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A SORDID STORY.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton, who is the object of so many venomous attacks from pap-fed newspapers these days, is playing an important part in the Meredith-Duff enquiry now going at Ottawa. Mr. Carvell never goes gunning after political grafters and boodlers with blank cartridges, as certain crooked politicians in this province know to their cost. When, therefore, Mr. Carvell stood up in his place in parliament a few months ago and charged that the Canadian Shell Committee had awarded contracts amounting to millions of dollars to Yankee mushroom concerns, and had advanced \$3,000,000 on the same, the whole country was shocked. Another shock came a few weeks later when Mr. George Kyte, M. P., with Mr. Carvell at his elbow, declared that the members of Yankee mushroom companies, with a total paid-up capital of \$4,000, had divided between them profits amounting to a million dollars on Canadian shell orders. Mr. Kyte read to the House a copy of the agreement for the division of the spoils which had been entered into by Yoakum, Bassick, Cadwell and other Yankee highlanders, who had succeeded in getting into the shell game through the efforts of Col. John Wesley Allison, Sir Sam Hughes' "guide, philosopher and friend." The agreement read by Mr. Kyte, which created such a sensation at the time, was as follows:

This agreement, made the 10th day of June, 1915, by and between B. F. Yoakum, of the city and State of New York, party of the first part; E. W. Bassick, of the city of Bridgeport, Conn., party of the second part; E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated, a New York corporation transacting business in the city of New York, acting herein by E. B. Cadwell, its president, heretofore duly authorized, party of the third part, and said E. B. Cadwell & Company, incorporated, as trustee hereunder, party of the fourth part, witnesseth:

Whereas, the Shell Committee of Canada, acting by Brigadier General Alexander Bertram, as chairman and agent, has agreed to purchase 2,500,000 fuses from a manufacturer to be designated by E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated;

Whereas, said E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated, and said Yoakum and said Bassick, were together instrumental in negotiating and effecting said contract for the purchase and sale of said 2,500,000 fuses, which contract is presently to be reduced to writing and executed;

"Whereas, the said E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated, and said Yoakum and said Bassick, are together entitled to receive as their total and aggregate commission for negotiating and effecting said contract the sum of \$1,000,000 in the whole, being at the rate of 40 cents per fuse;

Whereas, of the total amount of said commission of \$1,000,000 to be received, said Yoakum is to be entitled to four hundred and seventy-five thousandths, or eventually a total of \$475,000, being at the rate of nineteen cents per fuse; and said E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated, is entitled to two hundred and fifty thousandths, or eventually a total of \$250,000, being at the rate of ten cents a fuse; and said Bassick is entitled to two hundred and seventy-five thousandths, or eventually \$275,000, being at the rate of 11 cents per fuse;

The parties of the first and second part agree to continue to use their best endeavors to bring about the execution and delivery by the said Shell Committee of the said contract.

The agreement was signed by B. F. Yoakum, E. W. Bassick and E. B. Cadwell & Co., incorporated, by E. B. Cadwell, President.

Attached to the document providing for the million-dollar rake-off is an agreement signed by Cadwell as president of the American Ammunition Co., as follows:

We agree to pay or cause to be paid to E. B. Cadwell & Co., at least forty cents a fuse for 2,500,000 fuses if such agreement mentioned is granted to us in acceptable form by the Canadian authorities.

It will be remembered that shortly after Mr. Kyte had made his charges, Conservative newspapers in New Brunswick gave publicity to an Ottawa despatch which set forth that the documents which he had read in Parliament were bogus, and that Yoakum, Cadwell and others had never entered into such an agreement as was alleged. The public were left to infer from this that the agreement had been faked by Mr. Kyte or Mr. Carvell, with the object of bolstering up a case against the Shell Committee.

