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BID FOR ELECTION FUNDS.

There is no excuse for any conservative member to kick on the last hour of the government in guaranteeing the C.N.R. bonds to the extent of two and a half millions of dollars. The question was no doubt considered in caucus. The object of the deal must have been understood. Mr. Whitney—so much opposed to railway grants and subsidies—surely offered some reason why he was supposed to make the greatest somersault in his life. Some explanation was no doubt offered at the same time why the transaction was kept under cover, a profound secret, until the Thursday before the house rose, why there was occasion to rush it through in twenty-four hours, and why the third reading of the bill was given at a session called half an hour earlier than usual. Anything which required all this stealth of action, this mystery and suspicion, must have been conceived in iniquity, and the inference grows stronger that the election fund could tell the story. The liberal opposition knew nothing of what was going on, and the strongest conservative print in Ontario protests that the case, in its delay and smuggled tactics, is absolutely without a defence.

The World refers to the O'Brien crowd who were given mining concessions "during the dying hours of the Ross government." The O'Briens are conservatives and the leases were issued by Mr. Cochrane on behalf of the Whitney government. Wonderful how much misrepresentation there is going on nowadays.

SOME INCENSE BURNING.

In some of the American cities, towns and villages, there is what is called cleaning-up day. It is fixed by civic proclamation weeks ahead and the amplest preparation is made for it. Thus in Watertown last year the council promised to provide the carts and have removed all the rubbish which the people raked off their lawns and premises, and the item was a heavy one. It was far in excess of what was appropriated for the reason that the people were very thorough in the service and the city was relieved of its accumulations for years.

Mayor Hugo (a former-Kingstonian) led in the educational campaign which preceded this general city cleaning, and he was more than pleased with the enthusiasm with which the people entered into the scheme. It became exceedingly popular. It produced marvelous results on the appointed day. There never was such a raking and scraping as the populace then indulged in. Men, women, children, were affected with the right kind of microbe for a day, and the effect was astonishing.

The cost was high and for the reason that the city did not expect so complete a response to its appeal. But when the work was over, when the waste was removed, the city was indeed clean. Cannot Kingston have a cleaning-up day? Usually the movement in this direction is undertaken by some local improvement society, and anything which tends to the beautifying of the municipality is to be warmly commended.

Mr. Guthrie, M.P., says the member for East Simcoe, Mr. Bennett, is not living in the days of chivalry. Otherwise he would be challenged to make good his allegations about others, and failing he called a patsman and a coward. And the expression passed. It was parliamentary.

THE FARMERS WAKING UP.

The Weekly Star has stirred up the farmers against the local government on the taxation question. It has pointed out that the farms are being hit by the burden of local taxation which the railways escape with a mere pretence at paying local rates. So great is the fury of the land owners of East Kent that Mr. Bowyer, one of Mr. Whitney's most faithful casuals, undertook to calm his constituents at a recent meeting. He said he had the assurance of Mr. Matheson, the treasurer, that "after the election the tax on railways would be advanced from \$60 per mile to \$100."

The colonel saw the necessity for some concession that would mollify the farmers, who are still powerful, notwithstanding that the cities have been given larger representation—and in that way been provided with a counteracting influence. So, in an interview, he advised that Mr. Bowyer's arguments had convinced him of the need of a change. "Then," said one of an enquiring mind, "an increase may be looked for?" Mr. Matheson held his breath. He had to reply, but so diplomatically—"That will be determined by the government."

The precious hypocrites are thus at work again. When in opposition they assayed to stampede the Ross govern-

ment into a hasty adoption of the Pettypiece bill. They affected to believe it was just. They gave people to understand they wanted to see it become law. Yet when they had the chance to give expression to their views they shied from their duty. The provincial treasurer is not in favour, even now, of increasing the railway tax. If he were he would say so, and he would not assume to humbug the people as he certainly is at present. The farmers are the fools to stand this discrimination against them. Notwithstanding the disadvantage which they suffer under the gerrymander they can make their votes effective, and it is time they were thinking of themselves rather than the pot-house politicians.

