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THE STUMPAGE SWITCHING CASE

It is highly amusing to read the explanations of the graft press with respect to the Dalhousie Lumber Company's stumping switching case, investigated by Commissioner Chandler a few days ago. The charge was made by Mr. E. S. Carter that the Dalhousie Lumber Company made a payment of \$2,903.32 to Mr. W. H. Berry on account of stumping, and that the money did not go into the revenue of the province. Mr. Carter did not allege that Mr. Berry or Mr. Flemming, under whose direction the deal was pulled off, had pocketed the money, but he did say that the money was not turned over to the Crown Land Department and that the deputy minister of lands and mines was kept in ignorance of the transaction. The testimony taken by Commissioner Chandler amply justifies Mr. Carter's allegations. The enquiry conducted by Commissioner Chandler into the transaction was not as thorough as it might have been. The high sounding promises made by the commissioner in a speech which Attorney General Baxter delivered and credited to him, were not carried out. Although the charge was preferred by a layman, who was not permitted to employ counsel, the attorney general, as chief law officer of the crown, was on hand to see that the scope of the enquiry was limited as much as possible. If the attorney general had had any inclination to shed some light upon a matter in which the public is vitally interested, he would have questioned Berry in regard to his connection with the timber land boodle fund, but he maintained a discreet silence in regard to that matter. He was present in the capacity of a blocker and rendered no practical assistance to the commissioner nor to the laymen who were present to bring out the facts in the interests of the public. It came out in evidence that the Dalhousie Lumber Company had paid to Mr. Berry in settlement of a stumping claim, the sum of \$2,903.32, and that the check had been made payable, not to the receiver general of the province, but to Mr. J. W. Brantley, manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company. Mr. Brantley having received the check, promptly handed it over to himself as manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company, which had a claim against the government for stumping overpaid and the transaction ended there. The two claims amounted to the tidy sum of five thousand dollars and no cents, which amount is generally looked upon as a fair sized election contribution. As before stated, no record of the transaction appeared in the books of the Crown Land Department and the public had no knowledge of it and probably never would have known about it but for the activities of Mr. E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer. The graft press attempts to minimize this feature of the case by stating that the transaction, while a little irregular, was perfectly proper and the province lost nothing. This may be all very true, but there are quite a number of people with a little experience in the game of politics who will be inclined to accept the version of Messrs. Brantley and Berry and the endorsement of the same given by the graft press with a large sized grain of salt. Even those who place the most favorable construction on the testimony given by Brantley and Berry must admit that the transaction sheds very little lustre on the business-like methods of the local government about which so much has been said and written.

IT'S UP TO MR. MORRISSY

Tory Organizer Harry Woods, Dr. Price, Mr. B. Franklin Smith, Mr. George B. Jones, Mr. J. K. Pinder and the other great and wise statesmen who have been worrying the life out of Premier Clarke with complaints against Hon. John Morrissey, minister of public works, have scored a point at last. They have succeeded in having the contract for the substructure of the Moncton bridge cancelled. The contract was awarded by Mr. Morrissey to The Foundation Company Limited of Montreal, but these great

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and wise statesmen do not believe in the principle of handing out a plum of this kind to an outside concern and registered a protest which the government heeded. "What is there in it for us?" is the stock argument used by Tory politicians when contracts are to be awarded, and they probably made use of that argument in this case. Great statesmen like B. Franklin Smith, Mr. George B. Jones and Harry Smith-Woods are always actuated by the loftiest motives, and it is to be presumed that their action in this particular case was not taken with a view of feathering their own nests but in the public interest. Rather than see The Foundation Company land this contract, these gentlemen will in all probability form a company and do the work themselves. By their scheming and intrigue they have succeeded in humiliating Hon. John Morrissey and the latter will prove himself a most unworthy descendant of the noble Celtic race if he does not resent such scurvy treatment. It is certainly up to the minister, who, a few months ago, was described as "the only honest man in the government," to place himself right before the public. It has never been charged that Mr. Morrissey made his money out of politics. The same cannot be said of some of the Tory politicians who are barking at his heels. It is Honest John's move.

Mr. Hance J. Logan, who was recently nominated by the Liberals of Cumberland as their candidate for the House of Commons, has actively entered into the work of organization. The cry of "Rhodes and Prosperity" defeated Mr. Logan four years ago. The people elected Rhodes but they didn't get the prosperity. The car-shops at Amherst which were a hive of industry when Mr. Logan represented the county at Ottawa are now being used for the housing of troops. Mr. Logan is going to redeem Cumberland. Having defeated a Tory cabinet minister in 1886 and redeemed a county which had been wandering in the wilderness of Toryism for thirty years, Mr. Logan should have no difficulty in relegating Mr. Rhodes to the has been class when the opportunity presents itself.

