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MR. SCOTT'S STORY

Mr. A. R. Gould's \$1000 boodle organ rises to remark:
"The story told to the Royal Commission by Mr. John Scott amounts in a few words to this: Mr. Scott employed and paid his personal friend and legal adviser, Mr. McLeod, to use his influence to get for him (Scott) a contract with the Hibbard Company on a little better terms than other sub contractors were getting; and because the contract when it was got, even on these better terms, did not prove anything like so remunerative as Mr. Scott expected it would, he to use a common expression 'Squealed.' That is all there is to it."

A very nice little story to be sure, but it will not be swallowed by an intelligent public. In the first place Mr. McLeod, if had he any regard for the trust reposed in him as Provincial Secretary would not have been willing to use or sell his influence with a company having business relations with the government of which he was then a member. If the sum of \$1500 paid to Mr. McLeod by Mr. Scott was for professional services as alleged, what right had he to assure Mr. Scott that he would have "better terms" than other contractors were getting. Then again if the money was for professional services why was it necessary to have so much secrecy in connection with the payment of it. Why did Mr. McLeod instruct Mr. Scott to send the money by express to the Bank of Montreal in this city instead of sending a check payable to order. Any other lawyer in this city will gladly accept a check from a client for professional services so long as the client has the funds in the bank, and it has been shown that Mr. Scott

had the goods in this case. The Mail has no desire to prejudice Mr. McLeod's case, but he will have to do a lot of explaining before he can convince the people of this county that the evidence given by Mr. Scott before the Royal Commission was not true and correct in every particular. If everything in connection with the transaction was straight and above board what reason was there for such secrecy and what occasion would Mr. Scott have had to "squeal."

Hats off to the Fredericton Board of Trade. It has secured a favorable decision in the passenger rate case against the C. P. R. which it lately carried to the Railway Commission. This means a saving of seventy cents on every Railway ticket bought in Fredericton for American and western points. A few years ago as the result of action taken by the Board of Trade an arbitrary freight rate affecting this city was removed by order of the Railway Commission. It is entirely due to the vigilance of the Board of Trade that these important concessions have been secured for Fredericton. The decisions of the Commission are not only a benefit to Fredericton, but to all sections of the country which trade with this city.

According to sworn evidence brought out before the royal commission Mr. H. F. McLeod acted as solicitor for the St. John and Quebec Railway Company last year and was paid for his services the sum of four thousand dollars. Mr. McLeod, as provincial secretary, swore to guard the interests of the people. If he had any regard for his oath of office he would not have accepted a retainer from a company doing business with the province. It seems to have been the policy of members of the Flemming government to feather their own nests by fair means or foul. The best that can be said of McLeod is that he was no worse than Flemming.

Globe: Now Mr. McLeod and Mr. Baxter, M. L. A., it is hoped will be able to make satisfactory explanations of their acceptance of money from contractors working on the Valley Railroad. The very fact that explanations have become necessary shows how unwise it is for men in public life, to have business relations with concerns working for the public. The member of a legislative body who keeps free of all such business never finds it necessary to explain his conduct.

DEMAND FOR THE RESIGNATION OF PREMIER FLEMMING

(Sackville Tribune.)
Will Governor Wood preserve the good name of the province, by forcing the government to resign and dissolving the legislature?

(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.

(Toronto Globe.)
When the premier of a province makes such admissions in the witness box as Premier Flemming of New Brunswick made on Thursday there can be but one end to the story. After the royal commission reports New Brunswick will have to choose a new political head.

(Moncton Transcript.)
His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Wood has a grave responsibility resting upon him; a trial to which happily few of the lieutenant-governors of Canadian provinces have been subjected; viz. the dismissal of a premier under whose personal direction a corrupt undertaking was carried out. The people should be given immediately the opportunity of pronouncing their verdict upon the transaction and the political party responsible therefor.

(Moncton Times.)
The facts brought out are such that Mr. Flemming's usefulness as a member of the administration is greatly

The local boodle organ has discovered that campaign funds are not a new thing, that the old government bled lumbermen and others who did business with the province. Under the circumstances it is rather remarkable that at the very time the old government was supposed to be at its worst the boodle organ was supporting it.

Mr. Pinder apparently neglected to pay the local boodle organ anything for "advertising" while he was building the Southampton Railway. He has since got some advertising from this source free of charge.

It is a great pity that the royal commission is not in a position to investigate all the transactions of the Flemming government. What a pity the search-light could not be turned on the operations of Concrete Constructions Limited and The Foundations Company Limited.

It is about time that Premier Flemming was handing in his resignation. Even the Tory papers are telling him that his usefulness as a public man is gone.

The local boodle organ is sore on Commissioner Fisher for suggesting that the government should make some effort to induce Berry to return. The boodle organ does not want Berry to come back.

The people of New Brunswick learned yesterday for the first time that one thousand dollars of their money went to purchase stock in the local boodle organ. This is certainly

Some of the great men of the local government party who have been holding Mr. Pinder up as a grafter are getting a large sized dose of their own medicine these days.

With all due regard to York's M. P., it does look at this stage of the game as if the big end of his political career was behind him.

No color is too black to paint the bunch of political highbinders now in control of the affairs of this province, black enough.

