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## MR. BERRY'S CASE

The favorite reply of the Tory press in these days to the revelations of graft among their party is that some Grit was dishonest in the days of the Laurier regime. The courts do not accept as an excuse for a man who steals in 1915 that some one was charged with the same crime fifteen years ago.

The silly attempt of The Gleaner last evening to make Mr. W. H. Berry a Liberal is a fair sample of the defence of the desperate Tory newspaper. Berry, in 1908, when this government came into power, had no opportunity to rob the province. But Surveyor General Grimmer at once advanced him to a position of trust. He placed him even above his deputy minister in some respects. Berry had a free hand. He was good enough Tory then to suit Mr. Grimmer and he has been good enough Tory since that time to suit James Kidd Flemming. The Liberals have no use for Berry or his kind. His family in Charlotte county supported the Liberals and were extreme party men but no family can accept responsibility for its black sheep. Berry was one of these and is still. Yet he is so close to the Tory party that their officers dare not compel him to give evidence concerning Mr. E. S. Carter's charges. If Ritchie, Sinclair and others told what they knew of Berry there would be only one place for him—behind the bars.

The Criminal Code makes all this very clear, for Section 158, Chapter 146, says that

"Every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a fine of not less than \$100 and not exceeding \$1,000 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and not less than one month, and in default of payment of such fine to imprisonment for a further time not exceeding six months, who, having dealings of any kind with the government through any department thereof, pays to an employee or official of the government or to any member of the family of such employee or official or to any person under his control or for his benefit any commission or reward or within one year before or after such dealings, without the express permission in writing of the head of the department with whom such dealings have been had, the proof of which permission shall lie upon him, makes any gift, loan or promise of any money, matter or thing to any such employee or person aforesaid, or,

"Being an employee or official of the government, demands, exacts or receives from such person, directly or indirectly, by himself or by, or through any other person for his benefit, or permits or allows any member of his family or any person under his control, or accepts or receives any such commission or reward."

Commissioner Chandler says that no wrong doing is charged against any official of the government. If he means any present official why does he not say so. Mr. Berry was an official and his inquiry is not limited. The law covers Mr. Berry's action thoroughly.

Sir Robert Borden, when leader of the opposition delivered a speech at Halifax in the course of which he said:

"Let there be no party funds, the details of which may not be known and the expenditure of which cannot be made public."

Mr. J. Kidd Flemming as a loyal supporter of the party led by Sir Robert but he failed to take heed of the injunction of his leader. With the help of one W. H. Berry a government official, Mr. Flemming when premier of New Brunswick collected a fund from the holders of crown timber lands which amounted to the very respectable sum of \$73000. Although it was claimed that this fund was for party purposes, Mr. Flemming's fellow advisers of the King disclaim all knowledge of it. The details were carefully concealed from the public until exposed by Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., before a Royal Commission. This same Mr. Flemming who so flagrantly disregarded Sir Robert's warning is now seeking election to the House of Commons as one of his supporters.

Brockville Recorder:—The Tory Government is hovering between two opinion says the Hamilton Times. It is afraid to delay the general elections until next year, because it knows that if the war was over it would be beaten on its record of extravagance and mismanagement, and it is afraid to take the plunge now while the people are shocked at the contract scandal revelations. Its only chance, it imagines, is to flap the flag once more and have a khaki election, hoping to carry the people off their feet with their drums beating and their flags flying.

The provincial legislature has been in session since March 11 th, but so far there has not been one single word from Premier Clarke as to why Mr. J. Kidd Flemming withdrew from the government. This important matter was not mentioned in the speech from the throne but in the debate on an address in reply it was brought up by Mr. Stewart, who directly challenged the premier for an explanation as to why Mr. Dugal was in the House and Mr. Flemming out. The premier ignored the challenge and although he has spoken in the House a number of times since he has never offered any explanation.

Had Mr. Dugal and his colleague accepted Mr. J. Kidd Flemming's invitation and attended the caucuses of the government at the beginning of the present Legislative term, thus doing away with the opposition, what a nice condition the affairs of the province would have been in to-day. Flemming would still be premier, Willard Berry would still be superintendent of scalars, and Treasurer Teed would still be playing the stock market with boodle contributed by the lumbermen. The people of this province owe a lot to Mr. Dugal and the men who assisted him in exposing the vampires who were using their positions to fleece the public.

