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MORE STAGE PLAY

Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann and the whole C.N.R. lobby are still haunting the corridors of parliament, with the railway knights wearing a path in the corridors from Mr. Rogers' room to Premier Borden's and then to Hon. W. T. White's and back again to the room of the minister of public works, with occasional side-excursions to interview various private members.

The "bargain" with the railway knights for the bond guarantee of upwards of forty millions has already been privately made with the government leaders, but for public effect the stage play must go on for some time longer. The gradual way in which the government organs are leading up to the swallowing of the proposition is illuminative and significant. At first there was much talk of obstinate demands by the government for full information as to C.N.R. finances and for a large measure of security by way of personal endorsement from Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann. Now the talk is all of satisfactory information having been furnished and of the excellence of the road. It is tacitly admitted in the government press that everything is now pretty well "arranged." Government auditors have spent a few days in the head office of the C.N.R. at Toronto and, according to inspired report, have come back with a brief that justifies the proposed bond guarantee.

It took Messrs. Gutelius and Lynch Staunton two years to "investigate" the National Transcontinental, but when a report is wanted on the whole C.N.R. system, it can be obtained, according to political requirements, in a week or so.

The public, however, are now a little too wise and too suspicious to be fooled by all this obvious stage-play and ostentatious appearance of driving a hard bargain with the railway knights.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW

Commenting in the New Brunswick press charges the Montreal Star says editorially:

"The charges against Premier Flemming of New Brunswick should not be allowed to fail of the fullest enquiry because of the numerical weakness of the local opposition. Any province makes a mistake which—in its eagerness to get near to the 'rough'—wipes out its opposition. A virile and vigilant opposition is as much a necessary part of responsible government as a strong administration.

But New Brunswick should be protected, so far as possible, from the results of its mistake in this particular case by the readiness of the majority party to set on foot a real and searching investigation into the whole affair. In that way only will the majority go some distance toward justifying the abnormal confidence which the electors have placed in their fidelity. If—as is said—Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell have the charges in hand outside of the Legislature, they will not lack for support, so far as outside counsel can give it; but what the people will be chiefly concerned in seeing will be a thorough probing of the entire business, either by a Royal Commission—which seems preferable—or by a fair committee."

The Flemming government is nothing if not a business like administration. The job of rebuilding a pier of the Fredericton highway bridge was let without a tender, and the work was recently completed at a cost of \$64,000 to the province. Blackboards were wanted for the Normal School annex, and the government proceeds to advertise for tenders in nearly every Tory paper in the province, including the St. John Standard, the St. John Globe, the Fredericton Gleaner and the North Shore Leader, a paper owned by Hon. John Morrissey. Now we have the announcement

that the contract has been awarded to a St. John firm for the sum of \$850, which is about double what the bills for advertising will total up. This is economy as practised by the Flemming Government.

A synoptic report of the able speech of Mr. J. R. Brown of New York on the subject of tax reform is published in another part of this issue and is well worth a careful perusal. Mr. Brown has made a study of the taxation problem and claims that he has a remedy for all the evils which now exist. The scheme of tax reform which he outlined for Fredericton looks good, but just how it would work out in practice is a question over which there will be much difference of opinion. The average man today is firmly of the opinion that his taxes are too high and any proposal calculated to lighten his burden by unloading it upon some other fellow, is bound to enjoy a fair measure of popularity. The large real estate owner will naturally see much to commend in Mr. Brown's proposal for a single tax.

Moncton Transcript:—The Fredericton Gleaner seems to be under the impression that Mr. Dugal preferred charges against Mr. Frank Carvell, M.P., for Carleton County instead of against Premier Flemming and his colleagues. The Gleaner itself is working overtime in seeking to distract public attention from the real charge. Any casual reader would imagine that the Manager of The Fredericton Gleaner is afraid that, if the investigation proceeds, the evidence might implicate him. There is no other explanation possible as to his manifest deep concern over the investigation, and his extreme eagerness to have the public look somewhere else instead of at the right spot.

It appears that the official reporter of the Legislature is also the correspondent of the St. John Standard, and regularly writes to that paper a lot of fiction about the proceedings of the House. On Wednesday evening the editor of the paper was here and on the following morning the Standard contained a ragged whopper than usual concerning Mr. Dugal. The official reporter denies that he was the author of it so it is to be presumed that it was concocted by the Standard's editor.

