

FLEMING'S CRUSHING REPLY TO M'KEOWN

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Fredericton, Mar. 25.—Fleming's reply to M'Keown's attack on his conduct in the incorporation of the N. B. Ry. Co. and by Mr. M'Keown's favor of a number of bills from the city of St. John.

Mr. Fleming.
Hon. Mr. Fleming resumed the debate on the address. He desired first to make some references to the statements of the member from Victoria, Mr. Tweeddale, who, in his speech, Fleming's mouth, statements that he had never made. For one thing he had never represented Mr. Fleming as having stated that \$38,000 paid for the Blue Bell tract was a gift. He, Fleming, never made any such absurd statement. His judgment was sufficiently good to know that the land was worth all that was paid for it. Nor had he, Fleming, stated at Arthurville, that if he came to power a tree would be allowed to be cut off that tract of land.

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In order that the Hon. member might know the facts of the case, the following telegram was sent last night:
Fredericton, Mar. 24, 1909.
Grand Falls, N. B.
Tweeddale in speech tonight said Vassor, while acting as game warden pay, has been working every day in Burgess's mills and been paid by him. Is this true? Answer fully at once. Urgent.
W. C. H. Grimmer.

Says Tweeddale Lies.
To this enquiry, the following reply was received:
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Tweeddale lies. Wm. Vassor is now in woods on duty, and has been ever since his appointment. Is a splendid game warden. His brother John works in Burgess's mill.

The Hon. members of this house ought to be fair to each other. Communication by telegraph and telephone is rapid enough and the Hon. member before he makes statements of such a serious character from his place in the house, should verify such statements. But most of the force of his speech, however, was directed against the Hon. member for Victoria who has been lost had confined himself to the truth. He made a serious and startling statement regarding a fellow citizen and neighbor. He said that the man was guilty of embezzlement and had been in jail. He, Fleming, did not know whether this was true or not. He had known that man for many years, but he never before had heard of anything of the kind that kind regarding him. That man was a school teacher and if he was from Victoria believed he was in this house. It WAS HIS DUTY AS A PUBLIC MAN TO HAVE TAKEN SUCH A MAN FROM BEING PLACED IN CHARGE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

He had no interest.
To the extent of a single dollar directly or indirectly in lumber operations on Blue Bell tract. He had a mill on the St. John River, but it was not within four miles of that property. He did not own this mill but was managing it. He was not cutting a single log on Crown lands, but was buying logs in the open market. He was not afraid to look the House in the face and have every business transaction of his logs for the past ten years laid bare before the House and the country. He had been carrying on business in Victoria County for the past twelve years, and believed he had the confidence of business men, and of the people of the country with whom he had done business, as full an extent, at least as the Hon. member from Victoria, who had stood up in this House and tried to so grossly misrepresent him.

Receiving a Tribute of Ten to Fifteen per Cent. for Doing Nothing at All.
The books were all handled by McMillan & Co., and Floods had nothing whatever to do with them. If there was one thing which gave him, the speaker, cause for rejoicing it was that they had been able to PUT A STOP TO IT, AND WERE SUPPLYING BOOKS AT REDUCTIONS UP TO 40 PER CENT.

False Charge.
Hon. members opposite charged that present government had undertaken to reduce the price of school books one half. He had never said anything of the kind.
The government undertook to reduce the cost as much as possible, and were prepared to carry out their promise. He was happy to be able to announce that the reduced terms, supplied on the same reduced terms, and also grammars, arithmetic, health readers, and some others. The Hon. gentleman from St. John said they ought to give school children free school books. Could that be the same man, the member of the government who could not even reduce the price and get rid of the floods? He might say that they had reduced the cost one half, and the time might come when they might go the other half. It was the same with scribblers. The member for St. John had said that Gage had been able to unload 250,000 of these on the government. As a matter of fact the government had not bought a single scribbler from Gage. The government went straight to the manufacturers, the Kinloch Paper Co., and bought at the lowest price. They bought 100,000 of them, one carload, and the scribblers were supplied any one making for them for cash, but as it would not be convenient for many to pay cash, some discrimination had been made in the

Another Misstatement.
He would call the attention of the House to another misstatement made by the member for Victoria in his speech yesterday. He said that under the old system, \$1,897 was given to roads in Victoria County, that through his great influence with the Government he got the grant increased to \$4000 but under the present Government the grant had been reduced to \$2,000. Knowing the Hon. member as well as he did, that statement was about as near the truth as he would expect him to get. The

appointment of vendors. He might tell the Hon. member for St. John that any one and everyone who had applied for books had got them and the government proposed to continue that policy.

