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Having some spare time on his hands these days Premier Flemming has been busying himself dishing up statistics for his Woodstock hack organ the purpose of which is to show that the present government has collected more revenue from the crown lands than the previous administration. The people are finding no fault with the government for having secured an increased revenue, but it is the boodling and thievery in connection therewith that is objected to. A bank president who increases the business of a bank is certainly not justified in helping himself to a portion of the bank's fund, yet the Woodstock Tory organ would like to have the public believe otherwise. Premier Flemming is of course not a bank president and he should be thankful he is not; so should the stockholders of the bank.

At a joint meeting in the Opera house here during the Morehouse-Burden by-election Hon. Mr. Flemming almost threw a fit when Mr. Carvell made mention of the fact that he had ridden to Montreal in Sir William Van Horne's private car. It was not a very grave charge to be sure, but it struck the Premier on the quick. He waxed very eloquent in his denial of the allegation and found it necessary to make use of the phrase "My Little Children." Now we have evidence given under oath that the same man was a party to one of the most disgraceful boodling transactions in the history of Canada. How much longer is this sanctimonious humbug going to be allowed to remain an adviser of the king.

The plant used by the local hack organ in turning out some \$16,000 worth of printing a year for the Flemming government has been destroyed by fire. While sympathizing with the organ in its serious loss we think it will be well advised if it awaits the outcome of the Dugal charges before purchasing a new outfit.

Mr. Slipp, M.P.P., is not losing any sleep these days over the fact that he was not taken into the Flemming government last winter. The member for Queens is in the fruit growing business, but he does not want any lemons.

In the United States they send their big grafters to the penitentiary. Here in Canada we are a little slack along that line, but it looks as if we would soon have to get around to it.

Mr. Pinder, M.P.P., has something to be thankful for. He was not regarded by Premier Flemming as sufficiently honest and trustworthy to hold down a portfolio in the Flemming government.

Mr. Pinder may not be a good business man in the opinion of Col. McLeod, M.P., but he seems to have put one over on the business-like Borden and Flemming government.

As a die hard Premier Flemming is some class, but it looks as if the little story related by Mr. E. R. Teed at St. John yesterday will secure for him his walking ticket.

While Mr. E. R. Teed told a very good story before the Royal Commission, it is to be regretted that his memory was hazy on some important points.

In the matter of grafting and boodling the Flemming government can give pointers to the rulers of the Dago republics of South America.

The middle name of New Brunswick's greatest political pirate is Kidd.

PERSONAL

Miss Lottie Shanks of Oromocto, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Irvine, St. Mary's.

Mr. Sylvester Sullivan returned to the city on Wednesday after spending a week at Stanley.

MORE SHOCKING REVELATIONS FROM INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Fowler—I am astonished at the commissioners.

Mr. Fisher—We wish to trace the whole transaction in order to clear it up.

The objection was not sustained and Mr. Stevens, again asked for a history of the fund.

Witness—It was my desire to get the stuff in one fund. I bought from Robinson's fifty shares of Southern Pacific, forty-five shares of Brazilian, fifty shares of Detroit United. That is all I bought from Robinson's. I think I bought sixty-eight shares of Maine & N.B. Electric Railway stock from the Eastern Securities people.

Q.—Were certificates issued in each case?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In whose name?

A.—In my name.

Q.—All in one certificate?

A.—I had information that I thought was pretty good that there was going to be something good for the stockholders in the Maine & N.B. Company and I told the Eastern Securities Company that I would take any reasonable amount they could get at 120. I cannot remember the way they were divided.

Mr. Carvell—There were certificates for fifty shares, 12, 1, 5 and 5, a total of 73. These were all new certificates issued by the company in accordance with instructions contained in a letter from A. R. Gould?

Witness—I did not know that I would be called upon to explain this or I could have got the details. You may be right, but I cannot swear to it. I own ten shares of my own. It cost \$1,250 and they told me that if I sent \$400 and a four months' note they would forward the certificates. I borrowed the money from the Bank of Nova Scotia instead of giving my note. I want to get these off the records. I am willing to take the book of the company.

Mr. Carvell—They will be here.

Witness—I bought these shares from the Eastern Securities Company. I understood that Mr. Flemming had fifty-five shares also and I told him if the Eastern Securities man came to see him to tell him that I wanted to see him, too. Mr. Flemming said that he could not pay for the twenty-eight shares of the new issue to which he was entitled, and asked if I would take them. I said yes and took the eighty-three shares at about 110 and got the dividend.

Q.—That was in August?

A.—About that.

Q.—And you got his certificates?

A.—Yes.

Q.—They were endorsed over to you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You had the registry changed?

A.—No. I put them in the deposit box and afterwards sold them.

Q.—How much later?

A.—Long enough to get two three per cent. dividends and a two per cent. bonus, about a year.

At this juncture the chairman announced that the commission would adjourn for twenty minutes until the funeral of Policeman O'Leary passed, out of respect to the officer's memory.

When the examination of the witness was resumed, Mr. Stevens asked:

"After you deposited this money in the bank deposit box you took enough out, within a month, to pay Mr. Flemming for eighty-three shares of this stock?"

A.—Yes.

Q.—They remained in Mr. Flemming's name on the books of the company?

A.—I never changed them.

Q.—Then how did you get the dividends?

A.—The dividends and the bonus went to him and he transferred them to me.

Q.—You held the stock about a year?

A.—I could not say definitely. It was long enough to get at least one dividend and the bonus.

Q.—You still have them?

