

## NO INDETERMINATE DELAY IN DUGAL CHARGES

Formulated When the  
Facts Were Known

Organizer Carter Says  
Revelations Will Be  
Astounding

Information Did Not Reach  
Him Till Late in the Session  
But Prominent Conserva-  
tives Have Known It for  
Months and Kept Silent—  
How the Local Government  
Has Broken Pre-Election  
Pledges.

E. S. Carter, Liberal organizer, who has been receiving a generous share of attention from the Tory press and government supporters for the past few weeks, has taken in assisting the opposition members in the legislature at Fredericton and unearthing the facts in connection with the timber bonus blackmail, upon which the charges against Premier Fleming were based, was in the city Saturday, and, speaking to a Telegraph reporter, said nothing that had ever transpired in the New Brunswick legislature within the memory of the present generation had created such intense interest.

"It was a bolt from the blue to the prominent men, as well as the rank and file of both parties," said Mr. Carter. "While the main facts were in my possession some weeks ago, the evidence necessary was not forthcoming until Friday, April 3. That was the day intended all along by the government to bring the matter before the legislature, but the Premier's delay in coming was due to the fact that the delay in hearing from the government committee sent to Ottawa. They did not return as soon as was expected, and everything was at a standstill, so the legislature was adjourned until Monday and the grave importance of the information in my possession made me hesitate as to the course to pursue. I placed the facts before Mr. Dugal as soon as I had them on Friday, and we both decided to lay them before men more experienced in parliamentary procedure. That decision was made by Mr. Dugal's presence and the action that was taken in formally presenting the charges last Monday.

"That, I think, effectively disposes of the argument of Attorney-General Clarke and the government press that the charges were purposely made in the dying hours of the session to embarrass the government and block Valley railway legislation.

What Tories Are Most Afraid Of.

"There was sufficient reason without this for insisting that Valley railway legislation, which would involve the credit of the province for another \$2,000,000 should be delayed—delayed until the air was cleared of the rumors of graft and overcharges in connection with the work. I venture the assertion that today the Tory party, and particularly the Tory leaders are far more afraid of what the Valley railway investigation will show in connection with other charges preferred later by Mr. Dugal—than they are of what may happen to Premier Fleming. There are too many politicians—big and little—who are too much interested in the Valley railway transactions, while only one man—their leader—bears the brunt of timber bonus charges.

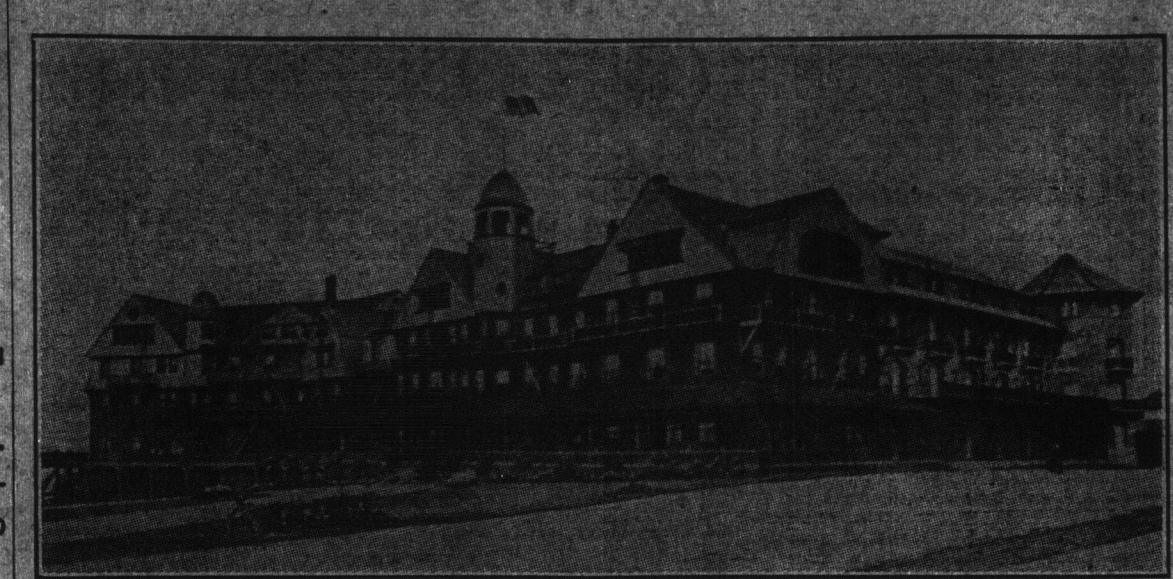
"I said that the charges came as a bolt from the blue. That is true, but that every today with a week to think them over, with all the press comments favorable and unfavorable to the premier, and in the face of some facts, since revealed, that were known to prominent Conservatives even before the charges were made, the great majority of men on both sides of politics can hardly credit their truth and this, it may be said, speaks well not only for party loyalty but for the belief of the people in the man whom they placed at the head of their affairs in this province.