Announcement is made in the Tory press that the federal government will prosecute the men who sold old plugs to the government for war horses. If plugs were bought instead of horses the fault lies with the political henchmen who did the buying and not with the men who had horses to sell. Down in Kings county Nova Scotia, the purchasing agent of the government was Mr. DeWitt Foster, a Tory M.P., and former school teacher who labored without remuneration. He was given the sum of \$72,000 to spend and he spent it in an effort to make himself solid for the next election. Some of his political henchmen attended to the horse buying end of the proposition.

The Tory governments of the Provinces of New Brunswick, British Columbia and Manitoba are up against grave charges of graft and maladministration. On the other hand, the Liberal governments of the Provinces of Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia are pursuing the even tenor of their way and giving the people good, sound, honest, economical and progressive government. The latest achievement of the Liberal government of Saskatchewan is the abolition of the bar.

New York Sun:—If German warships have bombarded defenceless Russian coast villages in Courland, it is clear that in spite of rumors, surmises and reports to the contrary, the Germans have plenty of shells. Otherwise their warships would not enter into the benevolent Kriegspiel of shelling villages. Even if this diversion be called "reprisals," it is mere ineffective waste of war material. Probably there was a cathedral or church dome in range, the irresistible man not of Krappian Kultur.

SPRING REMINDERS

OF RHEUMATISM

Raw, Damp Weather Starts the Pain, but the Trouble Lies in the Blood.

Spring weather is bad for rheumatic sufferers. The changes from mild to cold, the raw, damp winds start the aches and twinges, or in the more extreme cases, the tortures of the trouble going. But it must be borne in mind that it is not the weather that causes rheumatism. The trouble is rooted in the blood—the changeable weather merely starts the pain. The only way to reach the trouble and to cure it is through the blood. The poisonous rheumatic acids must be given out. Liniments and rubbing may give temporary relief, but cannot possibly cure the trouble. The sufferer is only wasting time and money with this kind of treatment and all the time the trouble is becoming more deeply rooted—harder to cure. There is just one speedy cure for rheumatism—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly on the impure, acid-tainted blood. They purify and strengthen it and thus root out the cause of the rheumatism. Here is strong proof of the above statements. Mr. J. Routley, Sydney, Me., says: "I was so badly crippled with rheumatism in my hips and knees that I could hardly go about. I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which I took steadily for a couple of months, by which time all traces of the trouble had disappeared. I can most strongly recommend the Pills to all rheumatic sufferers."

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TO RECOMMEND BILL.

The Municipalities Committee met this morning and considered the St. John bill to tax fire underwriters' agencies. F. R. Taylor, Harry Robinson and Harry Frink appeared in opposition to the bill. J. M. Queen, who was present at the committee meeting, was called and asked to give his opinion and he explained that separate policies were issued by the underwriters' agencies. The committee decided to recommend the bill.

IN THE HOUSE.

In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Pelletier gave notice of enquiry in regard to a subsidy of \$100 paid to George E. Olts of Madaket, for operating a ferry; also as to the export of pulp wood by the Miramichi Lumber Co. Hon. Mr. Clarke announced that the members of the House had been invited to visit the Experimental Farm on Wednesday.

THE WAY OUT

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RETAIL MERCHANTS WILL NOT HAVE HALF-HOLIDAY

The Retail Merchants' Association of Fredericton met in the Board of Trade Office last night and discussed the matter of observing a weekly half holiday during the months of July and August. For several years past many of the places of business in Fredericton have been closed at one p.m. on Thursdays during the months mentioned. The members of the Association, after discussing the advisability of continuing the half-holiday, decided against it. Instead of closing their places of business during one afternoon they will close each business day except Saturday at five p.m. during July and August.

There was also discussion concerning the observation of the King's Birthday, June 2. It was decided that the day be not observed by closing the places of business, but it was suggested that windows be decorated with flags, bunting, etc. Victoria Day, May 24, will be observed by the closing of places of business. The holiday this year falls upon Monday. In future the members of the Retail Merchants' Association will observe this holiday upon the day legally marked for its observance.

A convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of this province is to be held at St. John on Tuesday and Wednesday next, April 13 and 14. On the night of the 13th inst. the St. John branch will hold a banquet and theatre night which delegates from other associations probably will attend. J. T. Jennings was elected a delegate and J. J. Weddall substitute.

M. Lodge of Moncton is at the Queen.

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