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BOOMERANG SCANDAL HUNTS

The scandal hunts conducted by the Borden government, since it assumed office, with a view to making some political capital against the late administration have all so far had a boomerang attachment. The first hunt inaugurated was headed by Hon. A. B. Morine. The chief head obtained was that of Mr. Morine himself. The search for scandal in regard to the construction of the National Transcontinental is resulting in making the investigating commissioners and the Borden government do more "explaining" than the men whom they sought to besmirch. The report of another scandal hunt was tabled in the Commons last week, dealing with some serious irregularities by officials of the Trent Valley canal. It, too, has its boomerang attachment.

While it is shown that some of the irregularities disclosed actually existed under the late government, there is no evidence produced to show that any Liberal minister or any official at Ottawa either connived at or condoned the offences. The local officials at Peterborough were alone culpable. But the investigating commissioner, Mr. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative M.P.P. for Grenville, in making his report, could not gloss over the fact that one of the main charges of graft referred to occurred under the present government. The first six pages of his report deal with a "rake-off" in connection with the purchase of dynamite for use in canal construction during 1912, under the administration of Hon. Frank Cochrane. Mr. Ferguson states that prior to 1912, Canal Superintendent McClellan had purchased dynamite from the Kingan Hardware Company of Peterborough. After the change of government the patronage was shifted to Daniel Cinnamon, a hardware merchant at Lindsay and a constituent of Col. Sam Hughes. Three purchases of dynamite, aggregating five tons, were made during 1912 for use at Lindsay, in Co. Sam's home town. It was found that there was a very considerable shortage in supply, in comparison to the amount charged up to the government. From the evidence taken by Mr. Ferguson it appears that while Cinnamon was nominal vendor to the government, he merely acted as a go-between and the dynamite really came from the Kingan Company. The latter company sold to Cinnamon for twenty-two cents a pound and he charged the government twenty-seven cents a pound. Mr. Ferguson says "Cinnamon's part of the transaction merely consisted in making out an invoice, adding five cents per pound to Kingan's price and taking this rake-off for profit for himself."

Cinnamon was the man to whom the present administration had given the patronage, doubtless at the request of Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes.

A RANK OUTRAGE

Congratulations to Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary treasurer. With the help of Mr. Pelletier, an opposition member of the Legislature he has discovered that the Richard Construction Company which has a big sub-contract in the Valley Railway, is an extra provincial Corporation and he is proceeding to collect from it a license fee. The company has an office in this city and has been doing business in the province nearly two years. Mr. H. F. McLeod was provincial secretary during the greater part of the time, and while he was in an excellent position to know all about the company and its affairs, he made no effort to collect the tax. Hon. Dr. Landry's reply to Mr. Pelletier's question is a direct slap at his predecessor in office.

A Rank Outrage
When the name of Mr. Abner R. Foster, of Carleton County was struck from the list of provincial constables a few months ago by the Flemming government The Mail re-

ferred to it as a dirty piece of low down politics. The Mail's criticism is amply borne out by a reply given to a query in the Legislature yesterday by Attorney General Clarke. Hon. Mr. Clarke stated that Mr. Foster had been dismissed on the recommendation of the three members for Carleton, one of whom is the sanctimonious Premier Flemming. There was no change of wrong doing preferred against him, no investigation was held, no opportunity was given him to defend himself and the government lacked the decency to return his license fee of \$5. Hon. Mr. Clarke, who is a man of principle, was not a member of the government when this outrage was perpetrated and is no way responsible for it. The responsibility rests upon Premier Flemming, who has shown himself to be a small minded man utterly devoid of a sense of justice and British fair play. In private life Premier Flemming is a Presbyterian elder, a Sunday school teacher and a champion of moral reform. In public life he has shown himself on more than one occasion to be a sham and a humbug.

It would seem to be the duty of Attorney General Clarke to promptly right the wrong done to one of the most efficient peace officers in the province.

