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MR. CYRUS A. DIFFIN TELLS OF VISIT TO ST. JOHN

Held a Conclave With Col. McLeod, Percy Guthrie
Col. Baxter and Others Brought Into Prominence
by the Dugal Commission

In the last issue of the Woodstock Sentinel, our old friend, Cyrus Diffin tells of a visit to St. John while the Royal Commission was in session. He says:

"Just as I reached home I received a wire to go to St. John and meet some of our men and talk things over. You know the greatest aggregation of grafters that ever assembled met here, not by accident, but by 'Royal Command.'

I was enjoying myself a few evenings ago in my room, with some Rochford friends when I heard some loud talking in the next room and I went in and asked them not to make so much noise. I wasn't dressed up. I wore B. F. Smith's ante-election clothes which consisted of a birthday suit, a night shirt, a hymn book, a map of the Tobique Indian areas and a lot of promises of what will be done in case things are not found out but I walked right in.

You may believe that I was surprised when I found that I had run into a meeting of New Brunswick Conservative Grafters Committee.

When I saw what I had struck I was going to go back out, but Mr. Ed. Teed stopped me.

"Hold on, Mr. Diffin," says he, "Come in and see us."

They didn't all look so cordial and I hesitated, but Weldon Melville, who was there representing the Office Seekers Association, seconded the invitation.

As I had put what money I had and my old watch in the hotel safe I gathered my night shirt around me and slid into a corner seat.

They were all doing something and some were talking besides.

Percy Guthrie was imitating J. D. Hazen as much as he could and making the same success at it as he made winning suits for the Valley Railway company.

Norman Wilson was exhibiting a dead of land for the railway station and claiming that he should get more

money for his "interest." Ed. Teed was figuring up how much there would be in buying Brazilian if he had the money to invest that Berry took away and how he could keep the Liberals from getting on to the profits.

John Connor was nervously fingering a lot of blue prints marked "Land belonging to Widows along the Valley Railway."

J. B. Baxter was busy looking over his account against the railway company and estimating how much he was out by returning the \$500 cheque and how much the railway was in by his consultation, on a basis of two in one week at \$20.

Richard O'Leary was talking about Oysters, a subject he seemed much interested in and Titus Carter was sipping some liquid from a glass and ascertaining as best he could the exact percentage of joy it contained and wearing the same tired look that the Commissioners wear when he is relating an alleged joke to make them think he can argue a case.

Then C. K. Howard arose and said, "Gentlemen," says he, "The time had come to do business and all those not grafters will please retire." I rose to go.

"What are you leaving for?" says Teed.

"I am not a member of this Society," says I.

"Sit down," says he, "You have no valuables on your person and you will not be molested."

I resumed my seat.

"The business before this meeting,"

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MARVELOUS INSTINCT OF WILD ANIMALS

New Method of Study and Experimenting Used by Nature Students

The French possess a curious institution in the form of an institute of zoological psychology established in a farm near Paris. This station comprises meadows and barnyards, a scend to the bottom of the pond, stocked with fish. Then, too, there are spacious buildings, including modern stables, a riding school, stalls for isolating animals under special observation, an aquarium and a laboratory. A dove-cote is placed upon the roof of the main building.

As evidencing the desire of the French naturalists to study the habits of living creatures under natural conditions, it may be mentioned that a complete diving apparatus has been provided in which observers may descend to the bottom of the pond. There they may remain for hours, until the fish become accustomed to their presence, and follow their natural impulses in playing and feeding. The under-water student thus is enabled to note their habits at first hand.

The other extreme of observation is the construction of sheltered platforms in the branches of trees, where students sit throughout the night armed with electric flashlights to watch the doings of owls, bats and nocturnal insects.

It is reported by a scientist that an important conclusion reached by the students is that some animals possess a special sense whereby they can detect the presence of water even though they cannot see it. For instance with sheep and cattle when being driven across country.

In a place where the presence of water was wholly unexpected the Australian noted some curious facts. The leading animals suddenly would lift their heads and draw long breaths. Then they would abandon the beaten tracks and start running through the bush. Sometimes they would run for a mile and a half to two miles and could not be stopped by the drivers, their course invariably leading to a pond or spring hitherto unknown.

In France the experiments were made on a water rat. First its eyes were blinded by a bandage and then it was placed on a turntable, which was whirled round until all sense of direction must have been obliterated. Upon being released, without a moment's hesitation, it started directly for the pond, several hundred yards distant.

Frogs and toads were taken to a distance of three or four miles from water and liberated. It seemed to take them only a short time to find the water. One old blind toad showed the instinct in the same degree as the others.

Among the subjects of investigation is the sight of birds and the homing instincts of the carrier pigeon. Many members of the institution are inclined to consider this a phenomenon of far sight. They have been taking by triangulation the height to which birds soar and from that figuring out the radius of vision they attain.

Developing Australia

The Australian states concerned and the commonwealth have agreed on a locking and storage system for the Murray river that will open a navigable waterway 1,000 miles into the heart of producing Australia.

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LITTLE FELLOW TOOK SICK WITH DIARRHOEA Was 30 Miles From a Doctor

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