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## LET US REASON TOGETHER

Individual political fortunes may rise and fall, and political parties may come and go; but there are certain basic principles of public life and public administration which must be preserved or the nation suffers. It may matter little whether a Fleming rises or a Fleming falls, but it matters much if the public conscience of a constituency or a province becomes so seared that graft not only goes unrebuked, but those responsible for it are hailed as fit and proper representatives of the people.

It pleased Mr. J. K. Flemming, who was proved guilty of taking money by compulsion from a contractor, while he was premier of the province, and who also admitted full knowledge of an enormous fund gathered in for corrupt purposes from the lumbermen, to make some observations at a meeting in Woodstock on Thursday evening. According to the Standard report he described the campaign as "one of decency versus dirt," and said that "the success of the government candidates would be heralded all over Canada, and the people of the Dominion would know that decency means success." There had been, he said, "the vilest attacks against the character of public men." Having thus warmed up to the subject he continued:

"If in good health, I hope to be with you and with me and we will give them a further instalment within twelve months. I want to thank you for the effort put forth today. The result is a great victory for my friends, Mr. Smith and Mayor Sutton, and shows also that the government is stronger than ever before. My heart is with you. It is full of gratitude for the people of Carleton. I have been belabored, vilified and attacked, but I can assure you I am not afraid of the verdict of the people when they are called upon to give expression to that verdict at the polls."

Who is this Mr. Flemming who talks about being vilified and attacked? We have only to turn to the records of a Royal Commission which tried his case to get the answer. He is the same Mr. Flemming who had to resign the premiership and quit the legislature because of his political misdeeds. And now he is back again in the limelight, with a whoop and hurrah, inviting the people who were shocked by his former conduct to admire and applaud him and all his works.

Mr. Flemming says he is not afraid of the verdict of the people. Carleton county has certainly given him cause to pluck up courage. But let us examine the matter a little more closely. He says he has been vilified. In what way? By denouncing him for the acts he has committed. Evidently, then, he still approves of those acts. He asserts that he has done no wrong. If we say he is sincere, and not a hypocrite, then he is a man of perverted moral sense. He betrayed the people's trust. No premier of New Brunswick ever had so good an opportunity to make a record for political honesty. What is his record in public life? He took money "by compulsion" from a contractor. What for? To purify public life? He was aware of the taking of \$100,000 from the lumber operators. What for? To put down graft and corruption? He says he did no wrong. If he is given the opportunity it is therefore fair to assume that he will do as he did before. Do the people want that sort of statesmanship?

The Clarke government does not count for anything in the consideration of this subject, except that it approves of Flemming and puts in practice his peculiar theories of public service and public honor. The real issue is the Flemming conception of what is right and wrong.

A majority of the people of Carleton county have accepted and endorsed that conception. They approve of taking money from contractors and lumbermen for the purposes for which it was taken by Mr. Flemming. There is no loophole of escape from this verdict upon their conduct.

What, then, becomes the duty of the people of other constituencies? What is their view of the whole matter? Do they want the Flemming conception of public duty and public honor to be perpetuated in New Brunswick? Have we sunk so low? Have we really reached the stage where an unblinking assertion of the righteousness of graft and plunder calls for no protest on the part of a majority of the people? Apparently there are many Conservatives in Carleton county who place party consid-

erations ahead of their consideration for the public welfare. Is that true of Conservatives in other counties? It is still hard to believe that such is the case, even in Carleton county, and in the face of Thursday's record; and it is still harder to believe that the rest of the province (we know about Westmorland already) will show that it approves of a shameful policy of public plunder. No matter how loud the partisans may rejoice over the victory in Carleton county, they must, when they face the facts, confess that they are applauding the worst blow that has ever been dealt to honor in public life in the province of New Brunswick. Mr. J. K. Flemming's standards of public duty cannot prevail without irreparable injury to the highest and best interests of the province.

## CAPT. FAIRWEATHER

The citizens were shocked this morning to learn of the death in action of Capt. Frank R. Fairweather of the 26th Battalion. But they were thrilled by the news that he had died a hero's death, at the head of his men, repulsing a German counter-attack on the Canadian lines. Capt. Fairweather was one of those who sacrificed important business interests to answer the call of duty, and he manifested the same high courage in the face of the foe. Death has claimed him in the hour of victory, in a hard fought battle in which the Canadians won fresh laurels, and once more proved themselves superior to the seasoned troops of the enemy. St. John, as well as other portions of Canada, is paying a heavy price for devotion to the cause of right in this war. The price is yet far from being paid in full. Other heroes are to die and other names are to be inscribed on the scroll of an imperishable fame. The loss sobers us, and brings home to us ever more forcibly a consciousness of the challenge to put aside frivolity and self-seeking, and try to catch something of the inspiration which moves our sons to give their lives for a cause. There are many, who already mourn their own dead, to sympathize with the relatives and friends of Capt. Fairweather; and there are none who do not share in the feeling. Yet there is the consolation that the example and the sacrifice of these our sons will ever remain the glory and the inspiration of the Canadians in coming generations.