Should Have Cleared House Themselves.

"If the prominent Conservatives before referred to—men who have been party candidates and of whom I have written that every today with a week to think them over, with all the press comments favorable and unfavorable to the premier, and in the face of some facts, since revealed, that were known to prominent Conservatives even before the charges were made, the great majority of men on both sides of politics can hardly credit their truth and this, it may be said, speaks well not only for party loyalty but for the belief of the people in the man whom they placed at the head of their affairs in this province.

"Session after session for some years I have attended the legislature in my capacity as organizer and press representative, and I have a fair idea of what has been going on. I have written of the extravagance and waste and expense in connection with government expenditure without apparently any effect upon the people who need it, seems, some feeling blow to arouse them. Now that they have it they may remember what has been written, they may recall the hundred and one things said to show how members of the legislature, as well as of the Tory party, have taken advantage of their position and of their huge majority to profit out of the public revenues. How often have the names of members figured in the companies that asked for railway charters? And yet without blushing, many of them were members of the very corporation committee that passed the acts incorporating them. Their efforts to stifle commercially were not confined to membership in railway companies, they also applied under another guise for incorporation in dredging and construction companies, and some of the more important of them were physically interested in hydro-power propositions. In one

## NEW BRUNSWICK'S FAMOUS SUMMER HOTEL BURNED



ALGONQUIN HOTEL, ST. ANDREWS, BEFORE THE FIRE.

## COUNTRY HOPES THE GOVERNOR WILL NOT SIGN THE \$2,000,000 BILL

While the Ministry is Under  
Charges It Ought Not  
to Be Passed

"Investigate First" is the General Demand—What Blair and Emmerson Did—Why the Rush to Pass the Grab?—No Legitimate Interest Will Suffer by Waiting.

Fredericton, March 10.—Will a fair and responsible tribunal be appointed to investigate the Dugal charges in regard to the timber bonuses and corrupt transactions in connection with the Valley Railway?

Will the New Brunswick legislature, as the government's machine, attempt to railroad through the \$2,000,000 bond guarantee, while black charges against the ministry remain unproved upon the records of the house?

The Valley Railway will be built. All parties in New Brunswick have long realized that the whole St. John Valley must have adequate transportation, and that the road from Fredericton to St. John ought to be a great highway for public to the real issue that emerges today. There is a desperate political infighting that believes in pushing ahead with the \$2,000,000 guarantee and attempting to defer investigation of the Dugal charges until so far as the \$2,000,000 guarantee is concerned the goods have been delivered.

Sober thought in New Brunswick is unalterably opposed to the passage of the \$2,000,000 bill until this government has shown that its hands are clean.

The precedents.

Certain precedents must flash into the public mind. The other day when Mr. Dugal's charges were placed upon the record it was expected that Mr. Fleming would personally make a sweeping denial, walk out of the house, and remain until the charges had been investigated.

