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SHOCKING REVELATIONS

This week's revelations at the Valley Railway and Gould enquiries ought to cause such a revolution of feeling throughout the province as would leave the members of the late provincial government and their colleagues in the legislature without a single political supporter. The province has been shamed and disgraced. Its good name has been dragged in the mire. Those who should have been its protectors no longer wear the badge of honorable service. Some of them profited by the graft that has been common since the late made common cause with the grafters and tried to get them a new lease of power. We might be charitable enough to believe that they were in ignorance of much that was going on but for the fact that they whitewashed Flemming after he had been exposed and welcomed his assistance in the general election campaign. It is time for honest electors to stand aside from such representatives and make it perfectly clear to them that they no longer command the confidence of the people. For if they are left free to believe that their conduct is not condemned the political situation will not improve so far as their party is concerned. The people have the best reasons for rejoicing that a new government now rules at Fredericton, and the members of that government should keep ever before them, as an example of how not to govern a province, the record of the party whose graft and extravagance have so loaded the province with unnecessary debt, and made its name a by-word from coast to coast.

A DISCREDITED PARTY

A fact to which attention should be directed with particular emphasis at the present time is the failure of the Conservative press and the leaders of the party in this province to repudiate Mr. J. K. Flemming and other leaders associated with the Valley Railway graft, and the plunder taken from the lumbermen and liquor dealers. The plain people have spoken, and there is a new government at Fredericton, but what Conservative leader has had the courage to come out publicly and denounce the methods of his party and dissociate himself politically from the men who have been exposed? Not one. Is it then to be assumed that every prominent Conservative in New Brunswick is content and that he puts party considerations ahead of the welfare of the province? What else can be assumed under the circumstances? New Brunswick, under Conservative rule, has had the most shameful orgy of graft in its whole history, and yet the man responsible for it is still trusted leaders of the party.

And these are the men with whom the Liberals are now asked to join hands in the sacred name of patriotism. Is it any cause for wonder that the appeal meets with no response? It is a party in a fool. It is being tried at Ottawa and in the various provinces, including New Brunswick. The purpose is to keep Sir Robert Borden at the head of affairs. The men who are the chief manipulators in this province are men who have no hesitations in saying in denunciation of Flemming and who have hoisted and applauded and white-washed him and the others who have been so thoroughly exposed in recent investigations.

If leading Conservatives desire to be patriotic they should begin by separating themselves from their own party, and helping the Liberals to discredit the grafters and those associated with them so thoroughly that honor would be restored to public life. And the house-cleaning, to be effective, must extend to Ottawa. Who can trust the patriots in relation to a policy for winning the war, of a party which has such a political record at home and is not ashamed of it?

WELL-FOUNDED CRITICISM

A returned soldier writes to The Times as follows: "With pleasure I read your editorial in your paper, yesterday's date, regarding treatment of returned officers in England after they have been promoted to the field, but because they were wounded had to revert to their former rank. That is exactly what takes place, while officers who stayed in Canada for a year or two retain their rank and hold down easy positions in England without seeing the front at all. Such are conditions in England, but why go so far away? Right here in these provinces we have officers with high rank walking around and doing practically nothing but drawing their fat pay, and parading the streets looking for salutes from junior returned officers and wounded

men. These officers should be made to overseas or else retire to civil life, and their places filled by returned wounded officers who have done their bit. Conscription is a mighty good thing if applied properly, but think of the poor men in the trenches risking their life daily for \$1.10 per day, to keep the enemy back from our shores so these Sunday parade officers may live in luxury and live to tell their grandchildren what a prominent part they took in this great war. No doubt voluntary enlistment would yield much better results. In New Brunswick if our young men saw justice done to the returned officers."

This correspondent informs The Times that of 186 officers in these provinces whose names were printed in the list a few days ago only ten had been at the front. Surely it is time the whole Canadian military organization at home and overseas was thoroughly shaken up and justice done to the officers and men who are doing the real work, and of whom so many have come home or will come home after suffering grievous wounds.

The Nova Scotia Construction Company got a new contract increasing their price by \$76,000. They gave Mr. W. B. Tennant \$200,000. Mr. Tennant gave Mr. Thomas Bell \$200,000. Then came the elections. Of course there was no connection between these incidents, but more than there was between the fact that Mr. Thomas Nagle insisted on getting \$5,000 from Kennedy & McDonald on Sept. 19 and that the Carleton county by-election occurred on Sept. 21. Like the glad coming together of Mr. Geo. B. Jones' friend Mr. Fenwick and Smith & Marthew, and the higher price paid them than was paid to other sub-contractors, these things just happened.

Mr. F. B. Carvell is one of Canada's big men. He is big enough to be considered as a most desirable member of the union government his political enemies would like to form to save themselves from utter defeat. The province of New Brunswick owes a great debt to him for his exposure of the grafters. Abused in the most shameful way by the St. John Standard, Mr. Carvell has gone calmly on with his task, drawing the net around men closely identified with that sheet, until he has them in the pillory. Hence their hatred.

To say that government ownership of railways could not succeed because of politics is to assume that our political methods cannot be improved, or that it is useless to hope that they will be improved. Surely that is the doctrine of despair. Is this young country to confess its inability to command honorable service? The people will have whatever kind of service they choose to have. It is up to them.

