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A FLAGRANT CASE

It was very thoughtful of Chairman Pinder, with the connivance of Mr. F. B. Black, M.P.P., to make public the little deal by which Mr. Harry Blair, secretary of the Public Works Department, bagged \$150 of easy money last year in connection with the investigation of charges preferred against one Birmingham, road commissioner in Carleton county. Chairman Pinder has maintained such a sphinx-like silence this session that we had begun to lose faith in him, but the little incident of yesterday shows that he is still in some respects at least, the Mr. Pinder of old. When he sat in the Legislature as an opposition member Mr. Pinder established a reputation as a rooster. The Public Works Department was his forte and nothing which savored of graft or wrongdoing could escape his experienced eye. It is pretty well known that he is not any too well pleased with the manner in which the same department is conducted today, but as a government supporter and loyal party man he no doubt feels that it would not be politic on his part to be too outspoken in his criticisms. He seems to have a fair idea, however, of what is going on behind the scenes, and he was able to furnish striking proof of this at the meeting of the Accounts Committee on Tuesday.

Detecting something in the Birmingham case, Mr. Pinder started a little Sherlock Holmes work on his own account and was not long in finding out that Mr. Birmingham had paid \$400 in settlement of the claim. Looking up the public accounts, the astute James K. saw a discrepancy in the amount collected from Mr. Birmingham and the amount paid out by the government. As chairman of the Accounts Committee, he felt that it would not do for him to appear too active in the matter so he enlisted the support of Mr. Black, a member of the committee. In other words, Mr. Pinder rolled up a few balls and induced Mr. Black to fire them. How well the little scheme worked is now a matter of public knowledge. Mr. Harry Blair, the secretary of the department, was summoned before the committee and admitted in answer to questions by Mr. Black, that he had been paid the sum of \$150 for alleged services in the Birmingham case over and above his salary and expenses. The explanation he gave was that he made four trips to Carleton county and his office work getting behind, he was compelled, on his return, to work over-time to catch up. The government, which about that time seems to have been suffering from enlargement of the heart, allowed him \$150 for "taking charge of the case," and also for working over-time. We are told that Mr. Black expressed himself as satisfied with the explanation, but Mr. Pinder remained silent. It is dollars to doughnuts that Mr. Pinder was not satisfied but for policy's sake reserved his remarks for some future occasion. The explanation may have been satisfactory to Mr. Black, but it will not be satisfactory to the people of this country who expect public officials to earn their salaries and avoid even the appearance of graft.

A remarkable feature of this remarkable case is that the auditor general, whose duty it is to administer the peerless Audit Act passed by this government, told the committee that he had nothing to do with making the payment to Mr. Blair. In other words, while the money was paid by Birmingham to the receiver general of the province it was paid out to an official of the government without the sanction of the auditor general and no record of it appears in the public accounts. The whole transaction appears to have been carefully covered up, and but for the astuteness of Mr. Pinder and the fact that he is at loggerheads with the official in question, the public would probably have remained in

ignorance of the payment.

The transaction is not creditable to the government and cannot be justified on any reasonable ground. By publicly exposing this case of rank favoritism on the part of the government, Mr. Pinder has rendered a good service to the country.

The news of the death of Dr. John Brittain in Montreal this week, was heard with very great regret by numerous friends in this city and province. Dr. Brittain was for fourteen years on the staff of the Provincial Normal School here and he subsequently served for a short time as lecturer in chemistry at the U. N. B.. An earnest and painstaking teacher, his whole soul was in his work and he rendered a service to his native province and the teaching profession that will not soon be forgotten.

A big delegation of temperance men of the Conservative faith waited on the members for York last evening and urged the appointment of Dr. B. C. Foster as the third member of the police commission. Hon. Mr. McLeod promised that a "strong" temperance man would be appointed but he did not intimate that Dr. Foster would get the job.

The Flemming Government is strong on precedents. It established a brand new one when it sent the Secretary of the Public Works Department to Carleton County as a witness and then retained him to take charge of the case.

If the Tories at Ottawa have to choose between dropping the naval bill or losing their jobs, it is not a difficult matter to guess what will happen to the bill.

Mr. FLEMING EXPLAINS

Before the Public Accounts Committee of the House yesterday Mr. A. C. Fleming explained that the money he received from the government for erecting a stand in front of the parliament building during Old Home week, went chiefly for labor and materials and that he only received one day's pay. He also said that he worked 299 days for the government last year and was paid at the rate of \$3 per day. He neglected to explain, however, how he found time to work three months as inspector on the I.C.R. station at \$3.50 per day. In addition to this he was also employed as inspector on the Palmer-McLellan Shoe Company's factory. He must have been very busy during the thirteen days he was not working for the local government.

