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THE FAILURE OF ROGERS

"At least," declared Hon. Robert Rogers boastfully in the House of Commons a few months ago, "my honorable friends (the members of the Liberal Opposition) will admit that I know how to win elections." It was not any ability to initiate useful legislation nor to administer efficiently a department of government of which "the Manitoba wonder" boasted. He patted himself up on the back as a master of electioneering. The facts do not give warrant for the boast, and it wasn't a pretty boast at that when one considers the election methods of the Rogers' machine.

Mr. Rogers had been at Ottawa a few months only when he set out to capture Saskatchewan for Borden. He took charge of the Conservative organization in the Saskatchewan campaign of 1912. The Liberals won forty-six out of the fifty-four seats.

Next year, Mr. Rogers was to win Alberta for the Conservatives. His forces were rushed into the Province. His own peculiar methods of campaigning were dutifully followed. The Liberals came out of the contest with practically two seats for every one held by the Conservatives.

This year, Mr. Rogers took charge of the Conservative campaign in his own Province of Manitoba. He was on the ground personally. When he spoke, the machine did his bidding. The result of the contest has been that, while in the last Manitoba Legislature the Conservatives were twice as strong, numerically, as the Liberals, the Roblin Government will have an advantage of only three or four in the next House, if indeed, the recounts and deferred elections of the next few weeks do not put the Liberals in power.

In Federal by-elections, Mr. Rogers has been but slightly more successful, and at what a price in revelations of corrupt on! Macdonald was won, but by such methods as led to the voiding of the election by the courts. In Hochelaga, an organized system of personation and "telegraphing," was used to carry the seat for Hon. Louis Coderre. In Chateaugay, there was corruption on a scale previously unknown in Quebec and the result of the election has been protested. In East Middlesex, the Conservative majority of 1911 was greatly reduced when the by-election was held in 1913. In South Bruce, the majority of over one hundred gained by the Conservatives three years ago was turned into an even larger Liberal majority when a by-election took place a few months ago.

Mr. Rogers was taken into the Borden Cabinet simply and solely because of supposed expertness in winning elections. He had no other qualification for a place in even such a Ministry of incompetents as the present Government. Since he became the "Minister of Elections," he has used machine tactics to the utmost limit in every contest. He has put forward all his vaunted skill. And his record has been a record of failure succeeding failure. His methods bring defeat and discredit the Government. In electioneering, as in departmental administration and in the business of parliament, he has established himself as Robert Rogers, Inefficient.

The Amherst, N. S., News boasts that that town, which has a population of eleven thousand is to get a new \$70,000 post office. That's nothing. Here's Fredericton with a population of eight thousand getting a post office at a cost of \$150,000, and it did not even ask for it.

And so the story which was in circulation last session that Flemming was a stockholder in Gould's Electric Power Company, was something more than idle gossip. Flemming has the stock all right. How much did he pay for it?

If the boodle fund collected by Berry was intended for party purposes, why was it necessary for a coterie of Tory henchmen in York to float a note for \$7000 at the time of the Scott-Guthrie by-election?

The Toronto Star says that it would appear that when Hon. Dr. Montague enters a Cabinet the under taker waits at the door. The Honorable Doctor was called into the Ottawa Cabinet before the great political funeral of 1896, and he was called in by Sir Rodmond Roblin just as the present situation was developing.

Halifax Chronicle:—There appears to be only one thing for Premier Flemming of New Brunswick to do, and do it quickly—get out of office. The story he told in the witness box, taken in conjunction with the astounding revelations of "graft" made before the Royal Commission, ends his usefulness as a public man.

Hon. Mr. Flemming swore before the Royal Commission that he told Berry that if he handled any of the lumbermen's money his usefulness as an official would be gone. Well, Berry handled the money; his usefulness as an official is gone, and he is gone too.

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Q.—When did you hear from him last?

A.—Very shortly after he went to Boston. He wrote to me from Boston.

Q.—And you have not heard from him since?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Have you addressed any letters to him since?

A.—No, I have addressed no letters to him.

Q.—Have you had any telephone conversations?

A.—I have not.

Q.—Have you had any correspondence with George C. Cutler since April 6 last?

A.—No.

Q.—Neither have you received letters from him nor written to him?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you instruct Berry to come to see him?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Do you know whether Berry and Cutler have been in communication in Boston or not?

A.—I do not.

