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VERDICTS IN THE SCANDAL CASES.

By this time, doubtless, the verdicts in the scandal cases investigated by parliamentary committees at Ottawa have been rendered. At the moment of writing, the precise form the verdicts will assume is not known publicly. But while the terms of some have been made public, the import of the rest is understood. It will be more or less interesting to glance at them.

To begin with: There is the case of Lieutenant Governor Schultz of Manitoba. Very pointed charges were made against him of fraudulent cooking of accounts, charging for services not rendered and for articles never bought, thus pocketing public money obtained on false pretences. The charges were apparently made in good faith, and having been made by responsible parties in a position favorable to the acquisition of knowledge in the matter, enquiry was imperative. But enquiry resulted in the complete wiping out of the charges. It was proved, beyond doubt, that the services charged for were rendered and that the goods paid for were bought for use in the public service. The parties making the charges were compelled to admit that they had been mistaken, or had acted in ignorance of vital facts that cut the ground from under their feet. Mr. Schultz is to be congratulated on the result of the enquiry. He passed the ordeal unscathed, free from even the smell of fire on his garments.

There is the Senator Robitaille case: The charge against him was a very grave one. It was boldly asserted before a Senate committee by a Quebec politician of eminence that the senator had been prominent in the embezzlement of \$118,000 of subsidy voted by parliament in aid of Baie de Chaleurs railway. Enquiry ascertained that the charge was not founded in fact, and was manifestly false. The senator is also to be congratulated.

There is the Langevin case: Minister Langevin was charged with having profited by corrupt dealings with sundry contractors, with having used his position for personal enrichment, at the expense of the country. The charge was not brought home by credible evidence, but it was made clear that officials of his department had been in corrupt collusion with bribing contractors. The minister is to be congratulated on his escape from the charge of personal corruption, but not on the energy and sharpness of his supervision of his subordinates.

There is the McGreevy case: The charges against him were that he had sold his influence as a member of parliament and as a friend of Minister Langevin to contractors for an enormous sum in the aggregate and that he violated the Independence of Parliament Act by being virtually a contractor with the government for steamboat service. Lengthened investigation showed that the act in question had been palpably violated by him, but that the other charges against him were in the main untrue, some of them grossly false, some of them gross pervasions of doubtful proceedings. Mr. McGreevy was not proved to be nearly as black as he was represented, but neither did he wear a shining aspect on leaving the committee.

There is the Perley case: Mr. Perley was charged with having, while chief engineer of the Works Department, sold himself to contractors for valuable considerations. On enquiry, Mr. Perley admitted and deplored that he had received and retained valuable presents from a contractor; but it does not appear that on this account or any other he rendered contractors favors which they were not in justice entitled to claim. Mr. Perley seems to have been to blame for softly yielding to the cunning persistence of a scheming contractor, determined to force on him, to his detriment, compromising presents.

There is the case of commission exactions: Certain departmental officials, the chief of whom was Senecal, were charged with having exacted, or, at least, received from sundry parties commissions on goods purchased from them for government use. The charges were abundantly proved. It was high time to put a stop to such proceedings. The wonder is that they ran so long without detection. The men instrumental in the discovery have done good service to the public.

There is the extra work and pay case: It was charged that clerks in some of the Departments had drawn pay for extra work in the names of persons who did not perform the work. The charge was sus-

tained by the acknowledgement of the erring officials. The proceeding was indefensible, but it does not appear that the work paid for was not done or that it was paid for at too high a rate, but it does appear that the regulation that drove the clerks to the deception practiced was an absurd and unnecessary one.

There is the Cochrane case: Mr. Cochrane an Ontario M. P., was charged with having sold his patronage in the recommendation to office.

The charge was not fastened on Cochrane personally, but it was shown that some of his friends, apparently with his knowledge trafficked in that patronage. Mr. Cochrane merits condemnation for having connived at the proceeding.

Finally, there is the \$100,000 steal case: It was charged that the exaction of this immense sum from a railway contractor was manoeuvred by a regular go between, agent for the Quebec government, and expended in behalf of a number of leading Quebec officials, including Count Mercier himself, and for party purposes. The enquiry made by a Senate Committee was only partial and preliminary, but the steal was clearly established, and the appropriation of the proceeds was largely shown. The wind up of this matter has yet to be accomplished. Wild rumors as to the sensation working in the circle interested are current. The denouement cannot be far off.

Perpetual Motion Impossible.

It may be safely said that there are today as many minds afflicted with this mild form of insanity as there have been at any time in the past. Every city, town and hamlet possesses its would-be inventor who is striving to achieve the end that is to startle the world. Many who will not openly admit that they believe perpetual motion is possible are secretly thinking upon the matter and entertaining the hope that some day they may yet do what so many have failed in doing. No other fallacy has been so popular or has so long withstood the light of reason as has perpetual motion. Alchemy and the transmutation of metals, which for a season or so occupied the minds of men, passed away to return no more. The philosopher's stone and the elixir vitae were believed in and earnestly sought after by the really scientific men of a few generations, but the search was finally given up. The phantom of perpetual motion however, will not down, but beckons men on and on, leading to the same inevitable result—total failure. Men are as far from the secret to-day as they were seven centuries ago, and they will get no nearer to it until a weight placed upon the ground can lift itself up, or, as the idea is more strikingly presented, until one can lift himself off the floor by pulling his boot straps.

