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WHAT ABOUT MR. BERRY?

The attention of the righteous Standard is directed to the fact that the provincial government does not yet appear to have dealt with the case of Mr. W. H. Berry. Is the government afraid of Mr. Berry? Why has it failed either to produce him as a witness or to dismiss him from office? Does it desire to retain in its employ an official who was instrumental in collecting a graft fund already proved to be in excess of \$50,000? If not, why does it not dismiss him? Is it afraid of what he would tell on the witness stand if he appeared before the Royal Commission? If not, why does it not summon him? It should have no difficulty in controlling the movements of one of its own officials. The longer the government delays action in the case of Mr. Berry the deeper will grow the public suspicion that it is either afraid of Mr. Berry's resentment or of what he would say if he were placed on the witness stand.

THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

The Standard is much troubled because the Times last evening published a rumor from Fredericton to the effect that members of the government had decided to demand the resignation of Premier Fleming. It is true the Times received and published the report, but it also took the trouble to interview Acting Premier Clarke and to publish his denial of the rumor. This journal therefore was perfectly fair in the matter. The Standard takes the peculiar ground that "it is patently absurd that there should be a request or a suggestion from Mr. Fleming's colleagues that he should resign." And yet, a condition of affairs is conceivable under which a premier's colleagues might be justified in saying to him that if he did not resign they would resign themselves. That point may not of course have been reached in the case of the Fleming cabinet, but the Conservative-Chatham World, whose news the Standard carefully conveys from its readers, has intimated that both the premier and his colleagues would do well to resign.

There are certain facts which the Standard cannot conceal in its desperate efforts to cloud the issue. The lumbermen of the province, at a time when they were negotiating with the government in regard to their holdings of timber lands, were induced to give up more than \$65,000 to two men, one of whom was an official of the Fleming government and the other was vouched for by no less a person than Premier Fleming himself. This money did not go into the treasury of the province. The facts as revealed before the Royal Commission have disclosed New Brunswick. The comments of the press of the country are not pleasant reading for the people of this province. This condition of affairs has come about under the Fleming government. Whatever the degree of personal responsibility that may be brought home to any member of the government, the government as a whole cannot evade responsibility for what has been done by one of its officials and by a man who was given a certificate of character by the leader of the government. Moreover the St. John Globe contends that instead of merely \$65,000 or \$100,000 being collected for alleged political purposes the actual loss to the province through the failure of the government to do its duty in the matter of timber leases is anywhere from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The story of the St. John Valley Railway, as it is being unfolded before the Royal Commission, is of particular interest to the people of this province, because of the enormous cost of the work. The expenditure is sufficiently large to justify the expectation that the line would be of such a character as would bring it up to the standard of a Transcontinental line. The evidence brought out yesterday shows that there are many maximum curves and that there are one per cent. grades, and that to bring it up to the standard of the National Transcontinental would cost a great deal of money. It is worth while to quote from the evidence of Mr. Burton M. Hill, who was divisional engineer for twenty-five miles above and thirty-three miles below Woodstock. The following are some of the questions and answers, having special reference to grades and curves:

Q.—What is the maximum grade on your division?
A.—One per cent., one foot on a hundred.
Q.—Are there many places where you reach the maximum?
A.—Yes.
Q.—Is there any spot on the road where a reduction of the grade would increase the cost?
A.—Yes, on any of the grades.
Q.—Is there any place where you used less than the maximum grade where you might have used the maximum grade at a lower cost?
A.—In one place we might have effected a saving of a small amount.
Q.—But you generally used the maximum grade?
A.—Yes, according to the contract.
Q.—You did not cut down the grade where it would increase the cost?
A.—No.
Q.—What is the maximum curvature?
A.—Seven degrees.
Q.—Are there many examples of the maximum?
A.—Yes.
Q.—How many?

A.—I could not say.
Q.—Numerous?
A.—Yes.
The evidence indicates that advantage was taken of curves which lengthened the line, on every mile of which the subsidies were to be paid. Maximum curves and grades produce a trolley line, not a modern railroad. The sinuities of this Valley Railway, which was to be of so high a standard, are such as to provoke mirth, if the matter were not so serious for the people of the province. Mr. Hill said, in his testimony, that in several cases the original plans were modified and a wider curve substituted. This evidence is valuable, apart entirely from any graft charges in connection with the contract. The contention of the opposition in the legislature was that ample funds had already been provided to complete a road of such a class as was actually being constructed, and that therefore there was absolutely no justification for the additional bond guarantee which was jammed through the house in the dying hours of the session.

