

# CARLETON CAMPAIGN IS GETTING WARMER

## Sordid Story of the Government's Misdeeds Appalls Electors

### Citizens of That County Realize That All Canada is Waiting for Their Verdict on Graft and Corruption—A Plain Story by One Who Was on the Inside—What Will the Answer Be?

Woodstock, N. B., Sept. 17.—The election campaign has three days to run and they will be strenuous days for both parties.

The friends of better government are exerting every effort to redeem the fair name of Carleton county and place it in line with those constituencies and provinces throughout Canada that have protested against graft.

The example of Westmorland was not lost upon Carleton county, and the electors are just realizing that some of their political favorites used them to serve their own selfish ends without regard to the welfare of the province and with the sole idea of enriching themselves and their political friends.

Today those men are against the wall fighting for the election of Smith and Sutton and to continue the government in power that has favored their schemes and plundered the people. There is a nervous desperation in their struggle. They realize that if they should lose they would be done and New Brunswick would be saved, and if they should win they would not last long.

It seems a pity their supporters are spending such an immense campaign fund for such a result. Their hearts are not in the fight. The party hoodlums are working because they are paid, but the honest men who supported the government in 1912 are standing aside and not taking an active part.

Some of them will not vote; others will vote against Smith and Sutton for better things. More opposites are again split their ballots. There will be many who will vote McCain and Smith and many Upland and Sutton. These are Conservative splits who will satisfy themselves with giving half of their vote for better government.

A new feature of the campaign has developed. Smith's friends and the outside influence of the government members have demanded the obliteration of James K. Fleming. The outside assistance expected on the platform would not materialize because Fleming was brought to the front. Smith was never satisfied with Fleming's demand. He wants the federal nomination taken and the trace between him and the premier was only temporary. But the refusal of Attorney-General Baxter to come into the county—the non-appearance of Premier Clarke, who was expected, the absence of Landry since the first days of the campaign, are explained by the Fleming-Smith alliance. The pressure on Smith was too great, and Fleming has been relegated to the background.

### Mr. Daggett's Exhibition.

Then the appearance of an official of the agricultural department, Mr. Daggett, upon the stump has done the party much harm. A declaration by Mr. Daggett's speech will be remembered a long time in Woodstock. In the first place, instead of the huge crowd of people noted in 1912, the open air audience was small—about 150 or 200—with several scores of women and children, and many of the electors were not in a condition to appreciate what the ministerial agricultural deputy was saying.

But the speaking was disgusting in those who did go to hear some details of the very grave charges that had been made by the opposition. A minister of the gospel while with rage, leaning over a balcony rail, shouting frantically to the crowd below personal abuse of a former departmental official, H. M. Blair, who had made serious charges against him, calling him "Judas Iscariot," and urging that he should be mobbed, did not appeal to right thinking citizens of Woodstock as the proper course.

The course of Daggett made people eager to hear what Blair had to say, and the story he related was not pleasant to listen to. Backing up his facts with documents, sometimes in the handwriting of former and present members of the government, for an hour or so he stands and gives such an inside history of graft and corruption as to make the head ache and the mind reel. The elector who listens cannot help but believe.

The former ex-deputy minister does not attempt to persuade. He simply takes one member of the government after another and tells many things he knows about them which should utterly condemn them as advisers of his honor and stewards of the people.

### A Revolting Story.

Premier Clarke and his request to him to play sick at the time of the investigation, also the premier's knowledge of Dr. Landry's statement that the foreman in Kent county "did not kiss the book" are dealt with fully; and it may be stated here that Blair is not the only one who made a serious charge against the premier. No less a person than that sober-minded and much-respected king's counsel, John M. Stevens, of Edmundston, said in his speech in the Hayden-Gibson Theatre that from his own personal knowledge Premier Clarke was informed by William H. Berry soon after Dugal made his charges in the house of assembly against Fleming, that they were true, and yet he not only stood in his place in the house as attorney-general and acting leader of the house in the absence of Fleming and denied them, but savagely warned Mr. Dugal that if he failed to prove these charges he would not only lose his seat in the house but be politically dishonored.