The Russian Jews.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The Dominion government have decided to take a stand against the immigration of destitute Russian Jews, and have notified the various steamship companies to that effect. The press of Northwest Territories is up in arms against the encouragement of this undesirable class of settlers, who have so far proved themselves totally unfit for agricultural pursuits or in fact any other employment. Already a considerable number have settled in the Northwest, and the Minister of Agriculture states they have given the government an endless amount of trouble. Mr. Caillat said to-day that the government has been advised that a number of Russian Jews were now on their way to Canada and that it might become necessary for the government to proclaim the statute in force where it prohibits the landing of pauper or destitute emigrants. He said they land in this country and being unable to speak either French or English, are a miserable lot of hopeless creatures. The scheme of Baron Hirsch to settle them in Canada does not meet with favor in government circles here, and in fact, it will meet with strong opposition from the quarter where assistance would naturally be looked for.

Kouchibouguac.

The election is over, and the political mist which has for some time clouded the atmosphere has blown away and tranquillity and serenity reigns supreme.

The trout fishing season is over and those enthusiastic lovers of the rod and reel who have spent the summer amongst us, are on their way home to the "land of the free," very favorably impressed with our salubrious climate and great natural resources.

The picnic at St. Margarets was a success, financially and otherwise. It was largely attended by the beauty and chivalry of this town, who seem to have a special attachment for rural festivities.

A number of interesting personal events have been talked of, but they now seem to be as far away as ever. It is so long since there has been a marriage here that we have almost forgotten what the ceremony is like.

A movement is on foot to form a joint stock company for the manufacture of starch. We are situated in the midst of a fine potato growing country, and have the other facilities that are necessary to make the enterprise a success.

MIKE.

Methodism in Weldford.

Rev. F. A. Wightman acknowledges the receipt of \$5 from J. R. Inch, LL. D., and \$10 from Rev. W. J. Kirby for the Weldford Methodist church building fund, and add:

Weldford is a neat little town situated on the main line of the I. C. Ry., about midway between Moncton and Newcastle. About seventeen years ago the first house—a log one—was built, in what was then the heart of a N. B. forest wilderness. Since that time the place has grown to its present size, and continues to flourish. About six years ago, Weldford, which for some years had been a monthly weeknight appointment of the Richibucto Circuit, was visited with a gracious revival of religion, under the ministry of Revs. Kirby and Tait. About a year later a few noble souled Methodists here asked to be organized into a separate circuit, and as a proof of their sincerity became responsible for the minister's salary for the first year. This manifestation of zeal encouraged the Conference to accede to their request, and Weldford was added to the list of the circuits. The few years which have followed have fully justified the course pursued at that time. Since then a parsonage, with a large attachment of land, including cemetery and church site, all admirably situated, have been bought, and paid for, while new churches have been added to some of the outlying appointments.

For some years the need of a church has been very much felt in the village in order to better accommodate, and more permanently establish our growing cause. Last winter we decided to build and open a subscription list among our friends here, which was responded to with princely generosity, and now as a further result we have under way a pretty little church, in every way a credit to Methodism.

Further subscriptions are solicited.

Hardwick Notes.

The grain crop will be a good one but has been damaged some by rainy weather. A considerable quantity of wheat is still out.

Several farmers are complaining of rot in the potatoes.

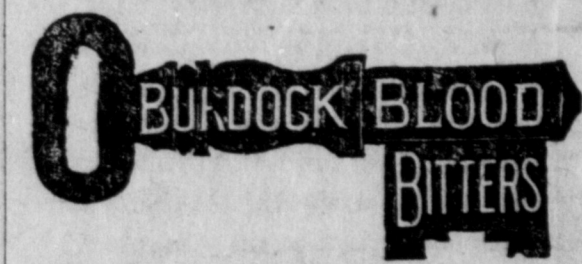
The fishing season which is about ended has been a good one. Lobsters have been plentiful; Salmon have been a fair catch; Mackerel have been plentiful in Miramichi Bay and about Escuminac Point. The freezers of A. Williston & Co., A. & R. Loggie and W. S. Loggie at Escuminac Point are filled.

A large quantity of blue berries have been canned. A. Williston & Co. had a factory running at Portage River and put up a large amount. A. & R. Loggie also bought large quantities and shipped to their factory at Black Brook.

The sea side hotels have done a good business this season. Friend Howard of the Hardwick House intends enlarging his establishment. The season ended on Tuesday last with a big Pic-Nic at Taylors, Bay du Vin. Many taking advantage of the cheap steamboat fare and as this is a free country many provided their own whiskey with the usual result.

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