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## PREMIER FLEMMING WANTS TO COME BACK

St. John Paper Hints at Discord in the Provincial Cabinet--Premier Fleming Who Was Banished From the Executive in April Anxious to Get Back on the Job --Colleagues Think He Should Keep Out Until Charges are Disposed of

(St. John Times.)  
Next week may see a new and interesting change in the political situation in this province. It is reported on the best of authority that it is the intention of Premier Flemming to terminate the leave of absence granted him by the provincial government and to assume once more the reins of government.  
When the Dugal charges were brought against the premier two months ago he was allowed leave of absence. Although the reason given at the time was his ill health, it was generally accepted as the only action proper for the government to take under the circumstances and the excuse was regarded merely as a tactful way of explaining their course. By taking this action it was generally understood that the premier recognized that it would not be proper for him to continue actively in the conduct of public affairs while these serious charges were hanging over his head. It was also understood that the other members of the government sought in this way to relieve themselves of any responsibility for the premier's conduct and that, in as gentle a manner as possible but with the firmness the circumstances called for, they were throwing their leader overboard to lighten the ship in order that those on board might not also suffer shipwreck.  
Premier Flemming has not been able to agree with this kindly attitude of his conferees and it is reported that

he will again attempt to climb on board. The premier's idea of the situation is that, as he was granted leave of absence on account of ill health, he is at liberty to resume his office again as soon as he considers his health sufficiently restored. As he is feeling better, he sees no reason why he should not again come to the rescue of the other over-worked members of the cabinet, and he has told his friends that he expects to take up his duties again either next week or the following week.  
It has been intimated that other members of the cabinet who have learned of the premier's intentions, are by no means satisfied with this plan. With Mr. Flemming at the head of the government they fear that his possible downfall would have a most serious effect upon their own political fortunes. Some of the members are quite willing to allow the premier to stay out until the charges against him are investigated and either proved or disproved. If the charges are proved they hope to keep themselves clear of the effects of the disaster and if the charges are not proved they feel that the time would then be most propitious for Mr. Flemming's return to public life.  
If Premier Flemming insists upon returning to office before the investigation is completed it is understood that he will meet vigorous opposition to his plan from some of his colleagues and a very pretty family row will occur before the matter can be settled one way or the other.

## SALVATION ARMY MEMORIAL SERVICE LARGELY ATTENDED

A large and sympathetic audience gathered at the Salvation Army Hall last night to participate in the service held in memory of those who went down with the Empress of Ireland. The sorrow of heart felt not only by Salvationists but by others was manifested in the countenance of many present. The meeting opened with that solemn hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." This and "Abide With Me," was sung by the congregation, accompanied by the band.  
Before reading the names of those officers who went down with the ship, Adj. Barry read Psalm 46 and spoke of the beauty and necessity of a faith which, in the face of disaster and loss could look up and with the Psalmist say "God is our Refuge and our Strength."  
Mention was made of the great gap made in the Army's ranks by the loss of these more than forty officers, nearly all of long service, and holding staff rank at the time of their death. Lieut. Brett very effectively sang as a solo, "Some Day the Silver Chord Will Break," the chorus of which, "And I shall see Him face to face and tell the story saved by grace," was taken up by the whole congregation.  
Adj. Barry, while saying that of course it would be impossible to give the biographies of these officers in one meeting, spoke for a short time on the life and work of the departed leader of the work in Canada and said that Commissioner Rees was an officer for thirty-two years. He was a man remarkable for the intensity of his religious. Religion was his very life. His confidence in the over-ruling Providence was beautiful. Nothing he attempted, could happen to the servant of God that was not for his good.  
When leaving South Africa after his term of several years there, he had booked to sail on the Drummond Castle. All was in readiness when he got a cable from the general to come by an earlier boat. The Rosslyn Castle was to sail a week earlier, but on enquiring he found that every berth was taken. Some days later,

however, he was informed that a gentleman who had intended to go by that boat had been taken sick and unable to go, so his berth was available. This the commissioner took and reached England in safety. The Drummond Castle sailed in due time, but was lost with all on board except one little girl, who in some strange way, was rescued. This the commissioner believed to be the hand of God. There is no doubt that the same faith stood firm when a few nights ago he was called to meet death.  
Rev. S. A. Baker was present and gave a short address, reminding the audience of the great responsibility of those who take the guardianship of others, the inference of which was clear. He spoke of the Army's faith in a religion that prepares men to die and of the pitiful cries of the drowning, which, after all, brought no assistance. He warned all to prepare to meet God.  
Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith was also on the platform and prayed at the close of the meeting that God would bring spiritual good out of the terrible visitation.  
The service was very effective and will doubtless bring forth good results.