When the ministry of Andrew G. Blair was confronted by serious charges many years ago, Mr. Blair made a speech of great power, denying the charges in toto, challenging his accusers to the proof, and then left the legislative chamber pending an investigation. That was the course adopted by H. R. Emmerson when he was the leader of the local government.

In the House of Commons recently when Mr. Lancelotti was accused he made a speech of passionate denial and challenge, walked out of the House of Commons, and left his honor in the keeping of that tribunal.

In view of what is known about the Valley Railway, in view of the fact that no public interest demands the rushing through of this bill within a week or two, or for that matter within a month or two, the public mind cannot but be gravely disturbed by the thought that members of the legislature may be so reckless or supine as to permit the government, either at the bidding of Mr. Fleming or Mr. Gould, to mortgage the credit of the country while members of the ministry are facing untested charges of the gravest character.

The whole country is looking to Governor Wood to call "Halt!" If events show that his advisers have so far forgotten themselves as to attempt to railroad this transaction through.

It is noted here today that the St. John Standard serves notice that the \$2,000,000 grab is going through no matter what happens. In the existing circumstances such a declaration of the government's intentions is regarded as a flagrant affront to the citizenship of this province. If the Standard speaks with authority from the controlling ring, only Governor Wood's integrity and high reputation stand between the country and a very grave outrage, the results of which would be both scandalous and disastrous.

## SAVED HER LIFE; NOW SHE ASKS FOR A DIVORCE

Pittsburg Doctor, Who Gave  
80 Inches of Skin for Wife  
Accused of Cruelty.

Pittsburg, April 9.—Dr. S. A. Cunningham, a prominent surgeon of this city, who sacrificed eighty square inches of his own skin that he might graft on the body of his burned wife, thereby saving her life, is being sued for divorce.

Mrs. Cunningham, who is now recovering, charges her husband with extreme cruelty and neglect of duty. She alleges that he has made life unbearable for her for several years, and has cursed her, and otherwise abused her. She asks for an absolute divorce, custody of their minor child, and alimony.

They were married in Zanesville, Ohio, twenty-four years ago.

It was only a few days ago that Dr. Cunningham started the medical world with his skin grafting operation. Mrs. Cunningham was near death from burns on her body, when her husband's skill and heroic sacrifice saved her life.

Among the latest novelties are roses fashioned of small colored beads.

## TO BREED HORSES FOR COL. SAM

Vast Tract in Alberta Leased  
by Company to Furnish 1500  
Steeds to Canadian Army.

Ottawa, April 10.—An area of land in Alberta consisting of 65,000 acres has been leased to the National Live Stock Exchange Ltd. to breed horses for military purposes. The company is required to provide each year not less than 1,600 animals suitable for cavalry mounts. The minister of militia is to have the right of first selection among the animals, and is not to be charged more than \$250 each. In case of war the war office is to have this privilege.

## CLOSE SEASONS FOR HARDSHILL CLAMS AND CHAUGAUS

Ottawa, April 10.—A regulation has been made providing that hardshill clams and chaugaus shall not be taken between October 1 and May 10 and between July 1 and August 31. That hardshill clams and chaugaus less than an inch and three-quarters in the outer shell shall not be taken and such as are taken must be returned to the water alive.

## SYDNEY MURDERER ALLOWED APPEAL TO FULL BENCH

Judge Drysdale Grants the Ap-  
plication of Frank Haynes' Attorney.

Sydney, N. S., April 12.—Frank Haynes, convicted of the murder of B. S. Atkinson, and sentenced to be hanged on May 8, has had his application for a crown case reserved granted by Judge Drysdale. A telegram to this effect was received by Crown Prosecutor D. A. Hearn, K. C., yesterday from Deputy Attorney-General Jenks, of Halifax.

The case has been granted on the ground of a possible misdirection by his lordship in his address. Argument will be heard this week, when on the decision of the full bench will depend whether Haynes will be granted a new trial or not.

Dresden, April 10.—The German aviator Reichelt carried a woman passenger with him on a flight this evening. At a height of 300 feet the motor exploded and the monoplane shot blazing to earth. The woman was dead when extricated. Reichelt died in a hospital.