Blair's statement about Premier Clarke therefore had corroboration from an unexpected quarter. But his disgusting tale of bribery of some members of which he said he had absolute and personal proof was also unexpectedly corroborated by P. J. Veniot, who said that he had been approached by the same lobbyist and asked to secure the vote of Messrs. Dugal and Pelletier.

Minister of Agriculture Murray and his deputy Daggett—the \$500 payment upon the Guthrie election notes—which Daggett says he advanced at the request of Murray, who afterwards repaid him, are all dealt with in detail by Blair who makes his statements with great caution, knowing that Smith has stenographers in the meetings taking down his statements. Murray's inquiries as to Morrissey's honesty, and when he was assured by him (Blair) that Morrissey was no grafter, the answer which Blair says Murray made that he remembered another minister (Fleming) who had protected his innocence, are all a part of the story, as well as a graphic account of the hot interview between Morrissey and Murray

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# GOVERNMENT FORCES IN CARLETON DISCOURAGED

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(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, Sept. 15.—The unscrupulous government clique, the party hoodlums, the men who have tried to make Carleton county a political pariah have got their tails down. They are discouraged. Public sentiment, the highest sentiment of the people, is against them and they know it.

The candidates feel the strain of hearing refusals of their own followers to support wrongdoers. They do not seem to be separate canvasses. Smith's friends are clamoring to save Frank from defeat. The ultra party men are crying: "If Smith is defeated it means the defeat of the government." They do not seem to realize that the defeat of Sutton means a defeat for Smith. A minister should prefer defeat than acknowledge that he cannot carry his colleague with him. That however, does not bother Smith. His defeat means not only the defeat of the government but the upsetting of all personal schemes. That would be a good thing for New Brunswick, but unfortunate for Smith. The opposition forces are elated with their success yesterday and amused at the false reports sent out of their splendid meetings.

Tonight there is a big meeting at Hartland, which P. J. Veniot, Dr. Smith and Mr. Upland will address. Copp and Stevens are also on the stump. Fred E. Sharp, one of the Kings county candidates, is doing splendid service in the campaign, and G. H. Adair, the secretary of the Kings county opposition association, is speaking every night.

### Mr. Murray's Remarkable Position.

Tonight at Waterville, E. S. Carter gave a complete answer to Hon. Mr. Murray's statements yesterday concerning the potato graft. He forced Murray to contradict himself and the auditor-general from the records of the house. Murray and Daggett built a trap for themselves by permitting Smith's transaction in potatoes and are now paying the penalty.

"I see that Hon. Mr. Murray is much concerned about my charges made at Centreville in connection with the expenditure for patriotic and Belgian potatoes," said Mr. Carter, "and he has fortified himself with letters from the auditor-general and from Mr. Slipp the potato inspector. These letters are late in coming and they are not as convincing as they might be. We learn from the auditor-general that the money from the sales of potatoes came from A. C. Smith & Company, the business associates of Frank Smith, and that there was an item in the account of \$2,400 refund. Now

what does Mr. Murray mean? Does he mean to say that at this date his information is different from what it was when the house was in session? Does he mean that when he gave the people of New Brunswick a straight denial that there had been any refund that he did not know what he was saying in the synopsis report on page ten of the appendix, 1914? Hon. Mr. Murray gives the auditor-general's statement of an auditor general. Every day almost there were questions asked him concerning this potato transaction. He evaded the queries. He said there was no letter of credit given Smith in the name of the auditor general. When there were letters of them, in his own department authorizing the bank to honor Smith's drafts. He said Inspector Slipp had not condemned potatoes one year, forgetting that the year before he said that he did condemn them.

"And then finally he denied that there had been any refunds. Here is the record and the record can't lie, no matter how cleverly the auditor general is from the records. Was any other amount for any reason or purpose whatsoever refunded to the province by any of those connected with the purchase or assorting of potatoes, and what was this amount sent at what date was it paid to the province, and by whom or through whom?"

