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## A DAMAGING ADMISSION.

The engaging candor of Hon. A. R. Slipp in his references to Mr. J. K. Flemming at Gagetown on Saturday leaves nothing to be desired. Mr. Slipp agrees that Mr. Flemming made a mistake—that he even erred. But, sweet and consoling thought—most of the money had been paid back. Moreover, Mr. Flemming had a great future before him, and had Mr. Slipp and Premier Murray behind him. Hence there was nothing more to be said.

This light and cheerful method of putting aside the worst scandal in the history of New Brunswick politics may satisfy Hon. Mr. Slipp, his colleagues and their supporters, but it will hardly go down with the citizen who believes that public office is a public trust, and that of all men the premier of a province should not admit having guilty knowledge of a huge corruption fund, or be found guilty of taking money "by compulsion" from a government contractor.

Yet here we have Premier Murray, Hon. B. Frank Smith, Hon. A. R. Slipp and their colleagues paying compliments to Mr. Flemming, welcoming him as an advocate of their cause, and looking forward to a time when he will again be in a position to do as he did when his friends Berry and Teed were in the hey-day of their career of patriotic devotion. We can imagine Mr. Murray resigning the premiership if his friend Flemming wanted it again. For if all these dear friends say about Mr. Flemming be true, then the premiership should be restored to his righteous hands.

What do the people think about it? Is Mr. Flemming the ideal statesman? Colleagues who at first blamed him, and then whitewashed him, are now boldly championing his cause, and holding him up to public admiration. Most of the money, Mr. Slipp tells us, has been returned. Where is the rest of it? And why was any of it returned? Certainly not because of anything done by Murray and Slipp and the rest of them. They did not want the truth to come out. The people are not indebted to them, but to Mr. E. S. Carter, that the facts were revealed. And that is why they are all trying to crush Mr. Carter. Let us set the crown lands, the roads, agriculture, immigration and everything else aside until we have cleaned house. The opposition has a good policy concerning all these other things, and men of ability to carry out its policy; but let us first get rid of the grafters and those who champion their cause. That is the first essential. Let us not be afraid to strike a blow for honesty in public life. Honesty, honorable service and the application of business principles in the administration of provincial affairs call for the defeat of the government.

## WHY THEY ARE AFRAID

The following extract from Mr. E. S. Carter's speech makes clear the reason why some gentlemen fear a change of government and are doing their utmost to keep him out of the House:

"Then," continued Mr. Carter, "there might have been other charges, far more serious than those which Mr. Chandler refused to investigate, had there been any opportunity of them being taken up. But when Mr. Chandler would not investigate the charges in connection with the contributions by the liquor dealers, or the patriotic potato graft, then he (Mr. Carter) felt that it would be useless to ask for an inquiry into certain other matters which would gravely affect the position and political reputation of other members. 'The time will come,' he said, 'when these things can be investigated and when the methods of the people who have misrepresented the electors will be fully disclosed. When that happens there will be fewer of the same men in public life than there are today.'

Mr. Carter has demonstrated, when he could get a fair trial, that he does not make empty charges. Flemming, Sheraton, Stewart, Robichaud, Fidler and others can testify as to that. And Mr. Carter is not making empty charges today. When he gets the proper trial he will reveal more of the rotteness that has marked the administration of the last half dozen years.

Mr. George B. Jones is president of the Standard Publishing Company. Mr. Jones' newspaper refused to print the letter of Mr. Waddell, which convicted Mr. Jones of making a charge against Mr. Carter that did not contain a word of truth. There's fair play for you, Mr. Kings County Man—what do you think of Mr. Jones' conception of a square deal?

The more Mr. E. S. Carter is abused the more the people of Kings County rally to his support. He exposed the grafters. That is why they hate him.

## PRINT THE LETTER

The utter dishonesty of the government party methods in this campaign is revealed by the refusal of the Standard to print the letter of Mr. James E. Waddell, completely exonerating Mr. E. S. Carter from the charge made against him by Mr. George B. Jones at Hampton on Saturday. A more disgraceful piece of political trickery it would be difficult to imagine.

