

THE CHARGES WERE GROUNDED.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE MR. HAZEN'S CHARGES AGAINST PREMIER EMMERSON CONFIRM THE DIVISION OF THE PRO...

FREDERICTON, April 7.—The centre of interest in the bridge investigation was this afternoon transferred from the committee room to the chambers.

Chairman Carvell submitted the report from the committee appointed to investigate the bridge charges, also the evidence taken by the committee.

The evidence occupied 889 pages of typewritten matter containing about 275,000 words.

The report of the committee is as follows: "House of Assembly, April 7, 1900. "Mr Speaker and the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick:

"The committee appointed to investigate certain charges preferred by Mr. Hazen, a member of the assembly, against the Honorable Henry R. Emmerson begs to submit the following report:

"Your committee held its first meeting on the 13th day of March last past. On this day and subsequently subpoenas were issued at the request of Mr. Hazen to the following persons: A. R. Wetmore, T. B. Winslow, George F. Swain, R. Maitland Roy, Joshua Peters, Alfred E. Peters, John Stewart, Alfred Haines, Martin Murphy, Peter S. Archibald, A. G. Beckwith, Willard Kitchen, W. B. McKenzie, Phelps Johnson and William E. Brown. The names of the witnesses who were called and gave evidence on behalf of Mr. Hazen will be found stated below.

"Although Mr. Archibald and Mr. Haines were both present and remained in attendance for several days neither were called.

"Mr. Ruddock, being compelled to be absent through sickness before the close of Mr. Hazen's case, was subsequently called by Mr. Emmerson's counsel. Mr. Haines having attended under the subpoena issued at the request of Mr. Hazen, and not having been called, returned, as was stated, to the work on which he was engaged of inspecting the erection of the Kingston Bridge and which urgently required his personal attention.

"Mr. Phelps Johnson, the manager of the Dominion Bridge Company (Ltd.), of Montreal, attended the committee in response to a subpoena issued at the instance of Mr. Hazen, and was sworn, but on it appearing that he had not produced contracts for the construction of highway bridges by his company in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which he had been required to produce, and which, as it appeared to the committee, would be very important and absolutely essential to enable your committee to ascertain the average charges made by that company, for steel bridges, but had only brought with him certain contracts which he had selected, your committee acceded to the application of the counsel for Mr. Emmerson and decided not to take Mr. Johnson's testimony until he was given a further opportunity of producing the contracts required. In this connection it may be observed that Mr. Emmerson's counsel and your committee offered to pay all Mr. Johnson's expenses to and from Montreal. Mr. Johnson accordingly stated to the committee that he would return to Montreal and would on the following Tuesday or Wednesday telegraph the chairman of the committee whether or not he would comply with the subpoena which had been served upon him to produce the said contract. This he did not do, but subsequently Mr. Hazen informed the committee that he had received a letter from that gentleman stating that he did not intend to return. Consequently your committee, much to their regret, were deprived of the benefit of any evidence which Mr. Johnson might give, and of the undoubtedly valuable information which would have been afforded by the production of the contracts, particularly if they had been accompanied by plans and specifications in enabling the committee to determine what prices had been paid to his company in its home market.

where fair and normal prices would likely be paid, during the years when the New Brunswick bridges in respect to which the charges were made were constructed, and in the years immediately preceding.

"As Mr. Johnson had also been subpoenaed to produce the contracts and specifications for railway bridges constructed by his company during those years their production would have had an important bearing on that portion of the charge which complains of the fact that the highway bridges constructed by the New Brunswick government cost as much as double the price per pound of railway bridges.

"Your committee also regret that Mr. Hazen's counsel saw fit not to give the committee the benefit of Mr. Archibald's experience and knowledge on the subject. Mr. Archibald had been for many years and down to quite a recent period, chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway and in that capacity would necessarily have an intimate knowledge of the prices paid for railway bridges constructed for the Intercolonial railway during the years when the New Brunswick bridges were erected, and his evidence would have been important. The committee may reasonably assume that if Mr. Archibald's testimony would in any way have helped to sustain the charges he would have been called on Mr. Hazen's behalf. It may well be, and the committee have a right to assume, that after witnesses called in support of the charges had admitted on cross-examination that it would be unfair to make a comparison between railway and highway bridges, and that by reason of the cost of workmanship upon highway bridges being so much greater than upon railway bridges relatively to weight, the former would, generally speaking, necessarily cost at least double per pound what the latter would cost, it was decided, in the exercise of an apparently wise discretion, not to place Mr. Archibald upon the stand.

