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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

A BLAIR LIE NAILED.

Mr. H. M. Blair, who since his conviction by Commissioner M. G. Teed and subsequent dismissal from the Public Works Department, has been devoting himself to "literary" work in the interests of the Daily Telegraph and other organs of the leaderless opposition, was in the line of duty yesterday with another "solemn declaration." His latest effort, intended chiefly for Westmorland County consumption, was not published in full in the Telegraph but was used by Mr. Carter and other opposition spellbinders in political meetings on Wednesday night. It relates to an alleged conversation with Attorney General Baxter and seeks to convey that Mr. Baxter knew of an effort to bribe the legislators in the interests of liquor men.

A letter from Hon. Mr. Baxter, published on the first page of this morning's issue is sufficient reply to Mr. Blair's allegation. In that letter Mr. Baxter says:

"I WISH TO STATE POSITIVELY AND EMPHATICALLY THAT SO FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THESE STATEMENTS ARE NOTHING BUT A TISSUE OF LIES. I NEVER HEARD OF \$50 A-PIECE, (the amount of bribe mentioned by Blair) OR ANY OTHER AMOUNT FROM MR. BLAIR, OR ANYONE ELSE, AND I NEVER ASKED HIM OR ANYBODY ELSE TO CONCEAL INFORMATION FROM ME WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS, NOR HAD I EVER TOLD MR. BLAIR OR ANY OTHER PERSON TO GO AHEAD WITH ANY SUCH COURSE OF CONDUCT."

This, in regard to Mr. Blair's first allegation.

But Mr. Blair also claims that he was offered \$1,000 if he could arrange to give the Moncton bridge contract to a West St. John firm and that the Attorney General, when advised of the offer, said he would like to see that firm get the contract if they thought they could handle it. Mr. Baxter's reply to that is equally positive. He says:

"THIS IS THE FIRST THAT I HAVE EVER HEARD SUCH A THING SUGGESTED. NEITHER MR. BLAIR NOR ANY OTHER PERSON EVER MADE A SUGGESTION TO ME, OR IN MY PRESENCE, OF IMPROPER DEALING WITH REFERENCE TO THIS OR ANY OTHER CONTRACT."

It was hardly necessary that Hon. Mr. Baxter should place himself on record in these matters, for by this time the people of New Brunswick have realized that Mr. Blair's solemn declarations cannot be of any more value than his sworn word and, apparently, his word was not good enough for the Commissioner who investigated his misdeeds. It may be remembered that Mr. Teed, referring to Mr. Blair and to a gentleman with whom the dismissed official had maintained very confidential relations, saw fit to use the following language:

"THESE TWO MEN, AFTER MEASURING EACH OTHER'S CAPACITY, APPARENTLY EACH SOUGHT TO OUTDISTANCE THE OTHER IN THEIR DISREGARD OF THE TRUTH."

And this conclusion was reached in regard to statements made by Mr. Blair WHEN UNDER OATH.

With these facts before them concerning the author of the allegations which evidently formed Mr. Carter's whole stock in trade in yesterday's Telegraph, the people of New Brunswick require no additional evidence as to the reliability of the gentleman who seeks to attack Hon. Mr. Baxter. No man in New Brunswick stands higher in public esteem than the Attorney General. As for Mr. Blair we have irrefutable evidence that he was not believed when under oath.

MORE "BLAIRBOMBS" COMING.

It is understood that the public is to be regaled with more "exposures" from the pen or tongue of Mr. H. M. Blair, the dismissed secretary of the Public Works Department of New Brunswick, who lost his office when Mr. M. G. Teed, a commissioner appointed to investigate charges against him found that he had corruptly received stock in a corporation having a contract with the department of which Mr. Blair was secretary.

The character of the work Mr.

Blair is expected to do for the Carter-Veniot party with which he has formed an alliance, can be judged from the articles which have appeared in the Telegraph and Times of the past few days.

He has already alleged that an attempt was made to bribe the members of the Provincial Legislature to vote in the interests of the liquor people of this province. The obvious answer to this is that at the last session of the Legislature the Government of New Brunswick passed a prohibitory bill which will have the effect of legislating the liquor business out of existence in this province.

Mr. Blair also claims he was offered \$1,000 if he could swing the contract for the Moncton bridge to a West St. John firm. The fact of the matter is that that contract went to another firm and was taken from the company to which Mr. Blair and his chief had awarded it.

In the light of these facts nothing Mr. Blair may say should be accepted by the people of this province, but, if additional evidence as to that gentleman is required here it is:

At the Teed investigation, Mr. Colby swore that he gave stock to Mr. Blair, some of which stock found its way to Mr. Charles Morrissey, son of the Hon. John Morrissey, then head of the Department of Public Works. This stock was obviously given for corrupt purposes, and although Mr. Blair, when under oath, tried to explain the transaction, Commissioner Teed did not believe him.

