

Hon. Mr. Morrissy Replies To Standard's Criticism

Reiterates His Statement of a Conversation With Hon. Dr. Laundry---Refused to Order Payment of Gloucester Road Accounts---Some Hot Shot for Baxter and Murray.

Hon. John Morrissy, ex-Minister of Public Works, gave out a very interesting interview over the long distance telephone yesterday in reply to an editorial production in the St. John Standard from the pen of Attorney General Baxter.

The substance of his message was that the complaint concerning his publication of the Premier's letter to him was hardly worth commenting upon. The letter was not marked "private" and was a public document—his to make public, if he wished, as soon as he received it. "No doubt it would have served the purpose of the Government well had he not taken prompt action. They have always been strong on star chamber secret methods, but when their Premier sought the resignation of one of the people's ministers the people had a right to the information at the earliest possible moment."

Had a newspaper been published an hour after he (Morrissy) received Premier Clarke's letter, instead of waiting over Sunday, he would have given the news to the public at once.

"There has been too much secrecy, too much manipulation of the people's business behind closed doors," said Mr. Morrissy. "Let us have a little healthy sunlight for a change."

"My reasons for not resigning earlier," continued Mr. Morrissy, "might possibly be a matter for some criticism. There could be no severer critic of that course than I have been myself. Time and again I have made up my mind to resign within the last two years, but have been dissuaded by friends who were not as well acquainted with the situation as I was. Had I pursued my own choice, my decision to resign after the charges made against ex-Premier Fleming would have been greatly to my advantage. A mistaken idea of loyalty to my colleagues up to the hour of Mr. Clarke's acceptance of the Premiership was also responsible for my inaction. Since then I have not, as I explained in my letter, felt at liberty in the face of the Chandler investigation asked for by me—and Morrissy emphasized that point particularly—"to retire until the commissioner's report was handed in. The reason for further delay was by request of the Governor himself."

"One thing the ex-minister dwelt on particularly was his conversation with Premier Clarke after the finding of Royal Commissioner Chandler was known. He then enquired if the Premier was going to demand the resignations of Stewart, Robichaud and Sheridan, but could get no satisfaction.

"Hon. Mr. Baxter," Mr. Morrissy said, "was welcome to his Standard editorial to defend Mr. Pinder on the ground that his case was Federal rather than provincial. When the people are rebuffed they do not stop to draw such fine distinction. It sounds like the burglar's defence when he said he had not broken into the bank but into the post office.

"Hon. Mr. Baxter must have known" said Mr. Morrissy, "that he was writing what was not true when he penned the words in the Standard: 'Practically all the expenditures so incurred have since been paid for, and paid for on the order of Hon. John Morrissy.'"

When making this statement he referred to over \$7,000 of expenditure on Shippegan roads in Gloucester county which Mr. Chandler investigated.

Statement Not True.

"Baxter and every member of the Government knows," continued Mr.

Morrissy, "that is not true. I refused to pay those accounts. I refused to recommend their payment, and an order-in-council was passed over my recommendation and my department was instructed to make the payments and that order-in-council is on file.

"I think I was remiss in my duty in not taking a greater interest in the request of E. S. Carter for Mr. Chandler to investigate the allegations that the liquor dealers had paid large sums toward a fund while liquor legislation was under consideration last year. Had I known then as much as I do now, that investigation would surely have been made, and I venture the opinion that had all the facts been brought out I would not have been the first member of the Government to send in my resignation.

"As for Mr. Murray's statement to Dr. Laundry, as reported to me by the latter, I believed it when I heard it, and I believe it now. Hon. Mr. Murray will remember another occasion when he was questioning the secretary of my department closely as to whether I was a grafter.

"Not a cent" was the reply given him.

"Well," replied Murray, "you know we had one minister who protested his innocence and you know what happened to him" (Fleming).

Hon. Mr. Murray no doubt remembers what I said to him when my secretary reported this conversation to me, and if he wishes I could add something to this—but not just now.

"But let Mr. Murray now apply those same words to himself when he recalls his denial in this morning's Standard, and think of what happened to Fleming, who also made a denial."

Mr. Morrissy laughed over the phone as he referred to the paragraph regarding Daggett and the payment of \$500 by him on the Guthrie election note of \$5,000.

"That reminds me," he said, "that Murray told Blair that Daggett would arrange that matter, and Daggett followed out his instructions and did so. But when Baxter says no public money was used for the purpose I cannot help laughing. Don't you remember what Gould told the royal commissioner in St. John when asked if he had not paid Fleming \$100,000? 'Not out of railway money,' was his famous reply.

"I never suspected," said Morrissy, "that Murray or Daggett had any \$500 bills to throw away on an old political note.

"It is quite true, as Mr. Baxter says, that I did not bring Dr. Laundry's statement in re the refund of \$10,000 in connection with patriotic potatoes to the attention of the other members. There was no need to do so for all of them knew why the books of the province were kept open. I confess I was glad that the province was getting anything back, for I expected there would be a much greater loss.

"I wish to draw the attention of the people to one editorial paragraph of Hon. Mr. Baxter in the Standard:

"It is also alleged that Mr. Morrissy had knowledge that untrue information was furnished in reply to inquiries from the Opposition. If this is true, how does it happen that the Minister of Public Works for one minute consented to remain as a member of a government guilty of such practices?"

What is Baxter to do About It?

"Now," continued Mr. Morrissy, "let me put it up to Hon. Mr. Baxter. He was the man who altered the replies

made up in my department from official documents. In his own handwriting I have the amendments to those replies. What is he going to do about it? Will he leave the government?

