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Betty With Her Market Basket (N. Y. Sun.)

these days of costly living have little use, I own, s the girl I want to sing.

As our mothers did of yore, and at prices cheap and thrifty Fills it with a luscious store. And my fears will prove expensive,
And my fears will not be hid;
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Fraveler—Then I'll leave it.

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The Kid's Regiment. Mrs. Blunderby—My sister Kate who narried the Englishman writes me that her boy is going to fight.
Mrs. Kawler—Dear me! Isn't he ather young?
Mrs. Blunderby—Well, yes; but, you see, he's going to join the infantry.

HON, C. W. ROBINSON CHOSEN NEW LEADER OF PROVINCIAL LIBERALS

Former Premier Accepts the Position in a Ringing and Optimistic Speech-Fredericton Conference Recommends Many Reforms in the Interests of Good Government-Better Roads and Honest Administration of the Crown Lands Are Now in Sight-Convention to be Held in Near Future.

Fredericton, Dec. 4—(Special)—The forces of good government in New unswick found their leader today in the person of Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, mer premier, who is coming back to lead men of both political parties to a tory at the polls for clean and honest administration.

Along with the choice of Hon. Mr. Robinson as leader the conference

adopted resolutions suggesting planks for his platform, which, if adopted at a regularly called convention to come later, will take both the crown lands and the roads out of politics and ensure a proper and efficient management of both.

The choice of Mr. Robinson as leader

The choice of Mr. Robinson as leader was made by a large committee, representing every county in the province, and was unanimously endorsed by the larger conference at the afternoon session. Mr. Robinson accepting in a manly speech in which he declared it was a time for regeneration, that public men must be guided by the principles of right and justice, and no longer by the trickery of rollitical expediency.

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Mr. Robinson made it plain that he desires a business administration by business men, and this idea was the keynote of the speeches in his support.

Earnest tribute was paid by several speakers to Mr. Robinson's worth, executive ability, and sterling honesty. One speaker referred to his reserve force, another to his sound financial sense, and still another to his magnetic qualities of leadership and his power to win men, and, above all, to command their respect.

"A fitting leader for a fitting cause," was the verdict of the whole gathering, and above all there was the ring of victory.

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A new deal all around is to be given the people of New Brunswick as the result of last night's memorable banquet and the rousing meetings of today. The men who attended from all parts of the province are leaving for their homes tonight well satisfied with the work they have done.

The resolutions suggesting platform planks follow:

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this meeting, the leader of the provincial opposition party should at as early a date as possible draft a platform embodying his views of the principles upon which he and his followers will appeal to the people at the next general election, and submit the same for consideration of a convention to be called in due course, and this meeting would suggest for the consideration of our leaders, the following as subjects which should among others be dealt with in framing such platform:

CROWN LANDS. 1. Having in mind the fact that in the administration of crown lands conflicting questions must necessarily arise from time to time between the interests of the settler and the litenses of timber lands in the settlement of which questions by the government expression should be fairly and properly given to both interests, with a view to doing complete justice and thus promoting the welfare of the province along these important lines, our leader should consider whether or not it would be desirable to have the colonization and lumbering interests placed under the control of separate existing departments of the executive council.

2—That our leader should also consider the advisability of removing to iministration of the crown timber lands as far as possible from party politic placing the same under a none-partizan commission of experienced men.

3—In view of the pressing and ever-growing necessity for better roads, our leader should consider the advisability of embodying in such platform legislation to give to the people greater control of road expenditure, and thereby to promote greater interest in the roads by providing that the government road moneys, as well as the road taxes, should be expended by representatives of the people to be selected by the respective parishes or school districts as may be thought advisable, in the same manner as school trustees are chosen, the government also to provide for oversight of road engineers appointed and paid by the government; also, that special provincial grants should be made in order to pro-

END OF A PUBLIC CAREER

That the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick has taken no action in regard to his constitutional adviser is occasioning pained surprise throughout the dominion. Almost two weeks have elapsed since the publication of the judicial finding made it clear that the political career of Premier Flemming had come to an ignoble end. While there may be some sympathy for the man who fell by misusing his high position and some reluctance towards unnecessary severity, neither the Province of New Brunswick nor the dominion can afford to retain such a man in any high public office. He has been unfaithful to his trust and has used his position to obtain money from people having dealings with the province, and in that way financially at his mercy.

According to the finding of the commission he "was well aware that moneys were being collected for a purposes unquestionably improper. This alone would disqualify him for his high office, as it comes from a judicial body after a careful inquiry. It is further declared "that he directed the disposition of such moneys when collected." One of the charges was that he compelled Mr. Kenendy, a railway contractor with the government, to pay him \$2,000. On this the finding of the commission is direct and explicit:

"We think and find that Hon, Mr. Flemming was guilty of this act of compulsion which has been charged against him. . . . We have no heattation in concluding that the compulsion undoubtedly existed, taking its rise primarily from the fact that Mr. Flemming was premier of the province and Mr. Kennedy-was a contractor in the building of this work in question."

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These and other damaging facts were declared by the commission after an inquiry in which the premier was represented by able counsel and every rule of evidence was used for his protection. Had he adopted the course of the government at Toronto and evaded trial by suppressing evidence he could throw responsibility on the electorate by letting them endorse or repudiate his actions. There would be the semblance of a doubt. But Premier Flemming has faced trial and has been found guilty. No course is open to him but to resign. He is the adviser of the Crown and stands disqualified. If he fails to accept the situation in which he has placed himself, it is the duty of the Crown's representative to act, and act promptly.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick has a duty to perform, and however disagreeable it may be it must not be evaded. He cannot and must not use his office to shield a discredited and disgraced adviser. This line of executive action has been found necessary in the course of our political history, and the representative of the Crown has always sustained the dignity of his position. Premier Flemming will have more sympathy in his downfall if he relieves the Crown of the unpleasant necessity of his dismissal. Canadian public life must be purged of malfeasance, and both the premier condemned and the Lieutenant-Governor responsible have already hesitated too long.

