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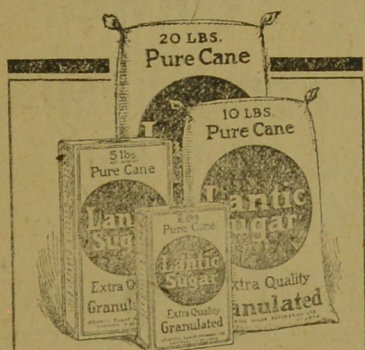
REDUCED RATE FOR THE SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 19—Hon. Dr. Reid announced that the government had decided to grant a single fare rate on all government railways to all soldiers visiting their homes. Heretofore the rate has been single fare and one third. This rate has been applied to the Intercolonial as well as on all other railways in Canada.

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INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM THE TEED REPORT

The Commissioner's Findings in Regard to a Certain Stock Transaction---The Business Like Government Paid a High Price for Gasoline---A Rake-off of Two Cents a Gallon Paid to Colby by the Smith Foundry Company.

The report of Commissioner Teed and charged to expenses and was shown to consist of following items:

"Oct. 31, 1913, \$65.74.

Dec. 17, 113, \$75.00.

"Jan. 16, 1914, \$12.55.

"It was not clear that the whole of the \$75 item was paid to Colby. Mr. Albert C. Smith thought part of it was, but was unable to say how much. From the fact that it seems to be entered up in the same way as the other items I rather incline to think that the whole of it was so paid. Colby was unable to state how much was paid in the aggregate or the amount of any one payment, but Albert C. Smith stated he thought the total payments were in the vicinity of \$100 and was quite sure they would not amount to \$200.

"Mr. Blair was called and sworn and absolutely contradicted Colby in all material respects in regard to this alleged corrupt arrangement—denied that he ever had received a single dollar or that there was ever any arrangement that he should.

"The evidence showed that the gasoline was purchased by the Smiths from the Imperial Oil Co. at St. John for 25½ cents per gallon, and so far as the invoice in evidence showed, was shipped direct to the construction company at different points in the province. It also appeared that the construction company could itself have bought the gasoline at the same price of 25½ cents. It would therefore be without doubt that the government paid 4½ cents plus 30 per cent. thereon, or nearly 6 per cent. more for the gasoline than should have been paid. The amount on the 2,324 gallons is of course not very large, but the principle is all wrong.

Charge Not Sustained.

"The proof of this charge depends practically upon the sole and unsupported evidence of Colby. He is directly contradicted by Blair in all material matters relative to the alleged agreement and payment; also by Harry Smith and Albert C. Smith as to any knowledge on their part that Blair was to receive or did receive any of the refund as well as to other matters.

"There is no documentary evidence whatever and very scanty circumstantial evidence to corroborate the statement of Colby of the corrupt agreement and payment. I feel bound to say, however, that the manner in which the Messrs. Smith gave their evidence was not wholly satisfactory, and there are some things not entirely consistent with their statement that they had no knowledge or suspicion that the refund was intended for Mr. Blair. But the weight of the evidence is against this charge, and without discussing the credibility of the different witnesses, I beg to say I do not think the charge is sufficiently proved, and I therefore do not find Mr. Blair guilty thereon.

Takes Charges Separately.

In the body of his report Mr. Teed takes up the charges one by one, and refers to the evidence upon which he based his conclusions.

It is, however, in connection with the gift of stock by the manager of the Concrete Construction Co. that Mr. Teed is most emphatic and severe. Apparently he has more regard for Colby's evidence with respect to that charge which he remarks was backed up by documentary evidence, than to the other matters concerning which he gave testimony. He quotes a part of Mr. Colby's evidence which led up to the agreement between him and Secretary Blair, and the important part of this was: "I told him that I would give him some stock in the company and he agreed to that, and in August he came up to Ottawa with Charlie Morrissey. Charlie Morrissey, Mr. Blair and myself took a trip to Ottawa and up there I gave him this stock. He mentioned at the time that he asked me if I had said anything to Charlie Morrissey, and I said, No, I hadn't; and he said if I did not let Charlie Morrissey know that he was getting \$20,000, just \$10,000, because he said he would probably have to give Charlie half of it, so I didn't. I don't think I mentioned it to Morrissey at all, but when I gave Mr. Blair the stock in the company's office I gave him \$10,000 worth of stock in an envelope and I counted out the other \$10,000 on the desk to him in my office. Mr. Morrissey was sitting reading the paper. I don't know whether he paid any attention to us."

Q.—Charles Morrissey?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who is Charles Morrissey?

A.—Son of the Hon. John Morrissey.

What the Evidence Says.

Then Mr. Teed gives a portion of Mr. Blair's evidence with reference to this matter. This is what Mr. Blair said: "From time to time Colby in talking over the business of the company, told me about the demands for their business in the west. One particular feature of it he told me about was their increasing business and bright prospects in the west, and he pointed out to me how foolish it was for me, (with I can see now, consider-

able taffy) to remain here. He said that I was so bright and brilliant it was a shame to waste my efforts for the salary I was getting in the position I have, and that if I would take the management of their company through the Maritime Provinces they felt it would be a good thing for the company, due to my former position here and my affiliations through the country, and they would make it sufficiently interesting for me if I would accept the proposition, and we discussed—

Q.—Was you to continue on in your position and go with the company too?