Mr. Cadwell, when on the stand at Ottawa last week, frankly admitted that there had been an agreement for the division of the profits, but stated that he had left his copy in New York. Mr. Carvell at once produced a copy of the document which Mr. Kyte had read in Parliament, and it was identified by the witness. The correspondent of the Toronto Globe thus describes

the incident:

"The reading of this agreement—produced by Mr. Carvell and identified by the witness—was like a bomb-shell hurled into the ranks of the Shell Committee defence. Messrs. Ewart, Lafleur, Nesbitt and Laflamme, counsel for General Hughes and the Shell Committee, were apparently completely outflanked, and Commissioners Meredith and Duff made little attempt to disguise their amazement."

On top of this we have the startling testimony of Mr. B. Franklin Yoakum, that three of Sir Sam Hughes' honorary colonels divided among them in commissions the sum of \$237,000 on one contract alone, and that Col. Allison's share amounted to \$197,000. Mr. Yoakum's evidence was the most startling yet unearthed at the enquiry, and agrees with and vindicates in every detail the sensational story of patriotism for a price, and subterranean finance, told to Parliament and the country by Mr. George W. Kyte, M. P., in March last. The Government primarily responsible for the shocking condition of affairs now being unfolded before a royal commission was returned to power less than five years ago, on a policy of "no truck nor trade with the Yankees," and "Keep both hands on the Union Jack."

The grafter newspapers are devoting a lot of space these days to abuse of Mr. Carvell, and they are even finding fault with the methods he employed in securing evidence against the war plunderers. In fact, the grafter newspapers were so busy with Mr. Carvell last week that they overlooked the sensational story told the Meredith-Duff commission by Mr. B. Franklin Yoakum, the Yankee railway promoter.

Mr. F. B. Carvell seems to be living up to his reputation as a most useful member of the Canadian Parliament.

ON THE SIDE.

Speaking of preparedness—are you ready for the mosquitoes?

It is a waste of time to learn today what you are going to forget tomorrow.

What a riot there would be if a man made law compelled the wearing of those chin-chin collars!

Fifty-two Princeton seniors say they have never been kissed—and poor Ananias shivers in his tomb.

A man is often prevented from paddling his own canoe by a wife who rocks the boat.

Many a man wants to make his mark in the world, but German marks are selling at a discount just now.

A glance over the papers and magazines these days would indicate that the attack of spring poets was only partially repulsed.

The world may be getting wiser, but there are still a few fellows who continue to bet real money on a horse race.

Love is a form of auto-intoxication which always makes a man act foolish at first and a woman act foolish at last.

The local graft organ calls the provincial opposition party a joke—which forcibly reminds one of the Kaiser's reference to a certain "contemptible little army."

MARTIAL LAW IS
RELAXED IN DUBLIN

Dublin, May 13, via London—A marked relaxation in the enforcement of martial law in Dublin has been observed since the arrival of Premier Asquith. An order issued today permits the people to be on the streets until midnight and as early as four o'clock in the morning, giving them many more hours of freedom at night.

This concession is generally attributed to a suggestion from Mr. Asquith. General Maxwell, commanding the British forces in Ireland, today issued a proclamation for bidding all parades and political or athletic meetings without written police authority.

London, May 14—A Central News despatch from Dublin says that Premier Asquith desires to establish immediately an Irish war executive council, partly administrative and partly deliberative and responsible for Irish affairs for the duration of the war. The council supposed to be representative of all parties, with the chief secretary for Ireland as its spokesman in parliament.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. S. Carter, opposition organizer, spent Sunday in the city, a guest at the Queen.

Coun. J. G. Douglass of Stanley, is in the city.

Mrs. Wells of Salmon Arm, B.C., is here to spend some time with her father, Mr. John T. Clark. Her husband recently enlisted for overseas service.

Hon. George J. Clark of St. Stephen, is at the Barker House.

Mr. N. R. Noonan of Moncton, is in the city.

