

# WHITEWASHING FLEMING

The province was astounded last week to learn that the Legislature, on a motion of J. L. White, M. L. A. for Victoria, had passed a resolution "exonerating" J. K. Fleming from any guilt in the Crown Land and Valley Railway charges. Sober-minded Conservatives are grieved to know that the Clarke government has openly endorsed every act of the man Fleming and thereby makes itself, equally guilty and reprehensible.

The comment of the St. John Telegraph (Liberal) and the St. John Globe (friendly to the government), New Brunswick's most prominent newspapers, is here given without further comment:

(St. John Telegraph)

In the dying hours of the Legislature yesterday a resolution was passed for the purpose of attempting a belated whitewashing of ex-Premier Fleming, a resolution which officially makes the whole Conservative organization in New Brunswick, and every government supporter in the Legislature, an apologist for Mr. Fleming, in disregard and defiance of the findings of the Royal Commission which investigated the Dugal charges.

Premier Clarke, Attorney-General Baxter, all of the other ministers, and all of the St. John members, acquiesced in the resolution presented by Mr. White of Victoria, which garbles the verdict of the Royal Commission and which attempts to make it appear that the worst that Mr. Fleming was guilty of was a too ready participation in the raising of a campaign fund for his party.

The most important, and the most disgraceful, part of this action of the Legislature, is that it identifies the whole Conservative machine in this province with Mr. Fleming and presents him to the country as one whose course has been generally satisfactory not only to the party but to the Clarke ministry and all of the members in the House who support the administration. Evidently this eleventh-hour resolution is a part of the price exacted by Mr. Fleming when a deal was made to eliminate him from the premiership and the Legislature and foist him upon Carleton-Victoria in the role of a Federal candidate. We publish on another page the resolution to which this "reform" administration of Premier Clarke assented, and which was acquiesced in by all of his noble supporters, the eminent purists from the various counties. The resolution "notes with satisfaction" that the commission found Mr. Fleming not guilty of extortion as charged. This is merely an attempt to read into the finding of the commission a complete acquittal for Mr. Fleming by suppressing important portions of the verdict. The Royal Commission found that Mr. Fleming did not personally direct the extortion of the money from the holders of timber limits, but it said:

"Having in view the testimony given by the different contributors, the only conclusion that seems possible to us is that the money was actually extorted. Under the conditions which prevailed it was impossible for any of the license holders to exercise any freedom of mind or will when the proposition was made to them by Berry that the extra amount should be raised." All of the facts, the commission said, constituted "an extortion gross and culpable in the extreme." The commission found that Mr. Fleming did not personally direct the extortion but:

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into Mr. Teed's hands. He set his seal of approval upon the transaction by introducing his treasury, but into private hands, although the rights involved were public rights. The recipient and the custodian of this fund was a gentleman designated by Hon. Mr. Fleming himself, a warm personal and political friend, who when he was dangerously ill turned the custody of the fund over to his sponsor, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Premier of New Brunswick. Although these facts were clearly established, and although there was evidence that at least one lumberman had a personal talk with Mr. Fleming, which he interpreted as a command in connection with this fund, the Royal Commission gave Mr. Fleming the benefit of doubt, declaring the evidence, "In our opinion, stops short of such sufficiency of proof as would justify the Commission in declaring the charge of directing the extortion proven." Those three words, "directing the extortion," are what Mr. Fleming was acquitted of. What he was convicted of is set out in these paragraphs from the report of the commissioners:

"The Premier named the treasurer, Mr. Teed of Woodstock. He knew that efforts were being made to get monies from certain holders of crown and timber licenses; he knew that from time to time such monies were coming into Mr. Teed's hands; he set his seal of approval on the transaction by introducing his chosen treasurer, Mr. Brankley, with the words: 'Anything Mr. Berry tells you about this man (Teed) will be all right.' At the time of such remark the Premier, with Messrs. Berry, Teed and Brankley was in his room at the Barker House in Fredericton and Berry had acquainted him with the fact that Brankley was acting for the lumbermen in holding the fund prior to its being passed over."

In the case of the Partington Pulp and Paper Company, the Premier was aware that Berry was urging a contribution, and backed by all these facts and circumstances, the view was strongly pressed upon the commission that Hon. Mr. Fleming could not possibly have been ignorant of Berry's activities and of the methods he employed. There is a great deal to support this view, but in our opinion it stops short of such sufficiency of proof as would justify the commission in declaring the charge of directing the extortion proven.

That the money was in fact extorted by Berry is fully proved. That the Premier was well aware that monies were being collected for a purpose unquestionably improper is also shown. It is also manifested that he directed the disposition of such monies when collected, also that he acquiesced in the collection of such monies at a time and from a source highly and grievously improper.

