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CODERRE TRIAL FIXED: TRY SCHOLVITCH, TOO

Winchester, Feb. 3.—Justice Darling charging the Grand Jury in the Hampshire Assizes today, referred to two charges of murder on the calendar, in which both the accused belong to forces of the Crown from His Majesty's dominion beyond the seas. He deeply regretted to say that in both cases the man to come by his death had belonged to those Canadians who had so nobly responded to the call of duty and the empire in danger not waiting to be forced to come—as, indeed, they could not be—but of their own free will. Two of those men had perished. Whatever might be the guilt of anyone, one could not but regret that the men had lost their lives before going to the front.

The jury returned a true bill in the both cases, those of Coderre and Scholvitch. The trial of Coderre was fixed for Thursday.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

The regular quarterly meeting of the United Baptist Foreign Mission Board was held yesterday in the board rooms, Leinster street, St. John. Those present from outside St. John were Rev. C. W. Rose of Amherst, Rev. O. N. Chipman of Hampton, and Mr. J. W. Spurden, of Fredericton. Reports were received from the different committees and the treasurer.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS GOT TERRIBLE GRUELLING

F. B. Carvell, M. P., Believes in Spilling All the Beans
At Once Instead of One Bean
At a Time.

HIS SPEECH THE CHIEF TOPIC AT TORY CAUCUS

Fighting Member For Carleton Has Put the Fear of
The Lord in the Profiteers—Material For Five
Months Enquiry Behind His Five Hour Speech.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Dr. Pugsley may plant, Arthur Meighen may water by his denials, but it is Frank Carvell, M. P., who gives the increase. In other words the member for Carleton N. B., is a first class fighting man and believes in spilling all the beans instead of one bean at a time.

The moral effect of his five hours' speech last week in which he delivered a concentrated attack on the Old Shell Committee, the hay contracts made by the Agricultural Department in New Brunswick, and the perfunctory operations of the Davidson Commission lingers yet. IT LINGERED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE DAY AFTER THE SPEECH A CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS WAS HELD AT WHICH NOTHING ELSE WAS TALKED ABOUT. IT LINGERS NOW. NOT SINCE THE WAR BEGAN HAVE THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS HAD TO TAKE SUCH A GRUELLING.

Some took it with a wry face, as for example Capt. John Hampden Burnham, who uncoiled his lazy length in the midst of Mr. Carvell's most glowing periods, and asked "Why all these words?" Ham Burnham is a soldier now, and when he joined the army he understood that all the damage was to take place over in Europe. He did not calculate that an old artillery colonel like Frank Carvell would be operating a curtain of fire against his party friends. Hence Ham's outburst.

A Big Gun.

Bennett, of Simcoe, on the other hand, ventured the suggestion that the Liberals ought to take up a collection and present Frank Carvell with a gold watch for teaching them how to put up a good battle. Which seems to show that there is a section of the Conservative party that would like to see more of it, though how that can be after the thorough way in which Mr.

Carvell covered the ground is hard to make out. At all events, everybody agreed that Frank Carvell was a big gun and that a few spirited rounds from him were highly destructive.

EVEN IF HE DOESN'T GET THE ENQUIRY INTO THE OLD SHELL COMMITTEE WHICH HE DEMANDS HE WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING THE FEAR OF THE LORD INTO THE PROFITEERS. THIS IN ITSELF IS NO MEAN FEAT.

Yes, fear is the word, because anyone who knows Frank Carvell knows that there is more behind. No man uses less flub-dub and more facts than the member for Carleton, N. B. His reputation as the Opposition's gunman is as useful to him as a bureau of detectives.

