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as \$5,500; when they paid Mr. Corbett \$3,000 on account, it appeared as \$3,300, and so on it goes. These amounts were added after Mr. Blanchette made the audit, and under the legislation the government agreed to pay this company the proceeds of two bond issues, one of \$25,000 a mile. They would pay the proceeds of these bonds up to \$35,000 a mile, provided they would show the work cost that amount, and every hundred thousand dollars they added to that account, after the audit was made, was intended to be put up to the government as the cost of the road and today there are half a million dollars on the books of the company as the cost of the road, which does not represent a cent of money or money's worth. If the road had been carried on, they would have had nearly one million dollars. All they would have to say is that Mr. Blanchette has reported our books right, then write \$5,000,000 where it only cost \$4,000,000, and we want our bonds for \$5,000,000, and they would have divided this million between Mr. Gould and his associates. These are the facts Mr. Flemming was afraid of, these are some of the reasons why Mr. Flemming wanted to oust off Mr. Dugal and take him into his caucus. (Great cheering.)

A STEAL OF \$95,000.

Before I leave the railway question here, is another matter I want to refer to, in which Mr. Flemming and his government are equally guilty. The legislature of this province stole from the people of this country about \$95,000. By legislation, the bonds of this railway must produce at least 98 cents on the dollar. In other words, they could not sell those bonds for less than 98 per cent. and if they did, they had to make up the deficiency. What do the gentlemen of New Brunswick think of the province handing \$4,000,000 of bonds over to a lawyer of New York to sell? Mr. Lisman, Mr. Flemming said, was a man of the very highest financial standing in the City of New York. Mr. Lisman said the bonds netted the province 95½ per cent. We subpoenaed Mr. Lisman and did everything we could to get him here, but this commission had no power to go beyond the bounds of New Brunswick and we do not know positively what the bonds sold for, as the books are in New York.

They were building 120 miles of road from Gagetown to Centreville, but they sold bonds representing 170 miles of road and gave to Mr. Lisman bonds for 170 miles instead of 125. This money, between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000, they brought to Montreal and put in the hands of a small company called the Prudential Trust Company. I have nothing further to say in condemnation of that company, except to state that a business man would put this money in the Bank of Montreal or the Royal Bank or some other institution that was good and where they could conveniently get the money whenever they

called for it. This money was put in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company and paid out by order of the government, but, according to a letter from Hon. H. F. McLeod, a member of the cabinet, they could use this money any way they wished and they loaned it out on the street, as was claimed by a man in Montreal. Included in this amount was a note for \$97,000, signed by Mr. Gould, Mr. Lisman and Mr. Macdonnell.

If these bonds did not sell for 98 per cent. these people who were putting up the money would have to make up the difference. When they started to build this road, the government was going to assist the company to the extent of \$28,000 per mile and they would furnish the rest of the money. The bonds did not sell for 98 and it took \$38,695 to make up the deficiency.

Every man of the legislature must have known they were making Mr. Gould and his associates a present of \$95,000. They paid it back and Mr. Gould has it today. There are three or four times the \$95,000 owing to contractors today, but these men will simply snap their fingers at you and tell you 'Go get your money the best way you can.'

Referring to the Royal Commission Mr. Carvell said:

I do not want to cast any aspersions on any person, but if the whole commission had been of the same mind as one member of it, this investigation would have lasted about two days. But, fortunately, we had an honest man in the city of St. John, and I feel I would not be doing my duty tonight if I did not pay a tribute to the integrity and high-mindedness of Mr. W. S. Fisher. Mr. Fisher was determined that the full light of day should be thrown on these transactions and I understand at the Conservative convention this afternoon they spent a good deal of time condemning the commission, and I presume they condemned Mr. Fisher. I must say Mr. Fisher is an ornament to any political party to which he may belong and Mr. Fisher has made it possible that these transactions can be laid before you tonight.

ONLY TOUCHED THE FRINGE.

We have proved much, as is evident by the report of the commission, but let me tell you that we only touched the fringe of all the great graft in connection with both the timber lands and the Valley Railway. Had we been able to get the evidence of Mr. Berry, had we been able to get the evidence of James H. Corbett, who paid \$10,000 to Mr. Flemming at the Brunswick Hotel in Moncton in the month of May, 1912, and had we been able to get the books of the railway company, which have been locked up in New York, we would reveal to the people of this province a tale of graft by men in high authority (including others beside the premier) which would have paled into insignificance anything heretofore brought to light in Canada or any portion of the civilized world.

