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LIBERAL BANQUET TO MESSRS. CARVELL AND DUGAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Large Gathering and Enthusiastic Speeches.—Praise Lavished on Guests of the Evening and on Party Organizers for Province

There was a large attendance of Liberals at the banquet given in Fredericton on Thursday night in honor of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Mr. Louis A. Dugal, M. L. A., and much enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. W. E. Foster, of St. John, presided, with Mr. Carvell on his right, Mr. Dugal on his left. Hon. C. W. Robinson, Mr. A. B. Copp, Hon. P. J. Sweeney, and Mr. J. M. Keefe presided at the other tables.

After the Toast to the King and to the Governor General, the latter presided by Mr. O. Turgeon, M. P.

MR. FOSTER proposed the principal toast, the health of Messrs. Carvell and Dugal, and spoke at some length. They had assembled, he said, to do honor to our guests of the evening, who through loyalty to their party, loyalty to themselves and in the best interests of the province and the electorate, have unearthed the greatest political scandal that has ever been investigated, not only in the Province of New Brunswick, but in the whole Dominion at large. Mr. Foster referred appreciatively to Mr. Dugal's course in formulating the charges against Hon. Mr. Flemming in the Legislature. Lone-handed as he was, he was met almost solidly by a man by a hostile Legislature composed of a government prepared and determined by any means to retain office at any cost. When Mr. Foster referred to Mr. Carvell, saying: "I am no prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but I believe and predict that the day is not far distant when the people of this province will show their appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Carvell in this matter, for I believe it is the first step and will eventually be the means of uplifting this province from the political mire into which it has fallen and place it in the position it deserves, alongside of the sister provinces of this Dominion." Mr. Foster called on the best elements in the province to come forward and join with the opposition in forming a party which will appeal unitedly to the country, with the slogan, "Abolish the Bag."

MR. CARVELL, who was enthusiastically received, said that every person who knew anything about the personnel of the present government felt sure that the passage of the monstrous crown land legislation of 1913 (by which the renewal of these licenses were practically left in the hands of Mr. Flemming) would result in nothing but a steal of the most gigantic proportions known in the history of the province. Mr. Carvell praised Mr. E. S. Carter and Mr. P. J. Veniot (of Bathurst), for the work they had done in unearthing the scandal. He said Mr. Flemming had endeavored to trap Mr. Dugal by inviting him to the government caucus, and offering various favors, but Mr. Dugal remained true to his friends and to his promises. Mr. Carvell took up the timber limits scandal, and said:

"The only hopeful sign in the whole dismal story is the fact that Flemming is now willing to make restitution of the stolen goods. I have already received the money extorted from the Lynch estate, and can assure you that within the next three weeks I have the strongest reasons for expecting to receive much more than half of the fund now in the hands of Mr. Teed, and from information of a trustworthy character I feel satisfied that the whole of it will be disgorged in the very near future. While this will in no way prevent the present government from having an enormous boodle fund in the next election it will at least take this large amount out of circulation for unlawful purposes, such as they claim it was intended for." The Valley Railway case was worse than the timber limit affair. This was from its inception, a steal of gigantic proportions. No person who was a resident of New Brunswick was allowed even to tender for the construction of this work, simply because the government realized they could not work out their schemes with any great safety in that manner as they could with a foreigner. He had no

hesitation in stating to-night that the sole object of importing Mr. Gould was for the purpose of having this road under a foreign corporation, and having its books kept in a foreign country, and in that manner prevent any investigation into the corruption which was intended to follow the enterprise, and how well they have succeeded is known to every person who watched during the progress of the inquiry the appeals made for the production of these books, and the frantic efforts made by the counsel for the government and all the parties connected therewith to keep them securely hidden in New York. Mr. Carvell went into the details of this matter and claimed the disclosures made had resulted in saving \$1,000,000 to the government. The promises of the government were not being kept, as for instance its extension to Grand Falls. Forty per cent of the earnings of the road, as now constructed, will not commence to pay the interest upon the bonded debt, and the balance must be made up by the taxpayers of this province, and he could see nothing starting us in the face but direct taxation, because of the mismanagement of this great undertaking by the party in power. The claim of lack of money to continue the road to Anderson is only a subterfuge. The real reason is because Mr. Gould and certain members of the government quarrelled over the location, and, as usual when the interests of Mr. Gould and the Province of New Brunswick clashed, Mr. Gould won out. The Prudential Trust Company, acting on the authority given by the government of New Brunswick, have practically \$1,000,000 of our money in their hands which their manager admitted on oath was being loaned out to stock brokers and other borrowers, and the Lord only knows where the money is to-night. Mr. Carvell devoted some attention to Berry's misdeeds, and said: "Now that the commission has reported, both Mr. Berry and Mr. Corbett (railway contractor) have been able to return to New Brunswick. The newspapers are making statements about Mr. Berry which Mr. Carvell cannot ignore, and Mr. Corbett is determined that Mr. Flemming shall return to him the \$10,000 which he swore he (Flemming) did not receive, and probably when these two suits are concluded the public will have some inkling of the evidence which was denied them by the government and its officials at the investigation.

