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AM OUTSIDE VIEW

The Toronto News, a Conservative journal of the respectable class, has been devoting some attention to the shocking revelations of graft being made before a royal commission in this province. In the course of an editorial article, it says:

"Too often parties are disgraced and governments destroyed by false loyalty to mercenaries within the party. Newspapers are denounced as unfaithful to the party interest if they refuse to protect rascals within the household. They are warmly commended when they condemn the evil transactions of opponents. They fall under suspicion when they condemn corruption in the party to which they belong. The result is not only that governments destroy themselves but that public life is dishonored and the reputation of the country tarnished."

What The News says may be true of the press of Ontario but it scarcely applies to the pap-fed hack organs of this province. Instead of condemning Flemming for his disgraceful and scandalous conduct in connection with the boodle fund exacted from the lumbermen, the Tory newspapers are actually apologizing for him. They are saying that a campaign fund for party purposes is nothing new, and some of them are almost proclaiming Flemming as a hero.

The following extract from The News' article is commended to the die hards of the Tory party in this province:

"There is virtue in decent loyalty to associates. But for 'graft' there should be no mercy, for corruption no toleration. NO OBLIGATION TO PARTY REQUIRES MEN TO DEFEND WASTE AND JOBBERY. GOVERNMENTS WILL MAKE MISTAKES; THE UTMOST VIGILANCE WILL NOT ENSURE ABSOLUTE HONESTY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. There will be self-seekers in every human organization, confidence will be abused and illegitimate advantages be secured. BUT IF IT IS KNOWN THAT EXPOSURE WILL BRING PUNISHMENT, AND THAT THOSE WHO BRING SCANDAL UPON A GOVERNMENT WILL BE TREATED AS ITS WORST ENEMIES, UNSCRUPULOUS MEN WILL BE WARY AND THIEVES WILL SEEK PLUNDER ELSEWHERE."

What The News says should commend itself to the people of both parties in New Brunswick who desire clean politics. There should be no mercy shown to Flemming and others of his ilk who have been looting the public treasury. The royal commission has not yet completed its work, but sufficient facts have been brought out to show that the government of this province is rotten to the core. The St. John Globe tells Flemming that his usefulness as a public man is at an end and calls on him to resign. He should not be given an opportunity to resign; he should be ignominiously kicked out of office.

FOR TORY DIE-HARDS

The late Lord Strathcona was a man who enjoyed the respect of all Canadians. He was a member of parliament and a supporter of the government at the time of the Pacific scandal. The following observations which he made on that occasion from his place in parliament, are commended to the Tory die hards who are trying to defend the conduct of Premier Flemming:

"With respect to the transaction between the government and Sir Hugh Allen, he did not consider that the first minister took the money with any corrupt motive. He felt that the leader of the government was incapable of taking money from Sir Hugh Allen for corrupt purposes. He would be more willing to vote confidence in the government—could he do so conscientiously. IT WAS WITH VERY GREAT REGRET THAT HE FELT THAT HE COULD NOT DO SO. FOR THE HONOR OF THE COUNTRY, NO GOVERNMENT SHOULD EXIST THAT HAD A SHADOW OF SUSPICION OF THIS KIND RESTING ON THEM, AND FOR THAT REASON HE COULD NOT SUPPORT THEM."

It will be generally conceded that there is a very large shadow of suspicion resting upon the Flemming administration at the present time.

What a howl the Tories raised some years ago when a package said to contain \$1,500 for political purposes, arrived in Fredericton from St. John. They preferred charges against the late Hon. A. G. Blair and had the matter investigated by a committee of the legislature. The course taken by the Tory newspapers on that occasion was in strange contrast to the attitude which they have assumed in connection with the Dugal charges. They denounced Mr. Blair as a boodler and claimed that he should have been driven from public life. Today these same newspapers take the ground that a campaign fund is a necessity and that Premier Flemming's conduct has been justifiable and praiseworthy. It was a crime for a Liberal premier to have knowledge of a campaign fund of \$1,500, but it is highly commendable for a Tory premier to have full control of a boodle fund of over \$70,000, unbeknown to even his colleagues.

