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SOME FACTS FOR THE TELEGRAPH

The utter disregard of the deencies in the discussion of public questions which invariably characterizes the utterances of the Telegraph was never more prominently illustrated than in yesterday's issue of that publication. Ever since the Dugal charges were preferred the articles appearing in the Telegraph have exhibited signs of such hysteria as might very well manifest itself in the case of a drowning man grasping at a straw.

Since the Commission began to receive evidence there have been misrepresentation and flagrant exaggeration of the conditions, and its statements have been particularly marked by distortion of the evidence and the usurpation of the functions of the Commission. One possessed of a sense of ordinary courtesy, and with the respect which among decent people is always accorded the deliberations of a judicial body, would naturally have refrained from such strident and recently appeared in the columns of the Telegraph and of the entire opposition press. But the mad lust for power and spoils, which has apparently become an obsession of the gentleman who have the investigation to charge for the opposition, appears to have wholly removed from the minds of those who are directing the editorial policy of the journals referred to any sense of the proprieties which usually prevail between men in business and politics, and in the ordinary transactions of life.

And so in its columns, yesterday, the Telegraph arrogates to itself the power of judgment, considers the evidence in accordance with its own desires, reaches its decision before the testimony is completed and thinks it is about time for the Government to resign in order that it and its friends may again try their hands at the work of administration.

Does the Telegraph already forget that for a period of about a quarter of a century, not long since expired, its friends were in power in this province, and does it forget the scandals which marked the trail of its administration down through all the years, in comparison with which anything developed before the Commission is as nothing?

Does it forget that, calculated on the basis of the receipts from stampage since 1908, its friends, in conspiracy with the lumbermen, deliberately deprived the provincial treasury of a sum reaching into millions? Does it forget the election of 1908, one of its present idols hastened to restore to the strong box of the province, from which it had improperly and illegally been taken? Does it forget the thousands of dollars which one of its friends, very much interested in the outcome of the present enquiry, was compelled hastily to restore to Crown Land funds after the present Government came into power, and does it forget the interest on that sum which has not yet been paid and is still due? Does it forget the death of a trusted employee of the Crown Land Department, which occurred as a result of the crooked financial methods of that department? Does it forget the loss of the Central Railway, and the thousands of dollars which the province lost by the time by which the people's money was separated from the treasury and transferred to the pockets of the then members of the Government and their supporters?

Has the Telegraph forgotten, too, so soon, the excellence of the administration which has been given to the people of the province by the Government it has for so long a time vainly striven to discredit? Has it forgotten the order which has been brought out of the financial chaos in which the province had been plunged by the gentlemen whom it so cheerfully supported? Has it forgotten the safeguards which have been placed around the provincial treasury? Has it forgotten the many and splendid bridges which have replaced the decayed and dangerous structures left by the men it would like to see restored to power, the excellent highways which are gradually replacing the swamps and caverns and tree-choked paths which the old governments called roads; the many improvements which have been made in all departments of provincial administration since the present Government came into power? Has it forgotten that for six years now it has striven by every means in its power, and the power of the scavenging hordes by whom it is surrounded, to discredit the Government, and that up to the present moment it has failed to discover a single act which has not been planned and carried out for the benefit of the province and the people? These are a few of the things which the Standard desires to commend for the consideration of the Telegraph in its present moment of excitement and concern, which this journal is anxious to bring to the attention of the public.

And after this is accomplished, will the Telegraph kindly inform us into whose hands that delectable journal, if it possessed the power, would entrust the direction of provincial affairs?

Would it call to cabinet positions Mr. F. B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., and Mr. E. S. Carter, who appear to be the custodians of the conscience of the Liberal party in the province just at present—Mr. F. B. Carvell, who, as leader of the notorious "Dark Lantern Brigade," and backed by an unscrupulous majority, did more, when supporting the late government at Ottawa, to conceal from public gaze the questionable transactions of his party than any other man in Canada, and who perhaps because of his unsavory record in this respect was compelled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to give place as the representative of New Brunswick in the federal government, to a man burdened with the political peculiarities of the late Minister of Public Works, Mr. E. S. Carter, the story of whose career is yet fresh in the minds of many of the people? Or would it select Mr. John E. Moore, that excellent Liberal and one of the proprietors of the Telegraph, who figured as the faithful friend of Mr. W. H. Berry in his collection of the so-called "campaign fund"? Or Mr. Brankley, that loyal American of the Liberal faith, who was Mr. W. H. Berry's right-hand man in his efforts? Or, perhaps, Mr. W. H. Berry himself, that faithful Liberal who was the head and front of the offending? Or perhaps it would suggest some of the good Liberal lumbermen who appeared to be so anxious to contribute to a Tory "campaign fund," such as Mr. W. B. Snowball or Mr. John P. Burchill, of Northumberland deal fame, or Mr. James Robinson, some of the dozen and one other good Liberals whom Mr. Carvell so cleverly discovered in the conspiracy he and Mr. Peter Veniot so adroitly disclosed? Let the Telegraph give us this information and then call again for the resignation of the Government.