Premier Clarke has several times made the statement that the Royal Commission which investigated the Dugal charges was appointed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. The Woodstock Press, the pocket organ of Premier Fleming, in its last issue states that the commission was appointed by the government, and it adds that in its opinion a mistake was made. No doubt a mistake was made from Mr. Flemming's standpoint, but that is neither here nor there. Whoever may have appointed the commissioners is it almost time they were being paid for their services.

When Mr. Flemming was premier and there were big schemes on foot the government supporters met in caucus about three times a week. Hon. Mr. Clarke has ten in charge of the ship of state this session and caucuses have been rather few and far between. A explanation is found in the fact that Premier Clarke has all the troubles he feels he can cope with and is not anxious to take on anything new in that line.

Some important correspondence on lumbering matters was brought down in the House yesterday, with the stipulation that it must not leave the clerk's table. What sort of a hide and go seek game is Premier Clarke and his government trying to play anyway.

Commissioner Chandler once declared that what New Brunswick needed was not heavier born statesmen but a little common honesty in the conduct of its affairs. At the present time the province is shy on both and Commissioner Chandler is not working overtime to bring about any improvement.

## GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



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## NEW MOTOR VEHICLE ACT ADOPTED

NEW

The new motor vehicle bill passed by the Legislature Wednesday puts the liability for speed at which cars are to run up to the person in charge of the cars. The maximum authorized speed having been eliminated from the bill.

Speed limits in cities and towns remain as before, but when an automobile driver speeds up his car in districts which are not thickly populated he will do it at his own risk. If trouble presents it will be up to the automobile driver to show that he was driving at a "reasonable and proper speed."

The house met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Murray moved that the order for the third reading of the bill to provide for registration of stallions be rescinded and the bill be recommitted for further consideration.

The House went into committee with Mr. Munro in the chair and amended the bill by striking out the provision that no fee should be charged or collected for use of a grade stallion.

Hon. Mr. Murray introduced a bill to provide against spread of infectious diseases among bees.

Mr. Dugal moved to have the report and other papers appertaining to the Royal Commission on timber limit and Valley Railway charges be brought down and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Clarke said they were in the course of preparation and would be brought down as soon as ready.

Hon. Mr. Clarke laid upon the table and papers relating to the construction and operation of the Valley Railway, and also correspondence, etc., with A. R. Gould and government, and also papers relating to the application by the Miramichi Lumber Company for refund on stumpage bill.

The House went into committee with Mr. Young in the chair and took up further consideration of the bill relating to motor vehicles.

The measure was discussed at considerable length by Messrs. Tilley, Black, Baxter, Mahoney, Stewart, Munro, Clarke, Smith and others. One amendment adopted provides that so long as a man is a reported car owner it does not matter what car he drives.

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make in connection with this amendment," said Premier Borden, "is that if it went into effect it would constitute a severe blow to the autonomy and independence of parliament."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley differed from the premier.

"This act," said he, "makes it imperative that imperial officers shall deliver ballots, take affidavits, seal envelopes and send them to the high commissioner's office. In other words it imposes duties upon imperial officers, over whom this parliament has no control. It seems to me that before we take any action toward making these officers perform the functions designated, it is only proper that the consent of the secretary of war, who has control and jurisdiction over these officers, should be secured."

The amendment was declared lost.

Hon. Charles Harcler moved to strike out the age limit. Young men of eighteen years who were willing to sacrifice their lives, he said, had a right to the same privileges as was granted to others.

This proposal was also declared lost and the bill passed.

C. R. MacKenzies of Moncton, with his wife and child, are in the city.

F. Charrier of Three Tree Creek, is registered at the Barker House.

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## TOOK HIS DISCHARGE.

C. W. Oldershaw, late sergeant in the Permanent Army Medical Corps of Canada, is in the city, arriving here yesterday. Mr. Oldershaw, at the outbreak of the war, was attached to No. 3 Infantry Station in this city for duty, but was ordered to rejoin his old regiment of the Imperial Army, the Rifle Brigade, as a reservist. At Quebec, however, the Canadian authorities decided to retain his services in the P.A.M.C. and he took up duty. He recently took his discharge from that corps. After spending a few days here he will leave for England, where he expects to rejoin the army.

## CAN SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES.

Rev. James R. MacKay of Harcourt Kent county, has been registered under provincial statute to solemnize marriage.

## GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.

The regular weekly reception of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor was held at the Queen Hotel yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.



## HOT WATER BOTTLES

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