Hazen, of New Brunswick, like Whitney, of Ontario, professed to be very grateful for his election to power. They are alike in another respect—they forgot that they promised to be fair men, and abused their privileges by persecuting and beheading the liberal officials.

LICENSE LAW SCANDALS.

At Ottawa Hon. Mr. Hanna claimed that under the Whitney government there had been a fair enforcement of the Liquor License Act. Mark the expression—a fair enforcement. It used to be a non-political enforcement of the law. This Mr. Whitney was to give the people, if permitted by them to direct the government of the province. The first act was to dismiss the license inspectors and boards. The boards were composed of liberals and conservatives. The new government would have no one who was not a partisan supporter. The inspectors were not to be trusted. They were politicians, and the situation was "improved" by the selection of another set of politicians.

Scandals followed. The chief of them had their setting in the city of Toronto, where the Flavelle board was ousted out of office, made to resign because of the political engineering of the government. The riot that followed, culminating in the party quarrel and Starr exposure, will never be forgotten. It made many a good conservative to blush and hang his head. It made some people to feel humiliated more than words can express.

The explosion of a bribery scandal at Port Arthur is the latest. Here is the charge that money has been used, \$1,000 of it, in influencing two of the commissioners in an hotel license transfer. One commissioner denies that he received the money. Another admits that he was given a present of \$500, which he carried in his pocket for three months before he dared to look at it. He knew it was a present, and curiously enough he had no desire to examine it. When asked if he could swear he was bribed he said he could not swear. What was the money for? What did the commissioner think he got the present for?

And then, the Chatham and other cases represent what Mr. Hanna calls "a fair enforcement of the License Law!" Mr. Whitney promised that the politicians would not be in evidence in connection with it. He has not kept his pledge.

It does not mitigate the grievance against Mr. Whitney one whit that the Quebec legislature subsidized any railway at its late session. Mr. Whitney said he would not do such a thing, and he was supposed to be a man who kept his word.

WAR PAINT IS EXPENSIVE.

A conservative paper insists that the militia department be investigated by Judge Cassels. Why? The Whig has read the report of the civil service commission, and it does not indicate or even insinuate that there has been any "lack of conscience" or any dishonesty in the department.

There are some things which parliament can discuss on their merits. The commissioners recommend the abolition of the corps of district paymasters for which it is declared Canada has no need. It was, in Major-General Herbert's time, dispensed with, and has been revived on the ground that in case of war field paymasters would be necessary. The auditor-general objects to the manner in which public money is put in circulation by these paymasters, mostly conservatives, and given appointment by this non-political branch of the public service.

Parliament has a right to enquire, too, whether the office of inspector-general is unnecessary and "a stepping-stone to the retirement of high military officers in Canada on large allowances." It has, likewise, the right to enquire whether the pay of the headquarters staff is not out of all proportion to the pay of the other civil servants, and whether some of the recipients of these special favours are in luck because of their relationship with leading members of parliament, liberal and conservative.

Finally, it is in order to account in some definite and satisfactory way for the growth of the expenditure on the militia from three and a half million of dollars to six and a half millions in four years, why the headquarters staff is large enough for a corps of one hundred thousand men, and why "in addition to the special system of

high pay the favoured men of the militia service in Canada draw pensions not only for themselves but for their wives and children." This alleged non-political department is getting the special attention of the conservative press, and it is the one particular department where the patronage committee cannot be said to have a pull.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A premier that is big and brave and bold ought to be able to do the right without the terrors of the opposition.

The Ontario Alliance appeals to the temperance people to be up and doing in the provincial election. There are to be no feel-taps about this business.

Is it any apology for Mr. Whitney to say that he did not dare do right in that last awful week of the legislature because Mr. McKay did not club him into it?

