take the Balkan situation under consideration.

A serious quarrel occurred recently on the Turkish warships in the Dardanelles, between some of the officers who were anxious to fight the Greeks and others, who considered that the Greek fleet. Blows were exchanged Turkish fleet was no match for the and before the quarrel was settled fifteen officers were wounded. The trouble arose through the circulation of a manifesto signed "The Women of Turkey" suggesting that the forts should sink the Turkish warships, whose poor-spirited officers always fled at the approach of the Greek fleet. It was because of this slur that the Hamidieh made its adventurous cruise to Syria.

## 18th ANNIVERSARY OF LAKE MYSTERY

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 20.—Tomorrow will be the eighteenth anniversary of the loss of the steamer Chicora, a mystery of the Great Lakes that time has failed to solve. On the night of January 20, 1895, the steamer cleared from Milwaukee with a cargo of flour. The craft was bound for St. Joseph, across Lake Michigan, but she never reached port, nor was any trace of her ever found. She foundered with all hands, but in what manner is not definitely known. The sunken steamer has never been located. It is the supposition, however, that she lies somewhere off the south end of the lake, possibly some five miles distant from shore. When the loss became known the owners of the Chicora offered \$50,000 to any person placing a buoy over the sunken steamer but the reward has never been claimed.

## WESTERN PROGRESSIVES HOLD CONFERENCE

St. Paul, Jan. 20.—Leaders of the Progressive party from Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas are here this week to discuss the work of organization, publicity and raising funds to keep the party in good fighting trim during the next four years. Senator Kenyon of Iowa and former Senator Beveridge of Indiana have promised to attend the banquet which will be held Wednesday night following the close of the conference.

## B AND A STRIKE GETTING SERIOUS

Houlton, Me., Jan. 19.—The Bangor & Aroostook strike which began early yesterday morning is hampering the seed shipments of Aroostook potatoes. At this season shipments to middle and western states is at a maximum, and a strike of long duration, which is highly probable, will result in the cancellation of many seed orders.

One alleviating feature of the situation is that the Canadian Pacific touches several important shipping points in the county and will somewhat relieve the situation.

There are several hundred carloads of potatoes along the line of the Bangor & Aroostook lying side-tracked in charge of firemen. A sudden cold snap will work havoc.

It is expected that nearly all the regular trains will be run tomorrow although the company is much concerned over the refusal of the strike-breakers to work after being approached by union men. A number of former C. P. men arrived here yesterday and found employment.

A good deal of feeling has been aroused in the county by the stopping of freight traffic and the people are in no temper to face a hardship following the refusal of either reasonably well paid operatives to do their work, or arbitrary action taken by the management of the road without due consideration to all of the interest involved.

It was stated here today that the railroad has made arrangements for an armed guard on each train to prevent destruction to its property or interference with its men.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT AT NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 20.—The American National Chess Master' tournament, for which arrangements have been making for several months, got under way in this city today. The event is regarded as the most important of its kind that has taken place on this side of the Atlantic since the great international tournament was held at Cambridge Springs nearly ten years ago. Janowski, the French champion; Capablanca, the Cuban champion; Marthall, the champion of the United States; Oscar Chajes of Chicago and a number of other chess experts of wide reputation are among the contestants.

## GOOD ROADS ARE A PAYING INVESTMENT

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 20.—Statistics made public today by the State Road Commission show that the State of Alabama has been reimbursed fully for its expenditures previous to two years ago for good roads. Increase in property values along the improved highways has made higher assessments possible and increasing development has at the same time added many names to the tax list.

Premier Flemming arrived in the city today. He is at the Barker House.

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M.P.P., of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bearisto of Regina are registered at the Barker House.

## REACQUET CLUB HAS DOUBLE TOURNEY

Boston, Mass., Jan. 20.—The annual tournament for the championship of the United States in racquet doubles to be held this week in the court of the Tennis and Racquet Club of this city. The silver racquet offered by the Racquet Club of Philadelphia, as a challenge trophy for the United States championship in racquet doubles, will be held for the year by the club whose members win the tournament. The entry list is unusually well filled and some spirited competitions are expected to result.

## RICE GROWERS WANT TARIFF TO STICK

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Louisiana and Texas rice growers, representing the American Rice Growers' Association, told the members of the House Ways and Means Committee today why a reduction in the tariff on rice would mean the destruction of an industry which has been developed after a discouraging fight against adverse conditions. With a limited amount of protection, such as exists at present, the delegates declared that rice could be raised in the temperate zone and thousands of acres, unsuited for other purposes, could be utilized. Due to the shorter growing season and the losses from adverse weather it was stated to be impossible to compete with rice grown by cheap labor in tropical countries.