SHARING FLEMMINGS GUILD

The Gleaner, in which some or all of the members of the local government are stockholders, and which derives a revenue of about \$16,000 a year from government work, intimates that Mr. Flemming is not going to resign. This means that the government has decided to shoulder full responsibility for his conduct in collecting \$15 a mile extra from the Crown Land lease-holders, of both parties, as a government campaign fund. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Morrissy, and the others must have a poor opinion of the people if they look for approval by the electors of such rescally conduct.

chosen by the committee as the opposition leader. The decision was received with ringing cheers, and the new leader was at once called oppos.

Hon. Mr. Robinson said the offer came to him as a surprise, that he had considered himself out of politics, but in consideration of the present situation had been willing to contest as one of the candidates in Westmorland a seat for

As a matter of duty he was willing to accept the unanimous call to leadership. He believed the prospects better for a victory for the opposition party than at any other time since the government came to power. The good work done by the men honored at the banquet the night before had aroused public feeling to such an extent that a change would be demanded.

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The time had come for our public men to be guided by principles of right and justice and not by political expediency. It was, in other words, a day of regeneration. The best citizens must come forward to take their part in bringing about good government. They had before them the shining example of the men from all the Empire who were sacrificing home and business ties and shedding their blood for their country. He accepted, therefore, gratefully, and with a sense of the high honor the trust reposed in him.

premier, having, as he did, the power to draw men and to command the respect of all classes. If the speaker possessed qualities which were considered of any value in carrying on the fight they were at Mr. Robinson's service. He would not shrink from the task until this "nest of traitors, this gang of scoundrels has been driven from office." (Applause).

Mr. Carrell moved a formal resolution thanking The Telegraph for fair and honest publication of reports of the evidence before the royal commission, and this was unanimously carried.

A resolution in appreciation of the services of A. B. Copp. now a Liberal candidate for the federal house in Westmorland, as provincial leader, was moved by W. J. Mahoney and carried amid cheers:

Whereas, A. B. Copp. our leader in the elections for the local legislature in the year 1912, has been nominated as the federal Liberal candidate for the county of Westmorland, and by his acceptance of such nomination at the hands of the Liberals of Westmorland county, we will lose his valuable services in the field:

Resolved, that this conference hereby places on record its appreciation of the valuable service of Mr. Copp in the local legislature, and as our leader

Further resolved, that we, in conference assembled, tender to Mr. Copp our hearty thanks for the work he has performed in the local field, congratulate him on being chosen the standard bearer of Liberalism in the noble county of Westmorland, and earnestly hope and trust that when the election takes place he will be elected to represent the county at Ottawa.

Mr. Copp made a rousing speech in which he referred to Hon. Mr. Robinson's record as a provincial legislator and his sound financial suggestions, notably his proposal to set aside a portion of the increased dominion subsidy to form a sinking fund to meet the growing indebtedness. He referred to the breaking of the party truce by the Conservatives of Westmorland and his own nomination by the will of the party. It looked like leaving Mr. Robinson a soft thing, but he promised him his hearty support.

J. A. McQueen moved a resolution expressing regret at the death of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, and this was seconded in a few impressive words by Hon. C. W. Robinson.

George M. Byron, of Campobello, also spoke feelingly of Hon. Mr. Emmer-

FLEMMING IS TORY CHOICE IN CARLETON

cured. Finally J. L. White was agreed upon.

On the stage were J. K. Flemming, J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., Titus Carter, M. P. P., Donald Munro, M. P. P., B. F. Smith, H. Woods, M. P. P., and Dr. Moorehouse, M. P. P.

The chairman told the audience that he did not know when the election would come but it was well to be prepared. "It is necessary," he said, "to elect a man to assist Borden, and as you are not able to do it, we have come from Victoria to do it for you."

B. P. Smith, the deposed leader of the Tory forces, placed Premier Flemming in nomination for the federal seat, and said it was necessary to be united in order to win. Flemming, had fought many good fights and was entitled to the nomination. He made the usual tirade against F. B. Carvell, but carefully omitted any reference to the reason of holding the convention.

At this point Mr. Flemming and the chairman engaged in a long conversation, and the crowd got impatient and called out to go on with the business.

Titus Carter seconded the nomination in one of his usual nauseating speeches, in which he said the finding of the commission was rank and that he had been driven out of court, and if there had been a higher court judgment would have been reversed in an hour.

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ITALY NOT BOUND BY HER TREATY TO ASSIST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

Moreover, Army and Navy Are Ready For Any Event, Says Premier

Vote of Confidence in the Government Passes 413 to 49-Great Enthusiasm When Nation's Position is Explained-What Austria Tried to Do at the Time of the Balkan War.

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Rome, Dec. 6—The Italian Chamber yesterday passed a vote of confidence in the government, 413 to 49.

Admiral Bettolo, ex-minister of marine, presented the resolution calling for a vote of confidence in the cabinet. The admiral said he approved of the reasons of neutrality, as given by Premier Salandra.

Italy's neutrality was not due to unsatisfactory military conditions in this country, Admiral Bettolo said, but because Italy was not obliged to follow the Central Empires of Europe. The former minister said:

"Our neutrality must be strongly armed, so as to enable us to defend the supreme interests of the country, if they are threatened or unrecognized. Our neutrality should be an expression of Italy's diplomatic and military power."

The majority of those who spoke in the policy of the government, made a the chamber tried to construe according most important declaration. He said to their own-views, the statement made made by Premier Salandra at the open- did ing of parliament on Thursday. The

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