

NOT ONE WORD OF TRUTH IN TELEGRAPH'S ARTICLE

Provincial Secretary Flemming Proves That the Writer Was Guilty of Inexcusable Ignorance, or a Malicious intention to Deceive the Public—Whole Yarn Absolutely Misleading—Mr. Babbitt's Telegram—The Auditor General's Statement—How Mr. Robinson Handled the Finances—Some Statements That Gentleman Will Not Contradict.

The following article, heavily disguised, appeared in yesterday's Telegraph:— "Mr. Flemming says the province had a surplus of \$44,408 at the close of the fiscal year 1908. This he says was a real, not a paper surplus. "In a return laid before the House on March 30, 1909, of the bank balances at the close of each month during the previous fiscal year the cash on hand in current account on October 31, 1908, was \$36,215. "In whose hands was the \$8,194 difference between the surplus claimed and the cash on hand? Mr. Flemming says there are no suspense accounts. It is true who got this \$8,194? "The total balance on hand in favor of the Province, October 31, 1908, is given by the Auditor-General as \$136,956. The bank statement at that time shows only \$118,997 on hand—a difference of \$17,959. "Who has the difference between the money in the banks and the balance shown on the books? "It is up to Hon. J. K. Flemming, who says there are no suspense accounts, to explain these very serious differences between his so-called balances and the actual cash in the banks."

Absolutely Misleading This whole article is absolutely misleading, and betrays either inexcusable ignorance on the part of the author, or a malicious intention to deceive. It is an effort to cast a false reflection upon the management of the financing and the keeping of the accounts under my direction and control.

The surplus on ordinary account at the close of the last fiscal year, as stated, \$44,541.85, ordinary expenditure being the above amount less than the ordinary revenue and NO MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION HAS EVER QUESTIONED THE CORRECTNESS OF A SINGLE ITEM IN THESE STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE, as it appears on page 8 of the Auditor's report.

It is worth mentioning that the 'W. P. Flewelling Crown Land Account, AUTHORIZED BY SURVEYOR GENERAL SWEENEY, was overdrawn to the extent of \$8,949.24. This balance, or suspense account, which was a portion of the shortage of the late Mr. Flewelling, WAS PAID ON THE 20TH OF AUGUST, 1908, AND WOULD THUS REDUCE THE BALANCE TO THE CREDIT OF THE PROVINCE IN THE ORDINARY ACCOUNT AT THE BANK.

Auditor General's Statement The total balance to the credit of the Province on consolidated account

Mr. Babbitt's Letter. Fredericton, N. B., July 15th, 1909. Hon. J. K. Flemming, Prov. Secy, St. John, N. B. In Consolidated Accounts shown on page 8 of the Auditor General's report is a statement of all the financial operations of the province during the year. The ordinary revenue of the province makes up part of the statement on the side of receipts and amounted to \$1,086,738.34. The accounts chargeable to ordinary revenue on the expenditure side of the account amounted to \$1,042,196.49, showing a surplus of \$44,541.85 on ordinary revenue account. This surplus is merged in the general balance at credit of the consolidated account shown at the bottom of statement, being \$136,956.61 distributed as follows: Balance at credit of Receiver General at British Bank, \$36,215.20; Bank of Montreal, \$82,782.33; Cash not banked, \$31 October, \$17,958.98. Total, \$136,956.51. W. P. Flewelling overdraw account with interest was paid 20 August, 1908, amounting to \$8,949.24. (Signed) G. N. BABBITT, Deputy Receiver General.

October 31 is correctly stated by the Auditor General at \$136,956.51. How this amount is made up is shown by a telegram of Mr. G. N. Babbitt, Deputy Receiver General, published herewith. This \$136,956.51 as well as the \$44,541.85 surplus, is absolutely real, actual and correct.

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The last item was MONEY EITHER RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR DEPOSIT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 (the bank closing at noon that day) OR REACHED THE DEPARTMENT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, and must be credited to the revenue of 1908 to which it belongs.