"The witnesses who actually testified on Mr. Hazen's behalf were Mr. A. R. Wetmore, chief engineer of the department of public works of the province, Prof. George F. Swain, of Boston, Mr. R. Maitland Roy, engineer of the Hamilton Bridge Company, of Hamilton, Mr. T. B. Winslow, secretary of the public works department, Mr. William E. Brown, who has had experience in erecting bridges for the Dominion Bridge Company and others Mr. Willard Kitchen, a contractor, and Mr. A. E. Peters, president of the Record Foundry and Machine Company.

"The evidence of these witnesses will be found in the stenographic report of the proceedings, submitted herewith. Your committee after giving such evidence their most careful consideration, unhesitatingly report that in their opinion it absolutely failed to prove the charges made by Mr. Hazen, but on the contrary clearly established that the prices paid were only fair and reasonable and such as were necessary to afford the usual and customary profits of a manufacturing business.

"At the conclusion of Mr. Hazen's evidence your committee were of the opinion that Mr. Emmerson was not called on to make any defence. His counsel did, however, call the following witnesses, namely: Mr. J. M. Ruddock, of Chatham, who is engaged in the building of machinery of various kinds, boilers and steamboats, and also steel bridges; Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Sefton, who are and have been for many years employed on bridge construction upon the Intercolonial railway; Mr. W. H. Arnold, of New York, an engineer of large experience, and Mr. Emmerson.

"Without going particularly into the evidence of these witnesses it will be sufficient to say that they established beyond a doubt the fact that the bridges which have been constructed by the New Brunswick government under the very elaborate and carefully prepared plans of Mr. Wetmore, the chief engineer of the department, are much superior in character to those which have been erected by Upper Canadian companies, notably the Hampton, Sussex and Salisbury bridges. The evidence of three entirely disinterested and experienced witnesses, Messrs. Lockhart, Sefton and Arnold, who had examined the Lefebvre and Campbell bridges, constructed by the Record Foundry and Machine Company, and also the Hampton, Sussex and Salisbury bridges, which were constructed by the Canadian and Dominion bridge companies of Montreal respectively, clearly proved the superiority of the former, and from their evidence your committee are satisfied that the two former bridges will endure longer and require less expenditure for repairs than the three latter structures.

"Another important point emphasized by these witnesses is the fact that the workmanship on some parts of the Campbell and Lefebvre bridges, notably the truss posts, would cost from 10 to 12 times as much as on the Hampton and Sussex Bridges, while as a whole the cost of workmanship would be from two to three times greater.

"Your committee feel that too much importance cannot be attached to the advantage of a thorough inspection of the bridges, both during construction at the works and at the site during erection. This alone will ensure thorough and guarantee to the people full value for the money expended by having the work done in New Brunswick this inspection can be

had, while in the case of the great majority of the bridges they being comparatively small structures, if the work was done outside the province, inspection could not be had at the works, except at a much larger expense.

"Your committee deem it well to refer to the conditions under which the government inaugurated the policy of having steel bridges constructed within the province.

"Attention has been particularly called to the Hampton, Sussex, and Salisbury bridges, and as different Upper Canadian firms tendered upon these bridges, and it appears from the evidence of Mr. Emmerson that he carefully considered the tenders, and contract prices of these bridges before adopting the policy which is now the subject of attack, reference may, in the opinion of your committee, properly be made to these.

"For the Hampton bridge the tenders were:

"Central Bridge Works, Peterborough, W. H. Law, proprietor, amount \$13,587; Dominion Bridge Company, \$12,000; Canadian Bridge Company, \$11,400.

"For the Sussex bridge the tender was: "Dominion Bridge Company, amount, \$2,730.

"For the Salisbury bridge the tenders were:

"Dominion Bridge Company, \$3,600; Canadian Bridge Company, \$4,113.

"Mr. Emmerson says that Mr. Haines, who is, as the evidence shows, a practical man, of ability of a very high order, gave him the estimated weights of these bridges as follows, at the same time stating that from measurements which he had made he had found that the iron had been rolled lighter than specified. Taking, however, the estimated weights which are as follows:

"Hampton bridge, 155,932 pounds. Sussex bridge, 42,000 pounds. Salisbury bridge, 69,646 pounds, and assuming the estimated weight to be correct, it would make the price per pound of the various tenders for bridges completed ready for traffic as follows:

"Hampton bridge: "Canadian Bridge Company, 7 3-10 cents per pound.

"Dominion Bridge Company, 7 7-10 cents per pound.

