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A PLEA FOR JURYMEN

The miserable pittance of one dollar a day allowed to jurymen has frequently been referred to by The Mail, but so far without results. Dr. Morehouse, M.P.P., and other members of the legislature have taken the matter up with the government, and have received many promises but the government has let it go at that The Moncton Transcript devoted some attention to the matter this week and makes out a strong case on behalf of the jurymen.

We quote:

"Is it not time that the jurymen in our courts obtained justice from the provincial government? A farmer was called on a jury to Dorchester not long ago. He had to hire a team to take him to the nearest railway station and pay well for it. He paid the usual railway fare. There is only one hotel in Dorchester, a very good one, and it cost him two dollars per day there for board. There seems to be no other place taking boarders. He got on a case that lasted two or three days and adjourned, and he had to go home and come back with the same routine of disbursements. When he got his fees he found that he was several dollars out of pocket although he had spent nothing he did not actually have to spend and he was out his time, which was a considerable item to him as he had had to hire a man to leave on his place when he was away. The fees were ten cents a mile from his home, which did not pay his travelling expenses owing to the horse hire and one dollar per diem allowance for attendance, which did not pay his board. The farmer thought it hard but some one told him it was a public duty to act as juryman, something he had to do as a citizen, which quieted him for a time, until he found out what the rest of the court were getting. The judge, to commence at the head, gets six thousand dollars per annum, court or no court, and there are not so very many. The clerk of the circuits pulled down fifty dollars per day or so, he was told, and the sheriff got even more, though it was not apparent what function he filled when the court seemed to get along all right when he was somewhere else. The crown prosecutor, he was told, would get fifty dollars per day or more. He had an assistant or two and he lost all his cases. The farmer was told that he had a large income from the county in addition for doing very little. The lawyers for the parties did not look as though they were suffering any. The constables got more than the jury and the crier got two or three times as much. The farmer said he gave the cases he was on the best of attention and that he was more tired at the end than he would have been if working strenuously on his farm for the same time He said the whole responsibility seemed to come on the jury at the end. He is sore on this thing and will some of our readers furnish an explanation. It might soothe him."

While the Southampton Railway enquiry was quite thorough, Commissioner Pringle appears to have missed a few things. For instance, he neglected to interrogate Mr. Pinder in regard to the report which has been current for some time that before the provincial bonds were signed the company was compelled to issue stock to the amount of two thousand dollars for the benefit of a member of the government. The commissioner also failed to secure the evidence of Mr. Percy Guthrie, secretary of the Southampton Railway Company.

If Acting Premier Clarke has any hope of patching up the battered hulk of the Flemming ship of state and taking over the command, he should do something to earn the confidence of the people. He should invite Captain Kidd to walk the plank and then send to the United States for Bill Berry and Mr. Corbett and to England for Mr. Lisman and compel them to give evidence before the Royal Commission. The people want the whole truth and they expect the chief law officer of the province to assist them in getting it.

Whatever may have become of the public money alleged to have been diverted in connection with the Southampton Railway, it is quite apparent that the local hack organ got none of it.

About the time that Premier Flemming was arranging with Mr. E. R. Teed to become the custodian of a boodle fund, he made his appearance before a Sabbath School in this city and was introduced by the superintendent as a "real live premier." A real live political and religious sham and hypocrite would have been a more appropriate description.

The evidence of Mr. E. R. Teed, given before the Royal Commission, shows conclusively that Mr. W. H. Berry, when he went about the province extorting money from the lumbermen, was acting under orders from Premier Flemming. No wonder Mr. Berry on the day before the Royal Commission held its first meeting, met Premier Flemming by appointment at McAdam, travelled with him to St. Stephen, said au revoir to him at that point, packed his grip and hiked for the land of the free.

It is refreshing to learn from the hack organ that Col. McLeod, M.P., has suddenly developed an interest in the roads. He did not care anything about the condition of the roads when he sat in the legislature and they are not likely to cause him much concern now that he has for a brief season entered a higher order of politics. Only work which carries with it an opportunity to play to the galleries is performed by Col. McLeod free of charge.

It was brought out in sworn evidence before the Royal Commission at St. John on Wednesday that Premier Flemming knew that Mr. W. H. Berry was extorting money from the lumbermen of the province and that he (Flemming) arranged with Mr. E. R. Teed to become the custodian of the fund. In the light of this evidence the hack organs of the government will have a hard time of it trying to convince the people that Premier Flemming is all that he pretended to be.

The following paragraph which bears the ear marks of that great purist and legal luminary, Mr. Titus Carter, M.P.P., appears in the last number of The Victoria County News:

"Frank B. Carvell and John H. Stevens were guests of the famous Bill Berry at a Calais hotel on Saturday, July 4th. Three of a kind makes a good hand to draw to, but this would be a hard hand to fill."

As a humorist Mr. Carter is a huge joke; as a buffoon he is a howling success.

Commissioner Pringle says that the Southampton Railway was not entitled to a double subsidy. Had Hon Bob Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen made an investigation before they promised it to Mr. Pinder the country would have been in $43,000. They wanted to get the old man out of the road, in order to help Flemming get rid of Col. McLeod, and the shuffle was made at the public expense.

The hack organ has discovered that the Liberal leaders of New Brunswick as an result of an appeal made through the newspapers a year ago collected a fund of $200,000 for campaign purposes. The hack organ certainly has a poor opinion of the intelligence of its readers. Its statement is a bare faced falsehood, and the man who penned the article knew that it was a falsehood.