But the Telegraph need not worry. It should possess its soul in patience. By the admission of its own mouthpiece in the Legislature, every member of the Government, with the one exception, has been absolved from wrongdoing in every particular, and from even the suspicion of wrongdoing. These men are capable of giving the province a better government than it enjoyed previous to the advent of the Honorable Mr. Hazen to power in 1908, and a better government than any combination of the peculiar politicians who have constituted themselves the leaders of the Liberal party in the province could possibly be expected to furnish. They have an appreciation of the proper attitude to be maintained while the charges are under investigation, and, when the proper time comes, while continuing in control of provincial affairs, will deal properly with any matter which calls for regulation, and will continue that policy, progress and prosperity of the province, which has been recently disturbed by a combination of Liberals among the lumbermen and their Liberal allies in the directorate of the Telegraph and elsewhere throughout the province.

Mr. Pugsley said arrangements had been completed with the railway company to further extend their line, now under construction, to Coldbrook into the company's property. The railway will be laid along Central avenue as far as the Manor House, which is located in the centre of the property. This will be an additional convenience to the residents of Glen Falls and will naturally enhance its value. The following is the text of the letter to the president from the railway company in which the company agrees to complete the work as speedily as possible.

WELDON & McLEAN,
July 8th, 1914.
St. John, N. B.

HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY,
Dear Sir,
We have to confirm agreement made

between you and our Mr. Taylor this afternoon whereby the Saint John Railway Company agrees to extend its line of street railway through your Glen Falls property to a point close to the Manor House (so called) on the said property. The company proceeded with the work of constructing its railway without delay; indeed, in the course of a few days we will have our ties delivered at Coldbrook for the extension. We hope to have the line in operation before the summer is over.

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Diary of Events

HISTORICAL DAYS IN CANADA

The Atlantic and St. Lawrence Railroad, from Montreal to Portland, Me., was opened sixty-two years ago today, July 18, 1852. Two years later this line was leased to the Grand Trunk Railway for a period of 99 years, and became one of the first great railway systems of Canada. At this time the Grand Trunk system, which had been commenced in 1847, was being hastened to completion, the local line connecting Georgian Bay with Toronto was developing the resources of Upper Canada, and Nova Scotia already had its first railway. In 1854 the Great Western Railway was commenced. By this line, 350 miles in length, Toronto was placed in direct connection with Detroit, Chicago and the entire western part of the United States, and by the extension from Hamilton to the Niagara, and the construction there of a suspension bridge, the Great Western was for a time an important link in the main lines of transit from Boston and New York to the Western States. The Intercolonial Railway was the next important development. Other railways of the early period included the Canadian and North American, 108 miles; the New Brunswick and Canada, 124 miles; the Northern of Canada, 120 miles; the Midland of Canada, 89 miles; the Brockville and Ottawa, 58 miles; the St. Lawrence and Ottawa, 54 miles; and several less extensive lines. Including the Canadian Central, London and Port Stanley, Coburg, Peterborough and Marmora, St. Lawrence and Industry, Carleton and Grenville, Toronto and Nipissing, Toronto, Grey and Bruce, and the Windsor and Annapolis. In 1874 Canada had 4,022 miles of lines. The bulk of the expansion has been effected in the last forty years, until now the mileage of Canadian railways is well past 25,000 mark.

THE PASSING DAY.

"CHINESE" GORDON'S FIRST GREAT VICTORY.

In their moments of greatest inspiration the writers of "The Passing Day" have never created a hero so adventurous and valorous as Charles William Gordon, the great Englishman who was "Chinese" Gordon in Asia and "Gordon Pasha" in Egypt and the Sudan, and who perished in Khartoum two days before a relieving army of English soldiers reached the city which had been invested by the Mahdi and his fanatical followers.

It was just half a century ago today, on July 18, 1864, that Gordon achieved his first great victory by inflicting a decisive defeat on the Chinese rebels which ended the Taiping rebellion. In 1851 a pretender to the throne of China had appeared, and, preaching a new religion which was a compound of Christianity, Judaism and the ancient faiths of China, he soon surrounded himself with a horde of fanatical followers. Hun-sen-tseu was the name of this prophet and pretender, but he styled himself Tien-teh, meaning Celestial Virtue, or emperor. He was of obscure origin, but had been converted to Christianity by a missionary. He announced himself as the restorer of the true faith of the true God, Shang-ti, asserted that he was the monarch of all beneath the sky, the true lord of China, and thus of all the world, the heir of Jesus, or emperor, he was of obscure origin, but had been converted to Christianity by a missionary. 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