How Mr. Robinson Handled It. In the previous year, Mr. Robinson, then Provincial Secretary, KEPT THE REVENUE ACCOUNT OPEN UNTIL IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND RECEIVED MORE THAN \$100,000 WHICH HE PLACED TO THE CREDIT OF THE YEAR ENDING THE LAST DAY OF OCTOBER.

It may also be worth mentioning here that he BEGAN TO HIDE AWAY EXPENDITURES in the suspense account AS EARLY AS MAY, OR NEARLY SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR. This concealment process of Mr. Robinson was successful TO THE AMOUNT OF NEARLY \$68,000.

I am absolutely sure that Mr. Robinson will not contradict one of the above statements.

A Better Plan I have not followed the plan pursued by Mr. Robinson in keeping accounts open for receipts until December. Neither did I conceal expenditures in suspense accounts. If I done so the surplus at the end of the year would have been greatly increased.

I am in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. G. N. Babbitt, Deputy Receiver General, who has held that position for many years, and whose statement will not be questioned by any member of the late Government or any person who knows Mr. Babbitt and his record as a public official:

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BIG DECREASE IN OUTPUT HE SAYS

The steamer Dominion, Capt. Norcott, arrived yesterday from Sydney, C. B., with about 5500 tons of Dominion Coal Company's coal. Talking to The Standard in the afternoon an officer said that, contrary to the general trend of the despatches sent from the scene of the Dominion coal miners' strike, the output of the company had not increased since the strike and that it was nothing to compare with the amount mined before the strike. When the Dominion had sailed on Tuesday, there were three steamers in the harbor of over 5000 tons capacity, waiting to be loaded and it had taken the Dominion a week to load whereas before the strike nothing did to do had left the harbor to try to get other work. One of the officers had heard many people say that they had visited the mines and had found that they were producing half the coal that they were reported to be mining. He said there were only a few men in each mine.

The Dominion discharged 1500 tons of coal yesterday. She will unload about the same amount today and take the other three thousand to Halifax.

WHY MR. TITUS SUPPORTS MR. MOSHER

Mr. E. A. Titus, of the firm of Titus and Son, merchants, St. John, is one of the most prominent members of the Liberal party in that parish, signed the official nomination paper of J. P. Mosher. His Reason. The reason given by Mr. Titus is that the Hazen Government deserves the support of good citizens irrespective of party, and therefore the candidate supporting the Hazen administration had his sympathy.

Mr. Mosher also merited support on his own account as a worthy man born and bred in the county, devoted to its interests and well capable of representing the constituency.

Will Make Great Gains. Another resident of St. Martin's tells The Standard that Mr. Mosher will make great gains in his own town and parish and that many who never before voted for the present Government party are giving him their support. Some are doing it actively, some quietly, while many who were formerly active the other way are showing no interest.

HEILE HAS AN HEIR. Paris, July 15.—A son was born today to the Princess de Sagan who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York. Prince Heile de Sagan and Mme. Anna Gould were married July 7, 1908, following her divorce from Count Boni de Castellane.

NO DIPHTHERIA THERE. Ottawa, Ont., July 15.—The report of an outbreak of diphtheria and tonsillitis at Petewawa military camp, is officially denied.

THE REAL ISSUE.

(St. John Globe, Liberal, July 15.) The general result of the general election was a complete defeat of the administration of that day. It lost the seals of office. Mr. McKeown has since gone upon the bench, and the old Government can never be restored. Mr. Hazen and his colleagues are administering affairs, and they have been in office a little over a year, not long enough to give them opportunity to show that they are as wicked as their opponents are so violently alleging that they are, not long enough to accomplish all the good that their proceedings so far show that they can accomplish. WHY SHOULD THEY NOT HAVE FAIR AND REASONABLE TREATMENT? An effort of the Opposition today is to prevent this county endorsing the verdict of the city in the general election less than two years ago. BUT THE VERDICT OUGHT TO BE ENDORSED IN THE INTEREST BOTH OF COMMON SENSE AND GOOD GOVERNMENT. Why should the county next week give a decision which will PRACTICALLY DECLARE THAT THE PEOPLE OF NEW BRUNSWICK DID WRONG WHEN THEY DISMISSED THE OLD ADMINISTRATION? Let us suppose that the effect of the election would be what the Opposition desire it to be, such a defeat of the administration as would lead to its downfall. WOULD THE PROVINCE FOR ONE MOMENT THINK OF AGAIN PUTTING IN POWER THE OLD ADMINISTRATION? WHO IS THERE in the gentleman now so active in this country in Opposition they would entrust the seals of office to, saving Mr. Robinson?