Mr. E. R. Teed told the Royal Commission that he gambled in stocks with the Flemming boodle fund last year but claims he came out square on the game. Many others who bought stocks last year would rejoice if they could tell the same story as Mr. Teed. The evidence shows that the latter did not go short on the market either.

Toronto Globe:—Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., has proved his charges in the New Brunswick boodle inquiry to the hilt. The lumbermen and the dominion treasury contributed the loot. Who got it?

It is said that Mr. Titus Carter will draw fifty dollars a day for his services as government counsel at the Southampton Railway enquiry. If he does this he should be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretences.

The latest report is that the editor of the local hack organ, who was an unsuccessful applicant for the office of police magistrate, has decided to write a book entitled "An Englishman in Canada or The Story of The Double Cross."

HIGH SCHOOL

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Baird, Annie F.
Cain, Murray V.
Dennison, Edith G.
Elliott, Reta E.
Estey, Nellie
Grannan, Mary B.
Howie, Walter
Humble, Leverett
Jones, Edith M.
Jago, Freda
Lawlor, Jean
Murray, Ronald A.
Murdock, Dorothy
McElory, Mary
McManus, Mary A.
McFarlane, Murray
McAdam, Walter
MacDonald, Jean.
Nickeron, Barbara
Ross, Pearl A.
Sears, Joseph W.
Stickles, Linna M.
Scammell, Evelyn
Smithers, Mary B.
Smith, Madge E.
Vanwart, Ethel
Wiley, Isabell

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Brower, Helen
Brown, Ethel W.
Carten, William.
Elliott, Florence
Gibson, Kathleen
Gatcombe, Edith
Gibson, Marion
Jamer, Daniel
Hawthorne, Lois
Gunter, Eliza
Keirstead, Murray G.
Machum, Lee
Moore, Helen C.
McCluskey, Margaret
McGinn, Walter
Neill, John
Olmstead, Claude T.
Pickard, Harold
Power, Mary
Power, Eva
Sansom, Freeman C.
Stafford, James A.
Savage, Grace
Ftrange, Willett, J.
Tweeddale, Dorothy
Walter, Annie E.

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Akerley, John E.
Allen, Douglas E.
Adams, Frances
Allen, Nita
Burtt, Alexander
Boyd, Gordon
Boone, Byron
Bailey, May A.
Bradley, Ethel M.
Bruce, Earl
Carton, Frances C.
Carten, Edith
Cliff, Harold
Dinsmore, Mary
Flemmington, Carl
Forbes, Maggie
Fowler, Clare
Flett, Charles
Hayes, Nellie A.
Harvey, Robert B.
Pincombe, Kathleen M.
Marshall, Mildred
Mitchell, Parker D.
MacDonald, Claude
Mathews, Mildred J.
McKeil, Walter.
McFarlane, Stewart
McGinnis, Leo D.
McFarlane, Harold G.
Phalan, Ronald R.
Parker, Phyllis
Pond, Mary L.
Pugh, Raymond B.
Rowan, Edna
Robinson, Walter W.
Stafford, Marion E.
Smith, Samuel E.
Tracy, Marjorite
Watters, Mildred

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but no payment was made, at least not to me.

Q.—You have mentioned refusing to take money which Berry had collected, why was that?

A.—It was after the charges were made that Mr. Berry came to me. It was after my illness. He said that he had wanted to report to me but had not been able as I was ill. I told him that they could not investigate any money except that paid to him. I said I could not touch it and I did not want to know any more than I did as I expected to be questioned closely about the whole matter.

WHAT ABOUT THE MONEY NOW?

Q.—What disposition do you intend to make of the fund?

Q.—That is up to some one else. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carvell—I want to get $1,830 of it.

Witness—I think we might be able to argue that point satisfactorily in private. I have wide latitude. I will say, however, that I did not know that any of the money came from the Lynch estate.

Q.—What is the fund to be used for?

A.—I told you yesterday that it was for the use of the government party in this province.

Q.—On whose authority do you administer this fund?

A.—I regard Mr. Brankley as the representative of those who put it up.

A.—But you took charge at Mr. Flemming's request?

A.—Yes.

Q.—But you take your instructions from Mr. Flemming?

A.—No, I take the opposite view. I want some one to tell me.

Q.—That is because of these charges?

A.—No, the only reason I did not get a committee was because I did not want to make it known.

Q.—When was it to be used; at the next election?

A.—I may have had something like that in mind; we always need it up there.

Q.—You regard it as your duty to take instructions from Mr. Flemming?

A.—I never did.

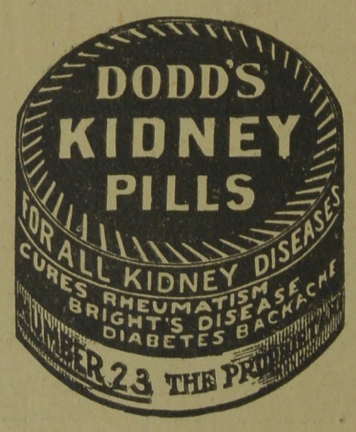
Q.—But you consulted with him after the charges were made?

A.—We discussed the fund.

Q.—And he advised you regarding the steps to be taken?

A.—No, I acted independently, but I always did go under advice of my attorney.

Counsel for the premier had no questions to ask and Mr. Teed stood down.



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