(St. John Globe)

Hon. J. K. Fleming's resignation of the Premiership of New Brunswick was a necessary and imperative result of disclosures before an impartial tribunal which investigated charges of a most serious nature. The evidence submitted disclosed conditions in the Crown Land department, controlled and managed by Hon. Mr. Fleming, inimical to the best interests of the province. The Chief Scaler of the province was revealed as the collector of a corruption fund from men who paid a stipulated price at a time when they were seeking to get control of the public domain, with

knowledge that the special fund was to go not into the public treasury, but into private hands, although the rights involved were public rights. The recipient and the custodian of this fund was a gentleman designated by Hon. Mr. Fleming himself, a warm personal and political friend, who when he was dangerously ill turned the custody of the fund over to his sponsor, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Premier of New Brunswick. Although these facts were clearly established, and although there was evidence that at least one lumberman had a personal talk with Mr. Fleming, which he interpreted as a command in connection with this fund, the Royal Commission gave Mr. Fleming the benefit of doubt, declaring the evidence, "In our opinion, stops short of such sufficiency of proof as would justify the Commission in declaring the charge of directing the extortion proven."

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Why, in the face of such language in a public document, should the Legislature of New Brunswick stultify itself and becloud the record of an important session, by passing unanimously a resolution, noting "with satisfaction" that Hon. Mr. Fleming is not guilty as charged? By Mr. Dugal. All that saves the resolution from being a deliberate misstatement of facts is the two words, "as charged." Had the Dugal charges been worded just a little differently, even the "Scotch verdict" would have been impossible. More pertinent ques-

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tioning on the part of those prosecuting the charges might have brought out the reason for the payments the lumbermen so willingly made. There was in these Crown Land transactions both a buyer and a seller, and, however much Hon. Mr. Fleming is to be condemned, recollection that the money was paid for something other than appeared on the surface must ever be kept in mind. It was not a political contribution and simple that the lumberman made at the dictates of Berry.

Because of the important public rights involved, the large number of wealthy, influential and prominent men who participated in the affair and the amount of money paid, the Globe has regarded this Crown Land scandal, which the Royal Commission says Hon. Mr. Fleming was not guilty of directing, as a far more serious affair than the Valley Railway matter, which, after all, resolved itself into the old familiar exchange between a contractor and those for whom he was working. At the same time, there is no getting away from the fact that the Royal Commission gave a direct verdict of guilty against Hon. Mr. Fleming of having asked a public contractor for a contribution to a campaign fund. Further, they interpreted this gift as compulsion in view of the relationship between the two. Why has the Legislature sought by resolution to nullify the force of a finding which drove Hon. Mr. Fleming from the exalted position of Premier? Why did cabinet ministers and private members give assent to a motion which sought to present Hon. Mr. Fleming in a better light than he was presented by the verdict of the court appointed by the Lieutenant Governor? When the House received the report of the Royal Commission, why did it not accept or reject it? The finding was clear and plain and the Legislature of New Brunswick has done itself no credit in placing on record as the opinion of the Royal Commission a sentence or two from the finding with the object of making it appear that the Commission looked lightly on Hon. Mr. Fleming's demand from John Kennedy for a contribution, when the Commission explicitly and unequivocally condemned that transaction. The resolution passed by the Legislature endorsed and approved these words from the finding of the Royal Commission:

There is no doubt, we think, that when the payment in question was made, it had no connection in the minds of either party with obtaining a second contract, such as was afterwards entered into.

The resolution entirely omitted reference to these further words on the very same subject, although they present the transaction in the light viewed by the Royal Commissioners:

In the case before us the contractor obtained two contracts. He was compelled to pay the money in the interval between the two, and admittedly at a time when no thought of a second one was in his mind, but he certainly was compelled to make this payment prior to getting his second contract, and in our opinion it was just as reprehensible to compel payment of this money under the circumstances as if the second contract had been in sight. The

contractor, having been compelled to make the payment in the year 1912 and before the second contract was entered into, we think and find that Hon. Mr. Fleming is guilty of this act of compulsion which has been charged against him.

If the people of Carleton-Victoria want Hon. Mr. Fleming as their Federal or Local representative, with a full knowledge of his record, that is their affair. The expression of public confidence by the Legislature in the light of the disclosures and in the face of the finding of the Royal Commission, is an altogether different matter and cannot be passed in silence. Mr. Fleming's rule in New Brunswick ended because it was not possible for a political party to hold up its head under his leadership. No resolution of the Legislature can disguise that fact, nor should it seek to do so.

