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AA SHAMEFUL ATTACK.

(St. John Times.)

A most painful impression will be made throughout the province by a statement made by Hon. Mr. Fleming in Fairville last evening—a charge so gross and so unfounded and brutal that a feeling of utter amazement is first provoked by the fact that a man of Mr. Fleming's standing should give it currency from the public platform. We quote from the Standard's report:

What system prevailed when the old government was in power? It was a system so loose as actually to place a premium upon the wrongdoing of the department clerks at Fredericton. We have seen instances of as good and efficient an official as any province ever had going wrong because of this criminal looseness. (Hear, hear.)

THE SADDEST SIGHT.

"The saddest sight of my life," Mr. Fleming went on to say, "was that which met my eyes when I went down into the basement and saw Mr. Flewelling lying with a little revolver in his hand."

INDEED HE WOULDN'T.

At this point a voice from the audience broke in with: "Pugsley wouldn't do that." Mr. Fleming's retort was of the readiest kind: "That's right," he said, "he wouldn't shoot himself for any kind of a misdeed."

Surely the ordinary decencies of public discussion demand something more than this from the provincial secretary of the province of New Brunswick. First he charges the late government with criminal responsibility for the wrong-doing of a trusted official, and then he has a fling at the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, which for coarse vulgarity belongs to the tribe of gutter disputants, and not to the members of any self-respecting body of representative men.

The value of any of Mr. Fleming's statements is to be gauged by the standard he has adopted in those here quoted. The friends of the late government, even those who may have voted for Mr. Fleming's party in the provincial elections, and every friend of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, will be aroused to indignation by this unwarranted, savage and scandalous attack. It is a rallying cry for the Liberals of St. John county to stand up in defence of decency and fair play. No better argument in behalf of Mr. Bentley could be placed before a fair-minded and right-thinking man than these statements deliberately made in a public meeting by the chief lieutenant of Premier Hazen. The campaign was proceeding on fairly moderate lines until Mr. Fleming appeared upon the scene. Now it assumes an entirely different aspect. The electors of Fairville and of the whole county owe it to themselves to tell Mr. Fleming and Mr. Hazen in unmistakable terms that they believe in fair play and in gentlemanly discussion. The provincial secretary has done more injury to the cause of the Conservative party by his unbridled speech than his most vigorous opponent could hope to do. At heart the people desire decency in politics.

THE LATE HENRY CHESTNUT.

Fredericton suffers the loss of a public spirited, honest and upright citizen in the death of Mr. Henry Chestnut. He was one of the city's merchant princes, and was also interested in several manufacturing enterprises, which gave steady employment to a large number of people. He was a loyal son of Fredericton, and no man did more during his life time to advance its material interests. He was a gentleman who had travelled extensively, and by close study had acquired a good fund of practical information, which he was no way backward in disseminating for the benefit of his fellow citizens. In disposition he was most courteous and sympathetic, and gave freely of his time and means for the promotion of any object which commended itself to his judgment. He was a friend of the poor and lowly, and many unostentatious deeds of charity stand to his credit. One of the penalties of being great is to be misunderstood, and while Mr. Chestnut was at times made the target for the arrows of the critic, his sincerity and honesty of purpose was never called in question by those who had the pleasure of knowing him intimately. His one great hobby—and a worthy one at that—was to beautify the city, and make it more attractive to strangers and to our own people, and as manager of the Local Improvement Association he accomplished much valuable work along this line, for which future generations will have reason to bless his name.

Mr. Chestnut was a man who lived in advance of public opinion, and per-

haps it was on this account that in the work of public improvement, he was not able to carry out his ideas and plans as fully as he would have liked.

An honest, upright, generous hearted man, an exemplary citizen, who added to the sum of human joy is lost to Fredericton in the death of Mr. Henry Chestnut. He gave the best that was in him to advance the interests of the city he loved so dearly, and his death leaves a gap that it will not be easy to fill.

To the widow and family the Herald extends the most sincere sympathy in the hour of their great bereavement.

WAIVES EXTRADITION.

Alleged Colossal Thief Goes to New York.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 7.—After an interesting argument this morning Judge McInnes decided that the offences charged against Francis Bailey (alias Edward Shannon Kirkconnell) were extraditable. Thereupon the accused waived further extradition proceedings and obviated the necessity of bringing witnesses from New York. Bailey was arrested in Whonnock a week ago by Provincial police, accompanied by a New York detective. He escaped custody from the American police over a year ago, but will cross the line tonight. Mr. W. S. Deacon, for the accused, argued that the offence charged was not extraditable under the treaties of 1889 and 1901, and that these treaties were not in force in Canada.

