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THE RECORD BORROWERS

In the past ten months the Borden Government has borrowed no less than \$92,500,000. Almost \$100,000,000 have been added to the liabilities of Canada in less than a year! It is a staggering record, a startling commentary upon the methods and the extravagance and the waste characterizing the administration of the Premier and his colleagues.

In September, 1913, a loan of four million pounds was made in London by Hon. W. T. White. Three months later, another loan of four and a half million pounds was floated. In February, 1914, Mr. White made a third loan of five million pounds, and now this greatest of modern borrowers puts the country in debt for still another five million pounds. All in all, then, between September 1913, and June 1914, the Government has borrowed eighteen million five hundred thousand pounds, or practically \$92,500,000.

Inevitably, such enormous borrowings have affected Canada's credit in the money markets of the world. The February loan was not well received in London, while the London Times in its issue of June 5th, declares that Mr. White's latest piece of finance has been "received with positive disfavor." It is to be noted, moreover, that the June loan has been made on less favorable terms than even the February borrowing. Canada's credit is suffering because of the extravagance and recklessness of the Government and the Finance Minister—a condition that would be bad enough at any time but is especially serious at this period of financial depression and hard times in the Dominion, when nothing should be done which renders it more difficult than it otherwise would be to obtain capital for Canadian enterprises. Canadian provinces, Canadian municipalities, Canadian private undertakings will suffer because Canada's credit has been damaged through the course of the Federal Ministry, and directly or indirectly, sooner or later, every Canadian citizen will suffer.

Last year, the Government added some \$19,000,000 to the debt of the Dominion. This year, by bond guarantees for railways, it has increased the country's liabilities by over \$60,000,000. In less than a year, it has increased the borrowings of the nation by upwards of \$100,000,000. Upon this huge sum, Canadians must pay interest for years to come while the principal, of course, must also be repaid eventually out of the public treasury. These conditions are part of the price, which Canada is paying for Borden rule.

Mr. James Robinson in his evidence before the Royal Commission at St. John yesterday quoted Mr. Berry as stating that Hon. John Morrissey knew nothing about the alleged "political fund," and he (Berry) did not want him to know about it. This statement will generally be accepted as true, and it will be interpreted by many people as an indication that the money was never intended for political purposes. Had it been so intended Mr. Morrissey as a member of the government representing the most important lumbering district of the province would probably have been let into the game. Mr. Morrissey was kept in ignorance of it as he was of other fiscally transactions carried on in government circles during the past two years under Flemming rule. It is customary when Mr. Morrissey is in the council chamber for the members of the government composing the inner circle to speak in whispers.

Sir John A. McDonald's famous telegram to send along another ten thousand, was a modest demand in comparison with that made by Mr. W. H. Berry on the lumbermen of the province.

The Motion Times thinks that Premier Flemming is either a dishonest lunatic or the timber land steal is a vile conspiracy hatched by the Liberals to ruin him. There will be another think coming to The Times when it gets the remainder of the testimony. In the meantime it might explain how it comes, if there was a conspiracy that Mr. E. R. Teed of Woodstock a close friend of Premier Flemming and an uncompromising opponent of Mr. Carvell, should be a party to it.

It came out in evidence yesterday that Hon. John Morrissey who was once described by an individual close to the throne as "the only honest man in the Flemming Government" was kept in blissful ignorance of Mr. Bill Berry's successful efforts to raise a "political fund." The Honorable John can now enjoy a good laugh at the expense of those who kept him in the dark.

Several of the witnesses at the Dugal enquiry were given to understand by Berry that the \$15 per mile which they were called upon to fork over to him was to go into a "political fund." This fund is alleged to have reached a total of over \$100,000. Under Flemming rule an election is evidently looked upon as an expensive proposition.

It will be remembered that about a year ago a member of the Local Government made the statement that one of his colleagues has put in a good sized chunk of the campaign fund. The accusation was a rather serious one but strange to say he was never called upon to apologize for having made it.

Mr. Bennett Burleigh, the famous war correspondent who fought on the Confederate side during the American war and afterwards participated in many notable campaigns, is dead. He was a Scotchman by birth and was seventy years of age.

The Tory henchman who made the public statement a year ago that a certain politician was the biggest grafter in New Brunswick and he could prove it, was evidently in close touch with Mr. W. H. Berry's movements.

BIRTHDAY COANGRTULATIONS

JUNE 19.

Elbert Hubbard, author, journalist and lecturer, fifty-eight years old today.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati, fifty-nine years old today.

John E. Osborne, former governor of Wyoming and now First Assistant Secretary of State, fifty years old today.

Edward T. Taylor, congressman-at-large from Colorado, fifty-six years old today.

Edward V. Cicotte, pitcher for the Chicago American League baseball team, thirty years old today.

ALLEGED POLITICAL FUND

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Q.—Do you know if they took a record of them?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Mr. Snowball said yesterday that he paid \$2,500 to your credit in Bathurst and Mr. McLean said he had \$5,000 transferred to you from Bathurst. Did you get that money?