STANDARD OF EMPIRE PARTY LEAVES TODAY

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Que., July 15.—Ten of the High School boys who won the Standard of Empire free trip to the Old Country arrived in Montreal today from all parts of the Dominion. They were met by the Canadian manager of that newspaper and shown the sights of Montreal. Sir Edward Clouston received them at the Bank of Montreal and congratulated them on their good fortune. They leave tomorrow for Quebec when they will be joined by the winner in that city. They are on the Empress of Britain and will be away for five weeks. A fortnight from today they all lunch with Lord Roberts at his English home.

SEVEN KILLED BY COLLAPSING BUILDING

Philadelphia, Pa., July 15.—In one of the busiest streets of the city, and at a time when thousands of pedestrians were passing to and fro, the five-story brick building at the corner of Eleventh and Market streets, which was being re-constructed for the United Gas Improvement Company, collapsed with a terrific roar shortly after one o'clock this afternoon burying or pinning beneath the ruins 32 persons, seven of whom are dead, one is missing, one fatally injured, and 24 more or less seriously injured.

DRISCOLL AND MORAN MATCHED

London, July 15.—Jem Driscoll, the champion English featherweight and Owen Moran, the former bantamweight, have signed articles for a fight of 20 rounds, for the featherweight championship, to take place September 13. A purse of \$10,000 already has been offered for the match but the fighters have decided to await other bids.

E. H. Eyles of the composing room of the Herald is in the city for a few days.

OPPOSITION FALSEHOODS SHATTERED LAST NIGHT

Chief Commissioner of Public Works and Provincial Secretary Cheered to the Echo As They Drew Striking Contrast Between the Methods of the Hazen Government and the Administration It Succeeded—Mr. Morrissey as a Liberal, Gives His Reason Why Mr. Mosher Should Be Elected—Meeting at Crouchville One of the Best Ever Held in St. John County.

The Wyandotte Club house at Crouchville was packed to the doors and the spacious veranda in front contained an additional number of the electors when Mr. John McDonald, Jr., last night called to order the meeting in the interests of the local Government. The Hon. John Morrissey, M. P., Chief Commissioner of Public Works and the Hon. J. K. Flemming, Provincial Secretary gave rousing speeches in the interests of Mr. J. P. Mosher. Mr. McDonald, who had been elected chairman, called upon Mr. Morrissey as the first speaker. Mr. Morrissey was accorded an enthusiastic reception and gave one of the best addresses ever delivered in the Parish of Simonds. The speaker outlined his position in the politics of the province and claimed that although he was a Liberal yet he was a good enough Liberal to support the present local Government. (Applause.) In scathing terms he dealt with Mr. A. B. Copp and said that that grand old man Senator John V. Ellis was fighting the battles of the party when Mr. Copp was calmly sleeping in the cradle. (Applause.) Mr. Morrissey said that Senator Ellis was not a man to violate the independence of parliament and like that grafter, Copp. (Applause.)

Why He Opposed Opposition. The speaker claimed he was opposed to the present Opposition on account of the famous Northumberland deal. (Applause.) Speaking about the stuppance Mr. Morrissey said that there is no opportunity for graft in that field as there was when the Robinson gang controlled the ship of state in this province. (Applause.) The speaker went fully into the overdraft from the Crown Land Department and compared the record of that department to the present method of dealing with the stuppance. His remarks were greeted with applause.