"Central Bridge Works, 8 3 4 cents per pound.

"Sussex bridge: "Dominion Bridge Company, 6 4-10 cents per pound.

"Salisbury bridge: "Dominion Bridge Company, 5 2-10 cents per pound.

"Canadian Bridge Company, 6 cents per pound.

"Having this information and being dissatisfied with the experience which the government had had with the Upper Canadian firms, an arrangement was come to with the Record Foundry and Machine Company, in the year 1893, by which that company undertook to construct three bridges, namely: The Cupscak, Elgin and Douglastown bridges, by the day, for actual cost adding the usual percentages charged by the company on its other business. An accurate account, as the evidence shows, was kept of the cost of material and of the shop labor. Mr. Haines

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IN THE SUPREME COURT IN EQUITY:

Between ALFRED E. CHAPMAN, Plaintiff and DOSITHE R. ALLAIN, and HENRIETTE ALLAIN, his wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Referee in Equity will on FRIDAY, THE 11th DAY OF MAY A. D. 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, at or near the Post Office, in the Village of Buctouche, in the County of Kent, under and by virtue of and in pursuance of the authority given to me in and by a certain decree of the Supreme Court in Equity, made in this suit on the 20th day of February, A. D. 1900, and in pursuance to the Fourth Chapter of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, made and passed in the 53rd year of the reign of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intitled "An Act respecting practice and proceedings in the Supreme Court in Equity," offer for sale at Public Auction certain lands and premises in the said decree described as follows: "All that tract of land situate in the Parish of St. Mary, in the County of Kent, in the Province of New Brunswick, and bounded and described as follows: On the south by land of Dominique Maillet; and on the north by lands of Dominique Maillet; on the east by lands of Ferdinand Maillet; and on the west by lands of Ambrose Maillet; containing one hundred acres, more or less, and distinguished as lot No. 207 in block O, north of Mill Creek, the said described land having been granted by the Crown to said Dosithe R. Allain, by grant dated the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1892, and registered at Fredericton by the No. 22,666, the 24th day of March, A. D. 1892."

For terms of sale apply to the undersigned Solicitor. Dated this 5th day of March, A. D. 1900. E. GIROUARD, HENRY H. JAMES, Plaintiff's Solicitor. Referee in Equity for the County of Kent.

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That well-known farm with comfortable dwelling house and barn situate on the Buctouche Road, formerly owned and occupied by John Stevenson, and more recently by Thomas Vanston, Jr. Possession given immediately. Apply to J. D. PHINNEY.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Court House in Richibucto, in the County of Kent, Province of New Brunswick, on SATURDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, next, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, all the right, title, use, possession, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, either at law or in equity, of Calixte Leger, of, in, to, out of or upon the following land and premises:— All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises lying and being in the Parish of Acadieville, in the said County of Kent and bounded as follows:— Southerly by the road leading to Acadieville Siding, westerly by Lot No. 11, northerly by Crown Land, easterly by lot No. 13, granted to Andrew Diron, containing one hundred acres, more or less, and known as Lot No. 12, together with improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging. The same having been seized and taken under and by virtue of a warrant issued by the Secretary of the municipality of Kent County at the instance of the Collector of rates and taxes for said Parish of Acadieville, against the said Calixte Leger for non-resident County taxes for the years 1897, 1898 and 1899.

AUGUSTE LEGER, Sheriff of Kent County. Sheriff's Office, Richibucto, February 27th, A. D., 1900.

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AUGUSTE LEGER, Sheriff of Kent County. Sheriff's office, Richibucto, February 7th, A. D. 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Court House in Richibucto, in the County of Kent, Province of New Brunswick, on THURSDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY, next, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon, all the right, title, use, possession, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, either at law or in equity, of Samuel J. Savoy, of, in, to, out of or upon the following land and premises:— All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises lying and being in the Parish of Wellington, in the said County of Kent and bounded as follows:— Southerly by the road leading from the Post Road to Peter Perry, on the Bay Shore, westerly by land owned by Benjamin Perry, northerly by land owned and occupied by Otto Melanson, easterly by land formerly owned by the late Gilbert Desroches consisting of sixty acres, more or less, and known as the Samuel J. Savoy farm, together with all the buildings, improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging. The same having been levied and seized under and by virtue of two executions issued out of the Kent County Court, one against the said Samuel J. Savoy, and the other against Gilbert Desroches, and said Samuel J. Savoy.

AUGUSTE LEGER, Sheriff of Kent County. Sheriff's office, Richibucto, February 14th, A. D. 1900.

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