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COL. J. WESLEY ALLISON TELLS OF PROFIT SHARING

Says He Attained Fat Commissions Without the Knowledge of Sir Sam Hughes--The Division of the Spoils Described as Arbitrary--Commission On Fuse Contracts Came to Him in the Nature of a Surprise.

Ottawa, May 29.—Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison gave to the Meredith-Duff commission this afternoon his explanation of the million dollar fuse contract commissions and of the profit sharing agreement with his partners, Yoakum, Lignanti, Hon. Col. McBain, Hon. Col. Geo. Washington Stevens and Miss Edwards, confidential secretary to Allison for the past ten years.

According to Allison's verdict, his commission of \$220,000 shared with the Canadian partners, was obtained without the knowledge of Major General Sir Sam Hughes. That it was obtained without Sir Sam's knowledge, Col. Allison thought was perhaps a mistake in view of the criticisms made against the Minister of Militia. But at the same time Col. Allison declared that General Hughes had advised him that he was perfectly justified in taking "a small commission" on any business for the British or Allied governments, apart from Canadian business, for which he was responsible in obtaining orders.

"A Joint Adventure."

Col. Allison was on the stand for three hours this afternoon and was still under cross-examination by E. F. B. Johnston when the commission adjourned until tomorrow morning. The Colonel was seemingly alert and physically fit, his week's respite during the commission's adjournment having apparently again fitted him for the ordeal of the counsel's probe. He was not strong at all in remembering the details of the profit sharing agreement and about all that Mr. Johnston could get out of him as to why his partners had received the various amounts allotted to them was that it was "an arbitrary division." There was "a joint adventure, in which all the partners had a sort of gentleman's agree-

ment, not in writing, to share proportionately in any details in which they might be mutually interested.

According to Col. Allison, it was a decidedly nebulous arrangement, carried on without the knowledge of General Hughes and affecting only business with which Canada was not concerned. That there was to be a commission at all on the fuse contracts, Col. Allison ingeniously explained, was a fortunate surprise to him. Yoakum had managed that for him, and the total commission of \$1,000,000 was, said the witness, actually unknown to him until after the order had been placed.

"I had no thought," he declared, "of a commission on the fuse contracts at all, when the transaction was going through." Again he later declared that with all his commissions on the European or United States business, "my expenses have been more than I'll get out of it."

As to the \$105,000 which went to Miss Edwards as her share, Col. Allison declared that this was a sort of last will and testament provision for her to recompense her for many years of faithful service. The provision had been made last January when Col. Allison was seriously ill, and it was made after he had made other provision for his wife. Miss Edwards, he explained, was his wife's sister, and had lived with them for some twenty-four years. She is now about twenty-six years old.

The allotment of \$105,000 to Honorary Colonel George Washington Stevens of Montreal was made on account of another deal affecting European munitions business in which Col. Allison and Col. Stevens were associated. The allotment of \$30,000 to Honorary Colonel McBain was for the latter's assistance to Allison in other deals concerning principally the Russian shell

order to the Canada Car Co.; the allotment of \$50,000 to Lignanti was similarly in settlement of a profit-sharing arrangement for "other deals." Incidentally, the fact was brought out by Mr. Hellmuth that the draft agreement for division of profits among Yoakum, Allison and Lignanti, although it had never been executed, had been substantially carried out.

British Vice-Consul's Interest.

When Col. Allison left the witness stand on the last occasion, pleading illness, his examination had just reached the interesting stage where the name of Sir Courtenay Bennett, British vice-consul at New York, had been brought in. It will be remembered that Sir Courtenay had written to Col. Carnegie in May of last year, warning him not to sign any contracts for fuses until Col. Carnegie had communicated with him. Col. Allison had asserted that there "was a great deal of talk about Dowler, Forbes & Co. being mixed up with Sir Courtenay Bennett and others." The implication left with the court was that Sir Courtenay's intervention had not been entirely from altruistic motives.

When the commission resumed this afternoon, Mr. Hellmuth asked the commissioners whether they thought it would be advisable to go into further details concerning Sir Courtenay Bennett's relations to the fuse contracts. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Carvell both urged that the trail should be pursued, and evidence should be got if necessary from Sir Courtenay Bennett.

"What do you know about Sir Courtenay Bennett?" asked Mr. Hellmuth of Col. Allison.

"He was interested in Dowler, Forbes & Co., and wanted delay," answered Col. Allison.

"Have you any specific knowledge about it?"

"Only general," replied Col. Allison. Later on, under cross-examination by Mr. Johnston, Col. Allison said that there had been a good deal of talk about Sir Courtenay Bennett and other diplomats backing up the Dowler-Forbes company and pulling wires. That was the reason, said Col. Allison, that he had written to this company, stating that he would have nothing to do in the way of obtaining business for them on a commission basis. So far, this is all that has yet been brought out about this phase of the inquiry.

