# Mr. Baxter Attempts a Reply To Mr. Morrissy's Charges

Practically Admits That There Was a Hold up of St. John Liquor Licences---Accuses Morrissy of Making Public Secrets of Executive Council Chamber---Moncton Bridge Contract.

Premier Clarke's long expected "reply" to the serious charges made by Hon. John Morrissy, ex-Minister of the following reference to the Teed re-Public Works, occupies four columns of space in today's St. John Standard. port: The article was evidently prepared by Attorney General Baxter, but for reasons which are quite obvious, he did not go through the formality of signing his name to it.

The article refers at the outset to the jug-handled investigation conducted by Commissioner Chandler into the affairs of the Public Works Department, and points out that the result showed "such a laxity of supervision on the part of the Minister and his deputy as to entirely negative the Minister's contention that everything in his department would successfully stand enquiry.'

### The Moncton Bridge.

Reference is made to the Moncton bridge contract and it is claimed that of the contract awarded to the Found- sion of his guilt, but it was pointed out ation Company, Limited, by Mr. Mor- to him that if he was innocent, as he rissy, and the awarding of a new contract to Engineers and Contractors, Ltd., saved the province \$22,500.

The insinuation is made that Mr. Morrissy wanted the contract to go to the Foundation Company, Limited, because this concern had given a sub-contract to his son at Newcastle and bad missin, he as told he could do what established he would at once be rein-stated and his missing he as told he could do what had given a scarf pin to his deputy.

That Correspondence

The reference to the correspondence

and the Hon. J. E. Wilson has no bear-

ing on the case, was not submitted for

past few years, would disclose many

The report continues:

### The Teed Report Hon. Mr. Baxter's "reply" makes

"With refard to the Teed report, Mr Morrissy seems to be unnecessarily worried, so much so as to affect his memory. While it is true that certain conversations took place between Mr. Morrissy and Premier Clarke, they were not of the nature spoken to by the former. It was never suggested the former. It was never suggested by the Premier that Mr. Blair should "Mr. Morrissy is particularly careful by the Premier that Mr. Blair should both Mr. Morrissy and Mr. Blair that while the investigation was being held respecting the latter, it was not seemly that he should remain in charge of the Public Works Department, but that in common decency he should absent himself for the time being until his innocence was established. Mr. Blair objected to this on the ground that to take that course would be an admis-sion of his guilt, but it was pointed out the cancellation by the Government take that course would be an admis-

> said he was, by taking the course advised, it would convince the public that he felt he had nothing to fear and was willing to abide by the result. In reply to Mr. Blairs inquiry as to what he should do while he absented himself, he as told he could do what paid to him.

### Backed Up Blair.

"This was the view of the other members of the Government, also which Mr. Morrissy not only ignored between the Rhodes Curry Company but backed up Blair in his refusal to stand down, taking the ground that the charges were of a very trivial charac consideration of the Government, and ter.

influenced the cancellation of the con-'The absurdity of Mr. Morrissy's Mr. Wilson's desk by some person who had become aware of its existence. The private correspondence of a mem-ber of the Executive Council has no bearing on the relations of the Gov-ernment with those with whom it does business. Were this otherwise, it is was necessary that Mr. Blair should more than probable that the private correspondence of Mr. Morrissy, either in his own name or the names of oth-ness until the thing had blown over." ers who have acted for him during the

### Hold-up of Liquor Men.

men, the Attorney General goes out of his way to have a fling at Mr. E. S. Carter, who preferred the charges which the Government refused to in

estigate. He practically admits that he money was collected and paid over but claims that members of the Go

by the Premier that Mr. Blair should "play sick and go away until the thing blew over" in the sense that Mr. Mor-rissy tries to infer. The Premier told both Mr. Morrissy and Mr. Blair that while the investigation was being held the last man not to ask. Mr. Morrissy the last man not to ask. Mr. Morrissy

ple were in favor of the government urpose to pretend to do so.

