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## SCOPE OF SHELL ENQUIRY WILL NOT BE ENLARGED

Ottawa, May 5.—On a straight party vote in the Commons this afternoon, Mr. Carvell's motion for a widening of the scope of the Meredith-Duff commission so as to allow Mr. Johnston and the other counsel for the "prosecution" to harrow the ground which Mr. Hellmuth has already plowed and to investigate the details of the Shell Committee's contractual as well as its fiduciary relations to the War Office, and to the Minister of Militia, was turned down by Premier Borden and his followers. Despite the new development which has been brought out by the commission in regard to the status of the Shell Committee as contractors directly responsible to Sir Sam Hughes and not to the War Office, and despite the fact that the government's own counsel, Mr. Hellmuth, has opened a very illuminative and vital line of inquiry into the method of fixing prices, there is to be no following up of this inquiry.

### Inquiry Limited.

The government's pronouncement this afternoon was that the Commission must stick strictly to the fuse contracts, and the four specific contracts mentioned in the Kyte charges. The lid is not to be lifted so as to give a look at any other operations of the Shell Committee.

Mr. Carvell moved the adjournment of the House at the opening of today's sitting in order to call parliament's attention to the legal obstacles under the restricted scope of the order-in-council appointing the commission to a following up of the line of inquiry begun yesterday by Mr. Johnston and summarily stopped.

Mr. Carvell dealt with the question almost purely from the legal standpoint and did not comment at all upon the evidence already adduced or the conclusions to be drawn from it. The charges themselves, he said, were still subjudice, but he argued strongly that the public interest demanded a widening of the scope at least to the extent of defining clearly the full relations between the Shell Committee and the War Office in regard to the manner in which prices were fixed in regard to determining what was the real basis for the committee's claim that a "saving" of \$41,000,000 had been effected by the committee as compared with what might have been spent had the prices authorized by the War Office been taken advantage of.

### Premier's Defence.

Sir Robert Borden, in replying, maintained that no reason had yet been shown why the commission should go into the question of prices generally and there was no reason why parliament should reverse the decision taken when Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion for a full and free investigation of all the operations of the shell committee was defeated was significant that Sir Robert, in defining the reason for granting the present restricted commission confined them to two, namely, that a direct charge had been made affecting the relationship between Sir Sam Hughes and Col. J. Wesley Allison in regard to the fuse contracts, and that it was not in the interests of the War Office to have a public investigation at the present time of all the operations of the committee. Today

he made no reference at all to the Government's former stock argument, namely, that the Shell Committee was a free agent of the War Office and responsible only to it. That argument could be no longer used in view of the revelations of the commission which as Mr. Carvell said, "had been a surprise to everybody."

Although Mr. Carvell, in introducing the subject, carefully steered clear of introducing any political references or ex parte conclusions on the evidence itself, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General who followed in the debate, trespassed a little on partisan ground.

Sir Robert Borden declared that the Government had already granted an extreme latitude to those conducting the inquiry and that with the exception of the fuse contracts, the opposition had refrained from making any specific charges.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, E. M. MacDonald and Mr. Carvell pointed out that in the former debate in the House for a wide-open inquiry, there had been direct charges of exorbitant profits, improvident bargains, etc., in connection with all the operations of the Shell Committee. Mr. Carvell noted that members of the Government side of the House should restrain their expressions of opinion as to the verdict until the plaintiff had been heard. So far it was only the witnesses for the defence that had been under examination.

### What About These Charges?

Hon. Dr. Pugsley said that distinct charges had been made against the Shell Committee, with which a member of the Government was connected. A charge against the general conduct of the committee had been made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his motion for an inquiry. Mr. Pugsley himself, on his responsibility as a member, had risen in his place to make charges. The member for St. John here read the charges he had made against the Shell Committee, including the part the Minister of Militia had played in the fuse contracts.

The Prime Minister had informed the House that the Shell Committee was in no way responsible to the Canadian Government and responsible alone to the imperial authorities, continued Mr. Pugsley. Yet it had now been shown otherwise. It was also strange that the Prime Minister, who had acted as Minister of Militia on several occasions, had not known more about the shell committee.

If the Prime Minister would not grant the opposition request to enlarge the scope of the inquiry, he should at least instruct Mr. Hellmuth to permit the fullest cross-examination in regard to the matters which Mr. Hellmuth himself had seen fit to go into. In conclusion Mr. Pugsley urged that the commission be given the status of a court so as to obtain evidence in the United States where the most important witness of the inquiry resided. He thought parliament had more power.

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## COAL PRICES TO BE HIGHER

### Anthracite Operators Answer Men's Victory.

(Philadelphia Record.)  
The price of anthracite is to go up. That was today's answer of the anthracite operators to the victory won in conference by the miners. The miners won recognition of their union, the eight hour day and increased pay. Nearly \$12,000,000, the cost of increased pay and diminished working hours, will be paid by the housekeepers of the country. Dealers have already begun to figure the exact rise in the price, which will be announced in a few days. Domestic coal in April was \$7 a ton.

The agreement entered into today between the United Mine Workers' Union and the anthracite operators of Districts No. 1, 7 and 9 of the Pennsylvania anthracite region will be presented to the tri-district convention in Pottsville, Pa., tomorrow. There is no doubt of its ratification.

Today the scale committee of the miners received the report of the sub-committee, headed by John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America. The agreement affects 176,000 miners, who will receive \$10,000,000 more a year with an eight hour day. The only point not granted through the conference was that of the "check off" system, which would make the operators responsible for the dues of their men in the union. This is considered the biggest victory ever won by the anthracite miners.

The chief points of agreement are these: Recognition of the union, an day, specific increases ranging from eight hour instead of a nine hour three per cent. for day workers to seven per cent. for contract workers, with a contract of four instead of two years. The agreement is retroactive and extends from April 1, 1915 to April 1, 1920.

The basis of increase is made on the rates prevailing May 20, 1912, which will be established by a board of conciliation representing miners operators. The eight hour day means eight hours of actual work for six days per week. The operators are permitted to use mining machines at their discretion.

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