## TRADE CONGRESS OPENS IN PARIS

Paris, June 8—Both the United States and Canada are well represented at the biennial meeting of the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, which assembled in Paris today for a five days' meeting. The sessions of the congress are being held in the Sorbonne amphitheatre. Plans for an international campaign against business immorality will occupy most of the attention of the congress. President Poincaré will preside at the banquet which will mark the close of the sessions.

## C. P. R. STOCK UP A POINT

Crossed 195 in New York and Montreal This Morning

Union Pacific and Other Issues Were Also Strong --Market Said to be Oversold

New York, June 8—While at the opening the market was quiet and prices generally a fraction under Saturday's close it was conceded that stocks acted as well as could be expected in view of the enthusiastic way in which they had risen in last half hour of session on Saturday on the unfilled expectation of an immediate decision in the rate case.  
Trading during the first half hour was active and stocks rose sharply under the leadership of C.P.R. which stock showed a full point gain over opening figures. Union Pacific and Steel were steady and strong, each showing a gain of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a point over opening. Market seems to be in a very much over-sold condition and favorable able rate decision is expected.

### THE MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal stocks sold today as follows:—Brazilian 79; Iron 214; Power 225; Ottawa Power, 118; R. 302; Bank of Commerce 96; O. 37.  
Copper ..... 714 724  
Smelters ..... 624 634  
C. P. R. .... 1944 1954  
Great Northern ..... 1244 1244  
Steel ..... 124 134  
Soo ..... 1114 1114  
Penna ..... 5654 5654  
Reading ..... 1554 1564  
Union Pacific ..... 614 624  
U. S. Steel ..... 614 624

## PERSONAL

Hon. George J. Clark of St. Stephen, Attorney General, is at the Barker House.  
Ex-Warden W. R. Fawcett of Temperance Vale is in the city.  
John Connor of Woodstock is in the city.  
F. Dawson St. Stephen, D. R. Chown, Milltown, and Richard Opic of Oak Bay are registered at the Barker House. They are on their way to the Methodist Conference at Chatham.  
Gordon Leaman of Moncton is at the Barker House.  
Seth Jones, Provincial Poultry Superintendent is at the Barker House.  
J. A. Clarke of St. John is in the city.  
J. P. Bryne of Bathurst is at the Queen.  
A. T. LeBlanc of Campbellton is a guest at the Queen.  
J. F. Roach of Sussex is in the city.  
Wm. Kerr of Sussex is in the city today.  
D. R. Clarke of Halifax is at the Queen.  
Mes. Leeds and J. A. Leeds of St. John are guests at the Queen.

## RACING BEGINS AT LATONIA, CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, O., June 8—The spring meeting of the Latonia Jockey Club opened at the local track today under conditions that promise one of the best meetings held there in several years. Liberal purse offerings have an unusually large number of fast horses. The meeting will continue twenty-four days, closing July 1.

## LABOR FEDERATION MEETS IN EL PASO

El Paso, Texas, June 8—A large and representative attendance marked the opening here today of the seventeenth annual convention of the Texas State Federation of Labor. The exchange of greetings, reading of reports and appointment of committees occupied the opening session. The convention will continue five days, during which time a wide range of subjects of importance to the labor organizations will be discussed.