A.—No, sir; I was to resign my position and take the management of the construction company in the Maritime Provinces.

Q.—Tell us about the salary.

A.—I am coming to that. After various talks along that line he then got down to a concrete bargain or offer, that they would give me \$10,000 worth of common stock and \$2,000 a year to manage their company.

Went to Ottawa.

And then again Blair says: "We arranged for a trip to Ottawa—he, Charlie Morrissey and myself—and he was to talk this matter over there and arrange about this proposition, so the outcome of it was I was there several days on my holidays. He talked it over. He said the proposition was all right from the company's standpoint. They were prepared to give me the stock. He would give me \$15,000 of stock in the company, common stock; \$10,000 I was to keep myself, \$5,000 I was to use for securing work. I prefer, with your permission, not to mention the names of people who were holding stock. It is nothing that interferes with this."

Commenting upon this, Mr. Teed says that Blair said that he wouldn't accept it without talking it over with his chief, but the day he left Ottawa or the day before, Colby gave him two envelopes with a request to deliver one, which he never opened, to a certain gentleman and the other one he did open and found \$15,000 worth of common stock. This he brought home and conferred with his wife and the Minister.

Blair then said that the matter drifted and that it was not until November or December, some months later, that anything further was done about the stock, and he said he told Colby that it didn't look good enough. "I didn't feel like dropping the bone for the shadow, because the minister had used that expression to me, 'Don't drop the bone for the shadow.'"

"Colby said, 'What do you want?' I said I wanted to make sure that I was going to get something that was all right. He brought up about the preferred stock and suggested that I should give him back the \$15,000 worth I held and he would give me \$10,000 of preferred stock bearing 7 per cent. interest, which would assure me of an annual income of \$700. In addition to that he would give me a contract as manager of the company at \$2,000 a year. I looked with considerable favor upon that proposition, and I said to him: 'If your company under seal will sign a five year contract to that effect and will send me the contract with the preferred stock, I will resign my position.'"

Mr. Teed continues: "Colby denied giving Blair any instructions to hand Charlie Morrissey \$5,000 worth of stock, but it was admitted by Blair that he received the \$20,000 of stock, while there was contradiction between him and Colby as to the purpose for and circumstances under which it was given. Then, partially summing up the evidence, he says that there are other reasons which led him to look with considerable suspicion on Mr. Blair's statements about this alleged employment and the reasons the stock was delivered to him, and that he cannot believe the stock was received by Blair on any such contract or terms as he alleges. But, assuming his statement to be true," adds Mr. Teed, "Mr. Blair in his evidence states that of the \$15,000 of stock given him, \$5,000 of it was to be distributed 'where it would do good in the way of getting contracts.'"

"A Shameful Story."

Concerning this, Mr. Teed said: "I mention this to show that the statement that he was to use this \$5,000 for securing contracts was not a slip, but a deliberate assertion repeated for the second time in his evidence. It seems to me a sordid, shameful story. There is no pretence of any possibility of contracts for work of the kind desired except from the department of which he was secretary. It would be interesting to know where he thought this stock would do the most good. Unless the contracts were secured there was nothing to man-

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age." "Then again, quoting from Blair's evidence, 'In the meantime I was to see if their contract could not be renewed and was to keep an eye out for whatever other work they could get to do.'"

Mr. Teed says: "Being still secretary and apparently in close relations with and high in the confidence of the Minister, how was he going to see if the contract could be renewed? He must have intended to do so by taking advantage of his position and of any influence he had with the Minister or Government. But it is stated that the stock was of no value, no more than wall paper. To my mind that but accentuated the mala fides of the bargain, because by the getting of contracts through his influence and by the use of the \$5,000 stock it was expected to make it of value. It is true that there was no success in getting contracts and the stock was never used for such purpose so far as known, but that does not detract from the infamy of the transaction as contemplated, nor from the corrupt nature of the bargain under which I believe he received the stock."

There is a lot more evidence recited in Mr. Teed's report and some letters and correspondence which are no doubt the documentary evidence that he refers to in the first part of his report, but there is nothing whatever to add to the conclusions that are given above. There are letters from Colby and letters from Blair, there are copies of cheques and copies of telegrams, but they all concern the arrangements as outlined above.

Colby apparently did not give up hope of getting further contracts until

after the session of 1914, during which the Opposition exposed the contract and the tremendous price the province was paying for cleaning and painting the bridges. It was in May, 1914, that Hon. Mr. Morrissey sent the following terse letter to Mr. Colby: "I wish to inform you we do not purpose painting any steel bridges this year."

Bank Account.

There is an interesting reference to the fact that the bank account of the Concrete Construction Co., Ltd., in the Bank of Nova Scotia at Fredericton could be checked upon by either H. M. Blair or E. C. Colby. There is also a readable reference to a present of \$100 made by Mr. Colby to Mr. Blair, and the report winds up with a short paragraph concerning some other small presents to Mr. Blair by the Foundation Co., Ltd., and other contractors.



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