

Government of Broken Pledges Must Soon Face the People

Thousands who Supported the Alleged Coalition Cabinet in 1908 have had their eyes opened since--How Contractor Gould Rebuffed the Grafters

(St. John Telegraph)

Fredericton, April 29--The outspoken declaration of Contractor Gould, of Valley Railway fame, last week is still the talk of the capital. The attack of the Gleaner was not the first inkling the supporters of the opposition had of what was in the air. During the session hints were not lacking that there were differences in the government camp over the contracts in connection with the Valley road. The disappearance of Gould at a critical time was not reassuring. He was in California, the government press said, "recuperating." When he returned, Premier Fleming went to Montreal. Mr. Gould happened to be there. So did Mr. Hazen and the head offices of the C. P. R. are also there. It was a most fortunate coincidence. But the meeting was not so happy evidently, for Premier Fleming returned "as grouchy as a bear with a sore paw," to use the language of one of his supporters. He wasn't in real good humor from that time to the end of the session.

Now, the reason is plain. Mr. Gould would not give up. He had the contract signed, sealed and delivered, and to use his own expressive language, "did not owe the government a cent." The Gleaner's dog was sent after him, but the tall Maine Yankee was evidently used to curs of that sort, and he failed to scare. Instead, he lashed back and the puppy has gone to its kennel smarting under the whip for its indiscreet barking.

Much of this may be mystifying to honest people who hate to be met with graft upon every corner. But the meaning is plain. The construction of the Valley railway is about to begin. The cost will be several millions of dollars and out of that the friends of the government expect the contractor to give enough money to corrupt the electorate during the campaign to be brought on this year.

Contractor Gould says he does not owe the government a cent and had no interest in the New Brunswick elections. That means he will not be bribed. That explains the attack of the unscrupulous Gleaner and many other things.

GRAFT RAMPANT

But why should this attempt at enormous graft surprise the people? It is simply a distinction without a difference. The small fry have been doing it for four years. Every bridge repaired or built has its graft; every wharf and public work has its "rake off." What the followers have succeeded in doing, the leaders are attempting. How humiliating must have been the exposure of their methods, and how distressing for those who believed in their honesty and good intentions to be undeceived in so dramatic a fashion.

It is not likely that Mr. Copp or any member of the Opposition expected that their accusations of graft and recklessness would be proved so thoroughly and so soon after the session. In almost every speech they pointed out how reckless and wasteful had been the expenditure, and at every session of the public accounts

committee there was abundant evidence of over charges, which is one of the most familiar disguises of the worst enemy of the public, party graft.

But why should the followers hesitate to follow where the leaders lead? Premier Fleming stood in his place in the legislature and spurned the public-work-by-public-tender policy he went into power upon. He said that he would not give work to political opponents even if they knew they would do it at a lower price. Wasn't that an open invitation to his supporters to put the price up?

The position of Premier Fleming is the same as that of his chief commissioner of public works. His is the great spending department--the work on the roads and bridges, the wharves the public buildings and he says to the government supporters: "We do not believe in public tenders." Yet this was one plank in the famous platform of Mr. Hazen in 1908, which reads as follows:

THAT BROKEN PLEDGE

"If returned to power we will put all public works to tender, and award the same to the lowest tenderers."

Contrast the position of the opposition party as defined by A. B. Copp, its leader, after he had listened to Hon. Messrs. Fleming and Morrissey. Hon. Mr. McLeod had interrupted Mr. Copp when speaking and asked him if he would give a contract to the Gleaner newspaper if its tender was the lowest. Mr. Copp's reply shows his position:

"Yes, I would give the printing to the Gleaner newspaper, if the Gleaner would do the work cheapest."

I want the house to understand I want the people to understand that should I in the near or distant future have anything to do with the government of this province I am going to insist upon public tender, and irrespective of party, the man or corporation who will do the work for the least money will get the work to do."

That is something to stand by, something for the opposition to nail to the mast and sink or swim with. But that is not the only declaration Mr. Copp has made that is worthy of the same treatment. He has openly condemned party graft and served notice upon any in its favor in his own party, in a recent speech, when he said:

"If there is any man supporting the opposition with the hope that when it attains power he will reap his reward at the expense of the people I want him and all others to listen attentively to me when I say that there is no place for him in the ranks of the opposition and if that is his purpose, his place is among the grafters. If I have anything to say when the opposition comes into power there will be no opportunities for the 'rake off' men and no plunder for the grafter."

THE VALLEY ROAD

Wednesday will be the first day of May and construction upon the Valley Railway should begin. There has not been any preparation as yet, no assembly of great plants, such as took part in the Transcontinental

operations so there won't be any great flourish of trumpets and the people of Carleton and York Counties will wait with yearning eyes to see the great project even begun. In York there is no concern whether the C.P.R. has a hand in the road or not. In Carleton it is different. There the iron hand of the big corporation has gripped the people too long for them to submit any longer. They want no doubt about the matter but simply intercolonial operation and a through line to Grand Falls. Fleming's flirtation with the C.P.R. has alarmed them and they are remembering that he has taken no steps without considering the interests of that railway.