Hon. Dr. Montague, minister of public works in the Manitoba government, managed to squeeze in by a majority of three votes at the recent election. The doctor is a man with a past. During the federal election of 1887 he was the Tory candidate in Haldimand, Ont., and forged the name of Queen Victoria to a circular addressed to the Indian voters. He afterwards became a member of the cabinet and was one of the "nest of traitors" who gave the knife to Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

The local graft organ has discovered that Premier Flemming and his co-workers employed kindergarten methods in collecting and handling the boodle fund. This may be true, but they seem to have been clever enough to keep the graft organ in blissful ignorance of the existence of the fund.

Flemming worked the poor man cry on his fellow members during the session of 1913 and had his salary increased from \$2,100 to \$4,500. A few months later he got busy and engineered the collection of a big boodle fund. In this way he seems to have earned the increased salary.

The constituencies represented in parliament by Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. Dr. Roche and Hon. Arthur Meighen all returned Liberals in the recent elections in Manitoba. Straws usually show which way the wind is blowing.

"I am authorized by the Premier to say that there is not one word of truth in the charges," was the statement of acting Premier Clarke to the Legislature in April last. What do the people who have read the evidence think about that statement?

"Carvell fails to shake Flemming's testimony," says The St. John Standard. Nothing short of an earthquake would shake the pious grafter who is at the head of the New Brunswick boodle brigade.

The Tory newspapers who are setting up the claim that Premier Flemming's boodling operations were right and proper would not hesitate to defend Sodom if it served their purpose.

The Rogers' machine in Manitoba, received a staggering blow at the recent election in that province. It looks as if Sir Robert Borden's minister of elections had lost his grip.

It is said that Captain Kidd Flemming, New Brunswick's celebrated political pirate, has made up his mind to scuttle the ship of state before abandoning it.

"A very extraordinary story" was the remark made by a prominent Conservative on Saturday in commenting on Premier Flemming's evidence before the Royal Commission.

What to do with Flemming is the problem which is causing Acting Premier Clarke and his colleagues no little worry these days.

It is said that Premier Flemming has made up his mind that the members of the government shall swim or sink together.

WAS NON-COMMITAL.

Mr. George A. Perley, M. P. for Sunbury, was in the city today and had a private interview with acting Premier Clarke. As a staunch advocate of honest government, Mr. Perley is greatly incensed over the graft exposure being made before the Royal Commission. Asked for an expression of opinion he observed, "I say, I say, it looks like rain, don't it?"

ROYAL COMMISSION RESUMES TODAY

(Telegraph.)

The Royal Commission into the Dugal charges will resume at the court house, St. John, at two o'clock this afternoon when Premier Flemming will go upon the witness stand for the third day's examination. No indication was given when the inquiry was adjourned on Friday, as to how long the examination into the timber charges is likely to last but it is a fore-gone conclusion that the premier will be on the stand for the whole of today's session.

In view of the expressed wish of the commission that W. H. Berry might be called it is not thought likely that the case of the timber charges will be formally closed and it is more than likely that the arguments on that aspect of the charges will be deferred until the evidence is likewise concluded in the Valley Railway case. In that case the railway charges will probably be continued on Wednesday when among witnesses to be called will be A. R. Gould, the premier again, and E. R. Teed.

Judge Wells has on several occasions during the hearing expressed his hope that the investigation might be expedited and Mr. F. B. Carvell on Friday suggested an evening sitting for today, but no decision was then reached by the commissioners.

HAD ROUGH TIME.

A shop at Oromocto, occupied by a helpless cripple, was broken into last week and the proprietor was pelted with stones, sticks and empty barrels. He says that he was obliged to pull up stakes and quit the place. He has the names of the guilty parties and talks of lodging a complaint with Magistrate Hubble.

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A discount of 5 per cent. will be allowed on all taxes paid in on or before 20th of August next, after which execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided. Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this 4th day of July, A. D., 1914.

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