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### FLEMING "EXONERATED" AGAIN

In an amazing editorial the Woodstock Press this week applies the whitewash brush to the one-time premier of the province, J. K. Fleming.

It says Fleming is a poor man. It says he is of unimpeachable character.

It says the late Royal Commission found no guilt in him.

If the Press means "Fleming is a poor man" to represent Carleton county, or to rule the province, it is sure right; but he is a jimdandy crackerjack at gathering in a campaign fund.

If Fleming is of such saintly character, and the Royal Commission found no guilt in him, why is he not premier of the province today?

In India, or wherever it is the beasts grow, the natives worship the white elephant with solemn faith. But when Barnum brought one to America it proved such a failure that he coined a famous expression—a white elephant on his hands.

The Press may pretend to worship its white elephant but it realizes that to do so is mawkish sentiment.

All the whitewash in the world will not conceal the boodle stains that besmirch the Tories' white elephant.

### POLITICAL NOTES

The Chatham World, discussing the fact that \$2,903 given by the Dalhousie Lumber Company to W. H. Berry on stumpage account was passed on to J. W. Brankley of the Miramichi Lumber Company without any record of the transaction in the public accounts, says that Mr. Fleming, if the money was due the last named company, should have paid it openly and above board, and not "sneakingly and underhandedly." The World further asks how many such "irregularities" have escaped detection, "and how many future rebates and check-switchers are liable to occur when election funds are to be raised." This is a very pertinent question.

Almost the first thing the Liberals did when they came into power was to reduce letter postage from 3 to 2 cents. At the first opportunity the Tories re-started the old rate under pretext of war necessity. But they have refused to promise to reduce the postage when the war ends. However, the people know the next Grit government will do so.

A minority reports is necessary to give official standing to the fact that a weakening and treasonable fraud has been perpetrated by British subjects in Canada who took advantage of the Empire's necessities. This shows a dark political outlook.—Toronto Globe.

## TRUCE POLITICS

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters, while they have said enough to show what they thought essentially wrong in the acts of government, have let measures slide through that at other times they would have fought with all the reason, wit and physical endurance that they possessed. No one can blame them for demanding a few investigations, such as those into the sale of drugs to the government, the sale of boots for the army, and the purchases at Valcartier.

In the House of Commons they have held back their natural desire to oppose to the extent of lenience if not tolerance.

Occasionally they have used their speeches in opposition for the creation of party capital, their speeches have not all been sincere and judicial, but on the whole we think the partisans of both sides in the country will acknowledge that they have recognized the desire of the country that the government be given a free hand in its prosecution of the war.

They have never debated the government's proposed method of raising money for the war by a loan, they have never criticized the number of men the government proposed sending, there has hardly been a word of criticism directed against the militia department in its handling of the men, though some seems to be called for, nor has the government ever been called on in the House to bring to account the Minister of Militia, even on the occasions when he has made the absurd mistake of supposing himself to be a Kaiser.

Now the government, it is said, proposes plunging the whole country needlessly into a political warfare right in the middle of our European war.

Every day the impression is growing stronger that the government is determined to have an election in June.

Why? Parliament will not probably meet again till December, or more likely January.

There is time enough for an election after the fall crop has been harvested, and after the soldiers have returned from the war. An election at such a time would not at all interfere with the running of the government or the business of the country.

There is only one possible reason, for the government desiring to bring off an early election. In war time an opposition is muzzled. If the government which has demanded from the opposition a respite from criticism on the ground that internal strife is not seemly at a time when the country is fighting for its position in the world, should go to the country in the early summer, while the war is yet on, and it can find no other excuse for such action than that it will thereby gain political advantage, it may gain a momentary advantage, but at a cost of going down to history in dishonor.—Montreal Witness.

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