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## ENDORSES PREMIER FLEMING.

The Globe on Saturday last in discussing the coming election of the Legislature and the probable result of the elections said:

"At the present moment the outlook is most favorable to the Provincial Administration; and, indeed, it is no easy matter to find any substantial reason why it should be otherwise. Without any fireworks or meteoric displays, Mr. Fleming has attended to the important duties that are entrusted to him. He has proved himself deeply interested in all those concerns of the Province which are within the control of the local Administration, and he seems to have a Cabinet in which there is a reasonable spirit of harmony. There is no substantial question of Liberal or Conservative in the general conditions at the present time, although it is quite natural and not unreasonable that many voters will vote according to their old attachments, and for the sake of adhering to old names. But the real issue at this moment, so far as this Province is concerned—in the confusion which has come upon the Liberals—is to deal with the question which is directly before the Province, and that is whether the public confidence should be continued to Mr. Fleming and his colleagues. He has been Premier less than a year and his record in that period is a good one."

In his manifesto Premier Fleming appeals to the whole people and not to any particular party or class for endorsement of his policy, and the indications are that a large majority of the electors of the Province will be found on the Government side on election day.

In the two constituencies at the mouth of the St. John river where a strong fight is always expected, indications are not lacking that the policy of the Government will be heartily endorsed. Neither party has as yet nominated candidates, but the popularity of the Government is a great handicap on the other party which is also disrupted by an internal feud which has been simmering for some months and has now reached the boiling point.

There is every reason why the two constituencies of St. John should elect candidates pledged to support the Fleming Government. Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming have done more to advance the material interests of St. John by securing the construction of the Valley Railway than any previous Administration. They have righted the wrongs of three generations of legislators and for this alone are deserving of the hearty support of every right thinking citizen. St. John has never yet proved ungrateful to those who have been its friends.

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

That organ of purity and reform, the Times, which endorses Mr. Copp and defends the old Government's failure to collect nearly a million dollars honestly due the Province for stumpage on lumber cut on the Public Domain during the last ten years they were in power, at last night, "And will expend the same prudently and economically," says Mr. Fleming in his manifesto. "For further particulars see that \$50,000 deficit."

Here is the explanation of the \$50,000 deficit as told by Mr. Fleming in his manifesto to the people. The Times will observe that Mr. Fleming has no apology to make for the over-expenditure of last year to put the bridges of the Province in a safe condition. That such enormous expenditures were necessary was not the fault of Mr. Fleming or his Government. The responsibility belongs to the old Government. Here is what Mr. Fleming says:

"We have increased the expenditure on roads and bridges during the past four years and have been subject to severe criticism by the Opposition on account of our increased expenditures. That we have increased the expenditure very greatly for the ordinary bridge service of the Province is true, the figures for this service being as follows:

Expenditure 1905, ordinary bridges ..	\$ 80,758.48
Expenditure 1906, ordinary bridges ..	86,401.54
Expenditure 1907, ordinary bridges ..	85,419.34

Total for 3 years of old Administration \$262,579.36

Expenditure 1908, ordinary bridges ..	153,973.40
Expenditure 1909, ordinary bridges ..	182,206.18
Expenditure 1910, ordinary bridges ..	235,315.31

Total for 3 years of present Administration .....

"I have no apology to make for this increased expenditure. We found the bridges of the Province in a rotten, neglected condition, and we have spent freely in endeavoring to give the people the bridges that they required. We have also built bridges of a more permanent character than was done formerly; many of our bridges paid for out of ordinary revenue are permanent bridges and will stand for a generation. We have provided as generously as possible for the road service and I deeply regret the action of the Senate of Canada in rejecting the bill whereby this Province would have received \$50,000 from the Federal treasury to go upon the roads this present season."

This statement shows that the present Government spent \$288,976 more on the roads and bridges in three years than the old Government did. More than that the whole expenditure for this purpose has been met out of current revenue and not added to the public debt.

## SYNDICALISM.

Syndicalism, which loomed up in the recent coal strike in England, and in the Lawrence strike in the United States, is meeting with strong opposition from the Socialists as altogether contrary to their plan of campaign. The conquest of political power as the line of economic revolution has been the foundation upon which Socialists parties all over the world have been built up. The Syndicalist theory, on the other hand, stands for the capture of the industries of the earth by the working class acting through the unions. Not ballots, but the general strike, as the highest form of "direct action," supplemented by such minor forms of warfare as sabotage and the boycott are to overthrow the present social structure.