THE EVIL EFFECTS

The effect of a policy of graft pursued by those in high places is far-reaching. It tends to develop a general feeling that the thing to do is to get money, and not to be too nice about the means adopted. The evil influence is perhaps greatest in the effect upon young men, who may have been trained in right views as to honorable conduct, but who, when they look about them and perceive that dishonest methods are practiced by men whom they have been accustomed to regard as leaders in the community, are tempted to make themselves believe that there would be no wrong committed if they practiced in a small way that which men in prominent positions practice in a large way without suffering from the condemnation of the people. There cannot be too many standards of honesty, one for the man high up and another for the rest of the community. If the wrongful acts of those in high places are condoned, the tendency is toward a lowering of the moral standards of the whole community.

The city council will be well advised in adopting the policy of the open door.

Perhaps the gentlemen who gave an exhibition on the King Square bandstand last evening felt that some use should be made of that structure before the summer passes. It should certainly be useful as well as ornamental.

The Ottawa Journal, Conservative, pays this tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—"When Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that everybody who knows him knows that he would not know his word, he says what is true. In the Redistribution matter there may have been a misunderstanding, but there could be no deceit where Laurier is concerned."

Only three seats have gone by acclamation in the Ontario provincial elections and the despatches say that two of those one elected a Liberal and one a Conservative. The contest is the most interesting the province has witnessed for very many years, and party lines have been broken to some extent in all directions because of the fact that the chief issue has been made the abolition of the bar.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. have taken a step which will commend itself to the wider sympathy of the people. In co-operating with the Playgrounds Association in opening four centres during the holiday season, at which boys of 12 to 16 may engage unaided, the board of directors have adopted a policy which must be of great benefit to the boys of the city. This should prove to be the most successful season in connection with playground work in St. John, and it may be hoped that the citizens generally will manifest their interest by visiting the grounds, which will be opened next week, and encourage both the teachers and the children.

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A Sign of Age.

Dancing Teacher—It is time for me to invent another new dance.
Friend—Think so?
Dancing Teacher—Yes, I understand there are two towns dancing my last one alike.

Fixing Them Both.

"What was her father's present to the bride and groom?"
"Nothing specific. He told the bride that there would always be a room in his house for her, and a job at his factory for the groom."

Ideal Arrangement.

"Mr. and Mrs. Torkins seem to get along well together."
"That is due to their superior team work."
"What do you mean?"
"She lays down the law and he carries it out."

The Answer.

Father, teaching his six-year-old son arithmetic by giving a problem to his wife, began his son to listen:
Father—Mother, if you had a dollar and I gave you five more, what would you have?
Mother (replying absently)—Hysterics!

A little boy was sitting on one of the benches in Central Park, New York, watching people ride the donkeys. An exceedingly fat woman hired a donkey and was about to mount when she saw the small boy and said to him: "Little boy, don't want me to hire a donkey for you?"
"No," thank you. "I'd rather sit here and laugh."

The new play was in rehearsal and a delegation of actors approached the manager. On being received the spokesman said: "Sir, we have come to ask that a portion of Mr. Brown's part be cut out."
"What's all this about? What do you want cut out?" asked the manager.
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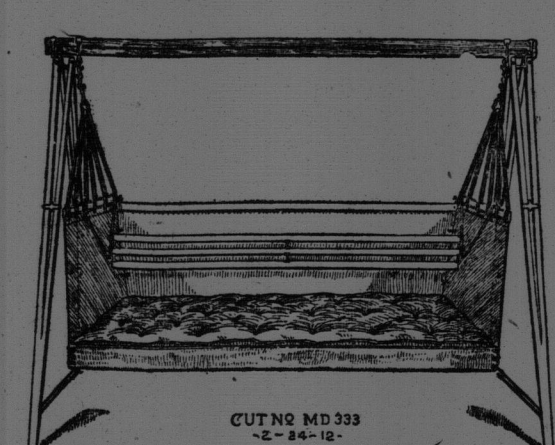
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Deputy Brown learned that Moody and Herman were to come through York county on Saturday with a load of contraband, and he started out in another automobile, a small car, to intercept them, taking as assistants, Harold Smith and Forest Burnham. Just as they were going over the brow of a hill in Salmon Falls, the deputy and his small posse met the rum car coming from the other direction. Mr. Brown jumped out and ran ahead, ordering the occupants of the liquor automobile to stop. This they refused to do, instead increasing their speed. Deputy Brown then drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of which punctured a tire, and just then the speeding car smashed into the deputy's smaller car, which was standing still. The two fugitives then stopped their automobile, and offered no further resistance to being placed under arrest.

MANY NEW COMPANIES
Saskatoon, Sask., June 24.—During the month ended May 31 there were incorporated in Saskatchewan twenty-five new companies with an aggregate capitalization of \$1,885,000. Under the provisions of the Foreign Companies Act of even companies with a total capital of \$4,055,000 were incorporated.

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"At twenty I was prematurely old. The health and vigor and brightness of youth had been, as it seemed, stolen from me. I went to work in the morning with slow steps and a dull head. My work through the day was unsatisfactory for my breakfast lay in my stomach like a hard lump. I was peevish and the gas in my stomach was very annoying. After supper I usually went to bed to lose half the night from sheer nervousness.

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