HE IS THE GREATEST RECIPIENT OF UNDERGROUND INFORMATION IN CANADA. THE HORRIBLE DETAILS FLOCK TO HIM FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND AS FRANK CARVELL IS A LAWYER AND KNOWS WHAT EVIDENCE MEANS, HIS INFORMANTS DON'T TRY TO PUT HIM OFF WITH BACKYARD GOSSIP. The hot stuff comes to him properly fortified with affidavits and original documents. IT'S A SAFE BET THAT WHEN FRANK CARVELL MAKES A FIVE-HOUR SPEECH HE HAS MATERIAL FOR A FIVE MONTHS' ENQUIRY AT THE BACK OF IT, AND THAT HIS REAL BRIEF IS A TIGHT FIT FOR THE OFFICE VAULT.

The Salient Points.

What Frank Carvell did Tuesday week was merely to state the indictment. Being a good player, he does not throw his hand on the table. His speech, long though it was, held not a dull minute. It was full of salient points. In fact it was all salient points and every point impaled a humbug.

He left the salient points sticking in the Government's hide and naturally there was some squirming.

In the excitement of Carvell's attack on the Shell Committee, people may overlook his opening remarks in which, as a business man, he took a shrewd glance at the finances of the country. A billion dollar national debt and fifty millions annual interest, with thirty millions as our annual pension bill. No doubt Finance Minister White will go further into this phase of the war.

Meanwhile Mr. Carvell is far from certain that the influx of immigration after the war will put enough land under tillage and create enough taxable assets to make up the deficits. This sinister foreword was a fitting introduction to his tale of brigandage in the Shell Committee.

It is worth noting that Mr. Carvell had no complaint to make against the old Shell Committee for awarding contracts at reasonable prices to firms who were in a position to commence the manufacture of shells at once.

HIS CHARGES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE MUSHROOM COMPANIES OPERATED BY CONSERVATIVE POLITICIANS TO WHOM THE SHELL COMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO PAY OUT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. Of such companies he named a baker's dozen, capital mostly a shoe string, which received contracts aggregating many millions of dollars. He promised if necessary to name a hundred more, and all up to sample. Many of these companies, like the York and Cornwall Cotton Company which turned its contract over on a 10 per cent. commission to the Fleming Foundry Company, St. John, had no more notion of making shells than you and I have of claiming our mansions in the skies at the present moment. They simply got the contracts and hawked them about.

Middlemen Everywhere. "Middlemen, middlemen, middlemen—everywhere!" exclaimed Mr. Carvell with rising emphasis. What made it worse was that while the Shell Committee were telling bona fide manufacturers that all the orders were let, THEY WERE AWARDED ENORMOUS CONTRACTS TO THE MUSHROOM COMBINATIONS HASTILY FORMED TO ENJOY THE SPRAY FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF BLESSING. He cited the correspondence of General Sir Alexander Berram with the Dunbar Engine & Foundry Co., of Woodstock, N. B., as a case in point. As a matter of fact, the Shell Committee was so tender of party friends that the Albion Machine Company of New Glasgow, N. S., which had twice tried to slip a lot of bad shells past the inspector, was still allowed to go on manufacturing.

Mr. Carvell touched not as heavily as he might have done if put to it, the case of Hepburn Bros., who operate a planing mill at Picton, Ont. Hepburn Bros. got a contract for forging and machining seven hundred thousand dollars worth of shells, but as a planing mill is no place to make shells, they peddled it out to a manufacturer in Montreal. Dr. Pugsley had previously glanced at this case, mentioning \$15,000 as the sum, but this, as you see, was a considerable understatement. "Barney" Hepburn, the senior member of the firm, is M. P. for Prince Edward county, and \$15,000 would be small potatoes for one as full of the joy of living as he is. The joy of living, and incidentally the cost of it, has shot up terribly in the last ten years and "Barney" who is as high a flyer as he is true a patriot couldn't afford to ease the Empire's danger less than \$700,000 worth. The weight of legal opinion is that "Barney" did nothing to jeopardize his position as a member of the Canadian Parliament by accepting a shell order from the British Government, and that the B. N. A. Act took no hurt from him although one of nicer conscience might not have done it. It is, as a religious person put it, a question between the man and his Maker—that is to say, between the M. P. at Picton and his Shell Maker at Montreal.