A.—No. I sold them about two weeks ago. It was to a man who asked me about the stock some time ago. It was rumored around Woodstock that I had some and he wanted it. It was not to Mr. Flemming or any member of the government.

Com. Fisher—At what rate did you sell them?

A.—I sold fifty shares of Detroit and eighty-three shares of the Maine & N.B. There was some loss on the Detroit but a gain on the other of about \$420. I think the net increase credited to the account was \$280.

Q.—Did anyone else have access to the safety deposit box?

FLEMING HELD KEYS

A.—No, except that when I was taken ill I told my wife that I had these keys and that in case of anything happening to me Mr. Flemming would arrange about the contents of the box which also contained some personal effects of my own. Mr. Flem

ming got the keys, but I am confident that he never used them, and as soon as I got better I took them back.

Q.—How much was in the box at that time?

A.—At the time I was taken ill everything pertaining to the fund was there and the fund was intact.

Q.—Have you a regular solicitor?

A.—You are as regular a solicitor as I have. Mr. Connell holds the same position in Woodstock.

Q.—Then why did you give Mr. Flemming the keys?

A.—Because he knew of the contents of the box and thought that he was the proper man in the interests of the party if anything happened to me.

Q.—And nobody else knew the aggregate amount?

A.—Mr. Flemming never knew. I never told him.

Q.—You conferred with Mr. Flemming about the investments?

A.—I told him and he did not disprove. Anything I did was all right.

Q.—You were in the position that you could hand him back the stock and he would have both the stock and the cash if you so wished?

A.—I could have given the whole amount if I wished.

Q.—But you did not dispose of the stock until after the Dugal charges were made?

A.—No.

Q.—When did you sell the other stock?

A.—The last time I was in St. John. I met the representative of the Eastern Securities Company who asked if I had any Maine N. B. to sell at about 120. I went home, looked up my certificates and wrote telling him I had one for twelve shares. He agreed to take them at 115 and sent me his check.

Q.—Was there anything in the safety deposit box showing what this fund was?

A.—Nothing but a statement showing what had been received and the various changes.

Q.—Nothing to show to whom it belonged, or directions say, to the executors of your estate?

A.—No.

BETWEEN THEMSELVES

Q.—And nobody knew of it except you and Mr. Flemming?

A.—Not until after the Dugal charges were made.

Q.—How about the rest of the account?

A.—Those were the only purchases and sales. I was in Mr. Flemming's office one day and in discussing his lumber business he said that the banks were insisting on more insurance on the lumber and he did not want to pay it. I said I am pretty well fixed for cash and have only limited opportunities to use it. If you can use it you might as well so that it would be earning something. The upshot of it was that I loaned the Flemming-Gibson Company \$15,000.

Q.—Who compose this company?

A.—J. K. Flemming, John Gibson, Charles Rogers and possibly the Demings boys.

Q.—What security did you get?

A.—The note of the Flemming-Gibson Company, Limited.

Q.—Who signed it?

A.—The Company.

Q.—Per whom?

A.—I do not know.

Q.—Was the note ever paid?

A.—Yes, in several payments.

Q.—Tell us about the first.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Teed said that the \$15,000 note had since been paid up and retired. He gave receipts for the payments but could not produce them. Could not remember how much was due on the note when the charges were laid. It was a demand note with interest at six per cent. The note was endorsed by the company and he was satisfied with the security. The note was retired before June and he could not say how the money was obtained. He did not care to have it known that he was handling the fund but after the charges were made he saw no reason for keeping it under cover any longer. He paid some small party bills out of the fund with Flemming's approval. The party referred to was the local government party.

TEED'S IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

There was a stir in the court room on Wednesday as Edgar R. Teed was called. Mr. Teed took the stand and, examined by Mr. Stevens, said:

"I reside at Woodstock. I know Hon. J. Kidd Flemming and have known him for thirty years. I might call him an intimate friend. I have known W. H. Berry for the last ten years. I met J. W. Brankley in connection with the transactions which have been discussed here. I think it was in the Barker House at Fredericton and I thought it was in the lobby of the hotel although Mr. Brankley gave evidence that it was in the premier's room. I cannot remember; it might have been in Mr. Flemming's room, Mr. Berry's or Mr. Brankley's. I want to tell everything I know but

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I do not want to swear to anything that is not correct."

Q.—Who else was in the room when you met him?

A.—My memory is very vague but I am willing to accept Mr. Brankley's evidence regarding that meeting.

Q.—Mr. Flemming was present?

A.—I believe so.

Q.—Were you alone with Mr. Flemming before Mr. Brankley came in?

A.—I have no recollection.

Q.—Who came in with Brankley?

A.—I don't remember but I remember Mr. Berry was there.

Q.—Was anyone else there?

A.—I have no recollection.

Q.—Do you remember what Mr. Flemming said?

A.—No.

Q.—You heard Mr. Brankley swear that Mr. Flemming said, "Anything Mr. Teed tells you will be all right?"

A.—Yes, but I cannot remember it. That meeting is absolutely vague in my mind.

Q.—Tell what you know.

A.—I can only remember Mr. Berry introducing Mr. Brankley to me some where in the Barker House.

Mr. Stevens—Tell us what you remember of the conversation.

A.—It was short, but I understood from it that I was to go to Mr. Brankley's town to receive some money for a fund the lumbermen were making up.

QUOTES FLEMING.

Q.—Tell us about the fund.

A.—Mr. Flemming told me that Mr. Berry had told him that the lumbermen were arranging a fund to be paid over for government purposes.

Mr. Flemming said that he told Mr.

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