Mr. Jones charged that Mr. Carter got a rake-off in connection with wharf repairs at Rothesay in 1910. Mr. Carter at once declared the charge to be absolutely false, and a letter from Mr. Waddell, who did the work, declaring that Mr. Carter had nothing whatsoever to do with the work and did not get a cent of money, was sent to the Standard for publication in its issue of Monday, along with the charge made by Mr. Jones. The Standard had the letter in ample time to publish it, but withheld it, saying it would be published with the full text of Mr. Jones' charge today. Today it does print all that Mr. Jones said, but instead of printing Mr. Waddell's letter it adds this sentence:

"Mr. Waddell's letter, denying this charge, as mentioned in the Standard, was published in yesterday morning's 'Telegraph'."

The Standard is too mean and cowardly to give Mr. Carter a square deal. In the face of Mr. Waddell's letter it goes on as if the charge against Mr. Carter were true. There has been nothing else in the campaign quite so contemptible as this. The people of Kings County should express their feelings in relation to such conduct by returning Mr. Carter at the head of the poll. He is hated and hounded by the government and its press because he exposed the intrigues which have shamed and disgraced the province.

## THE CITY TICKET

The four opposition candidates in St. John are meeting with a very gratifying reception as the campaign progresses. The petty canvasses made against them are discounted by the electors, who expect that sort of thing, and who know that the personnel of the opposition ticket does not suffer by contrast with that of the government nominees. Mr. Barnaby and Mr. Scully are men of business ability and experience, who will bring to bear upon all measures the knowledge gained in their business life. Dr. Roberts will be especially useful as a representative with a matter of public health in mind. Mr. Scully, in relation to the all-important question of public health is under consideration, and he is also well-versed in public affairs, and particularly interested in the prohibition of alcoholic liquors. Mr. Scully is a lawyer of ability, a good speaker, and one who will bring a trained legal mind to bear upon questions affecting the interests of the city and province. These four men, thoroughly representative, will make an admirable addition to the deliberative strength of the House of Assembly. The electors should vote the whole ticket, for to do otherwise would weaken the strength of the city's representation in the House. The labor interests of the city will not only find a friend in Mr. Foster, the leader of the party, but in Mr. Scully and his colleagues on the city ticket. The election of the whole ticket would be a distinct gain for the cause of better government.

## THE COUNTY TICKET.

The people of Fairville last evening gave a fine reception to Mr. Foster and Mr. Bentley. The latter dealt very effectively with the extravagant statements of members of the government in regard to the increased revenue from crown lands. Mr. Bentley is familiar with the lumber business and well qualified to speak on the subject. He showed clearly that the depletion of our lumber resources is not a matter for rejoicing. The condition of the finances of the province, and other matters which call for reform. It is quite fitting that Mr. H. J. Logan should return, as he says, the call of some members of the Murray government who went to Nova Scotia to take a hand in the provincial elections there, and it may fairly be said that Mr. Logan returns that call with interest; for his arraignment of the government proves that he is a citizen of another province has been watching the trend of events here, and realizes the great need of a radical change in the administration of affairs. Mr. Logan is quite right in saying that the eyes of the other provinces are on New Brunswick. The people of St. John county will be doing the province a great service if they elect both Mr. Foster and Mr. Bentley on Saturday next.

The government party has had one "general" of forty persons, and another of fifty-six, in this city, by actual count.

The Standard prints a long report of Mr. Slipp's speech at Gagetown, but carefully eliminates the eulogy of Flemming. Why not print it all?

The tide is setting strongly against the government. Its supporters concede large gains for the opposition. Make it a complete rout.

## LIGHTER VEIN

Time's Changes.

The naval captain had granted a private interview with the cadet whose father had been his boyhood friend.

"Well, youngster," he said jovially, "the old story, I suppose—the fool of the family sent to sea."