"Does he remember the inquiry of the Opposition if the Teed report had been received, and he answered 'No,' while I was informed at that very minute it was in his hands in the Departmental building?

A Possible Choice.

"Does Mr. Baxter remember the inquiry of the Opposition concerning payment of shorthand fees since 1910 by Louis E. Young, of Woodstock, and though Mr. Young had not been paid one cent for all those years up to the moment of inquiry, Hon. Mr. Baxter answered the inquiry in the affirmative. Then three days after the inquiry Louis E. Young paid up \$165, but when Mr. Dugal or Mr. Pelletier (I forget which now) asked the question, the province had no money from Young. Mr. Baxter can choose between the deception and the lie.

"Hon. Mr. Baxter knows what course I took when those false answers to the people about their business shocked me. I went to the Governor and what happened I told in my letter to Premier Clarke, published this morning. Had he not requested me to delay my resignation it would surely have been in Premier Clarke's hands that afternoon.

The McVay Matter.

"Now, with respect to the McVay payment. Hon. Mr. Baxter again makes a false statement—false because the records disprove it. I did not order one cent of extras paid McVay. It was done by order-in-council and not by John Morrissy. I did not even recommend it. Premier Clarke himself had the books of Mr. McVay for some time before the order-in-council was passed. What does Hon. Mr. Baxter mean by this false statement?

"I have the most complete proof that this payment to McVay was not made by my order, but by order-in-council, and that order-in-council is on the records of the executive council.

"And a further proof is in the letter of McVay & Son to George J. Clarke, Premier, dated April 5 of this year, of which Mr. McVay sent me a copy.

"In that letter you will note that Premier Clarke was preparing an answer for the Opposition question that I spoke of yesterday as refusing to answer at his request.

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LATE MARY ANN McCLUSKEY.

The funeral of the late Mary Ann McCluskey took place yesterday from her late home in Margerville. Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Anthony's church by Rev. Father Murphy. Interment was made at the Hermitage. The deceased passed away Saturday. She is survived by four sisters, Misses Susan, Margaret and Catherine, and Mrs. S. G. Eilgen, and one brother, Mr. H. R. McCluskey of Margerville.

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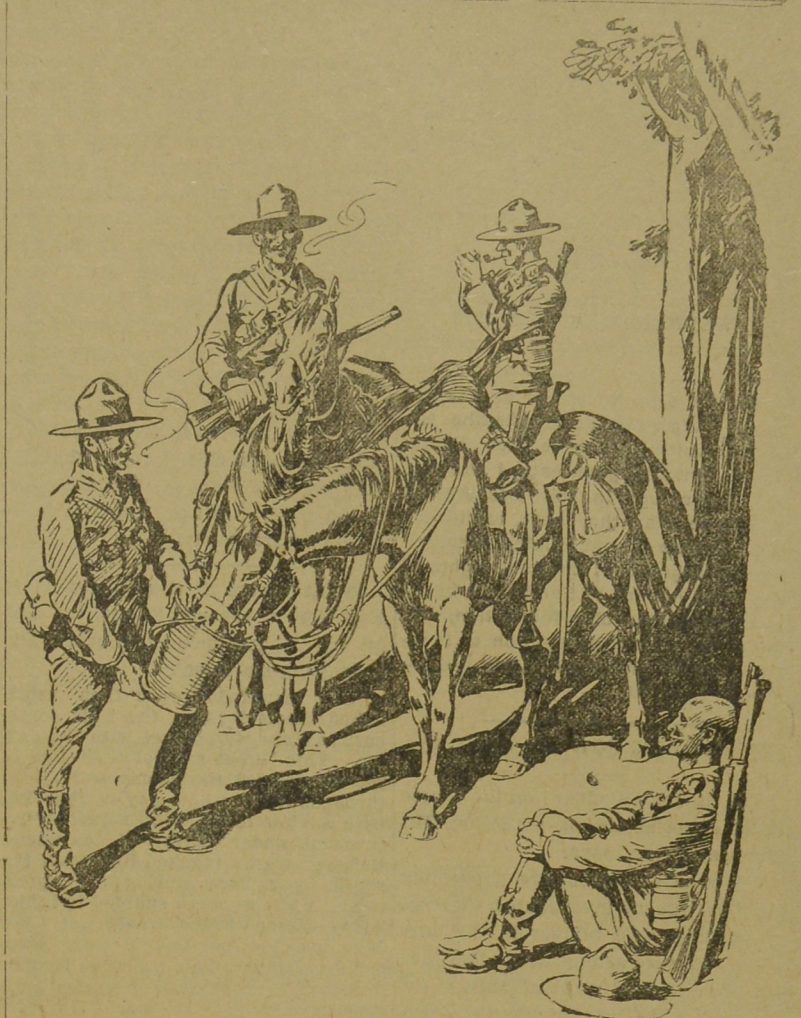
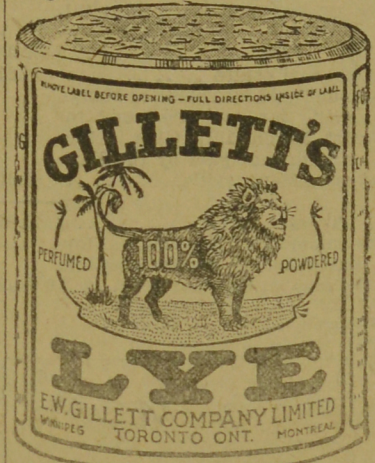
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THE BRITISH ARMY.

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