What reason would the liquor in- policy on this question of recruiting erests have for subsdiizing the mem. and that in his opinion the majority eres of the Government or the Legis- of the people of Canada took the lature as Mr. Morrissy and his friend same view. He added that if any Mr. Carter seek to infer that they did? member of the House moved for the nor in any danger, for Premier Clarke had distinctly told the delegation of support.

had distinctly told the delegation of support. the Temperance Association which Hon. Charles Marcil asked if the waited upon him in the early part of Hon. Charles Marcil asked if the the session of 1915 that no prohibitory government had thought of modifymeasure of any kind could or would be ing the program announced at the brought in during that session. beginning of the year of providing beginning of the year of providing

"If the liquor interests chose to em- for the raising of a smaller force ploy two legal gentlemen to spend than five hundred thousand man for their time in Fredericton, while the overseas service. Liquor License bill was before the

Liquor License bill was before the wwe have not considered that," House, on the ostensible ground that replied Sr Robert Border. (We do they were looking after the liquor in-terests, and to pay these gentlemen just whatever sums of money they might choose to demand for their ser-first of January last."

vices, on whatever excuses and reas. The bill was passed and the House ons offered, and whether such services took up the estimates of the depart-were in fact needed or not, is a mat-ment of militia.

BIG FEATURES AT GAIETY.

The Gaiety Theatre management selected a line of feature productions reached any member of the Govern- for the present week for their many ment. No government that had ever trafficked with the liquor interests, as Mr. Morrissy seeks to make it ap-pear that this Government did, would in Fredericton. Today a fire Metro ever dare to bring in and pass the pro-feature. The House of Tears, featu hibitory legislation that has gone ing Emily Stevens, a play based of hrough the House during the past ses- the divorce question, will be sh





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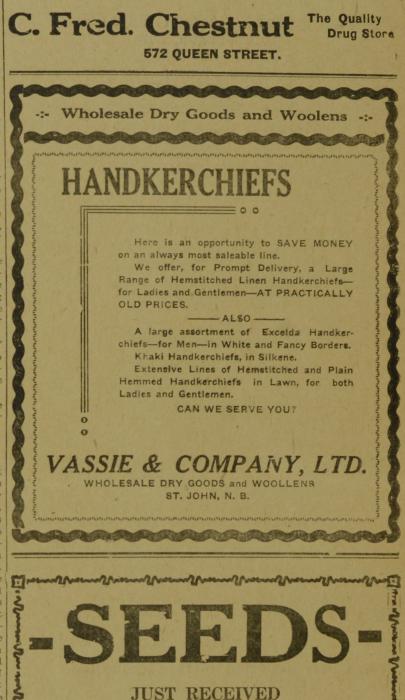
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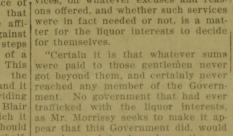
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office by giving information to the Opposition organizer and making publi beyond the Executive Council cham-ber. There will naturally be some curi-osity on the part of the public as to wherein Mr. Morrissy violated his oath of office by making public information which, according to the Attorney General, was incorrect. This heavy fling at the ex-Minister

s worthy of the source from which

'Mr. Morrissy started his pelitical life as a member of the Conservative party, and left that party for its own good and because he could not have his own way. History is only repeat-ing itself."

The Attorney General, in cnocluding

The Attorney General, in cnocluding his effusion, submits the following which he calls "Some Pertinent Ques-tions" to Hon. Mr. Morrissy: "Between the times during which Mr. Morrissy is thinking out a few more of the private and confidential conversations in the publication of which he apparently takes so much de-light, he might revote himself to the light, he might revote himself to the questions, suggested by the state

Why did Mr. Morrissy award the Monoton bridge contract to the highest tenderer in the face of the recom-mendation of the engineer of the Department that a lower tender be ac-

Why has Mr. Morrissy stated, in 2. Why has Mr. Morrissy stated, in contradiction of the fact, that he awarded this contract on the recommendation of the Provincial Engineer?
3. Why did Mr. Morrissy permit the acceptance, as a gift, by his son of \$5,000 worth of stock of a company with which as the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Morrissy was doing business on behalf of the Province?
4. Why did Mr. Morrissy nermit his

4. Why did Mr. Morrissy permit his son to accept a contract on the Mira-michi bridge from the Foundations Company, Limited, while he himself continued to <sup>1</sup>~<sup>1,3</sup> the position of Min-ister of Public Works?

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