## ALGONQUIN HOTEL A HEAP OF RUINS

FINE PRICE  
FOR MUNICIPAL  
BOND ISSUE

County Secretary Succeeds in  
Placing Finances in Good  
Position.

A most satisfactory arrangement has just been completed for the sale of the \$85,000 municipal bonds at four and one-half per cent, forty years to run, with the result that the Lancaster board will receive practically more than par for the entire issue. Tenders for the

Famous Resort Wiped  
Out Saturday

Loss Estimated About  
\$750,000, But Well  
Insured

Hard Work Saved Many Fine  
Summer Residences From  
Flames—Sparks Blown  
Miles by Gale of Wind—  
Caught From Charcoal  
Burner of Roof Workmen.

St. Andrews, N. B., April 12.—With the exception of the concrete additions to the Algonquin Hotel, which were built within the last five years, the entire hotel with the greater part of its contents and equipment was destroyed by fire which broke out at noon on Saturday.

The fire originated from a spark from a charcoal fire which had been used in repairing the roof of the northeast corner by workmen from St. John. Smouldering on the tarred paper beneath the asbestos shingles, it communicated to the woodwork of the roof with the disastrous result noted.

The fire raged throughout the afternoon with great fierceness, eating its way in the face of a westerly gale to the furthest extremity of the fireward. The western concrete wing which was erected two years ago. The central portion of the building, which represented the original hotel, was composed entirely of wood. It was a story in height, with a great wooden tower and lookout in the centre. This section burned with great fierceness, the sparks being carried miles away. Some of these sparks set fire to the grass alongside the William Van Home's summer home, Ministers' Island.

The value of the hotel and its equipment was about three-quarters of a million dollars, and is said to be well insured. All that was saved of the hotel were the concrete walls of the new additions and the furnishings of the lower floors which were removed to the Casino.

The hotel had a capacity of 800 guests. It was first opened in 1889 with F. A. Jones, of St. John, as its first manager. A few years later it was purchased by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who have spent at least a quarter of a million dollars in improving it.

Manager Alton Jones was in Boston engaged for the coming season, when the fire occurred. There were many elegant summer cottages within the path of the fire, but by almost superhuman exertions the fire fighters resolutely refused to abandon it, and it was finally saved from destruction. Had it burned, there were half a dozen other beautiful summer homes which would undoubtedly have been destroyed.

It was most providential that the wind was blowing away from the town, otherwise nothing could have saved it from a terrible scorching.

Construction men say that the concrete additions which passed through the fire can be used in the restoration of the building.

While the loss of the hotel is regarded as a present calamity, it is felt that it will ultimately prove a blessing. Not only has a great menace to the town been removed, and a possible hotel prevented, but a more modern and more beautiful structure will undoubtedly be erected by the C. P. R. at once. The company has had plans in readiness for several years, but were loath to part with the wooden section. The fire has now cleared the way for them and they will be able to proceed with their plans untroubled by its presence.

## TO BE FORT HOWE NATIONAL PARK IN THE FUTURE

Ottawa, April 10.—It is announced in the Canada Gazette that the site of Fort Howe, St. John, is adapted for the purpose of a historic park, and that the property be transferred from the department of militia to the department of interior to be created under the Dominion Forest Reserve and Park act, and created and maintained as a dominion park, to be known as Fort Howe National Park.

## A MOTHER'S PRAISE OF BABY'S OWN TABLETS

Mrs. Fred. Tinkham, South Canaan, N. S., writes: "Please send me another box of Baby's Own Tablets as I do not care to be without them. I have then repeatedly used and consider them the best medicine in the world for little ones." Thousands of other mothers say the same thing. The tablets cure all the minor ills of childhood such as constipation, sour stomach, colic, colds, simple fevers, etc., and are guaranteed to be absolutely safe. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockton, Ont.

There is a rumor that there is to be a strong revival of the stiff silks.

## NURSES WA

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