The 'hold up' man of the local graft organ seems to have got next to Mr. Gould.

Gould's \$1,000 stock certificate organ says the arrogance of Grit organs which are demanding the resignation of Premier Flemming is most disgusting. The papers which are demanding the resignation of Premier Flemming include The St. John Globe, The Moncton Times, The Maritime Baptist, The Sackville Post, and The Chatham World. How long since these papers have become Grit

impaired, if not altogether destroyed. He should resign.

(Chatham World.)
Premier Flemming has again announced his intention to "come back" as soon as the enquiries are over. Should he do so, no matter what the result of the enquiries is, his return to active participation in the control of affairs would unquestionably result in his government being swept out of power at the next election.

(St. John Globe.)
The revelations in connection with the crown lands and the Southampton Railway scandal, are so astounding that it must be apparent to Hon. Mr. Flemming himself, as well as to his party, that his usefulness as a political leader is gone. If he has not already tendered his resignation, the lieutenant-governor should insist that he do so at once. Under a new leader there should be an immediate appeal to the electorate, so that the people of the province can express their opinion as to the future management of provincial affairs.

(Sackville Post.)
Mr. Carvell may not be able to prove extortion on the part of Mr. Flemming, but we fear the premier's usefulness has been very greatly impaired. In fact we cannot see how he can continue to act as leader of the government of this province. As soon as possible the friends and supporters of the provincial government should be called together, and the situation discussed thoroughly. In the meantime we think Mr. Flemming should send in his resignation to the lieutenant-governor.

TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR ROYAL COMMISSION

Committee of Board of Trade Making Preparations for the Visit

The committee of the Board of Trade on the entertainment of the Dominion Royal Commission which is to visit Fredericton, August 14, met last night. Those present were G. Y. Dibble, chairman; A. R. Slipp M.P.P., C. Fred Chestnut and H. S. Campbell.

Messrs. Slipp and Chestnut were appointed a sub-committee to confer with Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, concerning the agricultural, forest and mineral resources of New Brunswick. A memorandum on that matter is to be presented to the commission when it meets at St. John.

The committee of the local Board of Trade is also to confer with the St. John Board of Trade in order to get information upon the matters connected with industrial resources which are to be brought to the attention of the commissioners.

The latter on their visit to Fredericton are to be given a drive about the city and to the Mouth of Keswick.

ROBINSON'S CIRCUS

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position that food might await the 311 men, women and children on the way. This was a simple and expeditiously accomplished duty, as compared with raising of the "big top," a swelling fabric within whose folds more than 5000 people can be accommodated. Menageries, side shows, wardrobe, blacksmith, harness, dressing, property and barbering tents yielded to the unremitting exertion before the delegated proprietors of the broad space had finished their morning's labor. Curious throngs riveted their attention upon the unwanted doings.

STREET PARADE.

Breakfast over—and it was a meal whose wholesomeness, variety and abundance few hotels could improve upon—active preparations were on for the parade. Bands trumpeting, horses prancing, wagons rumbling, callopes tooting, clowns frolicing the fantastic and gorgeous panorama moved away. Streets lined and curbs crowded with people awaited its gay coming. Elephants swayed to and fro with heavy tread in the long line and camels from the great desert bore burdens of Oriental beauty. Five bands yielded circus melody.

The pageant was all and more, in magnitude and sumptuous beauty, than the Robinson management had promised. The two hundred Robinson horses elicited praise from all on-lookers. They ranged from great Clydesdales and Percheron draft horses to tiny Shetlands, and were

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THE PERFORMANCES

A great crowd was awaiting when the circus opened its doors at one o'clock this afternoon. Visitors found an ample hour's engrossment in the great Robinson Zoological paradise. There were many cages containing rare and curious creatures. Lions and tigers paced up and down the floors of their dens. The insatiable elephant swung their trunks tirelessly. Leopards sulked in their cages. The monkey cage attracted a ceaseless audience.

The circus performance began promptly at two o'clock, when the nimble performers and thirty clowns trooped into the "big top" for the grand entry together with elephants, camels and other wonders of the circus.

Nine Nelson Family acrobats are wonders. Miss Rita turns from twenty to thirty flip-flops on an elevated pedestal. The three sisters Laurette, are beautiful iron-jaw artists, and De Marc's monkeys and baboons ride bicycles and ponies. These are only a few of the many excellent acts.

The final performance will be given tonight at eight o'clock. The doors will be open an hour earlier. Then the circus will move on to delight children in other cities and to make the old live again the halcyon days of childhood when despair and darkness were unknown.

TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATION.

The secretary of the Board of Trade has received a telegram from J. D. Palmer, president of the board, congratulating that body upon the success attending its efforts to have the C.P.R. passenger rates reduced. Mr. Palmer is now in Vancouver.

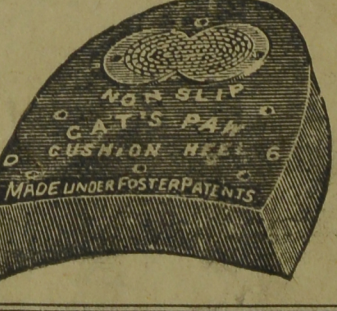
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