Liquor Licenses.
With reference to liquor licenses (L.A.Billous) had made a speech the other evening which must have pleased every member of the house, contrasting as it did with the loudness and bitterness of tone adopted by his colleagues. He had fallen into one error. The Hon. member complains that a very respectable citizen Campbell had his license taken from him because he was an opponent of the government. If the honorable gentleman did not know any better than that he must be strangely ignorant of the public affairs of his own county. The liquor license commissioners recommended the issue of a certain number of licenses in ward two and a certain number in ward three of the town and the government withdrew a petition from the temperance league in Campbellton asserting that this number was not permissible, and asking that the excess be withdrawn. He, Mr. Fleming was asked to enquire into the matter and found that the statements of the temperance party were correct. Two licenses in Ward Two had been granted in excess of the law, and these were withdrawn, one from a man who had been fined for selling liquor on Sunday, and the other from the Hon. member had made complaint. The liquor license inspector who was an appointee of Hon. gentleman himself. When he reached Campbellton he did not know a single man in the town. He really had no knowledge whatever of the licensees' politics. The other member for Restigouche, Currie, had also complained that the Government had not expressed their willingness to introduce prohibition. When the Hon. member, now president of the council, from his place in the House in 1905 moved the adoption of the clause in the bill, then under consideration, that no person should be granted a license unless a petition signed for it was signed by a majority of the inhabitants of the locality was furnished to the government, he refused by the government, the member for Restigouche did not object. But had come here as a supporter of the Government.

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Good Intentions.
He congratulated the Government in having passed the audit act which was merely doing what the late Government intended to do, but the act had been so framed that there had been ways of getting around it. The gentlemen on the Treasury benches today could overrule the auditor general and overstep in their departments the same as under the old act.

Mr. Copp continuing thought the Agriculture Commission would not do any good unless it would get rid of the horses, one of which was blighted. He was strongly in favor of the St. John Valley Railway and observed that Senator Ellis had done more to break up the Liberal party than any other man.
Mr. Copp was followed by Hon. Mr. Maxwell, who, according to the official report, easily made one of the best speeches of the debate. A full report of Mr. Maxwell's speech will appear in The Standard tomorrow.

Three New Teachers.
As soon as the new school building adjoining the Winter street structure is occupied, an addition of three will make an appeal for the additional teaching staff.

Gunner White Again.
Gunner White received attention from the police again last evening. His presence was not desired in Denison's bar room on Main St., and Police Constables Rankine and Perry were called in to eject him. Gunner was reluctant but without the usual serious results.

Want Mr. Marr Again.
At a meeting of the quarterly board of the Queen Square Methodist Church last night, warm invitation was extended to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Marr and accepted by him, to continue as pastor for the third year.

Mr. Copp congratulated the speaker, who had been unanimously elected to a position of first commissioner. He regretted that the House would lose the wise counsel which he brought to bear upon the work of committees.

He also congratulated the Government upon the manner in which they had dispatched the business of the House, and in having departmental reports printed and tabled so early in the session, something never done before.
He had no sympathy with those Liberals who had been fooled and hoodwinked by members of the Government when they were in opposition. He did not expect fair treatment from Liberals at the hands of the Government and Liberals had been dismissed it served them right for taking any stock in the pre-election promises of the Government to give Liberals fair consideration. The Government had acted with a base ingratitude towards Liberals who had helped to put them in office, and he hoped the Government would continue to dismiss them until all were turned out. He had the patronage and there were appointments to be made, he always had his friends appointed and he expected the present Government to do the same.

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BANQUET AT WHITE'S

A fitting close to the basket ball season was made by the Portland Y. M. C. A. last evening, when the team was banqueted at White's restaurant. Each member of the team was presented with a handsome gold signet stick pin, and Capt. Crosby received on their behalf a large loving cup.

S. A. OFFICERS LEAVING.

Brigadier Roberts who has been laboring in Canada for the past six months with great success, having obtained over four hundred acknowledged conversions, delivered a very able farewell address on the influence of the Spirit, at the Salvation Army Citadel, last evening.

Bowling League.

In the Commercial Bowling League last evening's play resulted in a win for the Grocers' No. 11, over the Canadian Rubber Co., by three points to one. The totals were 1243 to 1235 respectively. In the first string, honours were closely contested, the Grocers winning, 400 to 398.

Gaspereaux.

On Wednesday evening the first real catch of Gaspereaux for this season was made at Lorneville. A thousand were taken. Fresh Gaspereaux have been very scarce and the wholesale price remains at five cents each.

Special Services.

Rev. H. A. Brown, Newcastle, is assisting the Exmouth pastor in the revival services.

Arrests.

Gus Gibson was taken into custody by officer Ward on the North Side of King's Square between six and seven last evening while under the influence of liquor.

Particulars of the bloody encounter

between two men in the neighborhood Belleisle which appeared exclusively in yesterday's Standard, were obtained yesterday afternoon. The men concerned were John Mallory foreman in a lumber camp of the G. & G. Flewelling Manufacturing Company on the Moose Horn, and a cook in the same camp, Joseph Best, by name. The two quarrelled over the wages to be paid the assistant cook, Mallory refusing to pay what Best deemed sufficient. Mallory struck Best in the face and stabbed him in the hand. The cook retaliated by cutting Mallory with an axe, the wound seriously injuring the boss's arm.

EVERY DAY CLUB.

A very interesting address was heard by about 100 men, at the Every Day Club last evening, delivered by Mrs. A. Gordon Leavitt. In the course of his address he illustrated to them on large colored charts the reptiles, fishes and birds, showing those that are beneficial to man and those that are not. Mr. Leavitt also spoke of the brown tail moth and what a great havoc it was creating in New England and warned his listeners that unless immediate steps were taken by the Government, there would be a loss to this province. The address was listened to very attentively. B. L. Sheppard presided. The Boston college girls will give an entertainment at the Every Day Club next Thursday evening. This will be in place of a speech which was to be given by Dr. Hall.