Mr. Lemnos, M.P.P., speaking at Temiscaming, said that unless the riding returned a conservative member it would not get anything from the government. Is this not a species of intimidation?

Col. Sam Hughes wants it to be understood that provided the money is not put in furs and feathers the sum devoted to militia is very well spent. Evidently the colonel does not go much on dress parades.

The liberal opposition was the salvation of Ontario, in the legislature, it appears. But for its judicious results by the open confessions of the Tory press—no man can imagine what might have happened.

Mr. Whitney as the big policeman! He liked the phrase. It catered to his vanity. But where was he when the party was out for the spoils in that "last awful week" of the legislature? Where was the watch-dog of the treasurer, Col. Matheson?

It is the business of the opposition to oppose during the session as well as afterwards, says the Toronto News. And it is also the business of the government to do the proper thing at all times whether under the lash or otherwise.

SPRIT OF THE PRESS

Sage Advice.

Clean-up day isn't just for your neighbor. It's for you, too!

A Promising Writer.

Rev. D. C. Hossack may not have written as many open letters as St. Paul, but you must remember he is only a young man yet.

Need Checking.

A few capable independent members in the next legislature are needed to check the tendency of the Whitney government to grow arrogant and indifferent to public opinion.

A Sentiment Only.

Guelpch Mercury.

"Fay a man what he is worth," sounds fine, and has often brought the houses with applause, but alas! the same there is a heap of citizens who wouldn't need an express wagon to take home their wages if they were paid at the aforesaid rate.

Extravagance Surely.

Hamilton Times.

It is worth noting that the United States military and naval bill is almost \$385,000,000 a year, a trifle of \$85,000,000 more than that of Great Britain. In the United States people get value for it?

A Minister In Danger.

Ottawa Free Press.

The Citizen admits that Hon. Nelson Monteith is in danger of defeat in South Perth. Perhaps the wish is father to the thought. At any rate there are members of the party in high places who would not verily biterly if the prediction proved true.

Fish Invisible In Sleep.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

"That file fish is asleep," said the attendant.

"How do you know?" the visitor to the aquarium asked. "But I can't see him, by the way."

"That's how I know. He, like many other fish, changes color on going off. Awake he is mottled with brown and dark olive green, a handsome, somewhat splendid object. Asleep he is a pallid gray, with darker wings and tail, a ghost of a file fish, practically invisible."

"Many of the weaker fish, especially in the tropics, have this ability to change from a bright to a pale, vague hue when they sleep. Thus they sleep safely. Otherwise their slumber would end between a bigger fish's jaws."

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The Sound Financial Condition Was of Liberal Making.

Peterboro Examiner.

The finances of the province of Ontario are in a splendid condition, in spite of the tremendous onslaught of extravagance made upon our revenue resources during the past conservative administration of between three and half or four years. It is to be remembered to the credit of the preceding liberal government that this condition is possible only through sources of revenue provided by a liberal government. Last year the conservative government had the benefit of a revenue of \$3,705,900, from sources provided by a liberal government, and nearly all, if not all, opposed by the conservative opposition, which, now in power, is spending the revenue to which they were opposed. This nearly four millions is made up of the following items: Succession duties, \$843,508; supplementary revenue, \$672,211; T. & N.O. railway, \$235,000; mining sales and leases, \$1,184,719; mining royalties, \$297,945, and to this is added the revenue of nearly \$300,000 per year, to be obtained from the power companies at Niagara Falls, which Mr. Whitney wants to relieve entirely and make "as free as air."

We shall have a total of nearly three and three-quarter millions, which, if the conservative opposition had its way, would not have been available for the purpose of the province. So that whatever credit is due for the excellent financial position for the province, belongs to the liberal government administration, which has increased the provincial expenditure sixty per cent. in its short term of office.

A Gift of \$130,000.

London Advertiser.