But Berry was securely entertained at the best hotels of Boston and Calais during the summer, at the expense primarily of the province of New Brunswick. Mr. Corbett, on account of certain threats made from Ottawa, found it necessary to remain in Pennsylvania until after the investigation was closed; the books of the company were locked up in New York and Lisman was in Europe, and the treasurer, Goodman, was away on a short trip, and unfortunately when the legislature created the commission they took very good pains not to give them the power to go beyond the limits of the province of New Brunswick for the purpose of obtaining evidence, and therefore with this limited power their hands and ours were completely tied, excepting as to witness the province.

However, now that the commission has reported, both Mr. Berry and Mr. Corbett have been able to return to New Brunswick. The newspapers are making statements about Mr. Berry, which Mr. Corbett cannot ignore, and Mr. Corbett is determined that Mr. Flemming shall answer to him the \$10,000 which he swore he (Flemming) did not receive and probably when these two suits are concluded the public will have some inkling of the evidence which was denied them by the government and its officials at the investigation.

MR. DUGAL'S SPEECH

Mr. Dugal, was heartily applauded when he rose to speak. He said he had preferred the charge from a high sense of duty and felt sure that he could establish them. He heartily thanked Messrs. Carter and Veniot and his counsel for the great assistance they had rendered them. They had performed a service to the province which would never be forgotten.

Mr. Dugal then addressed the gathering in French and the hearty applause he elicited from time to time showed that a good percentage of those present were able to follow him.

At the close of his address he was given three cheers and a tiger.

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Mr. John M. Stevens, K.C., associate counsel for Mr. Dugal, followed in a vigorous speech. He spoke of the development of Madawaska in recent years and remarked on the prominence it had attained since Mr. Dugal's entry into politics. He referred to the railway development which had taken place in his county and paid tribute to enterprise shown by the people of the towns of Edmundston, St. Leonards and Claire. He claimed that Edmundston was the best lighted town in Canada. He had every reason to believe that the County of Madawaska had a very bright future before it. He paid a warm tribute to Mr. Dugal to whose courage the people of the province are indebted for the exposure of the rascality of the government. Mr. Dugal had been told by the acting premier of the province that he must vacate his seat if he failed to prove his charges. He could say if any seats were vacated they would not be in Madawaska. He believed that when the people were called upon to pronounce judgment upon the conduct of this government, Liberals and Conservatives alike would unite in condemnation of it. The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Carvell, a man who had worked his way to the front and in and out of parliament had fought the battles of the people. The province needed a man of courage and experience to take the helm at the present time and such a man was Mr. Carvell. (Great cheering.)

Mr. Peter J. Hughes, junior counsel for Mr. Dugal was the next speaker. He eulogized the work of Mr. Dugal, whom he said deserved to rank as a real hero. The ripe experience and knowledge of men possessed by Mr. Carvell was of great assistance to Mr. Dugal. Mr. Flemming's friends claim that he has been exonerated. If he has been exonerated why then does he complain of the commission's report. From such an exonerated man as that, Oh Lord, deliver us. (Cheers.) After reference to the war he expressed

the hope that the public life of this country should be improved by this investigation and that our noble institutions shall be preserved to us. (Cheers.)

Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer who was received with three cheers and a tiger, delivered a slashing speech, a report of which will be in Mr. Barter's letters of regret at found in another part of this issue. Inability to attend from Ex-Governor A. R. McClellan, Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, Hon. Peter McSweeney, I. W. Carpenter, E. H. McAlpine, J. D. Irving, Dr. J. E. Hetherington, Mr. C. M. Legere, and others.

Mr. P. J. Veniot, Liberal organizer followed Mr. Carter in a rattling speech which was cheered to the echo.

Mayor Mitchell proposed the health of our public man which was fittingly responded to by Hon. John Costigan, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mr. A. B. Copp. A report of their speeches will appear later.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney read a parody on Tipperary which made a great hit. The gathering dispersed at four o'clock with cheers for the King and the singing of the national anthem.

Unlike the famous Borden orgie at Halifax a few years ago there were no intoxicating liquors at the banquet, and it was a body of sober men who wended their way homeward in the early morning hours.

Those from York County in attendance included: John Kilburn, Alex. Gibson, M.P., Mayor Mitchell, J. F. McMurray, Dr. W. J. Weaver, A. C. M. Lawton, Capt. J. A. Read, Donald Fraser, Sr., Archibald Fraser, A. H. Vanwart, R. W. McLellan, T. C. Burpee, H. J. McGrath, C. N. Goodspeed, J. G. Douglas, W. G. Clark, A. C. Porter, J. E. Hughes, Jas. Holland, M. Aikinson, E. Aikinson, J. J. F. Winslow, J. H. Holland, D. J. Shea, E. H. Allen, G. W. Hodge, J. H. Hawthorn, George F. Burden, J. E. Page, Daniel Elliott, J. B. Hawthorn, Conn Brewer, H. A. Corbett, Elwood Burt, W. E. Seery, Albert Miles.