"Answer—No." "In the face of that statement made by Mr. Murray himself while he was acting premier, when the auditor general was only a few yards away from him, when Mr. Babbitt was within hailing distance and with B. Frank Smith, himself, sitting across the aisle and listening to the statement, how can Hon. James Murray stand upon the platforms of Carleton county and try to stuff down the throats of the people that B. Frank Smith did make a refund of \$2,400 on this account?"

"I see that Hon. Mr. Murray did not tell the truth in the legislature or he is not telling it now. He can take his choice. He elaborated his speech with personal abuse of himself, which does not affect the issue. The day will soon come and it cannot come too soon to suit me when Murray and Carter will stand before the people of Kings county and the electors will decide who is right and who is wrong. Only give the people the chance to elect a premier, which is this and many other matters."

Mr. Carvell is improving and he hopes to be able to take part in the battle the first of the week.

### GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS FLOODING CARLETON CO. WITH ELECTION RUM

Woodstock, Sept. 17.—There is already increasing evidence of rum and money in government circles. In Hartland, yesterday, the Scott Act Inspector made a large seizure from the cellar of a government supporter. Drunken men fed upon this supply of liquor have been making the neighborhood noisy. Decent conservatives are taking alarm at the prospect of this week and are protesting against such election methods. The villages are simply being flooded with rum. Barrels of it arrived by train, disguised of course, but filled with fighting booze. To permit such revolting methods to disgrace Carleton county and drown the voice of the people in their protest against graft and corruption, is too disgusting to think of. Leading government workers know all that is going on. Some of them posed and are posing as religious men and yet they are bribing many electors and setting them and others drunk in order to win the contest. WHAT MUST THE STRONG TEMPERANCE MEN IN THE COUNTY WHO ARE CONSERVATIVES THINK?

The Opposition party is not buying votes of rum. Not one cent has been spent for liquor. There is an attempt in the government newspapers to make the people believe otherwise, but organizer E. S. Carter says he is prepared to make a solemn declaration stating that not a cent has been spent for liquor and none has been given to any person whatsoever by the Opposition organization with the knowledge or consent of those who have charge of the campaign. The rum and money methods of the government are only spurring those working for better government to greater efforts.

The result in British Columbia where the grafters went down before a enraged people, and the recent declarations that contractors had to pay \$2,500 in connection with the settlement of their claim for constructing a section of the Valley Railway, have created a deep impression here. It was like adding fuel to a dying fire, and the blaze is hot and furious.

It seems the same old story over again. In the face of everything, in spite of money, in spite of hypocrisy, in spite of the desperate battle of the hoodlums, WHAT CAN CARLETON COUNTY ELECTORS DO BUT VOTE FOR BETTER THINGS?

### ARMORED CR CLIMBS TRENCHES, BARBED WIRE AND SHELL CRATERS

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### MARRIAGE

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AMOS-KERR—At Glasgow, on Aug. 8, 1916, Rev. William Amos, of St. Paul street, and Captain and Mrs. John A. Drossan.

MCCLELLAN-WRIGH of her parents, Mr. of St. Paul street, and Beatrice Mae, to John Dow Settlement (N. Barton officiating.

### DEATH

STUART—Officially action, Sept. 9, Catharine son of the late W. J. Three (Sussex) of the late Rev. W. C. MITCHELL—At his Brussels street, on the Fitchell, leaving his wife HEWLETT—At of Sept. 15, Miss Ma the home of her nephew Scovill.

MILLIKEN—In his instance, wife of H. eighty-two years, and one daughter and three SMITH—Suddenly, Abbie M. Smith, beloved M. Smith, of Sussex. Funeral Saturday a her late residence, 21

SARGESON—At his St. Paul street, George Sargeson, of three daughters to ARMSTRONG—In 17th inst. after a Mrs. Armstrong, aged besides her-parent mourner.

THORNE—Entered Glad's larges, on T. Thorne and Joseph 18 years.

FRANCIS—In Ca Sept. 1, Leonora Gerth county, N. B., on Sep hill, leaving three sons ters to mourn.

In loving memory of Lean, who died Sept. FREDERICK