At the last session of the Legislature the statement was made that a small contractor in Fredericton paid money to Mr. Blair in connection with a contract for concrete walks around the Legislative Buildings. So far there has been no denial of that statement.

It is quite evident that Mr. Blair's mind runs in the groove of "contribution," and with the experience he admittedly has had in that line it is not difficult for him to inject the idea of contributions into any story he cares to invent. Also it is natural that he wants to drag down the men who gave him a fair trial but who had courage enough to dismiss him when it was found that he had been guilty of corrupt actions, and who followed this by insisting on the resignation of the gentleman who was his superior in office.

Mr. Blair has placed his "bombs" at the disposal of the Carter-Veniot party. Some have been exploded, others are to come. The people, however, should not be deceived by close examination of these instruments of opposition warfare shows that their chief component is Gas.

MR. CARVELL IN WESTMORLAND.

The latest gentleman to join the ranks of the opposition spellbinders in Westmorland is Mr. F. B. Carvell. It was Mr. Carvell who was the moving spirit behind the "dirty work" of yesterday's meeting in Sackville when, having invited Mr. B. Frank Smith to participate in a joint meeting arranged matters so there was no opportunity of the Carleton County M. L. A. getting anything like a fair chance to present his side of the case. Mr. Smith properly refused to be a victim of any such opposition trick.

It may be of interest to the people of Westmorland to learn how Mr. Carvell is regarded outside of his own province. A few days ago he announced that he would enter action for libel against the Ottawa Journal, the St. John Standard and other newspapers which had made statements concerning his activities before the Meredith-Duff Commission. In connection with that libel suit the Ottawa Free Press, the Liberal organ in the capital had this to say in its issue of May 19th:

"With a great flourish of trumpets, it is announced that Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., is suing for libel the Ottawa Evening Journal and a long string of newspapers through Canada. They dared to indicate the apparent pro-German leanings of a firm of New York lawyers whom Mr. Carvell has publicly stated he consulted when in New York looking for evidence against Colonel Allison and Sir Sam Hughes."

The Free Press congratulates Mr. Carvell on the fact that the newspapers who are alleged to have libeled him cannot get away from the issue on any technicality. For instance, they cannot say they are members of

Parliament and as such privileged to 'blackwash' any man's character without regard to facts, justice, or common decency. A newspaper is responsible for everything it prints. It cannot run away and forget should the victim of its attacks resent them. If a newspaper is found to have unwarrantedly and maliciously damaged the reputation of anybody, even a member of Parliament, it can be made to compensate the injured party. Therefore, we congratulate Mr. Carvell.

"The Free Press also congratulates the Ottawa Evening Journal and the string of newspapers for having revealed that Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., who apparently has the title of a rhinoceros when safely protected by the four walls of the House of Commons chamber, is after all quite thin-skinned when he emerges from those four walls. That is something worth knowing."

"The sleight of F. B. Carvell, the merciless expert in dishonest half-truths, the champion wielder of the sandbag on the reputations of honest men and honest businesses—when, and only when, protected by his Parliamentary privilege—suing Canadian newspapers for personal libel because they followed afar off some of his own tactics, is enough to make a cat laugh."

"By the way, it is interesting to note that B. F. Yorkum, when under oath, declared that the big game agreement which Mr. Carvell placed in Mr. Kyles' hands as a part of that gentleman's brief in Parliament could have come to Canada only through the office of Messrs. House, Grossman, and Vonhaus—hyphenates of New York."

GOVERNMENT'S RECORD ONE TO WIN APPROVAL

Clarke Administration Has Worked in Interest of Province.

OPPOSITION PARTY CANNOT ASSAIL IT

A story of Praiseworthy Achievement Without Parallel in History of New Brunswick.

The opposition campaign managers are asking the people of Westmorland to consider the record of the present government before they re-elect Hon. Mr. Mahoney who is appealing to them as a supporter of the government. The opposition could not take a more certain way of ensuring Mr. Mahoney's return than by asking the people to search that record and then compare it with that of their predecessors in office, who are now in opposition. The opposition could not take a more certain way of ensuring Mr. Mahoney's return than by asking the people to search that record and then compare it with that of their predecessors in office, who are now in opposition. The opposition could not take a more certain way of ensuring Mr. Mahoney's return than by asking the people to search that record and then compare it with that of their predecessors in office, who are now in opposition.

What Did They Do?

