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### A BRAZEN PROPOSAL

The bill relating to the Provincial Hospital introduced in the Legislature by Premier Flemming on Monday, can only be interpreted as a scheme to impose an additional burden of taxation on the various municipalities. In his most suave manner the Premier explained that the municipalities now paid for the support of harmless lunatics at the rate of \$1.25 per week but under the terms of this bill they must, after January 1st next, contribute \$1 per week for the support of all patients, whether harmless or dangerous. The bill is not nearly as harmless as Premier Flemming would have it appear and the taxpayers of this province will find it out to their cost if the measure becomes law.

Last year, according to the Auditor General's Report, the cost of maintenance of the Provincial Hospital was \$85,212.05 and the total receipts are given at \$18,338.63, of which \$11,566.98 was from paying patients and the balance of \$6,771.65 was contributed by the various municipalities for the support of harmless lunatics. The City of Fredericton contributed the sum of \$48.75 and the County of York \$334.80, a total of \$483.55.

The net amount paid by the government for the upkeep of the institution was therefore \$66,878.42. Now we find Premier Flemming putting forth the brazen proposal that the government, out of the goodness of its heart, shall in future contribute two-thirds of this amount and the municipalities one-third. In other words, he proposes that the government contribute \$44,582.28 of the net amount required to maintain the institution and the municipalities \$22,291.14, or the tidy sum of \$15,519.49 more than they contributed last year. That is the plain English of the little scheme briefly outlined by the sanctimonious Premier Flemming in the Legislature on Monday, and which the blind men who sit upon the back benches swallowed at one gulp.

No man in the House understands better what Mr. Flemming's little scheme means to the municipalities than our own Mr. Pinder, and remarkable as it may seem, he never uttered one word of protest. Mr. Pinder is an old stager in the game of municipal politics and for years he went up and down the County of York proclaiming himself the champion of municipal rights. He raved and roared against the Blair government because he had reason to believe that it was trying to add to the burdens of the municipalities and he declared that he would fight against such a proposition to the last ditch. It is almost impossible of belief but it is nevertheless true, that when Premier Flemming brought down his bill on Monday Mr. Pinder, the noted long range warrior, sat in his seat as dumb as a graven image. This is the man who went about the County of York making votes for himself by declaring eternal warfare on all governments that dared to trample upon the rights of municipalities.

Then there is that other ex-municipal politician, Dr. Morehouse who also sat riveted to his seat. The most favorable construction that can be put upon their conduct is that they were rendered speechless for the moment by the brazenness of the Premier's proposal or perhaps neither of them gave the matter sufficient thought to realize that it means \$1,500 additional taxation for the County of York next year and an increase each subsequent year in proportion to the increase in patients.

If the Union of N. B. Municipalities to the support of which the County of York has generously contributed in recent years, is good for anything it will strenuously oppose this barefaced attempt on the part of this extravagant, corrupt and incompetent government to impose direct taxation upon the people of this province.

### PUBLIC PRINTING

Members of the Flemming government and their supporters when they sat in opposition, were constantly harping on the cost of public printing. They claimed that it was given to the newspapers supporting the government as a sort of bribe and argued that if the tender system were adopted a great saving could be effected. On one occasion when it was proposed to set aside an appropriation of \$12,000 to defray the cost of public printing Mr. J. D. Hazen, who was then leading the opposition, declared that the amount was excessive and moved an amendment that it be cut down to \$8,000.

On another occasion, Mr. Hazen, in the course of a speech in the Legislature, produced a memorandum which he said was furnished him by "a reputable printing establishment in this province," showing that at least forty per cent. could be saved in the matter of public printing "if the work were put up to competition instead of giving it to political favorites as is the case at present." Discussing the memorandum, Mr. Hazen went on to say:

"The Public Health Report had cost \$387.05 according to the memorandum; the cost of the report should have been \$235 instead of the \$387.05. The Auditor General's Report, 2,000 copies, which cost the province \$1,085, should have cost \$600. The Board of Works Report, which cost \$335 for 1,200 copies, should have cost \$168. The Educational Report, 2,000 copies, which cost \$1,259, should have cost \$424. The Surveyor General's Report, 2,000 copies, cost the province in 1896 the sum of \$354, and should have cost only \$208. The Asylum Report, 1,000 copies, cost \$225, should have cost but \$90."

The memoranda cited by Mr. Hazen, went on to say:

"In making up the estimates the figures given show a good profit and which we would be glad to do the work for . . . . These prices are first class and money could be made by deducting 10 per cent."