MR. DUGAL spoke in both English and French, and was warmly applauded. In the course of his remarks he said: "I feel it my duty to say that the persons most worthy of praise and honor in the matter of the Flemming investigation are our friends, E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot. It is not necessary for me to sing the praises of my chief counsel, Mr. Carvell, and his associates. You who have followed their conduct of the investigation are in a position to appreciate the great work accomplished by them. Mr. Carvell, in responding to the toast of our guests, has so eloquently and feelingly thanked you for your kindness, and the honor conferred upon the two of us, that I will content myself by merely saying that he has fully ex-

NEW LEADER FOR N. B. OPPOSITION CHOSEN FRIDAY AT CONVENTION

Hon. C. W. Robinson of Moncton the Unanimous Choice of Liberal Convention Held at Fredericton on Friday

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 4.—At the most enthusiastic Liberal Conference ever held in the province, with representatives present from every part, a committee of delegates was appointed this morning, representing every electoral district in the province, with instructions to report as to the choice of a leader for the provincial Liberal party.

pressed my views in that respect." MR. P. J. HUGHES, of Fredericton, one of Mr. Dugal's counsel, and Messrs. E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot, Liberal organizers, followed. Mr. Carter spoke at considerable length on the necessity of good government.

HON. WM. PUGSLEY, after the applause had subsided, spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by Messrs. Carvell and Dugal, and particularly praised Mr. Carvell, with whom he is fighting in the battle of liberalism under Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He deprecated the discussion of the naval question while the great war is on. He said he noticed "that some Conservative newspapers are seeking to justify or palliate Mr. Flemming's offense by claiming that my conduct at certain periods of my political life was as bad as Mr. Flemming's. Well, it is certainly doing me signal honor by putting forward my political acts as a defense for Mr. Flemming's. But how did these gentlemen deal a few years ago with an alleged act of mine, similar to Mr. Flemming's receipt of \$2,000 from Mr. Kennedy, a contractor on the Valley Railway, for which he is condemned by the commissioners in this report? Some of you, most of you probably, will remember that at a great Conservative meeting held in St. John during the general election of 1908 one of my opponents read an affidavit in which it was alleged that I had at a date when I was Minister of Public Works received a \$2,000 note from one Gershon Mayes, a contractor under the government. Every Conservative newspaper in Canada had the story wired to it. For the moment I received universal condemnation. Had the story been true my leader would not have permitted me to remain in his cabinet for a single day. But I was able to show that the affidavit was the result of a conspiracy to destroy me politically—that a false date was given in the affidavit, and that the note in question was made before I became minister or a member of parliament, and was made for professional services of an important character which I had rendered to the maker of the note. But applying to Mr. Flemming the same rule which would have been properly applied to me, if I had been proved guilty of the charge made in the affidavit referred to, what answer can be made to this part of the findings of the commissioners? But, Mr. Chairman, I am not to-day on trial, and in my long professional experience I failed to find that when one man was charged with an offense, it was any defence or excuse to plead that someone else had been guilty of an equal or similar offence. All that I need say is that if my political conduct has been even half as bad as Mr. Flemming's conduct as disclosed by the report of these commissioners, then there are certainly at least two political moral cripples who ought to be relegated to the political bone pile at the earliest possible date. A number of other prominent politicians also addressed the gathering.

NO MORE FOOTBALL IN GREAT BRITAIN

Public Opinion Forced Action

London, Dec. 4.—All football games scheduled for the balance of the season were postponed yesterday. This came as the result of a campaign against football playing, the contention being that the footballers insisted upon playing football and gave no thought to enlisting for war duty.

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