The Syndicalist philosophy of "direct action" has recently been summed up as follows:

"Fellow-workers, you want an eight-hour day? Well, take it, and when you come back the next morning, tell the master you were on strike four hours yesterday. You want to get possession of the instruments of pro-

duction? You are in possession already—all you have to do is to declare that you own the factory in which you work. If the master protests, lock him out. You say you don't get the full product of your toil? Get it, do only as much work as you are paid for, and go slow the rest of the time. You say the machinery ruins your health? Ruin the machinery for a while. You say you are treated like dirt? Put some dirt into the product."

Against this beautifully simple gospel of force, as the New York Post terms it, can be put the resolution adopted by the recent National Socialist Convention at Indianapolis, which declares in clear-cut terms that the repudiation of political action and the advocacy of sabotage, or any other form of violence, shall constitute a cause for expulsion from the ranks of the Socialist party.

Already the Syndicalist movement is on the decline in France, where its ideas were first developed. In the hands of the French thinkers, Syndicalism has been becoming anti-democratic, and is thus sapping the very foundations of the political power of the workingmen. Mr. Philip Snowden, who is one of the leaders of the Labor party in the British House of Commons, declared only the other day that "the partial conquest of political power which the workers have made has done more for them in six years than all the strikes they have ever waged or ever will wage."

But more to the point is his sharp retort to the Syndicalist boast that the recent railway strike and the coal strike have demonstrated the superiority of "direct action" over parliamentary action. It is quite the other way says Mr. Snowden: "Both the railway and the miners' strike were failures as strikes. Both were converted into successes solely by the interference of the State, the very power which the men had scorned and rejected. If the employers and the men had been allowed to fight it out without interference, the men would have been abjectly beaten."

## THAT "HUNGRY HORDE" OF LAWYERS.

A few days ago the Telegraph published a long and, as usual, strictly inaccurate statement concerning the cost of criminal prosecutions under the old Government as compared with the expenditures by the present Administration. If there is one department in which the Hazen-Fleming Government has succeeded in cutting down expenditures it is in the cost of criminal prosecutions.

Under the old regime the Attorney General only on very rare occasions appeared in court to prosecute a criminal case and the Solicitor General seemed to require all his time for the conduct of his private practice. The following comparative statement, from the reports of the Auditor General, shows the cost of legal business of the Province in the years mentioned:

Old Government.		Present Government	
Attorney General	Solicitor General	Attorney General	Solicitor General
1905 .. ..	\$10,289.24	\$2,357.50	\$1,627.13
1906 .. ..	6,534.42	2,418.86	1,657.28
1907 .. ..	6,907.45	2,785.62	3,983.86
		\$39,601.26	

Present Government			
Attorney General	Solicitor General	Attorney General	Solicitor General
1908 .. ..	\$3,908.66	\$2,487.09	\$1,500.08
1909 .. ..	4,497.95	2,436.70	1,001.20
1910 .. ..	2,885.56	1,903.00	1,068.75
1911 .. ..			5,847.31
		\$22,128.90	

This shows a reduction of \$17,522.36 in favor of the present Administration in three years as compared with the expenditures of the last three years of the old regime. Going back still further it will be seen that there is even a stronger comparison in favor of the present Government. In 1903 the cost of criminal prosecutions alone was \$2,783.37 and in 1904 \$2,375.73. The figures for 1908 are not given as that was the year the Government changed, but it may be remarked that in 1907 it cost the country \$3,983 for 23 criminal prosecutions, while in 1909, under the present Administration, the same number of prosecutions cost only \$1,930.

The Telegraph should not attempt to impose its untruthful figures on the public, and should remember that Mr. Copp was one of the "hungry horde" who conducted criminal prosecutions for the old Government, for which he was paid.

The Telegraph and Times complain that the Government in order to make the bridges of the country safe to travel over, over-expended \$50,000. The Telegraph forgets that it took \$501,000 in 1901 and 1902 to give the old Government a clean sheet. The whole amount from the Eastern Extension, \$280,292, and bond issues totalling \$310,000 were added to pay off the over-expenditures of the Administration of which Mr. Copp speaks so respectfully.

The Times thinks that the fisheries claims of the Province against the Dominion are unimportant. Mr. Robinson when urging the Government to press for their settlement stated that one of them amounted to over \$100,000 and was a just claim. There are many things in Provincial politics of which the Times is densely ignorant.

