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MEN OF SUBSTANCE

Premier Rutherford went to describe the people at the back of the A. & G. W. as "men of substance" and would not listen to the suggestion that they were promoters and high financiers. He never explained just what he meant by "men of substance," but now a definition is not necessary. The evidence of Banker Fraser of Edmonton explains it all.

Here is the way it was done. The A. & G. W. needed \$50,000 to comply with the legal requirements. Mr. Clarke with the crutch upon the bank manager, which is no very easy trick in this country, and gets an overdraft for \$50,000. This is passed on to the A. & G. W., and of course the A. & G. W. has the required amount for the purpose of capitalization. Then there is a meeting of the A. & G. W. which votes \$50,000 to the worthy and industrious president of the company, who happens to be the same W. R. Clarke, the possessor of the overdraft. Then Mr. Clarke pays the overdraft. Now you see that conditions are quite the same as before. No person owes any other person anything, but in the meantime Mr. Clarke has financed a great railway system, which is to be constructed from Fort McMurray to Edmonton and thence to Grignon the province. That is what you can do upon an overdraft of \$50,000. There is no end to the possibilities.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE

The Edmonton Capital after much petty indifference, has finally decided to offer some defence of the government in the A. & G. W. railway transaction, in the light of the evidence which has been given during the last few weeks. Though the structure reared by the Edmonton paper is one which falls at the first breath of fact, it must be given credit for being the first and only paper or person which has had the hardihood to answer criticism with anything but exceedingly cheap abuse. To the statement that the guarantee was grossly and unnecessarily large, the Capital replies that the Dominion government has made guarantees ever large for other roads; that Mr. James, an employee of the Clarke's, estimated the cost at \$28,000, and that J. D. McArthur would not build the road for \$20,000 a mile.

Mr. James did not give an estimate of a road built upon the specifications passed upon by the government, but upon a road which Clarke said he intended to build. J. D. McArthur did not decline to build the road because he thought that it would cost more than \$20,000, but because he did not like Mr. Clarke. The Capital says: "Whether McArthur did or did not like Clarke's appearance is hardly a matter to argue about." It most certainly is not Mr. McArthur's responsibility that he did not like the appearance of Mr. Clarke, and that is the reason that he did not consider an offer to build the road and that is the end of it. There is certainly no further argument about it.

The extent of the guarantee by the Dominion government for other roads built other places is of little interest in this case. Let us consider this road. Mr. Cornwall estimated the cost of the road at less than \$18,000. One of his engineers estimated it at \$12,000. Dr. Waddell estimated the cost of a much better road at \$17,000.

But we have better evidence than that. Mr. Clarke told Mr. McArthur that the road would cost \$17,000, and the balance was "relief for the company."

And there is still better evidence than that. It matters not how much the road costs, the province was not to build it, but to guarantee certain bonds. The desire of the province was to have the road constructed. Mr. Cornwall and his friends were prepared to build that road on a guarantee of \$12,000 a mile, on a road 250 miles in length, with bonds bearing interest at four per cent. In fact, the company was prepared to go ahead if the guarantee was reduced to \$10,000 a mile. However, the company made the offer to the government of \$18,000 a mile of four per cent. for 250 miles. Now, there was the proposition for the government to face. But despite that, the government guaranteed bonds of five per cent. on \$7,400,000. He who runs may read. What can the reasonable man say?

The Albertan repeats that Clarke had no standing in the railway world. No person has said that he had. His financial standing was unknown to the government and was not accepted by the railway builders, who entered into it. The A. & G. W. was a myth and its financial basis was an overdraft of \$50,000, given by a kind hearted bank manager. And upon that, and that alone, the road was to be built.

There is evidence to show that Clarke did not intend to operate the road. Dr. Waddell says he was much opposed to it. Clarke was asked by the provincial legislature some months ago to undertake to operate the road, when completed, and has not even

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answered the request. Is this not conclusive proof that he has no such intention? He has been asked to do it and declines to answer.

Whether or not Clarke got a rake-off from the bond sale, it is impossible to say. Clarke declines to come to Canada to give evidence. There is a reason. Until he comes, we cannot say how the bonds were disposed of. We do not know that he asked Minty if it would not be possible to make something out of the sale, and Minty said not directly. We do know that the company was offered 103 for a much less valuable bond and refused to accept it. Why? The bonds were sold for 110 or more, and the province got par. Who got the balance?