## Mr. G. W. Fowler, M. P. Condemns McGivney Camp Site

Declares That the Land is Not Suitable for Militia Training Purposes--Member for Kings-Albert is Sore on Col. Sam Hughes--Does Not Blame the Provincial Government for Getting Rid of Land--Camp Will Cost Millions

Ottawa, June 7—Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, mounted the parliamentary witness stand yesterday and gave unsolicited testimony as to the economy and the business-like system which prevailed in government contracts during the Laurier regime. The militia estimates were under discussion and the house sat till almost midnight on Saturday.  
Hon. Dr. Pugsley asked concerning the contracts for supplies and clothing for the volunteer forces.  
"I may as well be frank," exclaimed the minister. "When we took office we proposed to be very politically virtuous. We tried to change the system and arrange it so that good Tories would secure the contracts. But we found that this resulted in loss and in failure and in dissatisfaction and in trouble, so we had to give it up and go back to the same old Liberal contractors."

"Back to business principles" observed Dr. Pugsley.  
"Yes, we found we couldn't improve on the old contractors and the old system," admitted the colonel.  
Hon. Sam finally got his estimates through shortly before midnight. There were volleys of criticism over the size of some of the expenditures and many complaints regarding general extravagance and tendency toward militarism, but the colonel was as military mad as ever. He declared time and again that he had no apology to make over his expenditure and that his regret was that it was not greater.  
Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer, put in a shot at gold lace, brass buttons and other ornamental paraphernalia calculated to glorify militarism. He thought if uniforms were to be brought into Canada free of duty that the working clothes of farmers and artisans should also be released from customs tariff.  
In response to a question by Mr. Chisholm of Antigonish, the minister stated that he was consulting with the minister of justice with a view to determining whether convicts in the penitentiaries could not be employed in manufacturing military clothing and supplies.

### FOWLER SCORES HUGHES.

As a climax to the earlier Liberal criticisms of Hon. Sam Hughes and his administration of the militia department, there came direct and emphatic condemnation from George W. Fowler, the Conservative member for Kings-Albert. Mr. Fowler's attack had to do with the plan for acquiring a new military training ground near McGivney Junction, N.B.  
"It is a wild, reckless and foolish piece of extravagance," he said, "and I am opposed to it absolutely."  
Mr. Fowler condemned the scheme for several reasons. The land in question he said, was made up of something like 100,000 acres of rough, low ground, remote from the settled centres of the province. It was to be purchased from the New Brunswick government for \$2 an acre, about \$200,000 altogether.  
"I don't blame the provincial government for agreeing to sell it at this price," commented Mr. Fowler. "They are glad to get rid of it, for it wouldn't bring twenty-five cents an acre on the market."  
As for a statement made to Hon. Dr. Pugsley by Colonel Hughes that the land had been recommended to the minister by the provincial authorities as suitable for a training area, the Kings-Albert member declared that the local government would not have known anything about the matter if they had not been approached by Colonel Hughes.

### WILL COST MILLIONS.

As for the suitability of the ground for a military camp, Mr. Fowler took the ground that instead of being suitable it was entirely unsuitable. A great deal of work and money would be required for clearing and draining the land and it was "die for the minister to say that the necessary labor

would be done by the militia men themselves.  
"Fighting mosquitoes and black flies will keep the men busier than anything else," was Mr. Fowler's comment. In his opinion an outlay of at least \$15 an acre would be necessary for clearing the land so that, with the purchase price and the cost of buildings which would be required, the total expense involved by the minister's plan would run up to between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.  
A number of interchanges took place between Mr. Fowler and the minister in regard to the Sussex camp grounds. Mr. Fowler asked what would be done with these grounds when the new training area was brought into use. Col. Hughes was more or less indefinite in his reply but intimated that the Sussex property would do well enough for the cadet camps.

### NICE FOR "PICNICS."

"The Sussex property," he said, "is a nice little picnic ground but it is not suitable at all for military camp grounds and military manoeuvres."  
Mr. Fowler took vigorous exception to this statement of the case and seized the opportunity for some sarcastic references to Col. Hughes' idea of training the militia at the annual camps.  
"In nine days," he declared, amid Liberal laughter and Conservative discomfiture, "the minister proposes to have the militia doing manoeuvres equal to those of the German army and armies he saw in other places he visited on that trip to Europe last summer."