Mr. Johnston noted that in all about \$190,000 had been disposed of without any definite basis to go on, so far as Allison could show. There were no detailed accounts, and no specific agreements, although this huge sum had been divided.

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There are no public meetings tonight except at Sackville, where B. F. Smith is speaking to try and counteract the influence of F. B. Carvell's magnificent meeting there last Thursday.

When it is considered that Sackville is regarded as a government stronghold, some idea can be had of the fear of the effect the presentation of the facts had upon the stalwarts there.

Sackville will surprise the Government, those who know predict.

The Mahoney forces are not predicting victory tonight. They say the contest will be close which is a great change of opinion from the assurance given the Government that the new minister would be elected by a thousand votes.

LATE WILLIAM ROSSBOROUGH LAID TO REST SATURDAY

The funeral of the late William Rossborough, which took place Saturday afternoon, was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, assisted by Rev. Thos. Marshall. Six members of the 'Prentice Boys' Association were pall-bearers. A large delegation of Orangemen belonging to the 104th and 140th Battalions was present. Music was furnished by the Fredericton Brass Band and interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

The floral tributes were: Wreath of American Beauty Roses—Earl and Countess of Ashburnham. Wreath—P.A.P.B. Pillow—The Family. Basket—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapell.

Basket—Mr. Wm. Haining and family.

Sheaf of Wheat and Carnations—Mrs. Morris Perley, Mrs. L. Murdock Mary and Alfred Smith, grandchildren of the deceased.

Basket—Messrs. James F. and J. Harold McMurray.

Cross—Staff of the McMurray Book & Stationery Company.

Cross—Mrs. Helen Rossborough, Mrs. A. N. Hubberly and Miss Agnes Swin, Melrose, Mass.

Ster—The Burns Bible Class.

Crescent—The Junior Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian church.

Basket—Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell.

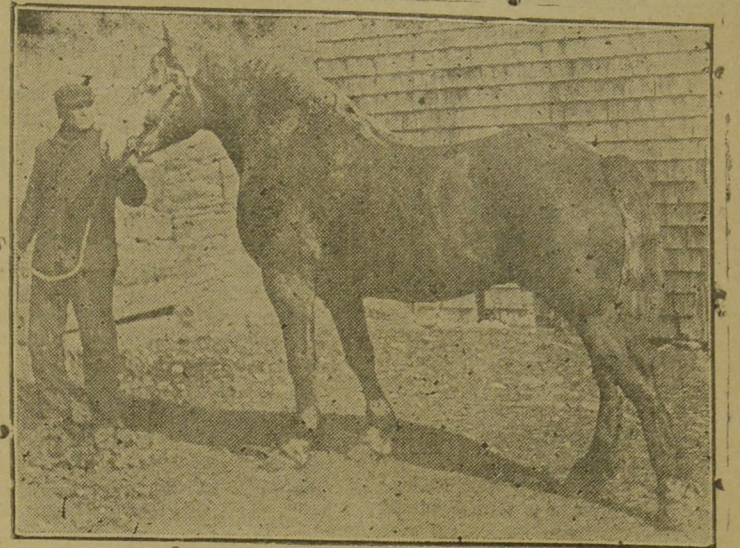
Crescent—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carren, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Toomey.

Wreath—John Bebbington and family.

Flat Bouquets—Mrs. R. H. Phillips, the Misses Shaw, Mrs. Fisher of Marysville, Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wry of St. John, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Society, Mrs. Kelly and Miss Margaret Kelly, Miss Ada Schleyer and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

The hymns sung by members of St. Paul's choir were Unto the Hills Around, Now the Laborer's Task Is O'er and Asleep in Jesus.

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"Why, I never heard of such a thing," said John. "The idea of getting quotations from a doctor; it's the asylum for you."

"Well now, why not? I am a specialist in printing and publicity. I study my business just as carefully as any doctor can do. If I do say it that shouldn't, I have just as much brains as the average doctor. I strive to give my customers the benefit of my knowledge, my artistic skill and judgement and my ideas on publicity. I give service as the term is understood in the Twentieth Century.

"When some people around here have a little printing to be done, they visit all the printing offices, get quotations from each one, and then give the work to the man who gives the lowest figures.

"The ordinary user of printing knows his own business, but he is no more a judge of the work of printing than he is a judge of what sort of medicine a doctor should give him for the cure of his ailment. If people ask me for quotations and pass me by if my price happens to be a little more than the other fellow, why shouldn't I apply the same method to the doctor, lawyer, dentist and painter? Why not? It's a mighty poor rule that won't work more than one way."

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