CAN'T FOOL THE PEOPLE AGAIN

The elections may be near at hand and it is interesting to consider where the movable vote will be. The position in 1912 is exactly the reverse of 1908. The thousands of Liberals cajoled by the fair and glittering promises of Hazen and Fleming and by their pledges to be true and just to them as well as to the Conservatives, blinded by a vision of a coalition government made up of Liberals and Conservatives, forsook their party allegiance and gave the opposition of that day such support that the old government was ousted from power after being a quarter of a century in office.

Today in 1912 thousands of Conservatives are deserting the same Fleming. The Liberals who supported him four years ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. They were first used and then jurnel. Hazen and Fleming had use for them on election day and no use for them afterward. The heads of their friends fell under the political axe and the government which had fooled them with a coalition trick used the department of John Morrissey in the attempt to defeat the federal Liberal government in the fall of the same year. Those Liberals will know better when the fight is on again and they will be joined by thousands of disgruntled Conservatives who always refused to place provincial or municipal issues upon party lines. They see the methods of Premier Fleming and his followers. They have followed day by day and year by year during their short period of power, the weak and futile efforts of the administration. They have seen the raids upon every department by the political grafters succeed without apparently much opposition from their leaders. Can any man imagine for a moment, Blair Emmerson or Mitchell permitting their supporters to grab public franchises in the same piratical fashion as was seen this last session? Look at the Nerepis & Long Island Railway Company with Sillip-Woods and Baxter--all of them members of the legislature which passed the bill incorporating them. Were there ever such bold methods shown in New Brunswick before?

As recently as last January wireless played a great part in allaying the fears of an anxious nation when it finally located the storm-beaten and lost torpedo boat Terry. The Terry was thought to have gone to the bottom. The first flash from her as she wallowed, crippled and helpless, in the troughs of great waves, sent on their way the navy's fastest ships and she was picked up in time.

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WONDERFUL RECORD FOR SAVING HUMAN LIVES

Last week 705 human lives were saved from perishing by the wireless. But for the almost magic use of the air the Titanic tragedy would have been shrouded in the secrecy that not so long ago was the power of the sea. All that would have been left of the world would have been bits of furniture adrift on the ocean, a sliver of wood here and there, perhaps a human body or an upturned or crushed life-boat.

Before Marconi perfected the wireless and fitted it for practical use, the huge steel freight ship Maronic, a vessel of 6,594 tons and 470 feet in length, disappeared. That was in February, 1893. She sailed from England and never reached this side of the ocean. There was no wireless then and consequently no word of the doom that swept her to destruction. Two life-boats adrift on the ocean only deepened the mystery of her fate.

One of the first practical aids in avoiding disaster at sea achieved by the wireless was when the instrument at Dr. Grenfell's mission on the Labrador coast shot out a warning to the Canadian steamship Stanley that a gigantic iceberg was in her path. There was a heavy fog, but the message reached the Stanley, and her captain changed the course of his ship in time.

Soon after this incident, 150 passengers on the steamship Ohio were saved from death on the Alaskan coast. The wireless call was given and taken and before the ship fell apart the people aboard were taken off by rescuing vessels.

The peril of the 1,650 passengers on the steamship Republic on January 24, 1909, is still fresh in the minds of the people. From the little room on the upper deck of the Republic Jack Binns sent out to the vines above his ship and thence into the air the famous "C.Q.D." It brought the Baltic hurrying to the rescue and later sent to the great news distributing centers of the world the glad tidings that the whole ship's company had been saved.

In about the same location at sea where the Republic was rammed by the Florida, the steamship Horatio Hall was later rammed by another ship. Her wireless apparatus brought speedy aid, and perhaps another deep-sea secret was avoided.

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Montreal, April 30--Hoping to encounter icebergs on his way across the Atlantic, Dr. Howard Barnes, Professor of Physics at McGill University and inventor of the Micro-Thermometer left today for Halifax. From there he sailed on C. N. R. Liner Royal George, which is being equipped with his latest improved apparatus, for the discovery of the proximity of ice at sea. With Mr. Barnes went his two sons, and the party expects to return in June and continue tests, along the Labrador coast. The tests to be carried out on the Royal George will not materially differ from those Dr. Barnes has successfully conducted in the past, but are to be on a larger scale with a more complete apparatus.

The biennial scale report of the International Typographical Union shows that increases obtained for the members of the union will bring the total earned to figures at least \$3,000,000 greater in 1912 than in 1911. The report states that no other organization can show such an increase.

Beer bottlers' unions of San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif., have turned down the proposed old-age pension system which has been submitted to a referendum vote of the unions affiliated with the Brewery Workers' International Union. The reasons for the defeat of the proposition were that the members do not approve of labor entering into any agreement with employers whereby the latter agree to assist in establishing an old age pension system.

