

A FULL INVESTIGATION OF THE BEAUHARNOIS PROJECT WILL DO MUCH TO CLEAR THE AIR

(Montreal Star)

The beauharnois charges, preferred by the Progressive leader, Robert Gardiner, will have the effect of a spring thunderstorm—they will help to clear the air. So ambitious and important a project as the Beauharnois Canal should not be compelled to carry on its operations under a cloud of suspicion. But the only way in which this suspicion could be dispelled was by having the floating rumours reduced to definite charges, and then arranging for a thorough and authoritative investigation into the whole matter.

This is exactly what has been done. Mr. Gardiner has made clear his charges and Mr. Bennett has promised the investigation. It is to be by a committee of Parliament. Parliamentary investigations have their advantages and their disadvantages. One advantage is that all sides to the dispute are actively represented on the investiga-

ting committee. There will be plenty of prosecutors, plenty of apologists and a good chance of getting at the truth. An outstanding disadvantage is the heat and partizan rancour which is bound to develop during such an inquiry. Sometimes we get more heat than light.

But Parliamentary investigations have done some very good work. The exposure of the McGreevy scandals was before a Parliamentary committee. The Quebec "toll-gate" scandals had their beginnings before a committee of the Federal Senate. So the course chosen by the Prime Minister promises to be quite adequate. It should tend at least to uncover the facts. The public, however, would probably have had more confidence in the findings of a judge.

Speaking of judges, the observations which Mr. Gardiner permitted himself to make regarding the Chief Justice of this Province will be read with pain

and resentment by the entire population of Quebec. No man stands higher in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens than Chief Justice Greenshield. It is simply impossible to credit the suggestion that he may have been "corrupted" even by proxy, in such a case; and it is intolerable that a member of Parliament should make such charges, even though he hides behind the phrase "as stated in the press," without having the courage to move impeachment. A handsome and wholesouled apology from Mr. Gardiner is distinctly in order.

Want Complete Prob

Returning to the main question, what the nation will demand will be a full, comprehensive and complete investigation into the whole affair. When it is over, the public should be satisfied that nothing has been left hidden and no one has been left either under an unfounded suspicion or in possession of ill-gotten gains. The Parliamentary Committee, whether it be a special committee or the standing committee on banking and commerce, should be given the freest possible hand, encouraged to drive the probe to the bottom and supported in every effort to reach the facts. And it should

act at once. We want no lynch law in such a case, nor do we want protection for any person, no matter how highly placed.

This country is by no means in so prosperous a condition that it can afford to have its resources looted by adroit financiers or any gang of political "rackateers". If the property of the country has been carried off by private adventurers, the facts should be exposed and proven and the stolen goods recovered. Parliament will fail in its high duty, and the Government will fail in discharging its trust to the people of Canada, if these things are not done.

Many Rumors

On the other hand, no man or set of men should be judged in advance. Rumors are not facts and suspicions are not proofs. Undoubtedly able lawyers will be employed to present both sides of the case—much depends, for instance, on the lawyers chosen to press the charges—and a clear picture of the entire transaction should appear at the end.

Party advantage should be forgotten. This is not a case for or against a party. If no party could cast a stone until it is without sin, there would be

little stone-throwing. Indeed, no party should feel obligated to defend unworthy action for fear of political reaction. This is simply a question whether the wealth of the nation has been raided; and, if so, by whom, to what extent and in what manner can it best be recovered. The effectiveness of Parliament is itself on trial, especially as to its ability to conduct a fair and fearless investigation and to reach a fair and unbiased verdict.

New Orleans, May 21—When Bobby Jones finishes his golf movies in Hollywood the part that will occupy his attention will be commercial. He will make his birdies with briefs, and his eagles will be oratorical.

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STRAWBERRIES VALUED AT 12 CENTS POUND

Ottawa, Ontario, May 20—The value of strawberries for duty purposes was fixed today at 12 cents a pound when entered under the intermediate or general tariff, the weight of the package to be included in the weight for duty. Announcement to this effect was made today by Hon. C. H. Cahan, acting Minister of National Revenue.

The above value is to apply at the point of production, and where such a product is expected directly to Canada from a diversion or intermediate point, the value for duty shall be 12 cents a pound plus all charges thereon to such intermediate point from the point of production. The same rate shall apply on strawberries shipped on consignment.

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- CFNB FREDERICTON
8.30—Weather Forecast, News, Columbia Records.
9.30—Robin Hood Musicals
12.30—Columbia Records.
1.15—Stock Market Report.
7.00—Weather Forecast, Stock Market Report.
8.30—B. H. Painters.
11.00—Kodak Program.
- WEAF NEW YORK
7.00—Major Bowes' Family.
8.00—Cities Service Concert.
9.30—String Quartette.
9.45—Raki Gets Rich.
10.00—Kodak Week-end Program.
10.30—RKO Theater of the Air.
11.00—Night Attack on New York.
- WJZ NEW YORK
6.45—Literary Digest Topics in Brief.
7.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
7.15—Moscul Moments.
7.30—Phil Cook.
7.45—The Boswell Sisters.
8.00—Nestle's Program.
8.30—Breyer Leaf Boys.
8.45—The Carribeans.
9.00—Intermoven Pair.
9.30—Armour Program.
10.00—Armstrong Quakers.
10.30—Clara, Lu and Em.
10.45—The Ragamuffins.
11.00—Slumber Music.
- NBC CHICAGO DIVISION
11.00—Amos 'n' Andy.
- WABC, NEW YORK
7.00—Philco Symphony Orchestra
7.30—Ritz-Carlton Concert.
8.00—L'Heure Provinciale.
9.00—Canada on Parade.
10.00—Canadian Pacific Hour.
11.00—Windsor Hotel Dance Orchestra
- WOR, NEWARK
7.00—Uncle Don; Sports; Orch.
8.30—Skylark; Mike & Al.
10.00—Frat Row.
10.30—Orchestra; Lyons and Lyons.
10.45—Dinah and Dora.
- WTIC HARTFORD
7.00—The Merry Madcaps.
7.30—Behind the News in Africa.
7.45—Hima Islanders.
8.00—Cities Service Concert.
9.00—Eskimo Service Concert.
9.30—The Travelers Hour.
10.30—Theater of the Air.
11.00—News; Weather.
- 11.10—Club Hollywood Orchestra.
- CNRA MONCTON
10.30—Home Economics.
2.00—Daily Potato Bulletin.
2.30—Ocean Limited Hour.
3.15—News Bulletin.
6.15—Stock Reports.
6.30—Dinner Hour of Music.
7.00—Dom. Dept. Agric. Report.
- CKAC MONTREAL
7.30—Baseball Scores.
7.35—Queen's Hotel.
7.55—Montrose Question Box.
8.00—L'Heure Provinciale.
9.00—"Canada on Parade."
10.00—Canadian Pacific Hour of Music
11.00—Windsor Hotel Orchestra.

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