The information before the court contains two charges of obtaining goods under false pretences, and obtaining a certain draft under false pretences. The latter was proceeded with. It was charged that the accused, who is President of an export shipping company in New York, represented to the Keystone Driller Company that he had received an order from Australia for certain funds in London. He prevailed on the Keystone people to give him the machinery and got a draft from them, which he sent to London for the money. The court found for the prosecution. The defence intimated that it would not fight further. The charge against Bailey in New York amounted to \$200,000. The charge on which he was committed amounted to \$15,000.

It is alleged that in the spring of 1908 Kirkconnell and his brother committed the most colossal theft in the history of the Atlantic coast, boldly sailing away with a whole ship load of goods obtained under false pretences from eastern merchants. The vessel sailed from Honduras and arrived safe from pursuit with little misadventure. Then began a pursuit which finally ended in capture, though not until the ship containing the alleged stolen goods had landed them safely.

Both alleged thieves were apprehended in Honduras, and one of them, said to be the man captured here, escaped by risking his life at night by diving from the boat on which he was being brought to New York.

Since his escape the search has been given up. Several weeks ago Detective Wilmer got trace of Kirkconnell and finally located him in this city. He arrived quietly a few days ago and confirmed his suspicions and the arrest followed last night.

Kirkconnell is the owner of a splendid ranch at Whonnock now, and is reputed to be very wealthy.

Boy Drowns While Bathing.

Brantford, July 9.—Herbert Miller, 12-year-old son of Jacob Miller, farmer, residing near Dundas, who was visiting here, was drowned in the Grand River yesterday morning. Miller, who could not swim, went in to bathe and was carried by the rapids into a deep hole.

At Oakland village on Wednesday night, Mrs. Edward Macdonald, a farmer's wife, took a dose of Paris green and is dead.

Fred Fisher, son of Ald. Fisher, and former head agent of the Cock-shut Plover Co. of Ottawa, died yesterday, aged 26.

Cleveland Mayor's Salary.

Cleveland, July 9.—Mayor Johnson's salary will be raised to \$10,000 a year if an ordinance soon to be introduced by Councilman Flower is passed by the City Council. The mayor is now receiving a salary of \$6,000 a year.

Must Pay Up.

St. Catharines, July 9.—John Moore, farmer, who turned an ice-lender farm hand away without wages when the man took ill, after three years' service, has been ordered to pay him \$40 and court costs.

Hungarian Premier Reappointed.

Budapest, July 9.—The official journal yesterday published an impartial issue reappointing Alexander Wekerle Premier of Hungary. He resigned in April. The other members of his Cabinet are also reappointed.

A Detective Robbed.

Port Elgin, July 9.—License Detective Belleau of Toronto, who was holidaying here, was "relieved" of his suit case yesterday while waiting for the boat. When last seen, he was looking for clues.

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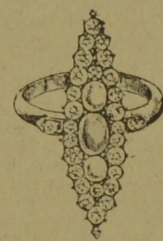
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May Prevent His Tour of India.

London, June 24.—The Daily Express, announcing yesterday that Lyron H. Phelps, the New York lawyer, who is regarded as a leader of the Indian house agitation against British rule in India, had been ordered to quit the Waldorf Hotel, London, publishing an editorial article expressing the hope that Lord Morley, Secretary of State for India, will take steps to prevent Mr. Phelps' projected tour of India.

A Greater Trial.

Teacher—Which is farther away, England or the moon? Pupil—England. Teacher—Why? Pupil—Because you can't see England, and you can see the moon.

A Willing Victim.

"Well, Mr. Bickers," said Lawyer Brief, "your wife sues for divorce and asks \$5,000 a year alimony. Of course we will defend it."

"No, Mr. Brief, we will not defend," replied Mr. Bickers.

"But that is an enormous alimony."

"That's all right, but I am for peace at any price."

Juvenile Wisdom.

"What did people do before steel pens were invented?" asked the teacher.

"The pinfins of one goose were used to spread the opinions of another," answered the wise boy at the pedal extremity of the class.—Judge.

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