Barney Hepburn's Smile.

The real question is how did "Barney" get the contract? It must have been his smile. "Barney" has a smile like a morning in May, and Major General Sam does like to have blithe hearts about him. We have the Major General's word for it that "he never interfered with the Shell Committee in giving contracts or fixing prices," but we also have this further declaration: "I am the father of the Shell Committee. I stand back of it, first, last and all the time." As a father wasn't it his duty to know how the Shell Committee was handling a glad young thing like "Barney?" And there Frank Carvell left it. Conservative members often wonder at the fierceness of the Carvell attack. HIS FRIENDS WHO HAPPEN TO KNOW WHAT HE IS HOLDING BACK WONDER OFTEN AT HIS MODERATION.

After dipping into the sad plight of the Transcona shops, which started out gloriously with an offer to D. A. Thomas to become a government munition factory and ended ignominiously as a mushroom outfit like the rest, Mr. Carvell took up the pilgrimage of the Davidson Commission, whose chief object seemed to be to turn down the evidence that poured into it from all quarters.

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The Affaire Cox, in which the President of the Canada Life tried to give fifty high bred horses to the government, but could not get them past Sir Adam Beck, will take a lot of explaining. When these horses were afterwards led up anonymously at Brampton market they passed with honors and brought big prices. It seems that Sir Adam looks a gift horse in the mouth—particularly when it is a Grit mount. The suggestion is made that Sir Adam didn't want Mr. Cox's name to compete with his in the newspapers.

From horses to hay is but a step and there Mr. Carvell ended his remarks. It seems that some of Mr. Hazen's friends operated a hay squeeze in New Brunswick with the result that New Brunswick farmers got \$13 a ton for hay in the barn, while Quebec farmers got \$17 a ton. Presumably the four dollars spread indicates the high value the government sets on Nationalist support. To give him credit the Minister of Agriculture sought to intervene, but who is little Martin Burrell to oppose an elemental force like John Douglas Hazen? He might as well try to sweep back the Atlantic Ocean.

MARYSVILLE NOTES

Marysville, Feb. 3.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Judson Arnold on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended. Friends from far and near assembled to pay their last respect to the one so highly esteemed. Not only in the loss keenly felt by the bereaved family but her presence will be missed by a large circle of friends. Seven sons, three sisters, four brothers and a loving husband are left to mourn. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Thomas Hicks. The four sons acted as pallbearers. Following is a list of the floral tributes: Broken Circle, Family.

Crescent, Zula Hallett, Wreath, Mrs. Henry, Lila Henry and Mrs. Day.

Pillow, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. W. Manzer.

Flat Bouquet, Methodist Mission Band.

After the service at the house the remains were taken to the Methodist cemetery, where interment was made.

The Marysville Town Council met in regular monthly session Tuesday evening with His Worship the Mayor in the chair and a full board present. After the usual routine business, it was moved by Ald. Tapley, seconded by Ald. Stewart, that the valuator's claim be settled in full and that a check be issued for that amount. Those in favor of the motion were Ald. Tapley, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Young, Ald. McInnis; against Ald. Pugh, Ald. McInnis; against Ald. Pugh, Spencer. The vote being a tie, the casting vote of the chairman being in favor of the motion, it was declared carried. Nothing further of importance coming before the board, a motion to adjourn was carried.

The Reid Brothers, doing business in the lower end of the town, has entered an action for damages against the Town of Marysville, claiming, which is not so, that the water entered their flour shed and damaged to some extent the flour. The strangest thing about it is that the flour was in the same condition three months before the water ran in the yard. I suppose if a man buys a frog pond, the town must drain it for him.

If that female dreadnought who used the filthy, vulgar language over the telephone calls herself a woman she can name anything. However, it is generally known who the person is, and if a repetition of the thing occurs again she will be reported to the manager and her phone removed.

Miss Dans Robinson of St. Stephen was a recent visitor at this place. Mrs. Melvin Hudson and son Tyler were calling on friends at this place recently.

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