"Oh, no, Sir," replied the boy; "that has all been altered since your day."

## Fashion Follies

"I am not afraid that my daughter will ever marry in haste."

"Why not?"

"It will take at least six months to prepare any tressouss she would consider fit to marry in."

## Easiest Solution

Two women traveling in the same passenger coach could not agree about the window, and finally appealed to the brakeman.

"If that window remains open I shall catch my death of cold," objected one.

"Open the window until one freezes to death, and then close it until the other smother to death, and then the rest of us can finish our journey in peace!"

## One Way Out

"Waiter," he said indignantly, and yet withal firmly, "I ordered one dozen oysters. Now, in my young days, one dozen comprised precisely twelve. Why then, waiter, dost always bring but a paltry eleven?"

The waiter adjusted his serviette to the required position on his forearm and bowed elegantly. Likewise he went "Amen."

"Sir," he said calmly and evenly, "none of our patrons care to sit thirteen at a table."

It was just then that the explosion occurred.

## Laws and Outlaws

Two brothers named Lawes, creating a disturbance at the Dublin Theatre, were called to order by the celebrated Felix McCarthy, who was in the same box. One of them, presenting his card, said:

"You shall hear from one of us. Our name is Lawes."

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(J. M. M. C. in Scottish American.)

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ly, except the very poorest in the kingdom. When at last all the preparations were completed, on the 28th of July, 1808, five ships, the *Caledonia*, *St. Andrew*, *Unicorn*, *Dolphin* and *Endeavour*, sailed from Leith harbor, bearing twelve hundred men, commissaries, and one *Utopia* at Darien. William Paterson was the first to go on board. The scene was one of intense enthusiasm and emotion; at last she was to win her place in the sun and become the entrepot of the nations, while her religious fervor was to find glorious outlet in making New Caledonia a centre for the diffusion of the gospel. "Neighboring nations," says Dalrymple, "were with a mixture of surprise and respect the poorest nation of Europe sending forth the most gallant colony which had ever gone from the old to the new world."

Disaster and Tragedy

The disasters which overtook the Darien expedition are well known, and it is impossible to paint in small compass the tragedies which resulted. The theory is depressing, but I would hazard the conjecture, judging from more than one famous episode in history, that the first effort of a really splendid dream to materialize itself is almost inevitably doomed to failure.

The colonists landed, about four miles from Golden Island, in November, 1688; they made friendly advances to the natives and the Spanish authorities at Panama, and at once began to build "New Edinburgh" and a harbor and fort named New St. Andrews. They declared equal freedom of government, and trade to all nations who should deal with them; full liberty of conscience in matters of religion; and announced it to be their "constant and chiefest care, by the help of Almighty God," to make all their laws and ordinances to be "consonant and agreeable to the holy Scriptures, right reason, and the examples of the wisest and justest nations." Paterson, having characteristically relinquished any pecuniary advantages he might have obtained for himself, also refused to take any commanding position in the direction of the colony, but the constitution framed bears the stamp of his optimistic and liberal spirit. "Personal liberty is placed high, but it is clearly distinguished from anarchy; and certain crimes, often lightly punishable with death; and plunder of Indians is rated as common theft."

But it is one thing to make laws, another to enforce them; and the serpent was lying in wait, coiled round the fruit trees of Paterson's fair Eden. One of the chosen councillors, writing home to his directors, put the state of affairs mildly when he said: "We have found the inconvenience of telling the Indians that they were free men so soon. Many of the council proved quite unfit to exercise authority, and the majority of the colonists were mere adventurers, out for loot, and bent on taking any short cuts to fortune which might offer. One misfortune followed on another. The expedition had arrived at Darien during the winter season, and the year, but soon the perils of summer began their deadly work. Then it was found that a portion of the supplies brought out were unuseable and the colonists found themselves upon short commons. They appealed for provisions to the neighboring British colonies in America and the West Indies, and were met (Continued on page 7, fifth column.)

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