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that what investigations we have made into the public business have justified fully, not only any and every statement that was made but have led us to believe that there are many transactions not in the interest of the province which we did not dream of when in opposition.

"My ministers are making discoveries in their different departments every day of the extravagance and recklessness with which your money was spent in the conduct of the public business. I may refer particularly to many transactions in the public works department, especially since it has been under the control of Hon. B. Frank Smith. During his regime a sum aggregating nearly \$160,000 was, I consider, spent in a most wasteful manner upon the roads of the province at a season of the year up to the time of falling snow when but little benefit could accrue to the highways. Huge shipments of machinery were purchased and stored all over the province. Some of it was paid for but much of it was not. It was piled in barns, it was left in the open, exposed to weather and deterioration, and none of it, even when housed, was insured. I have a particular case of this in mind in the county of St. John where a road plant which cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 was placed in sheds in a somewhat dangerous location and left there without a cent of insurance. The people of this county, in fact the people of the province, will hardly credit my statements when I say that according to my books of the auditor-general which I have personally examined, this large expenditure of \$160,000 was intended to be made a part of the permanent bonded debt of this country. In addition to this I have discovered partially from documents on the files in the public works department that Hon. Mr. Smith ordered ten large motor trucks costing in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, the tremendous sum of \$5,700 each. To this must be added the freight and duty at 4 1/2 per cent so that the truck when landed here in New Brunswick would cost this province between \$8,000 and \$9,000 each. In addition to this order Mr. Smith also ordered from the same company ten smaller trucks so that the whole amount to be expended in this direction was nearly \$120,000. And when do you think this order was given? Just eight days before election day, or in other words on Feb. 16. The people can draw their own conclusions, but I can assure you that the matter will be fully investigated and ventilated as soon as possible.

"While I am speaking about the roads and the reckless expenditure upon them and the mismanagement in connection with them, let me assure you that I hope the day is past when there will be any graft or such reckless expenditures in this new department. I have every confidence in the new minister of public works. He is energetic and practical and will meet the views of the people so far as the public interests are concerned.

"I know that I can say that with respect to every member of my government. I believe that Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, the minister of agriculture, is already meeting with some problems which no doubt he will acquaint you with himself, but I have every confidence also that he will be able to grapple with the difficulties that present themselves and act always in the interests of the agriculturists of the province.

"My government is going ahead with the construction of the Valley railway, but I trust we are going to do it more honestly and economically than the work has been carried on in the past. I regret to inform you that so far my investigation into the affairs of the railway have not been very satisfactory. More money will have to be provided to complete

the road, both from Gagetown to Westfield and from Centreville to Andover. With another government in power at Ottawa and a renewal of the subsidy from Andover north, I hope the day will come when the government can make that long promised connection with the Transcontinental which at the beginning was the principal object in view in constructing this important road.

"I do not want to take up too much of your time upon matters which may be discussed more fully in the near future, and particularly in the legislature. I am here more for the purpose of meeting and greeting you, of making the acquaintance of those whom I hope will be my new constituents, than entering into a discussion of public affairs to any length. However, there is one point I wish to make, the government of which I am premier intends to give the people of this province a business administration. We are not going to place our own personal interests before the welfare of the country. We are going to take up each and every question upon its merits and not place legislation upon the statute books that will be for the benefit of private individuals and contrary to the public good. There is great natural wealth and many opportunities in this province of New Brunswick. We must not waste our resources. We must preserve the crown lands of our province; in fact we must guard very jealously every portion of our public domain. The ruined fields, the splintered forests of France and Belgium and Russia impress the fact more strongly upon us of what great need there will be in the world for such natural wealth as exists in the province of New Brunswick."

The premier said that one of first acts of the new government had been to raise \$100,000, to pay estimates and wages for the work on that railway during February. That fact gave an indication of the condition of the railway affairs. It was a bad mess but the present government would see the matter through. To make the railway the least burden upon the people connection must be made with the Transcontinental line. The extension to Andover also must be considered. It might not be done at once but would be as soon as possible.

Speaking of the returned soldiers, Premier Foster said that New Brunswick was the only province which had done nothing toward caring for those affected by tuberculosis. He was pleased to be able to announce that arrangements were being made by the new government to have such soldiers cared for in properly equipped institutions at River Glade and East St. John.

Premier Foster in conclusion promised his best attention to the interests of Victoria. It had been said that it would be an honor for Victoria to be represented by the premier of the province but it really was an honor to the premier to represent a constituency with such water powers, such agricultural lands and such natural resources.

"We must economize. The war for freedom which has assumed such tremendous proportions, the war in which so many thousands of our New Brunswick sons are engaged, has placed upon the people of New Brunswick as well as upon the men and women of all portions of the empire a responsibility for economy that cannot be ignored. Governments as well as individuals must respond to the demand that every bit of wealth and resource that we have shall be treasured and guarded most carefully. Therefore it is that the new government of New Brunswick has a greater task before it than perhaps any administration in the history of our province. We shall need everything we have, every dollar we can raise, not only to help those who are at the front but to assist in providing

for them when they return. I feel so strongly upon this point that I think we should economize even in our public services.