Moncton Transcript:—How many hours did the royal party spend at Fredericton that it should require such an enormous sum of the people's money to pay for catering. The royal party has rather the reputation for being abstemious than otherwise and there must have been a host of other people to enjoy that catering. There should be some additional explanation forthcoming when nearly a thousand dollars of the people's money was spent upon the table for a few hours' visit.

C. P. R. WAS THE MARKET LEADER

New York, March 18—The market opening was dull and with the exception of C.P.R. about the same as the close of yesterday. C.P.R. was somewhat stronger, opening at 207½, a point and a quarter advance from yesterday's closing figures. The stock was strong on the other side of the Atlantic, cables this morning reporting sales at 207½. During the first hour the market sold off fractionally but seemed to have a good undertone, considering the small volume of trading. Steel sold off ¼ of a point but almost recovered its loss in a short time.

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	Open	Noon
Copper	75½	75½
Smelters	69	68½
C.P.R.	207½	206½
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Lehigh	146½	145½
Reading	165	165½
Union Pacific	158½	158
U.S. Steel	64½	63½
Pennsylvania	110½	110½
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EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

"When We Were Twenty-one," the play presented at the City Opera House last night by the members of the I. L. & B. Dramatic Club of St. John, attracted a crowded house, seats being sold out long in advance. The play was one of the best put on by amateurs here in many years. Many members of the Legislature were in attendance. Between the acts there were specialties. M. T. Morris of St. John, was heard to great advantage in his solos. "Mona," the first number rendered by him, was received with great applause and his encore "The Minstrel Boy," made a great hit. W. A. Walsh of Fredericton, never gave better readings than he did last night and delighted the audience. Of the performers in the play D. J. Corr as Richard Carewe was as good as many professionals who have been seen here. Wm. H. Pyne and Fred A. Hazel were also strong in their roles. Miss Mae Caples as Kara Glynesk, was seen to good advantage.

TO SELECT MAN TO OPPOSE SLEMP

Bristol, Va., March 17—A convention of Democrats of the Ninth congressional district of Virginia will be held here tomorrow to select a candidate to oppose Representative Campbell B. Slomp, who has long enjoyed the distinction of being the only Republican member of the Virginia congressional delegation.

Thought She Would Go Mad WITH HEADACHE.

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GAMBLING PREVALENT AMONG LONDON WOMEN

London, March 16—A case revealing the prevalence of gambling among many women of the West End of London came before the Westminster County Court today when Miss Ethel Clinton, formerly an American actress, who benefited largely by the will of Prince Dimitry Solytkoff, was sued by Mrs. Wilde for £25, a balance of a loan of £50. According to the plaintiff the debt was incurred on an occasion when Miss Clinton formed one of a party at Mrs. Wilde's house, playing bridge.

When the proceedings were instituted Miss Clinton put in a plea that it was a gambling transaction. She said she had lost £186 on that occasion and admitted she had received a loan of £50. It was then daylight and the play was still going on. She said she did not think the game was being played exactly as it ought to have been and that one man won everything at her board. She accused the plaintiff of trying to blackmail her because the latter thought she would not go on the witness stand for £25. She had already paid £25 but had not paid the remainder because she suspected one of the men present at Mrs. Wilde's house of stealing £200 which she had won on a previous occasion at another house. Questioned as to card parties at her house, Miss Clinton denied that two young men had been ruined there. Her income is about £3,000 or £4,000 a year.

A GAMBLING LOAN.
The judge decided that the money was lent for the purpose of gambling and gave judgment for Miss Clinton. Solytkoff, who died in November, 1903, left Miss Clinton jewelry, furniture, race horses, freehold property, and an annuity of £3,000.

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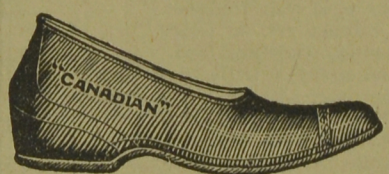
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