Continuing his testimony the premier said that he did not know the politics of Mr. Brankley. He did not know that the law relating to the cutting of pulpwood was being violated. He was not aware that Brankley had ever paid anything for the privilege of violating the law. He did not remember his colleagues expressing the opinion that the lumbermen should pay something more than the bonus for their renewals. He had never heard that the Bathurst Lumber Company had told Berry that they were paying well for the privilege of cutting undersized lumber. He had never heard that they claimed the right to do as they liked on account of paying the fifteen dollars a mile. He admitted having given the Dominion Pulp Company permission to cut down to 16-9 in order to clean up a thicket. The company did not pay for this privilege. He had heard during the last few weeks that the company was cutting undersized logs. As near as he could remember, the date of the meeting at the Barker House with Teed and Berry was some time in June. He thought the bonus of one hundred dollars was fair to the lumbermen and to the province. He would not undertake to say that in view of recent developments the lumbermen would not have paid one hundred and fifteen dollars into the treasury. He did not believe that if the lands had been put up at public sale they would have brought more than one hundred dollars. The witness was asked if in view of the evidence Mr. Dugal was not justified in making his charges. Mr. Fowler objected and the commissioners ruled the question out.

The witness said that he remembered asking Teed to act as treasurer of the fund but could not remember asking him to come to Fredericton. He did not remember telling anybody that Teed was to be treasurer of the fund. After some pressure the witness said he knew Mr. Kennedy of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald, but did not know his first name was John.

He did not know where Kennedy had been during the past month, but saw him in Woodstock two weeks ago. He met him by appointment at his brother's house. Mr. Kennedy had been in Boston for a couple of weeks consulting a specialist. He did not tell witness that he was going to leave the country. He had not been told recently that Kennedy would not remain away more than another week. The witness was asked if Kennedy had ever paid him any money, but the question was disallowed. The witness said he knew J. H. Corbett, but did not know his present whereabouts. The witness was asked if he

Sackville Tribune:—Premier Flemming's statements might be considered by the school boy, but does he think that the intelligent electors of the Province of New Brunswick for one moment will believe that the lumbermen, some of whom were citizens of the United States and some of whom were politically opposed to the Flemming government, would get together and volunteer to contribute sums varying from \$1,000 to \$20,000 for purely political purposes, to be used for the benefit of one particular party? His statements to say the least are absurd and cannot be believed by any sane elector.

No wonder members of the Flemming government spent so much time scrapping at their meetings here last summer. As stated by The Mail at the time they were fighting over the spoils.

Huerta has resigned as president of Mexico but Premier Flemming of New Brunswick is still holding his job.

had telegraphed Corbett to meet him at Moncton on May 18, 1912, but the question was not allowed. The statement of Hon. Mr. Clarke denying the charges in the legislature was read to the witness and he admitted having authorized the denial. He told Berry that if he handled the money his usefulness as an official would be gone.

Re-examined by Mr. Teed the witness said he had refused to entertain the suggestion of Cutler and Robinson and fix the bonus at fifty dollars a mile. He had the note for fifteen thousand dollars given Mr. Teed by the Flemming-Gibson Lumber Company and produced it in court. The endorsements on the back were in the handwriting of Mr. Teed. They showed payments as follows:

December 1, 1913, \$2,000.

March 24, 1914, \$3,000.

April 11, 1914, \$3,500.

April 20, 1914, \$1,500.

April 17, 1914, \$5,000.

Interest, \$286.67.

From this it will be seen that \$10,000 of the loan was paid back after Mr. Dugal had made his charges in the House. The witness claimed that he had paid for his stock in the Maine & N.B. Power Company. He could not remember having used bromide in connection with his illness in Fredericton. Dr. Taylor attended him on that occasion.

There was some discussion in regard to Mr. Berry and Commissioner Fisher thought the government ought to make some effort to secure his attendance.

The chairman finally announced that so long as evidence was being taken in the Valley Railway case, he would hold the matter open so that Mr. Berry's evidence could be taken at any time, should he put in an appearance.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, July 21.—New Haven conference with attorney general futile and road faces dissolution suit, under anti-trust act.

Arrangements made enabling Warburg to meet senate committee on banking and currency.

United States Light and Heating receivership hearing at Buffalo.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce report says startling contrasts exist in agriculture against conditions in transportation, manufactures and milling. He expects general improvement soon.

Senate starts taking testimony inquiry into charges that conspiracy exists to increase cost of coal fuel to United States navy.

Peace treaty between Uruguay and United States signed.

N.Y. state attorney general to resign September first.

Seven Illinois railroads to receive 20,650 grain cars on August first delivery.

Ocean shipping business first six months this year fell below expectations, indicated by shrinkage in revenues.

12 industrials declined .16.

20 rails declined .219.

Americans in London heavy, generally 1/2 to 1/4 off.

All three political parties in Idaho have endorsed Statewide prohibition.

Missouri will vote on the question of women's suffrage at the November election.

S. J. Moore of Truro is in the city.

Mr. Richard Dumbell of Woodstock, spent Sunday in the city.

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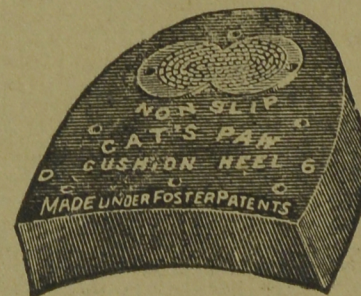
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