"The loyal and patriotic men of the party in power should see to it that every dollar of public money spent honestly is spent well."

Hon. Mr. Dugal followed, his remarks being in French.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, followed Mr. Dugal. He thanked the electors for the magnificent vote given him and Mr. Burgess on February 24. He denied point blank the statement of certain conservative newspapers that he and colleagues had used an anti-conscription canvass. At no time was conscription mentioned. In having Hon. Mr. Foster come to Victoria to secure a seat the high honor had been given the country. The premier had selected Victoria out of a number of available constituencies. In Mr. Burgess the country had possessed a valuable representative who had done much for his constituency. His connection with the Blue Bell tract purchase was particularly creditable and it was regrettable that during the past nine years that those lands had not been properly administered.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale strongly criticized the policy of the late government with regard to the St.

John & Quebec Railway. A connection with a trunk line was imperative if a burden of direct taxation to meet interest charges was to be avoided.

Mr. Tweeddale said there were rumors of a contest in Victoria although public opinion was against one. He did not believe that the electors would stand for a contest.

F. B. Carvell, M. P., was given a rousing reception when called upon. He said he had no intention of making a lengthy speech. He did, however, wish to take the opportunity of dealing with a statement of Titus J. Carter to the effect that a man had said at Grand Falls that he (Carvell) had employed an anti conscription canvass in the recent provincial election. His informant was that the statement never had been made at Grand Falls. So far as Mr. Carter was concerned if he wished to follow up that line of conduct let him run in the by-election and he would lose his deposit. (Applause).

To Mr. Burgess the speaker referred in most complimentary fashion on account of his manly act in offering his seat to Hon. Mr. Foster.

Speaking of conditions discovered at Fredericton, he said that the people would be given some amazing information within the next few weeks which would

show the conditions into which affairs had got in the past nine years.

Hon. Mr. Foster's government would begin office with an empty treasury for it was a fact that but \$4,000 was left by the old government and that was to pay salaries of the members.

The National Anthem and cheers for the King, Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Tweeddale concluded the meeting.

## Notice of Sale

To the heirs and next of kin of Frederick A. Phillips, late of the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton in the Province of New Brunswick, merchant, and to Sadie Phillips, his wife, and all others whom it may 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 nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one and registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the County of Victoria in said Province of New Brunswick in Book V of Records on pages 521, 522, 523 and 524 as number 9850, and made between the said Frederick A. Phillips and Sadie Phillips, his wife, of the one part, and George E. Tracey of the Parish of Richmond in the said County of Carleton, merchant, of the other part, there will for the purpose of satisfying the money secured by the said indenture of mortgage, default, having been made in the payment of the same, be sold at public auction in front of the Court House in Andover in the said County of Victoria, on Wednesday the second day of May, 1917, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said indenture of mortgage as follows:

"All those certain tracts of land situate in the Parish of Gordon in the County of Victoria, conveyed to said Frederick A. Phillips by Frederick H. Hale and Donald McLeod Vince and their wives, by indenture of deed bearing date the fourteenth day of the present month of February and therein described as follows—Beginning at a fir tree standing at the northwestern angle of lot number forty one surveyed for Jeremiah Dionne on the eastern side of the Tobique; thence running by the magnet of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five east fifty chains; thence north twenty eight chains to a post; thence west eighteen chains; thence south thirty four degrees west twenty chains; thence north fifty six degrees west thirty eight chains to a post standing on the eastern bank or shore of the above mentioned river; and thence following the various courses thereof of downstream in a southeasterly and southwesterly direction to place of beginning, containing one hundred acres, more or less, and distinguished as lot number forty two on the eastern bank or shore of the Tobique River, and being the same land granted by the Crown to James A. Phillips on the fourth day of March A. D. 1867. Also all that certain other tract of land situate in the said Parish of Gordon and bounded as follows: to wit,—Beginning at a point distant one chain measured southeasterly along the southwestern line of Lot Letter Z granted to Margery Margison from an elm tree standing on the eastern bank or shore of the Tobique River at the southwestern angle of the said Lot Letter Z; thence from the said point running by the magnet south fifty six degrees east fifty one chains; thence south thirty four degrees west twenty one chains; thence north fifty six degrees west thirty seven chains or to a point distant one chain southeasterly of the eastern bank or shore of the Tobique River aforesaid; and thence running parallel to the said bank or shore, maintaining the distance of one chain, thence from in a northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing ninety two acres more or less and distinguished as Lot Letter Y east of Tobique River above the mouth of Three Brooks, being the same land granted by the Crown to said E. D. Ratcliff Phillips on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1890." Together with the buildings and improvements thereon and the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

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