## FILL UP THE 236th

Lieut.-Col. Guthrie's battalion should be at full strength within a very short period. The province-wide campaign which will begin on Monday should at once bring men in large numbers from every county to their point of mobilization. Under the command of officers who have all seen active service, this battalion should appear very strongly to the young men of New Brunswick. If anything will stir the blood of the young men of this province surely it is the record of the gallantry of the Canadians in the Somme battle during the last week, and the sacrifice they made in defence of their homes and the Empire. The young man who can read that record without feeling a desire to go to the aid of the Fighting 26th and other units which are making the history spread on the pages of today's newspapers is not a true Canadian.

The Canadians in a week have lost over 4,000 of whom it is said 900 were killed. It is added that the list is probably far from complete, and the fighting is still going on. Men must be found to fill the gaps in the ranks, and if the response to Lieut.-Col. Guthrie's call is as it should be, there will be another full battalion in training within a very short period.

Let us not deceive ourselves about the length of the war and the need of men. In England the London Times calls for British to send enough army divisions into action.

The lesson for Canada—for New Brunswick—is perfectly plain. Fill up the ranks of the 236th Battalion.

Moncton Transcript, Happy will it be for the people of New Brunswick when the day dawns that the administration and the control of our roads are taken out of politics. It is doubtful if the province can ever have good roads under any government so long as the politicians are unwilling to strip themselves of every vestige of patronage in connection with the construction and maintenance of roads. So long as expenditures are governed by the exigencies of party politics or the wish to capture votes in this section of a county or that it is doubtful if there ever will be good roads generally. Take the whole administration of the roads of this province out of politics, is the true remedy.

## Presence of Mind.

"Oh, John!" shrieked Mrs. Dorkins. "The baby has swallowed a silver piece." Mr. Dorkins took a handful of change out of his pocket and looked it over. "Calm yourself, Maria," he said. "It was that counterfeit quarter I've been trying to get rid of."

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Very.  
Mrs. Platt-Kate cannot seem to master that song. She's been trying all the afternoon.

Mrs. Neidore—Indeed she has been!

Gen. William A. Mann, commanding the second brigade, was talking in Laredo about the Mexican situation.

"Reassuring," he said. "Well, that bulletin is just about as reassuring as the barber's remark."

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Montreal, Sept. 22.—K. L. Ross, chairman of the board of pensions commissioners, in addressing a recruiting meeting on behalf of the Irish-Canadian Rangers in Dominion square here tonight, announced some interesting figures of pensions for soldiers and dependents. For total disability, rank and file, the pension will be \$480 a year; squad commander, sergeant-major, colonel, or other sergeant, \$510; regimental sergeant-major, \$620; lieutenant, \$720; captain, \$1,000.

Those entitled to be awarded pensions are divided into six classes: 1st class, for total disability, 100 per cent; 2nd class, 80 per cent; 3rd class, 60 per cent; 4th class, 40 per cent; 5th class, 20 per cent; 6th class, less than 20 per cent.

To each of those up to and including the rank of lieutenant totally disabled, and in addition totally helpless, a further allowance, not exceeding \$250 a year, may be made. Those up to and including the rank of lieutenant disabled and entitled to a pension in the first three classes shall be paid, in addition to the personal pension, a special allowance of \$8 a month for each child he has.

If a member of the force is killed his widow is entitled to eighty per cent of the full pension for her life or until she remarries. If she marries again the pension is to be paid to her for one year afterwards, and then it ceases.

The widow is entitled to draw an allowance for whatever children there are up to the age of 16 for a boy and 17 for a girl. If a widower is killed in the army service each of his children is entitled to \$12 a month. A widowed

mother or step-mother or a grandmother who is wholly dependent on the member of the forces killed, is to receive sixty per cent of the total disability pension. This also applies to a father totally dependent upon a son killed in the service.

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It is stated that Mr. Lloyd George has decided to create an advisory board to deal with questions relating to the selection and distribution of army chaplains. He will himself appoint a chairman, and it is understood that one representative each will be allotted to the Anglicans, the Catholics, the Presbyterians, the Wesleyans, and the United Board. Welsh Free Churchmen will probably press for a representative of their own, on behalf of the Welsh-speaking troops. The board will not doubt concern itself largely with the redress of certain inequalities as between one denomination and another, though it cannot actually select chaplains. It was stated by the deputations which recently saw the Secretary for War that there was not a single non-Anglican chaplain at the front with the Royal Engineers, the R. A. M. C., and the A. S. C., the artillery, and the ordnance columns. A war correspondent says that chaplains are the most insubordinate men in the army, as five each will be with their men they are constantly going into zones of danger from which they have been warned off. The result is that several of them have been killed and many others have been wounded. Surely they could hardly receive higher praise.

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