Now, there are some of the facts. The details make the case against the company much stronger. The negotiations of Clarke with the government, the shuffle between the A. & G. W. and the construction company, the demand of Clarke that McArthur should advance \$450,000, the absence of Mr. Clarke and all these matters confirm the suspicion that most people have of the entire transaction.

A prisoner at the bar would be condemned of a charge of gross mismanagement of the affairs of a concern, with one-tenth of the evidence that has been produced against the Alberta government. The public is the judge and jury and has expressed from time to time its opinion of the transaction. As time passes and facts become clearer, the verdict is more sweeping.

It is not surprising that the Edmonton Capital twice concludes its argument by the telling words, "What's the use?"

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are some people scoffing at the tail of Haley's comet, who might be pleased if the entire incident was a tale that had been told.

The coronation oath is not only an insult to Catholics, who resent it very keenly, but it is a reflection upon Protestants for retaining such antiquated sentiment in so solemn a ceremony.

The people who are saying that Clarke was without any financial standing are not aware that once upon a time he was the real thing in a company that had an overdraft for \$50,000.

And all the time, the people of this country were led to believe that the entire road to the far north was being built upon the discounted note for \$50,000. But it wasn't a discounted note at all, but an overdraft.

One of the attractions at the Calgary exhibition is the exhibit of ten polar bears, each of which has discovered the north pole, and the beauty of it is that they do not have anything very much to say about it either.

We all remember how the A. & G. W., which in addition to building a line from Fort McMurray to Edmonton, was to stretch itself to Calgary, and that reminds us that the most money that the A. & G. W. ever had at any one time was an overdraft for \$50,000.

To pass away as peacefully as the tail of a comet should inspire a government which has as much imagination and prospective as the Alberta government. The surest way for the Rutherford idea and its following to get fame is to hook itself to the tail of the comet and go along at a rapid rate.

The gentlemen who have been paying contributions to the treasury for driving their autos with too much speed might call the attention of the chief of police to old man Haley, who is coming along with his comet at the rate of some million miles a minute, which is much ahead of the speed limit in this city.

course, you know, and who knows you, and ask him off hand for an overdraft of \$50,000 to start a railway to the far north, and watch with what despatch and real speed he comes through with the cash and tells you to go right at it. There is nothing like getting \$50,000 when you want it.

The government newspapers which have been making so very merry about the story of A. M. Parkin have forgotten to inform the public that Parkin was placed under arrest on the information of R. B. Bennett and that Parkin confessed to the police authorities at Minneapolis that he was not telling the truth when he said he was associated with Mr. Bennett.

The Edmonton newspapers, after a careful scrutiny, can find nothing very much more interesting at the present time than the editorials from the Letbridge Herald, which believes that Calgary should be marked off the map for suggesting a university which might in any way rub up against the university, which it insisted in locating at Strathcona. It is a case of extremes meeting and rejoicing about it.

TO ERADICATE DANDELIONS

Effective Method of Clearing Lawns of Troublesome Plant.

(Denver Times)

The most effective and practicable method of clearing a dandelion infested lawn, other than by hand digging is by the use of iron sulphate applied as a spray. The writer has succeeded with three applications in entirely killing all plants of this common lawn pest without injuring the grass. A portion of a lawn so badly infested that hardly anything but dandelion was visible a year ago is now without a single plant and the grass has thickened a good deal in consequence.

A solution of copperas or iron sulphate made by dissolving at the rate of one and one-quarter pounds of the salt in a gallon of water should be applied to the lawn with a spray pump so as to wet every plant. It will not do to use common sprinklers. The solution must be put on in the form of a fine spray applied with some force to be most effective. A common bucket, spray pump, or even a hand atomizer, for very small areas, is suitable, providing it makes a fine forcible spray. Do not try to hit the dandelions only, but cover every square inch of the lawn. In this way all seeded plants will be killed. Put on a second application in two or three weeks and if third and possibly a fourth late in summer, if any of the dandelions start into growth. The grass will be blackened for a short time, but soon recovers and after watering and a mowing will appear darker green than before. Do not allow the solution to get on cement or stone walks, as it produces a rather permanent yellow stain.

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