A.—Yes. I went to the bank and asked for notes of large denominations as it was too large to carry. Mr. Dick refused and I carried it across to the Bank of Nova Scotia and asked for \$1,000. They agreed but said it would take some time.

Q.—Was this shown in your day's account?

A.—Yes, (producing book showing entry of deposition on July 15.)

Q.—When did you withdraw it?

A.—About July 26.

Q.—In what form?

A.—Chiefly in \$1,000 notes.

Q.—What did you do with it?

A.—I brought it to St. John and gave it to E. R. Teed.

Q.—When you left Mr. Flemming's room in Woodstock, did you leave Mr. Berry and Mr. Teed together?

A.—I could not swear to it.

Q.—Did you have any correspondence with Teed or Berry in writing about this?

A.—No. It was all done in person or over the phone.

Q.—You said at the highest profit of \$100 a mile?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There was no hold up and you got nothing else?

A.—No.

Q.—This conversation in Woodstock was before you got any money?

A.—Yes.

This concluded his evidence.

COL. SAM IN A DILEMMA OVER THE MONTREAL PARADE

Ottawa, June 16.—In trying to avoid both horns of an embarrassing political dilemma, Col. Sam Hughes has apparently got himself impaled on each side. The story is leaking out as to his endeavor to make political capital with the Orangemen in Ontario in view of the elections pending there, and at the same time avoid trouble with his cabinet colleagues from Quebec though stubbornly adhering to his published declarations that the 65th Regiment of Montreal would have to to abide by the militia regulations and not carry their rifles as usual, in the Corpus Christi procession at Montreal on Sunday last. Hitherto no question has been raised in regard to the annual parade of the 65th Regiment at Montreal in the Corpus Christi procession, and if there ever was a regulation forbidding them to carry arms on that occasion it was never brought to the attention of the public, and no objection was raised. Some weeks ago, however, an intimation was that the regiment this year could not carry their arms, and that there it.

At once there was a storm of protest at the action of the department, and of Col. Hughes came in for some severe criticism. Col. Hughes, however had committed himself publicly both in parliament and in the government press as to his stand on the matter. Questioned in parliament on June 6, last, he said: "The regulation is there and I see no reason why it should be changed. The regulation is as old as the hills, and the practice still older, that when troops attend divine service they never carry arms. The rule is, and it is certainly not a new one, that side arms only are worn."

The colonel has reputation for had committed himself his friends in Ontario naturally thought that nothing could move him.

QUEBEC MINISTERS KICK

But the upsetting of the old practice in regard to the 65th Regiment and the political effect of it in Quebec Hon. L. P. Pélletier, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. Louis Odier and the other Quebec ministers, and Conservative members. Premier Borden was peeved to. It was decided that a way out of the difficulty must be found, but in view of the political effect it might have on the Orangemen in Ontario, and in view of the publicity given to the issue it was decided that the regulation could not be repealed, and that it must be circumvented in some way so as to preserve the letter if not the spirit of the order.

The regulation was circumvented and much to the surprise of everybody the regiment paraded last Sunday carrying their rifles, and presented arms to the host as usual. What happened was that when the regiment mustered for parade they were supplied with hastily substituted rifles.

CARRIED PRIVATE RIFLES

Col. Hughes said this morning that because the regiment did not carry their rifles did not disobey the regulations. He left the impression as his interview with the press that the regiment had secured private rifles. That being the case he intimated that he was absolved from all responsibility and that there has been no technical violation at least of his orders! That was for Ontario consumption.

But according to reliable information received from Montreal it transpires that the rifles carried by the 65th regiment were secured with the connivance and help of the militia department. It is stated that some 400 rifles of an obsolete pattern were turned over from the ordnance stores Montreal, who was a good Conservative. The rifles were taken to the 65th Regiment's armory and substituted for their regular rifles to be carried in Sunday's parade. The politics of the game are obvious.

TWENTY CONVICTIONS

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consenting, the rule was enlarged and the term extended until next term the rule and writ to be served thirty days before the return.

The King ex parte Octave Paulin. Like order.

The King vs Chipman A. Steeves, Justice of the peace and stipendiary and police magistrate in and for the county of Westmorland, ex parte Lazarre Richard. James Sherren stated facts and cited cases and supported an order to quash a conviction made by the said Chipman A. Steeves dated April 30, 1914, for an offence against the Canada Temperance Act, order being granted by Judge Landry on June 5, offence being committed on April 26 at 6 p.m.

W. B. Chandler showed cause against the rule. Court considers.

Rule granted in that and several other cases until July 30.

In the language of Boss Tweed Bill Berry has gone where the woodbine twineth.

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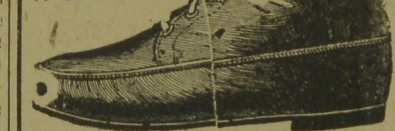
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