Mr. Pugsley's Resolution. In 1903, continued the Chief Commissioner, the Attorney General, now Minister of Public Works, Mr. Pugsley moved a resolution to expel him because HE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GREAT LUMBER STEAL OF THE NORTH SHORE. (Applause.) The statements made then by me, said Mr. Morrissey, have since been PROVED TO BE TRUE.

Mr. Morrissey declared that at the time of the famous Moncton convention, when the Conservatives declared for party lines, Blair told the speaker that he thought it a great blunder. Mitchell, Emmerson and Tweedie followed in the footsteps of that great man, and yet today Robinson and Copp have been endeavoring to falsify the letters of the Opposition on the great Liberal party. (Applause.) Mr. Morrissey said that the late Dr. Stockton was an honorable man, who had led a coalition party, and Mr. Morrissey continued to follow in the footsteps of that leader. (Prolonged applause.)

Issues a Challenge. The speaker said that HE CHALLENGED THE OPPOSITION TO POINT OUT LIBERALS WHO WERE DISMISSED BY MR. HAZEN BECAUSE HE WAS A LIBERAL. HE would like Robinson-Copp-Tweedie et al to explain to him why they pulled the Liberal party in this campaign. He said that in 1900 Blair, Copp and Robinson supported Conservatives rather than Morrissey, the Liberal candidate.

Why did they do it? HE WOULD ASK ROBINSON AND COPP TO EXPLAIN THIS MATTER (Great applause.) Mr. Morrissey challenged the Opposition to detail the conversation he had with Mr. Emmerson in the latter's private car in 1904, when Emmerson said that \$20,000 WOULD BE SENT TO THE NORTH SHORE COUNTY IF LOGGIE GOT THE NOMINATION, BUT NOT ONE CENT IF MORRISSEY WAS THE CANDIDATE. The speaker appealed to the people TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS RECORD.

The speaker said no wonder his sight dimmed when he found the chaotic state of his department when the present Government came into power. Out of some 4,000 bridges in this Province, when the Hazen party came into power, only 100 were in decent condition. Yet over half a million dollars had been voted that year for repairs of roads and bridges.

Last year the present 'BAD GOVERNMENT' HAD PAID EVERY BRIDGE PREVIOUS TO MARCH, 3, 1908. (Applause.) Public Money Squandered. Mr. Morrissey charged the old regime with squandering the public domain of this Province. There were absolutely no vouchers to show where this money had gone to.

Out of 190 road machines bought by the old government ONLY SIXTY HAD TURNED UP AND IN KENT COUNTY HE HAD TO SEND THE SHERIFF TO FORCIBLY TAKE A ROAD MACHINE FROM ONE, IRVINE, A SUPPORTER OF THAT GANG. (Applause.) Cries of "No." From these facts the speaker asked if the electors would return reckless men such as these to represent them. (Cries of "No, no.") That Hon. gentleman proceeded to cite incident after incident where the

Robinson-Copp crowd wasted the people's money when they were in power. Dealing with the "suspense account" Mr. Morrissey showed how philanthropic the Robinson Government were to their friends. The Highway Act. He compared the old highway Act of the Tweedie-Pugsley-Robinson era to that of the present government and showed that if the highway boards, the majority of whose members are appointed by the municipal councils, would carry out the law, THE ROADS OF THIS PROVINCE WOULD BE IN THE FIRST CLASS CONDITION. (Applause.) Mr. Morrissey's speech was followed closely and he was frequently interrupted as he nailed the falsehoods of the Opposition speakers. Before taking his seat the Chief Commissioner announced that he expected to have every bridge in the Province repaired and without borrowing one cent or saddling the country with debt. This statement was greeted with cheers.

Serious He Spoke. Just as the speaker was about to take his seat a drunken man interrupted and asked the hon. gentleman what Mr. Hazen ever did for the country. Mr. Morrissey's reply was prompt and to the point. He gave the inebriated supporter of the Opposition his quietus when he said: "He didn't steal from the Central Railway." Cheers after cheer greeted the speaker's answer.

