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## THE C. N. R. COUP

Before the government publicity surrenders again to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann and allows them to shake the plum tree for another forty or fifty millions, political exigencies require considerable stage-play for the benefit of the people of Canada who provide the money. For the past fortnight or two there has been a lot of this stage-play on Parliament Hill. The Conservative caucus held on Wednesday last, ostensibly to enable the government to consult its followers and ask their advice as to whether the proposed aid should be given to the Canadian Northern or not, was merely "playing to the gallery."

As a matter of fact, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. W. T. White and Premier Borden knew last session when the fifteen million gift was made to Mackenzie and Mann, that they would be back again this session for consideration more and that they would have to be accommodated.

Public sentiment, however, has to be consulted even by a Conservative government. The renewal of the application on a larger scale this year with the consequent arousing of public suspicion and resentment, has convinced the government that there must be at least a show of driving a hard bargain with the Railway Knights. Moreover, apparent reluctance to meet their wishes would of course help the driving of the bargain.

What is wanted by the government and its followers is a quid pro quo. A campaign contribution of at least \$750,000 is whispered in the lobbies as being one of the "considerations." To placate public opinion there must also be some show of a complete accounting by Mackenzie and Mann of what has been done with the public assistance already granted towards financing the C.N.R. system. This aid, including cash and land subsidies, and bond guarantees, both provincial and federal, now amounts to over \$200,000,000. And as yet there has never been any real or complete statement made to parliament or to the public as to how the funds thus raised have been expended.

The government realizes that in granting further assistance to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann it is apt to bump up against a very strong and impatient public whose long-suffering has already been strained nearly to the breaking-point. But at the same time the government realizes that its political exigencies and the needs of its financial allies demand that the bond guarantee be given. That is now well understood between the two contracting parties. The public of course, which pays the shot is not being taken into confidence.

The present stage-play is for the benefit of the public. This is about all they will get out of it.

The auditor general's report for 1913 showed that the large sum of \$98,049.68 had been collected in succession duties, while only \$2,520.28 had been paid to the attorney general for collecting them. As the law allows him five per cent. some people got the impression that as the amount collected was unusually large the attorney general, knowing that the government was hard up, had, out of the goodness of his heart, discounted his bill by fifty per cent. Subsequent information to hand, however, shows that he did nothing of the kind. He merely obliged the government by holding over the heavy end of his account until after the fiscal year had closed and has since collected it. We are quite frequently reminded by paid apologists of the government that there are no suspense accounts under Flemming rule.

The statement was made officially in the legislature on Tuesday that Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, ex-attorney general, was paid the sum of \$2,955.18 since the close of the fiscal year for collecting succession duties. He was paid on account of succession duties during the fiscal year a further sum

of \$2,520.28, making a total of \$5,475.46. The attorney general's total receipts from the public treasury amounted to the very snug sum of \$9,141.71. Here are the items so that he who runs may read: On account of succession duties, \$5,475.46; salary, \$2,100; travelling expenses, \$540; indemnity and mileage, \$522; expenses and allowances re trips to Ottawa, \$527.65; Provincial Hospital commissioner, \$96; postage and stationery, as an M.P.P., \$50; expenses Friel investigation, \$30; total \$9,141.71. When they sat in opposition in the legislature certain of Premier Flemming's associates used to contend that it was a crime for the attorney general to draw extra pay for his services, but it's different now.

In the legislature yesterday afternoon Commodore Stewart, one of the Independent members for Northumberland, who is quite an authority on parliamentary procedure, entered an emphatic protest against the slipshod method of transacting business in the House which prevails under Flemming rule. He pointed out that members disregarded the rules and that chairmen of committees of the whole made little or no effort to enforce them. The commodore spoke with vigor and to the point, but he forgot to apologize to Premier Flemming for assuming his prerogative as leader of the House for the time being.

The auditor's report shows that quite a number of the secretaries of highway boards who looked after road work during the season of 1912 were good enough to hold over their accounts until the following year. A job of work which Mr. W. K. Stone of this city, looked after on Wilsey Road in 1912 was not paid for until 1913. The Flemming government is becoming more business-like each year.

The council of the St. John Board of Trade discussed the Valley Railway problem with the mayor and commissioners at a meeting on Tuesday. Some very plain talk was indulged in and all seemed to agree the situation was very serious. It is almost time that the Fredericton Board of Trade was displaying some interest in this question.

The murder of the editor of the Paris Figaro by the wife of the finance minister of France has led an exchange to observe that "the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

An exceedingly well written essay on New Brunswick and its pioneers from the pen of a bright Carleton College girl will be found in another part of this issue and will repay careful perusal.

## HOW MANY DAYS DID FLEMING WORK?

Hon. Mr. Morrissey's Answer to a Query Disagrees With Auditor General's Report

In answer to an enquiry in the Legislature concerning the number of days Mr. A. C. Fleming of this city worked for the government last year, Hon. Mr. Morrissey said:

Q. 1—How many days did A. C. Fleming work for the Department of Public Works in the fiscal year 1912-13?

A.—Mr. A. C. Fleming worked on Normal School six days (6). On Normal School Annex, one hundred and eight and a half days (108½) and on Legislative Buildings and Offices one hundred and sixty days (160).

Q. 2—How many days was he paid for inspecting upon the Provincial Normal School. A.—Answered by No. 1.

Q. 3—Is the Government aware that Mr. Fleming at the time that he was inspecting the work on the Provincial Normal School, was also inspector of the work for the Dominion Public Works Department upon the Post Office now under construction in this city? A.—No.

According to the above, Mr. Fleming was employed by the government and paid for 274½ days in all. Now let us see what the auditor general's report says. On Page 90 under the heading of "Legislative Buildings" we find the following: "Fleming, A. C., Carpenter, 185 days at \$3.—\$555.

On Page 92 the following appears under the heading of "Normal School":

Fleming, A. C. Carpenter, 6 days at \$3.—\$10.

Then on Page 182 under the heading of "Normal School Annex" the following appears:

"A. C. Fleming, inspector 133½ days to October 30, 1913 ..... \$513. This makes a total of 324½ days for

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A young lady residing on Smythe street to a gentleman connected with the Forestry Department of British Columbia.

A young lady residing on Regent street to a gentleman in New York.

A young lady residing in Waterloo Row to a western bank manager.

A young lady residing in York street to a gentleman in St. John.

A young lady residing in Queen street East to a gentleman connected with the brokerage business in this city.

A young lady residing in Waterloo Row to an up-town business man.

which Mr. Fleming was paid \$1086. If Mr. Fleming only worked 274½ days last year for the department, why does the auditor general's report show that he was paid for 324½ days.

Although a very busy man Mr. Fleming according to the auditor general's report still had time to make a case for the Lieutenant Governor's uniform at a cost of \$10 and he secured a flag pole and fixtures for the governor's office at a cost of \$19.65. The auditor's report shows that he also furnished a flag staff, balyards, etc., re visit of Duke of Connaught and was paid \$12.75 for the same. This brings his total receipts from the government last year up to \$1128.60, and the report does not show what became of the Duke's flagstaff.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey's reply to Mr. Dugal's enquiry is certainly at variance with the auditor general's report.

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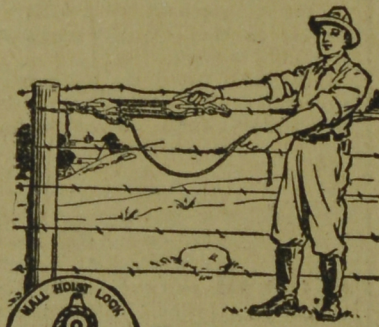
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