"In this whole business the minister is sadly astray," Mr. Fowler added, "and I trust his colleagues, who are here tonight, will note what I have said and when the matter comes before council, will turn it down."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley also criticized the minister's course. He pointed out that the land was recommended by the provincial government who had it to sell. Two hundred thousand dollars was too much to pay for land that was not needed and upon which many thousands of dollars must necessarily be spent to make it suitable for the purpose proposed.

Col. Hughes once more proclaimed the suitability of the property and declared that in three years it would be possible to save the cost of purchase. Mr. Fowler countered with a repetition of the statement that the land would need to be drained as well as cleared.

"The land is not low," retorted Col. Hughes. "If necessary it could be put in shape for the present season."

"The minister claims great knowledge of this property," returned Mr. Fowler, "and was there once and then for two or three hours only. I doubt if he saw five hundred acres of it out of the whole lot."

"The hon. member (Mr. Fowler), doesn't know anything of the subject he's talking about," was the minister's final pronouncement.

## FAMOUS NOVELIST'S CENTENARY OBSERVED

London, June 8—English literary circles observed today as the centennial anniversary of the birth of Charles Reade, author of "The Lyons Mail," "The Cricket on the Hearth" and numerous other well known plays and novels. Mr. Reade was born in Oxford, June 8, 1814, and died at his home near London, April 11, 1884.

### THE FIRST TOURISTS.

Mr. Adam Moore, the well known guide of Scotch Lake, left this morning for the Tobique to meet a New York lady and gentleman who have engaged his services for a fishing trip. They plan to spend a month on the Tobique, Nepisiguit and Upsalquitch waters.

## DO NOT APPRECIATE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

Two Scotch Ladies Say They Were Prevented From Leaving Fredericton

Two ladies, mother and daughter, recently brought out from Scotland by the Immigration Department, are in the city at the present time and are rather indignant on account of the treatment they have received since their arrival in New Brunswick. They came to this province, according to their statement, about seven weeks ago on the understanding that they were to be employed as housekeepers for a bachelor residing on the North Shore. They subsequently learned that their intended employer was a widower with a large family and declined to take the position. They then secured employment in a Fredericton hotel, although unused to the work, the mother being a nurse and the daughter a stenographer.

The Immigration Department had advanced passage money to them and their wages were taken to reimburse the department. Recently, through a friend in Montreal, they received a promise of employment at their regular occupation in that city and prepared to leave. The ladies say that they had arranged for a guarantee of the payment of the balance of the passage money by a relative in Scotland but in spite of that fact, on going to the C.P.R. train last Friday evening were met by Deputy Sheriff Timmins on the order of the Immigration Department and prevented from getting on the train by threat of arrest and a display of handcuffs. They were then placed in a coach and driven back to the hotel, where they had been working, and are there now.

### A SEVERE LOSS.

The fire at Marysville on Saturday afternoon completely destroyed the fine residence of Mr. Alexander Gibson, ex-M.P. Only a small portion of the furniture was saved. Mr. Gibson stated this morning that the sum of \$20,000 would not make good his loss.

### TO RAFT AT ST. JOHN.

A crew of men left this morning for St. John to raft logs caught by the drift drive this spring. The men are from the Douglas boom and will raft in Marble Cove, returning the latter part of the week.

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A nine-year-old son of Mr. J. F. Freeman of Middle Southampton, was the victim of an unfortunate accident on Saturday. He was playing with a loaded cartridge and by striking it with a hammer succeeded in discharging it. The explosion tore off his thumb and badly lacerated his forehead. He was brought to the city today and admitted to the Victoria Hospital.

### HAS NOT RESIGNED.

Hon. George J. Clarke, M.P.P., attorney general and acting premier is in the city on departmental business. He informed The Mail today that the resignation of Police Magistrate Marsh had not been received or accepted. He stated also that there would be nothing done in the matter until the next government meeting, which would be held here probably before the time for the next regular meeting.

### STORE BURGLARIZED.

Some time Saturday night, thieves broke into the store of Wills Bros. at Nashwaaksis, and made off with a quantity of beer, cigars, canned goods and tobacco. The goods were carried away in a bag stolen from the store. Entrance was effected by smashing the glass out of the front window.

### BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

The June meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the Board of Trade rooms this evening, starting at eight o'clock. An interesting program will be provided.