DIAMOND DUST

George Magoon, the old major league infielder, has signed to coach the University of Maine baseball team.

Larry Doyle, of the Giants, has found his batting eye early this season and is whaling the ball to all corners of Texas.

Owner Frank Farrell is with his New Yorkers in Bermuda, and "Chubby" Charles Murphy is watching his Cubs perform in Florida.

Sylvester, the youngster who is playing right field for the White Sox second team, led the Wisconsin-Illinois League in batting last season.

The new Huntington, W. Va., team in the Ohio State League will be managed by Sam Wright, a former Kansas City and Louisville pitcher.

With Pitcher Ray Collins' contract signed and in the strong box, President McAleer has all of his Boston Champions lined up for the season.

Pitcher "Dixie" Walker, formerly of the Washington team, and later with Baltimore and Wilkes-Barre has signed with Bill Friel's St. Paul team.

The Danville Club, of the Three-I-League, has signed Pitcher Ukana-vitch and Catcher Bossaloughni. Nice battery for the Three-Lamp umpires to announce. Now!

Ty Cobb has organized a ball team and while waiting for the Detroit Club to come across with an increase in salary, Ty will tour the Southern States with the aggregation of ball tossers.

The Pacific Coast League teams have been giving the White Sox plenty to do in the way of ball playing. On the same day recently, San Francisco beat the White Sox, regulars 2 to 1, while Los Angeles was defeating the Sox, Yanigans 8 to 7.

A few years make a big difference in baseball. Tim Murnane, the veteran scribe, says that several of the Red Sox youngsters had never heard of "Duke" Farrell until they arrived at Hot Springs, Ark. The "Duke" who was a star for a dozen years with Chicago, Brooklyn and New York, is now coaching the Red Sox.

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THE KING OF GREECE WAS ASSASSINATED

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real estate in various countries of Europe and in the United States, became the owner of mines, farms, plantations and factories, owner of stock in railroads and various financial and commercial establishments and of a large fleet of merchant vessels trading between Mediterranean ports.

Queen Olga bore him six children, of whom all but the youngest, Prince Christopher, born in 1888, are married. The heir apparent to the throne is Prince Constantine, Duke of Sparta, who was born in 1868 and in 1889 was married to Princess Sophia, sister of Emperor William II. Although King George always showed great devotion to his people and proved himself a faithful and liberal king, neither he nor his family enjoyed great popularity. Many times the continuance of the dynasty was seriously threatened but King George maintained his dignity and weathered all storms, even the critical period of the disastrous war against Turkey. Since Greece declared war against Turkey in October 1912, King George and his family have grown quite popular and the future of the dynasty seems to be more secure than at any time during his reign. Next to Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, King George is now the oldest among the European rulers.

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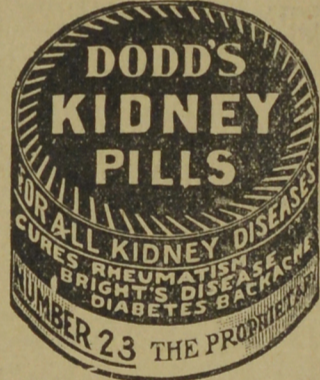
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COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE

The City Council will meet in committee tonight for the purpose of hearing delegations. The matter of the Willis Macpherson Foundry will be dealt with. The Board of Trade Executive will ask for a grant of \$25.00 for the purpose of continuing the publicity campaign. A delegation from Agricultural Society No. 34 will ask for a grant for the Fredericton Exhibition of 1913.

UNNECESSARY ALARM

The fire department was called out last night by an alarm from Box 44 for what was thought to be a fire at the residence of Mr. C. A. Kirk manager of the Bank of British North America. The alarm was unnecessary.



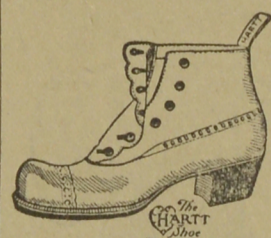
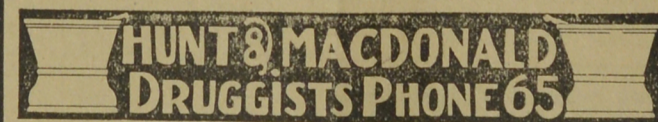
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