An alarm clock "set" to the minute when a joint, etc., placed in the oven will be cooked saved the cook a lot of worry.

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FOX FIGHT

(Summerside Pioneer)

News of a scrap that cost something like \$50,000 comes from the western part of Prince County. The other day a mother fox in one of the ranches strayed into an adjoining another vixen, with a family of five compartment which was occupied by little foxes. Mrs. Fox was not receiving callers, and she at once began ejection proceedings which in a few minutes resulted in the death of herself and her whole family. The visitors, either because of her victory or dazed by her encounter, was unable to find her way back to her own department and before the ranchman discovered what had happened her family of five little ones perished of hunger. Of the two valuable families, only one childless mother fox remains.

That the road to wealth via the fox route is not always strewn with roses, was exemplified a few days ago in one of the fox infested sections in the western part of the province. A gentleman wandering through the woods last Saturday evening unexpectedly saw a mother fox going to her den in a hollow log. Taking off his coat he stuffed up the exit with it, adding his vest to make assurance doubly sure. He then went home for an axe with which to dig out the fox family, with visions of \$50 to \$100 each for the captives accelerating his pace.

He lost no time but on his return owing to the rapidly gathering darkness, he was not able to locate the hidden treasure. He went home, and being of devout frame of mind, postponed further operations until Monday morning. Early Monday morning, by the light of the yet unrisen sun he made his way to the spot. And by the same dim light, he was able to discern his coat and vest care fully hung on a limb of a tree nearby. Fox den chopped up and the inmates all gone. Somebody had gone in on Sunday and got away the booty.

Plans are being laid ultimately to unite all the workers in the metal and machine industry in New York in a metal workers' industrial union.

H. V. Esmond, the noted English dramatist, has written a new three-act play, called "A Young Man's Fancy."

If started in any given direction, of following an undeviating course without need of a wire or other conductor. Soon the apparatus he invented for wireless telegraphy attracted the attention of Sir William Henry Preece, engineer and electrician-in-chief of the English Postal Telegraph, who tested it with success in England. Marconi came to the United States in 1899 and the following year used his method in reporting the election. Wireless telegraphic communication was had across the Atlantic Ocean in 1902, since when it has been coming into more general use.



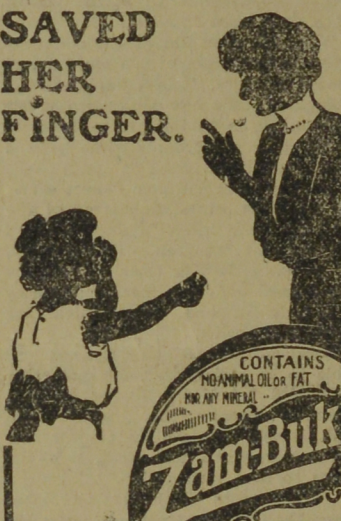
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April 20th, 1912
195--May 3.



Mrs. B. E. Bedwell, of 337 Provencher Ave., St. Boniface, Winnipeg, says: "Some time ago my children took diphtheria, and while attending them the poison entered a small scratch on the second finger of my left hand. This became very sore and blood poisoning soon set in. For months after the children were quite well I was suffering from a shockingly bad finger. The scratch was caused originally by a pin, and in itself, was not at all serious. The consequences, however, of neglecting this scratch, were very serious to me. When the blood poisoning set in I tried poultices and a salve I had in the house. These, however, did not have the desired effect. Quite the contrary the finger became more and more swollen and discolored. It then began to fester, and I had to call in a doctor. He wanted me to let out the pus and you can imagine how painful the finger was. Despite his cure, however, it again festered and the old poultices and other preparations which the doctor gave me seemed absolutely unable to bring about any relief. "The doctor then advised me to go into the St. Boniface Hospital. I feared that if I went to the hospital the finger would be amputated. We were told of a case similar to my own in which Zam-Buk had effected a cure when everything else had failed and the doctor had said that only amputation could save the person's hand. "We therefore, decided to give Zam-Buk a trial. A supply was procured, and we commenced the Zam-Buk treatment. It only needed a few days to show the wisdom of this step. The blood poisoning and inflammation were reduced, the pain became less acute, and it was in the end the festering sore was thoroughly cleaned, then healed. In under three weeks from first commencing with Zam-Buk, the finger was entirely well, and had we applied Zam-Buk in the first place, instead of trying poisonous preparations, no doubt I should have saved myself hours and hours of acute agony. "All mothers should note this case. Zam-Buk is a sure cure for blood poisoning, festering, cuts, scratches from barbed wire, bruises, eczema, rash, fever, salt rheum, face sores, ulcers, piles, bad leg, varicose veins, and all skin injuries and diseases. Box a box, all druggists and stores or post-free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, per price. Send 1c stamp for post-free trial box. Refuse all imitations."

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