In the Legislative yesterday acting Premier Clarke found it necessary to rebuke the St. John Standard for publishing a lying report in reference to the Dugal charges sent from this city. Hon. Mr. Clarke made a statement explaining why the charges were not taken up Wednesday and it corresponds exactly with the version given by the Liberal press. The Attorney General thought the Standard's scarehead line "Sparring for Time" used by the St. John Tory or "Time" was quite uncalled for.

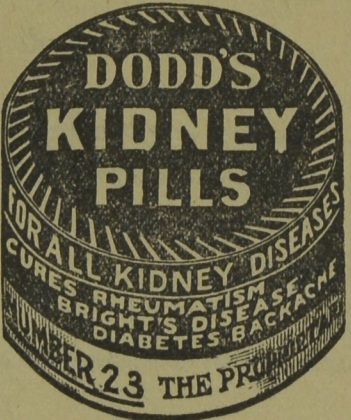
In the early stage of the game Mr. Slipp, M.P.P. did not view with favor the proposal to hand over another two million dollars to the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. He was finally whipped into line to support the bill but he could not be persuaded to say a good word for the Company.

Perhaps at this stage of the game it would not be good taste to say harsh things of Premier Flemming, but he certainly does look like a quitter.

The politician who picks up everything in sight on week days and teaches a Bible class on Sunday will always stand considerable watching.

BUT ONE IN TEN DAYS.

Health Officer W. McKay reports that but one new case of scarlet fever has been reported in ten days. That case was reported yesterday. This condition of affairs is said to indicate an improvement in the state of public health.



BAIL FORFEITED DURING THE YEAR

Hon. Mr. Clarke in answer to Mr. Dugal's inquiry in the House, said:—Q 1—What amount of Bail has been forfeited in the Province during the year ending December 31st last.

A.—A recognizance in the case of the King vs. Leonard W. Hanson was declared forfeited on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1913. Under the terms of the recognizance Leonard W. Hanson was bound in the sum of one thousand dollars and Hugh Buchanan and Charles H. Trueman in the sum of Five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the appearance of the said Leonard W. Hanson on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to answer further the charges preferred against him in the information in the case.

A recognizance in the case of the King vs. Alexander Cohen, was declared forfeited on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1913. Under the terms of the recognizance Warren Beaumont was bound in the sum of one thousand dollars and W. Botsford Beaumont and Ovid Lockhart, in the sum of five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the appearance of the said Warren Beaumont on the 30th day of December, 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to answer further the charge preferred against him in the information in the case.

A recognizance in the case of the King vs. Alexander Cohen, was declared forfeited at the May sitting of the Circuit Court of Westmorland County. Under the terms of the recognizance Alexander Cohen was bound in the sum of twelve hundred dollars and Louis Attis and Walter P. Jonah in the sum of three hundred dollars each, conditioned for the appearance of the said Alexander Cohen at the next meeting of the Superior Court of Criminal Jurisdiction to be held in the County of Westmorland, to plead to any indictment that might be found against him by the Grand Jury for and in respect of the matter with which he was charged.

A recognizance in the case of the King vs. Ephraim Morton was declared forfeited at the November sitting of the Westmorland Court. Under the terms of the recognizance Ephraim Morton was bound in the sum of five hundred dollars and Geo. Budd and Alfred Hennessy in the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars each, conditioned for Morton's appearance to answer to any indictment which might be found against him by the Grand Jury for and in respect of the matter with which he was charged.

Q 2—What amount has been collected and from whom?

A.—No amount has been collected on any of the forfeited bonds.

Q 3—Were any forfeited Bonds not collected and if so, why not?

A.—Answered by No. 2. Hon. Mr. Clarke, in referring to the above answers, said the case of Dr. Byrnes of Chatham, whose bail was forfeited, had been inadvertently omitted. As far as he was able to ascertain, this and those included in the answer were all that had been forfeited, but owing to the short time he had held the office of Attorney General, he had not been able to go through all the papers in the office and there might be others.

The acting premier certainly has a herculean task on his hands. But then he has chief whip Harry Woods to help him over the rough spots.

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