There will be little time for the ventilation of the La Rose deal and the Canadian Northern guarantee. The gift of a cool \$130,000 to a mining company of which a relative of the minister of mines is a member, demands a fuller explanation than the bald assertion that the government received "information" worth that amount. In the case of the Canadian Northern legislation, the government misled the legislature by claiming the bill improved the security of the province for the guarantee of 1904, enacted by the Ross administration. The House took the premier at his word, but subsequent investigation shows that the Whitney measure merely gave the province a second mortgage, and did nothing to strengthen its security. The assent of the legislature was secured by false pretences, and the leader of the opposition now repudiates the whole transaction. Furthermore, Mr. Whitney, when in opposition, denounced the practice of introducing similar legislation in the closing hours of the session, but he brought the Canadian Northern bill down only two days before the date set for the completion of business.

The spoils system and the gerrymander alone are reasons why the premier dare not go into this campaign with the professions of independence and fair play, which were constantly on his lips in 1905. His virtuous pretensions are entirely discredited, and he will feel the weight of the resentment of thousands of liberals and no-party men who have been undecieved since 1905.

Dishonesty Apparent.

Toronto Globe.

There is disappointment over the weakness, double dealings and dishonesty of the government, in its handling of the spoil system, in its administration of criminal justice and collapse of its paraded policy of law reform. The government exhibits weakness that was unexpected as well as deplorable.

Its handling of the electric power problem was marked by double dealing of a most sinister kind, pretending to favor Hon. Adam Beck's radical policy and at the same time secretly making his success impossible.

The dishonesty of the gerrymander of the constituencies is equalled only by its folly on one hand and its hypocrisy on the other, and the Larose grant of \$130,000 and the \$2,500,000 provincial guarantee for the Mackenzie and Mackenzie railway projects are suggestive of political corruption of the worst kind.

And what shocks and disgusts men like Rev. Mr. Hossack is that the government whom they directly or indirectly helped to elect should take so swift and deliberate a descent to an Avenue of political incompetency and dishonesty.

Signs are increasing in all parts of the province that the liberals are alive to their responsibilities, and that in their campaign to return a large and strong liberal constituency they will have the support of almost the entire independent vote.

New conditions call for new men. Already at least a score of new men of the very first quality, men of high personal character and proved capacity for public service are offering themselves for election in constituencies now represented by government supporters who have earned defeat.

Fight With A Tiger.

Indian Daily Telegraph.

Two brothers, Khuda Bakhs and Shaik Abdul Ghani, of Maradabad, were despatched recently to Rampur on an errand, and while entering a grove at Khadqura a tiger sprang upon Khudra Bakhs, who, being an athlete, warded off the blow aimed at him with his right hand and caught one of the paw with the other and maintained his hold, though the tiger was mauling the other hand.

Abdul Ghani now rushed up with a stout stick, which he forced down the tiger's throat, making it release his brother's hand, where Khuda Bakhs seized another paw with his wounded hand, forcing both the paws back. He wrestled with the tiger, keeping it down by sheer force, while Abdul Ghani belabored it with his lath and killed it.

The tiger was carried by the brothers to his Highness the Nawab of Rampur, who kept the skin as a memento and sent Khuda Bakhs to the state dispensary for treatment.

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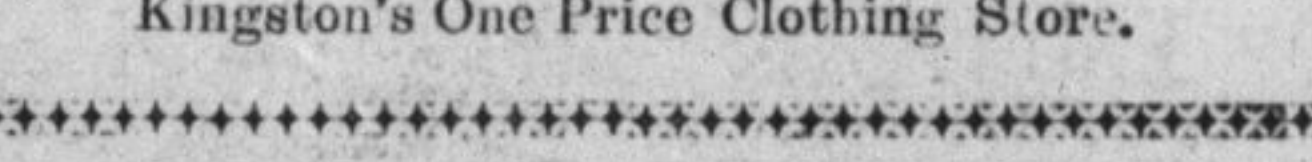
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