ROYAL COMMISSION FOR DUGAL CHARGES, BUT \$2,000,000 RAID WAS JAMMED THROUGH

Will Governor Wood Hold Up the Big Deal?

Hon. Geo. Clarke Boosted the Big Mortgage and House Tamely Obeyed - Swim and Stewart Object -**Dugal Names Flemming and McLeod** -Bills Provide for Royal Commission of Three Persons to Probe Loot Charges—A Sensational Day at the Capital--All Eyes Upon Gov. Wood Now.

Fredericton, April 17—After a long and exciting day in the House special bills were introduced tonight by Hon. Mr. Clarke providing for a Royal commission of three persons to inquire into the Dugal charges, both as to the timber bonuses and the Valley railway accusations.

amendments suggested, and this is taken to mean that there was a strong group in the House which objected to a limited field of inquiry and the burking of

But the amazing and outrageous development was Mr. Clarke's anouncement that the Valley railway \$2,000,000 bond guarantee must go through—and through it went. He praised it to the skies, and it was given its third reading with only Messrs, Stewart and Swim voting against it.

Only the Lieutenant-Governor can now prevent the outrage which would be done by the guaranteeing of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds by a government while the Premier is facing grave charges and while it is alleged that contractors had to pay large sums before getting their contracts.

Moreover, it is charged that there is a discrepancy of \$600,000 between the actual cost of the road to date and the sum provided to build it and paid over for that oursose.

There has been nothing like the passing of this bill in all provincial. The government was bound to deliver the goods. public will now demand that the governor's signature be withheld avestigation is held and the air cleared. Mr. Gould and Mr. Flems

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Let the investigation go on at once. Let all the facts come out. Let there be no hiding behind technical terms of legislation on amendments. The people want the truth, and they must have it in one way or another. There are men who will suffer, but the air will be cleared and the political atmosphere purer by that kind of an inquiry that was first promised by the attorney-general on the floors of the house and is expected and demanded by all friends of honest

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Mr. Dugal was just leaving the house at the noon hour when he seceived a letter from the attorney-general demanding particulars of his charges in connection with the Valley railway. After he had read his charges and made his motion, he read a strong answer to the attorney-general. It is to be found farther on in this report.

It was after 1 o'clock, when Mr. Dugal was at his hotel, when the second letter of the attorney-general was delivered to him, and there was but little time for consideration before the house met. But though the house assembled earlier than it has been doing for some time, Mr. Dugal was ready, and when further consideration of the motion charging Hon. Mr. Flemming with serious offences in connection with the administration of crown timber lands, was taken up, he rose in his place and made his statement.

Hon. Mr. Clarke and Dr. Landry, both referred to former investigations in the house, and the latter used the term "Whitewash" in connection with his speech. He also said Mr. Dugal was the tool of those behind him—an unparliamentary expression that Mr. Speaker did not notice.

The whole afternoon was full of incident, and for the first time in years a big crowd in the gallery had something worth listening to.

The house will meet tomorrow for the first Saturday in some time, and quite likely prorque during the day some time. The session will be long remembered as the most eventful in the history of New Brunswick and the chronicler of history will have plenty of material in the future if all the facts demanded in inquiries promised are permitted to be told.

In the house tonight, Hon Mr. Clarke introduced a bill authorizing an inquiry into certain charges connected with the timber limits. This bill provides that "The lieutenant-governor is hereby empowered to cause a commission or commissions to issue under the great seal to not more than three persons to be selected by him, authorizing them to inquire into the said charges, and to report whether they find the said Hon. James Kidd Flemming guilty of directing the extortion of said moneys by the said William H. Berry before the said lands were classified; and if they so find, then also to find what disposition the said Hon, James Kidd Flemming did make thereof, and to whom the said sums were paid by him, as well as the ultimate destination of all of said moneys."

On the ground of urgency this bill was read a second time.

Hon Mr. Clarke also introduced a bill authorizing an inquiry into certain charges connected with the St. John & Quebec Railway Company. This bill provides that "The lieutenant-governor is hereby empowered to cause a commission or commissions to issue under the great seal to not more than three persons to be selected by him, authorizing them to enquire into the actual cost of said railway, so under construction to date, and the further amount necessary for completion of the said railway between Gagetown and Centreville, and also to inquire and find whether any and what amount of said moneys so paid the St. John & Quebec Railway Company was diverted from its proper channel and has been used for purposes other than the construction of said railway, and if so, the persons to whom paid and what amounts were paid and also to enquire and find whether contractors under the said St. John & Quebec Railway Company were compelled to pay and did pay large, or any, or what sums of money to the Hon, James Kidd Flemming, prender of the province, and the Hon, Harry McLeod, provincial secretary in the year A. D., 1912, before they obtained their contracts."

the now exonorated from any wrong doing, were guilty of charges reflecting on their honesty and yet as far as some members of the government were concerned he now repudiated those charges. He (Clarke) would like to ask the leader of the opposition if he thought those were the methods which would be adopted by honorable men. Men who have any proper regard for those associated with them.

Hon. Mr. Clarke, continuing, said that if the object which inspired the leader of the opposition was to purify the polities of this country, if it was to warm men placed in responsible positions, that they could not be false to their trusts and go unscathed, then every one would

from divers large lessees of crown timber limits within this province, a sum of fifteen dollars per square mile of their said timber limits, over

mile of their said timber limits, over and above the amount of bonus paid by them respectively as set forth in the Fifty-third Annual Report of the Crown Land Department of the Province of New Brunswick for the year ending the 31st day of October, A. D., 1913, in pages 23 to 27, thereof, both inclusive, which said amounts so unlawfully extorted from said lessees amounted in the whole to the sum of about one hundred thousand dollars, no portion of which sand dollars, no portion of which sum was accounted for or paid into the revenues of this province, and

said moneys were extorted from said lessees, and paid to the said William H. Berry, with the knowledge and consent, and under direction of the Hon. James Kidd Flemming, while occupying the said offices of premier and minister and lands and mines, and minister and lands and mines, and all of said moneys were so paid before the said lands were classified under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Statutes of New Brunswick for the year A. D., 1913.

Therefore resolved: That a committee of the house, consisting of seven members, be nominated by Mr. Speaker to examine into the said charges, and to report whether they find the said Hon, James Kidd Flemming guilty of so directing the

find the said Hon, James Kidd Flemming guilty of so directing the extortion of said moneys by the said William H. Berry: then what disposition did he make thereof, to whom the said sums were paid, as well as the ultimate destination of all of said moneys, and that the said committee have power to call for papers and documents and to summon and examine witnesses, under oath, under the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, A. D., 1908; and, Further resolved: That said committee do proceed with such investigation until they have fully investigated such charges and reported upon the same to this house.

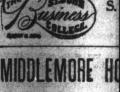
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