Flemming over \$100,000, Tennant \$180,000, Nagle \$200,000—and how many more? This of course for the Valley Railway. There was also the loot from the lumbermen, the liquor dealers—and how many more? Who was it that depicted New Brunswick as the grafters' paradise?

Amateur gardeners are learning lessons this year that will be useful hereafter. If they are disappointed because they did not reckon with blight or insect pests they will remember these things next year and do better.

Sir Robert Borden repudiates the Nationalists. Has he forgotten that they helped him form his cabinet in 1911 and also helped him to bring about the present crisis in this country?

The war news at the end of the week is of an optimistic nature. The Allies have substantially improved their position on the western front, and there is no change for the worse on other fronts.

The Standard announces that \$844,850 is to be spent on harbors and rivers in this province. This is not correct. There must be a large discount for graft.

It is now rumored the Canadian elections will be held in November. There is no hope of a national government until after they have been held.

British Columbia has adopted prohibition. Only portions of Quebec province are now wet territory, in all Canada.

If a coalition government were formed the lid would not be lifted. That is why coalition is popular in some quarters.

Over a quarter of a million dollars graft that we know about in connection with the Valley Railway. How much is still hidden?

Standard readers are still waiting to find in its columns something about that \$100,000.

The Globe says that prosecution should follow the Valley Railway revelations. What does the Standard say?

Whether conducting a war or building a railway the Tories bleed the country.

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"My dear," said the wife, "what is your text for this morning's sermon?" "The twenty-first verse of the fifth Psalm," he replied in short gasps. "The words of his mouth were smooth, but his heart was as bitter, and he was in his heart."

The Honored Guest First Gentleman—Come and dine with me tomorrow evening, old top. Second Gentleman—Afridi I can't. First Gentleman—Never mind, bring him along with you.

Tommy (to bareheaded German)—Want to surrender, do you? You ain't no good for me like that! You top back and bring yer cmet wiy yer, I'm goin' 'ome on leave next week—London Opinion.

Platonic love? "Yes, how would you define it?" "Well, the name gives you the clue. It's the platonic ideal as compared with the real thing."

Clever "I wish to see a bonnet," said Miss Panser, aged 45. "For yourself, miss?" enquired the French milliner.

"Marie, run down stairs and get me hats for ladies between 18 and 25." Bonnet sold.

At the Home Plate The catcher—And how do you like married life, Jerry? Shortstop (newlywed)—Well, Jake, she's just like an umpire. She never thinks I'm safe when I'm out.

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The Problem of Government

(Toronto Globe) The real problem that confronts Canada is the problem of government. This is the significant note struck by western Liberals. The Rogers infatuation in the cabinet has demoralized public life. No ministry that lacks the confidence of the Liberals of Canada can hope to carry on the war vigorously and successfully.

One of the most recent acts of the Borden government is an outrage on public decency and an indefensible abandonment of the government of the country to the worst elements in the cabinet. The story, as told by the Winnipeg Free Press, has not been challenged or denied. The Royal Commission which inquired into the irregularities in connection with the construction of the Manitoba parliament buildings reported as follows:

"Mr. Horwood, Professor Brydson, Jack and Mr. Shankland, when before the public accounts committee, attempted to create the impression that in making their respective estimates the deduction had been made, but in the case of the first two at least their verbal evidence was at variance with what they had written. Professor Brydson and Mr. Shankland were called as witnesses by the government to justify contracts entered into by the months before and we regret to observe that they yielded to a weakness too common amongst professional experts, viz., to support their evidence suit the purpose of the party by whom they are called."

Other significant references are made in the report to Professor Brydson-Jack. Following the reorganization of the Manitoba House of Commons, it is now reported from Ottawa that Hon. Robert Rogers has found a position for Jack ceased to be professor. It is a specially created by Hon. Robert Rogers, in the interests of a dishonest government, is fully confirmed, is evidence, were any required, of the hopelessness of the situation. The Rogers infatuation in the cabinet is a position for Jack ceased to be professor. It is a specially created by Hon. Robert Rogers, in the interests of a dishonest government, is fully confirmed, is evidence, were any required, of the hopelessness of the situation.

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choice who naturally fall upon the leader who commanded the confidence of the public. The prerogative of the crown is limited by well-established usage. Queen Victoria, who had strong prejudices, did not always conform to the rule of sending for the leader of the opposition, but on this point Gladstone differed from her.

"There is indeed one great and critical act," he says, "the responsibility for which falls upon the shoulders of an existing ministry and the appointment of a new one. This act is usually performed with the aid drawn from authentic manifestations of public opinion, mostly such as are obtained through the votes or conduct of the house of commons."

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXTENDS FOOD PRODUCTION MOVE

To Attack on Larger Scale Problem of Maintaining Ample Food Supply During the War

The task of maintaining during the war an ample supply of food will be attacked on a still larger scale by the United States department of agriculture, under the provisions of the food production bill just enacted by congress.

What the Bill Provides The food production bill provides \$11,246,000 to be used in stimulating production, for protecting and conserving food resources.

Staff of county agents to be increased until at least one agent will be stationed in practically every agricultural county in the United States that will co-operate with the department and the State Agricultural College.

Women county agents for demonstration work in home economics to be increased in rural counties and similar agents to be placed in towns and cities for first time.

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A Busy Life

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