MR. VENIOT'S

REPLY TO A

SLANDERER

To the editor of the Moncton Transcript:

I do not generally take much notice of the numerous scurrilous attacks made upon me, as one of the provincial opposition organizers, by such papers as the Moncton Times, but I feel that in justice to the two of my sons who are now doing their share for king and country, I cannot let go by in silence the dirty insinuation contained in Tuesday's issue of that Moncton sheet, when it says: "The New Brunswick Opposition leaders, E. S. Carter and Peter Veniot, should don the khaki."

For the information of the Times and its friends, I may say that men of the age of Carter and Veniot are not accepted for the front, but that in their places they have sent splendid substitutes in the persons of four stalwart and brave lads who, so far, have been able to give excellent account of themselves, some of the number winning promotion upon the field of battle. I wonder if the scurrilous writer of the Moncton Times could say as much for himself or any member of his family.

I do not know if my colleague, Mr. Carter, has any relatives outside of his two boys in the fight, but I do know that besides my two sons I have four nephews, two of whom have already been wounded.

It was no doubt the intention of the Times to leave the impression that Mr. Carter and myself were in the line of shirkers that refuse to contribute their share to the defence of the Empire, and thus contribute in this way its share to the store of abuse that is being heaped upon us by the pap-fed Conservative press of this province.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Moncton Times would have been delighted to see Carter and Veniot don the khaki. If they had done so, ex-Premier Flemming would not perhaps have been turned out of the Premiership in disgrace, Sheridan and Stewart, members of the Legislature, might still be occupying seats on the floors of the Assembly, while irregularities and graft would continue rampant. If they had donned the khaki eighteen months ago, such revelations as those connected with the purchase of patriotic potatoes, the collection of large sums of money from the liquor dealers of St. John, the payment of tens of thousands of dollars to favorite contractors for extras which the government engineer claims were never performed, would not have been exposed. Yes, if they had donned the khaki the people of this province would never, perhaps, have learned of the large sums of money extracted from the lumbermen by Flemming, as well as the thousands upon thousands of money of the province that counted in the game of graft in connection with the building of the Valley Railway. Really, I do not wonder that the Times wishes a Carter and Veniot had donned the khaki.

In conclusion I wish to say to the Times that while Mr. Carter's boys and mine are offering up their lives, if necessary, for the defence of the Empire, their fathers consider that there is good work to do at home on the firing line of public affairs, by keeping an eye on grafters of the calibre of those at Fredericton.

Thanking you, I am yours truly,
P. J. VENIOT.
Bathurst, May 2nd, 1916.

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(Canadian Press)
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Robertson of New York, leads the National League batters, of whom twelve are doing .300 or better. The top hitters are Robertson of New York, .437; Chase, Cincinnati, .389; Daubert, Brooklyn, .387; G. Burns, New York, .375.

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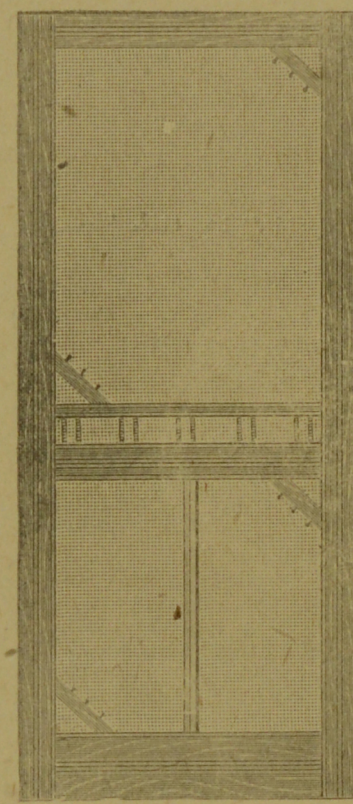
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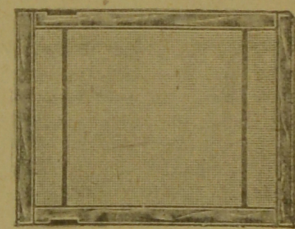
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