It was pretty well known at the time that the philanthropic publishing house which was prepared to save the province such large sums on public printing was The Times Printing Company of Moncton. This company on that occasion, according to its own statement, considered \$424 a good price for printing the Educational Report. Last year The Times Printing Company printed this very report and charged for the work \$1,027.16 or \$403.16 more than it "would have been glad" to have done the work for in 1900.

The Times would have been glad to have printed the Agricultural Report in 1900 for \$716. It was printed last year by The Fredericton Gleaner at a cost to the province of \$2,351.15.

According to Mr. Hazen and The Times the Board of Works Report, which cost \$385 in 1900, should have cost only \$168. Last year it was printed by Mr. J. Fred Benson of Chatham, and cost \$315.13.

According to the same high authority the Provincial Hospital Report which cost \$225, should have cost only \$90. Last year it was printed by The Post Company of Sackville, at a cost of \$212.25.

The amount expended for public printing by an extravagant Liberal government ranged from \$11,000 to \$12,000, while last year an economical Tory government dispersed \$18,000 for the same service and its Fredericton hack organ received an amount almost equal to the total appropriation for the service under the former administration.

The attitude taken by the members of the Flemming government on the question of public printing when in opposition, and their attitude in office furnishes a striking illustration of the difference between Tory preaching and Tory performance.

### DRIVING PARTY

A party of about fifty young people including bank clerks, students, etc., drove to Stocker's Hotel at Oromocto last evening and had a dance. They returned home at an early hour this morning.

### NEW ORGANIST HERE

Mr. William J. Smith, A. R. C. O., the new organist and choir-master of Christchurch Cathedral, has arrived from Falkirk, Scotland, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, and they are the guests of Miss Allen, Waterloo Row. Mr. Smith will at once enter upon his duties and will preside at the Cathedral organ on Sunday next. He comes to Fredericton very highly recommended.

## SPLASHING SPEECH

(Continued from page one.)

### WOULD ADD TO BRITAIN'S BURDENS.

Only the other day representatives of 2,000,000 working men and taxpayers had met in England and protested against the government receiving the Canadian contribution on the ground that it would add to their burden. At the same time the grain growers had met in Western Canada and had declared that they did not want to send a contribution.

"Now, that is a nice state of things and shows how good a policy this is to build a harmonious empire upon" observed the Red Deer man. "Mr. Bennett said that the Liberal policy was designed to break up the empire. I tell him that it is not our policy but his policy which makes for the breaking up of the empire. Mr. Speaker, just to the south of us we have the impressive example of a great country which broke off from the British empire on the question of contribution. Are we, forsooth, to be told that we are disloyal when we point this out to parliament and the country. I say it is the honorable gentlemen opposite," continued the sturdy Britisher, "who are breaking up the British empire, or would do so if permitted to carry out this ill-judged policy."

Dr. Clark said he had been asked how he, as a Britisher, could support reciprocity and oppose naval contribution.

"Mr. Speaker, it is because I am a Britisher that I believe in trading freely wherever I can find profit and it is because I am a Britisher that I believe in defending my own shores. Those are two things which Britain and Britishers have always done. When the patent gives a good example the child cannot do better than to follow it. I believe in the British lion and I believe in the breeding of lion cubs, but I do not believe in breeding jackals and that is why I am opposed to the naval policy of Premier Borden and that is why I support the naval policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Dr. Clark concluded amid prolonged Liberal cheers.

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

The Auditor General's report shows that the sum of \$301.70 was paid by the government last year to Mr. Mr. William Stone for repairs to the Wilsey and Doak roads at the lower end of the city while William McKay got \$253.43 from the same source for work on the Lincoln road. Our information is that very little work was done on the roads in question and at the present time they are not in a condition which reflects much credit on the Commissioners. Indeed they were the cause of much complaint during the whole of last season.

The U. N. B. hockey team entertained the members of the Mount Allison hockey team last night at Washington's Cafe, a very enjoyable time being spent by those present.

### CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS MEET

There was a large number of the members present last night at the regular monthly meeting of Court Fredericton No. 778 Canadian Order of Foresters, on which occasion a very delightful evening was spent by all. There was some interesting debates in which several of the members took part, some excellent speeches being made.

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Union Pacific,	154 1/2	154 1/2
U. S. Steel,	61 1/2	61 1/2

County Master Gregory of the Loyal Orange Lodge, paid an official visit to No. 32 at Nashwaaksis, last night, needless to say a jolly good time was spent by the large number present. Speech-making was in order and the meeting was very entertaining, some excellent addresses being delivered. Mr. Gregory was accompanied by Mr. H. T. Brewer, who reported a very enjoyable time.