## WOMEN'S WEAKNESS AND HEALTH PERILS

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Woman's work is more wearing than man's because it lasts almost every waking hour. There is no eight or nine hour day for the breadwinner's wife, and often she toils under the greatest difficulty because her strength is below what it should be. The woman who is indoors all day is very often careless about what she eats and does not keep her blood up to the mark. It becomes thin and poor, which makes her weak, headachy, tired, breathless, and liable to pains in the back and sides, the scourge of her sex. New blood will do wonders for the woman who is tired out, who aches all over when she rises in the morning and feels unaccountably depressed. She can gain new blood now, and drive away the pains and aches and tiredness if she will take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They have worked marvels for other women and will do the same for you if you are weak, tired, depressed or suffering from backaches or sideaches. Mrs. Elmer C. Taylor, Calgary, Alta., says: "I was so run down with anaemia that I could scarcely walk without aid. I was not able to leave the house. I had no color, no appetite, and was constantly troubled with head-aches, dizzy spells and a general disinclination to move about or do anything. My friends did not think I would get better, and even the doctor was apprehensive. I was constantly taking medicine, but it did not do me a particle of good. One day a friend asked if I had tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to do so almost as a forlorn hope. After I had used a few boxes there was a decided change for the better, and people began to ask what I was taking, the change was so noticeable. As I continued the Pills my color came back, I could eat my meals regularly, the head-aches and dizzy spells ceased. I gained in weight and took a new interest in life, my cure being complete. I have told many sickly women and girls what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me and urged them to take them and shall continue to do so, knowing what a splendid medicine they are."

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## Notice of Sale

To Rainsford O. Giberson of the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, farmer, and all other whom it may in any wise concern.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, made between the said Rainsford O. Giberson of the County of New Brunswick and Province of New Brunswick, aforesaid, Merchants of the one part, and Charles F. Gallagher and Matthew Gallagher both of the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, aforesaid, Merchants of the other part, and duly Recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book V No. 4 on pages 316, 317 and 318 under the official Number 54810 the 12th day of April A. D. 1912, there will for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of J. R. H. Simms on Main Street in the Village of Bath in the County of Carleton on Tuesday the fifteenth day of June, next at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

"All that certain lot piece or parcel of land and premises situated in the said Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, known and described as a part of lot number 150 Block 18 Kent, Commencing at a post on the Eastern corner of land granted to Samuel Lloyd, thence East to the Monquar Stream, thence following said stream until it strikes land occupied by Charles R. Giberson formerly occupied by Aaron Giberson (now deceased), thence West until it strikes the front line thence to place of beginning containing twenty five acres more or less."

"Also a piece of land adjoining commencing at the said North Corner running eighty rods to a post thence West to land owned by George Alonzo Giberson, thence South eighty rods to South line of said lot, thence East to a post, thence North to the place of beginning containing twenty acres more or less, being same land conveyed to Alice M. Giberson by George M. Giberson by deed dated 22nd July A. D. 1873 and recorded in Carleton County records in Book T No. 2 on pages 401 and 402 and by Alice M. Giberson, widow and by Alice M. Giberson, together with all mills, dams mill privileges."

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements, profits, privileges, thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Dated this 7th day of May A. D. 1915.

Charles F. Gallagher  
Matthew Gallagher  
Mortgagees

J. R. H. Simms  
Solicitor for Mortgagees

## Notice of Sale

To the Heirs, Executors or Administrators of William Hannigan deceased, late of Johnville in the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, and Mary Ann Hannigan, widow and all others to whom it may in any wise concern.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the Fourth day of March A. D. 1902, made between the said William Hannigan and Mary Ann Hannigan of the one part and Charles F. Gallagher of the Parish of Kent in the County and Province of New Brunswick, aforesaid, Merchants of the second part, and duly recorded in the Carleton County records, in Book E. No. 4, on pages 271, 272 and 273 under official number 23515 the 11th day of March A. D. 1902 which said mortgage was duly assigned by the said Charles F. Gallagher to the undersigned Charles F. Gallagher and Matthew Gallagher both of the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, by Indenture bearing date the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine and duly recorded in Carleton County Records in Book V No. 4 on pages 60 and 61, there will for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of J. R. H. Simms, on Main Street in the Village of Bath in the County of Carleton on Tuesday the fifteenth day of June, next at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon "All that piece or parcel of land situated lying and being in the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick and bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at a post standing on the North Western side of the Settlement road at the South Eastern angle of lot number seventy-two granted to Peter Hannigan in Range Four East Johnville, thence running by the margin North Eighty seven degrees and fifteen minutes west fourteen chains and fifty links, thence South Eighty Seven degrees and fifteen minutes East sixty four chains to another post standing on the North Western side of the above mentioned Settlement road and thence along the same following the various courses thereof in a North Easterly direction to the place of beginning containing one hundred acres or less and distinguished as lot number Seventy one in Range Four East Johnville."

"Also that piece or parcel of land distinguished as lot number Seventy Two lying along side of above described lot in Range Four Johnville and Granted from the Crown to Peter Hannigan by him deeded to said Wm. Hannigan by deed registered in the Carleton County Records the Twenty-first day of October A. D. 1898 and said lot No. Seventy two containing One Hundred Acres more or less."

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements, profits, privileges, thereon, and the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Dated the Fourth day of May A. D. 1915

Charles F. Gallagher  
Matthew Gallagher  
Assignees of Mortgage

J. R. H. Simms  
Solicitor for Assignees of Mortgage

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