Skirting the Roads. The speaker said that he had authorized the expenditure of over \$120,000 to skirt the roads of the Province which SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE EVERY YEAR WHEN THE ROBINSON PARTY WERE IN POWER. (Applause.) HON. J. K. FLEMMING.

Shows Why St. John County Should Elect Supporters of the Government. The Hon. J. K. Flemming, Provincial Secretary, was the next speaker and in an able speech showed the electors why the Government candidate should be elected. Mr. Flemming spoke about the charges in the Daily Telegraph yesterday concerning the condition of the provincial finances, his answer to which appears elsewhere on this page. The old Government, he said, is now on trial more so than the record of the present regime. (Applause.) Amid cheers Mr. Flemming pointed out that the record of the Hazen party during its first period in power HAS KEPT EVERY PRE-ELECTION PLEDGE. (Applause.) In scathing terms he denounced the

MR. ROBINSON'S STATEMENT AS PUBLISHED IN THE TELEGRAPH ABSOLUTELY FALSE, THEY SAY

(St. John Globe, Liberal, July 15.) At the Milford meeting Wednesday evening Mr. Robinson, ex-Premier, spoke of the criminal prosecution of Road Commissioner Stewart in Albert county. He is thus reported in the Telegraph:—

"It was Mr. Hazen's duty to prosecute, and he employs 'Mr. Jonah, of the firm of Fowler & Jonah. The conspiracy 'charge was thrown out. Another charge of misappropriation was made and tried before Judge Wedderburn, who 'said he had no jurisdiction and characterized the case as an 'outrage on justice.

"I charge Mr. Hazen with using the office of attorney 'general for party purposes. I am informed by the deputy 'sheriff that Mr. Jonah came to him and tried to interfere with 'the warning of the jury in this case.' Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Garland, of Albert, who warned this jury, telephoned to The Standard:—

"I never spoke to Mr. Robinson in my life about interfering with the jury in the Stewart case. I never told any one 'that Mr. Jonah tried to interfere with the warning of the 'jury and Mr. Jonah never did interfere in that or any other 'case. The statement published by the Telegraph as made 'by Mr. Robinson is absolutely untrue." MR. JONAH'S STATEMENT. W. B. Jonah telephoned from Sussex:—"The statement 'reported in this morning's Telegraph as made by the Oppos- 'ition leader, Mr. Robinson, as to my interference with the 'warning of the jury in the Stewart case, is absolutely untrue. 'It is also absolutely untrue as there stated that Judge Wed- 'derburn characterized the case as an outrage on justice. 'The judge very properly refrained altogether from any ex- 'pression of opinion on the merits of the case.

PLUNDERING GREED OF PRETENDED LIBERALS; LIBERAL SUN MAKES SOME STARTLING CONFESSIONS

(St. John Sun, July 15.) In shirking the real issues of the fight, in practically accepting responsibility for things which the people have emphatically condemned and in associating themselves with a predatory and discredited machine for the purpose—the only conceivable purpose—of receiving therefrom a campaign fund, the Opposition forces have accepted a heavy handicap. They have not only lost the support of many Conservatives who are frankly displeased with Hazen's rule, but have forfeited the votes of many Liberals who reserve to themselves the right of personal judgment in provincial affairs and who sternly resent the shame put upon their party by the plundering greed of a few, who in the Liberal name and with Liberal money, have seized control of the local party organization and a section of the party press and are using them boldly and unscrupulously for their personal profit. Even if the popular feeling against the Government, together with the magic of the name Liberal, should win this fight for the Opposition, in spite of the auspices under which the campaign is being conducted, the result will not strengthen the Opposition in the long run and insofar as it may tend to clinch the control of the forces which at present seem to dominate the Liberal party in this constituency, will make for the disruption of the party and the destruction of its supremacy.