After all their years in power what did the late government have to show in the way of legislation for the general improvement of conditions affecting the welfare of the people? What measures did they pass that in any way helped along the progress and development of the province? Not in the whole twenty-five years during which they were in power did they pass half a dozen measures that can be said to have accomplished anything along that line. The present government has been in power but seven years, and in that time has passed some of the most advanced and enlightened legislation looking towards the development of the province and assisting to promote the welfare of the people ever undertaken by any government. For instance, there is the act providing pensions for school teachers, under which those who have given the best years of their life to the training and development of the young are now assured of a competency when they reach the age when their usefulness in that behalf has passed. The government of this province was the first government in the whole Dominion to take up and deal with this matter, the benefits of which are highly appreciated by those on whose behalf it was intended.

The School Book Boon.

The present government also has cut the price of schoolbooks in half, a thing which the late government were time and time again asked to do, but refused in the interest of a small ring of supporters who had been preying on the parents for many years. The late government could have dealt with this matter had they chosen, but they would not.

This government has also passed legislation safeguarding the interests of the people in the matter of public utilities, which prior to the creation of the Public Utilities Commission were under no control, and the people were compelled to accept just what they could get and upon such terms as the controllers of the utilities saw fit to impose.

The government has also passed most liberal legislation whereby workmen injured in the course of their employment are assured a reasonable

Little Benny's Note Book

I was setting on our front steps today, and pop came home and went in, and I kept on setting there not feeling like doing anything particular, and I dozed down the street barking at each other and when they turned around the corner they started to make a noise as if they was fighting, and I thawt, G, a dog fight.

And I started to wonder whether or not to get up and go around and see if it really was, and I thawt, Wats the use, by the time I get around there it would be all over anyway.

So I just kept on setting there, and pritty soon Sam Craws ran past, saying, Come on, Benny, I no was there giving away balloons for avettments, free.

Wat do I care, I sed. And Sam kept on going and I kept on setting there, and all of a sudden I saw a lot of people in the next block, being a crowd watching a organ grinder and a monkey, and I started to get up and run down, and then I thawt, Wats the use, its only a monkey.

And I kept on setting there, and wat came down the street a hiking but first engine, with a lot of kids running after it yelling, Fire, fire. G, a fire, I thawt. And just as I was going to get up and run with them, I didnt do it, thinking, Wats the use, the cops wont let you get anywhere near it anyhow.

And I just kept on setting there, and the vesterbule door opened and ma put her hed out, saying, Benny, didnt you heer me call you for supper.

No mam, I sed.

And I quick jumped up and ran in. Proving that the only thing the matter with me was I was hungry.

compensation for the suffering and loss they are called upon to endure.

This is a subject that the previous government took up but were afraid to deal with in a way that would be satisfactory to the working classes, and it was not until the present government came into power that any really beneficial measure along these lines was passed. Legislation has also been passed under which workmen employed on public works are assured of a fair wage, a thing which was not possible before.

Good Legislation.

Nowadays, too, the young men of the province who have not much money are able to acquire the ownership of a farm by payments in some cases amounting to no more than they would have to pay for rent, spread over a number of years. How much the government's efforts in this respect are appreciated by those for whose benefit it was intended is shown by the large number of young men who have availed themselves of the facilities afforded them. In addition to this the government has established agricultural schools in various parts of the province where instruction along agricultural lines can be obtained, and the latest and most up-to-date methods of the farming industry explained.

Legislation has been passed under which facilities are granted for the erection of houses for the working classes, municipalities being given power to guarantee the bonds of any company undertaking to build moderate sized houses suitable for the working classes at such rents as they can afford to pay.

Crown Lands.

A complete survey and classification of the Crown Lands of the province was a matter that the late government "looked at from a distance" but lacked the courage to deal with. The extreme desirability of such a survey will be apparent to all, not only as a means of ascertaining the nature and extent of the wealth of time, but also as a means of settlement into colonies which will be available not only for such of the present citizens of the province as may desire to locate there, but also such of the people from Great Britain and other European countries, other than Germany, who may desire to come here to make homes for themselves and their families.

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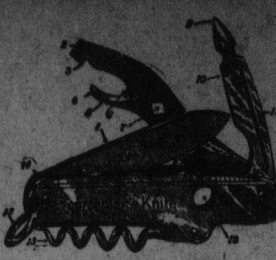
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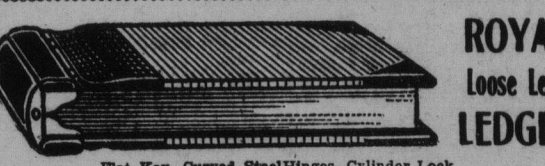
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