Mr. John T. Hawke, editor of the Moncton Transcript, has not yet endorsed the nomination of Mayor Robinson as the Liberal candidate in Moncton, and that gentleman will evidently have to depend on his own exertions to get into the Legislature. John T.'s feelings have been trampled upon again and there are no leaves and fishes in sight to console him.

The Globe does not seem to take Mr. Copp at all seriously. Referring to the Opposition last evening the Globe says: "So far the Opposition to the legislation of the present Administration seems to be without shape, and the criticism of it is limited to comparatively indefinite matters."

Mr. Copp and his candidates will have some difficulty in explaining why the Senate of Canada with the endorsement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, threw out Mr. Borden's Good Roads Bill and prevented the Dominion Government from granting \$50,000 towards the improvement of the roads of New Brunswick.

The delegates selected at the Government Primaries last week will meet tonight to nominate candidates for St. John city.

## Current Comment

(London Free Press.)

To be able to read and write has been proposed as a test for immigrants coming into the United States. The feasibility of this as a final test is laid bare by Congressman Sulzer, who says he never knew a crook yet that could not read and write.

(London Standard.)

The tiger came toward me, bellowing and grunting, and when he got opposite the screen he gave one of those fearful coughs which only a man who has been close to such a beast can appreciate. It was eleven feet long.

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On this train will be exhibits illustrating dairy and beef cattle, poultry and poultry appliances, soils and drainage, farm crops, weeds and weed seeds, dairy appliances including facilities for cow testing and milk testing, home butter making, etc., insects injurious to fruits and crops, with full information regarding the dreaded Brown Tail Moth, fruit growing and horticultural work, including spraying outfits and spray mixtures.

These exhibits will be so arranged that visitors may pass from one end of the train to the other and discuss with the instructors in charge of each department as they move along the various details upon which they desire information.

In the live stock car will be found two dairy cows of certain types, with their respective milk records upon a wall card above them. There will also be two cows of the type which produces a good milk yield and is at the same time capable of throwing a calf that will make a good beef carcass; and lastly, there will be a steer raised from such a cow.

Different types of poultry will also be found in the car, and actual illustrations as well as models of various poultry appliances.

Professor Barton, professor of animal husbandry at Macdonald College, will have charge of the cattle demonstrations and lectures, and Professor Blair, Macdonald College, and Seth Jones, provincial poultry superintendent, Sussex, N. B., will demonstrate and discuss all lines of poultry work.

An exhibit demonstrating the importance of drainage and cultivation of soils will be in charge of Professor Lynde of Macdonald College.

The essentials to success in crop growing will be explained by exhibits of seeds, fertilizers, samples of cereals and other plants. Professor Cutler, Macdonald College, will have charge of the problems of potato growing.

The dairy branch will be fitted with all the latest machinery for milking and milk testing. This branch will be in charge of H. N. Flewelling, Sussex, N. B., in charge of cow testing in New Brunswick; and the manufacturing part of this subject will be discussed by C. W. McDougall, dairy superintendent, Sussex, N. B., who will have an outfit for home butter-making, etc.

Fruit growing in its different branches will be demonstrated by exhibits of nursery trees, orchard appliances, including spray pumps, spraying mixtures, fruit packages, etc., and will be in charge of Professor Blair and S. L. Peters, Dominion Fruit Inspector for New Brunswick. Officially of the Provincial Fruit Branch will also be in attendance at various times.

Injurious insects, their prevention and destruction, will be the subject of an extensive exhibit of mounted insects, and visitors are invited to visit them. Professor Leachhead, Macdonald College, and Wm. McIntosh, St. John, N. B., acting provincial entomologist, will have charge of this branch. Mr. McIntosh will give special attention to explanations regarding the brown fly.

When the train arrives the first hour of the stop will be devoted to an examination of the exhibits. Visitors are requested to enter at the forward end of the train and pass through the baggage cars towards the passenger coaches, stopping to gather all the information they may desire from the officials in charge of each section.

At the expiration of the hour lectures upon different subjects of twenty minutes each will be given in the passenger coaches or in the open air. The train is expected to arrive and depart promptly on the minute designated, and visitors are requested to be prompt in arriving and departure to facilitate the work of the train.

Where schools are located within reach of the train an invitation is extended to the principal to bring the pupils, and a special talk will be given to them on nature study and insect life.

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