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BORDEN GOVERNMENT WILL APPOINT ROYAL COMMISSION

A Complete Back Down by the Government on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Motion For an Enquiry Into Purchase of War Munitions--Tory Leader Brought to Book by Revolvers.

Ottawa, March 30.—The partial confession by the prime minister in the Commons this afternoon that some at least of the shell committee charges have at last been brought home, and that the government dare not longer refuse investigation does not by any means satisfy the Liberal members of parliament. The back-down from the original position that no investigation should be granted unless asked for by the imperial ministry of munitions, is, of course complete since the premier announced the royal commission without first having received the consent of Lloyd-George.

That much is a victory for the opposition, and for public opinion, but it is only a partial investigation that is granted, limited to the fuse contracts and to two minor contracts mentioned by Mr. Kyte, and it is an investigation not by the highest court in the land, namely, parliament, but by two judges named under the Inquiries Act, which only gives a status to the court limited to transactions in Canada.

It involves only about \$1,000,000 out of \$80,000,000 waste which Hon. Dr. Pugsley charged could be shown if a full and free investigation were granted. It takes no account at all of all the other charges made by Mr. Carvel, and no account at all of the hundreds of millions of dollars spent in Canada by the shell committee.

The royal commission will have absolutely no authority outside of Canada to compel witnesses in the United States to give evidence, and it follow up any trails leading to the tracts with the Canadian government connection of Allison with other content or shell committee.

Sir Sam the Scapegoat.

It is further freely commented upon not only among the Liberal members but by the Conservative members as well, that the investigation now proposed by the government affects in reality only Colonel J. Wesley Allison and his sponsor, Major General Sir Sam Hughes. The feeling is general here that the government is prepared to throw the minister of militia overboard and make him the "goat" and the vicarious sacrifice for the sins for which the whole government is constitutionally responsible.

Hostility has been smouldering for months because of the arbitrary way in which the major general runs his department, turning down Grit and Tory alike, and bossing the job as he only saw fit. His cabinet colleagues with the exception possibly of Premier Borden himself, would probably have welcomed an opportunity to hit back before this at the major general.

Ask for General Inquiry.

Rising when the orders of the day were called, Sir Robert Borden first repeated to the House the language in which, early in the debate on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion for a preliminary inquiry into the operations of the shell committee, he had defined the attitude of the Government. He had then said that if any member of the Opposition had any charge to make against any member of the government he should rise in his place, make a personal statement on his responsibility as a member and conclude the statement with a charge. The charge would then be investigated thoroughly and completely.

"This has not been done," continued Sir Robt. Borden, "and the course which I am about to announce is, strictly speaking, not demanded by any action which honorable gentlemen opposite had taken. Not one of them has risen in his place and taken the responsibility of making a charge in the sense set forth above.

"The honorable member for Richmond, N.S., Mr. Kyte, however, made statements late on Tuesday evening as to the connection of the Minister of Militia with certain contracts entered into by the shell committee, and as to the enormous profits or commissions arising out of those contracts to certain companies which he mentioned. It is alleged that J. Wesley Allison had a very large interest in those profits or commissions, and it is suggested that through his influence with the Minister of Militia the shell committee were induced to make the contracts in question. The Minister of Militia had previously stated to the House his close relations to J. Wesley Allison and his great confidence in that gentleman.

Investigate Fuse Contracts.

"Having regard to these considerations, I think it desirable that an inquiry should be made into the fuse contracts made by the shell committee with the American Ammunition Co. and the International Arms & Fuse Co., and the cartridge case contract made by the shell committee with the Edwards Valve Co.

"Upon careful inquiry I cannot find that any of the other contracts out of which it is alleged by the member for Richmond that J. Wesley Allison obtained profits or commissions, were made either by the shell committee or any department of the Government of Canada. However, as it has been alleged that the shell committee made a contract with the Providence Chemical Co. of St. Louis, that alleged contract will be included.

"I therefore propose to recommend to His Royal Highness the Governor General that a royal commission shall issue appointing one or more judges to make a thorough investigation into these four contracts and all matters connected therewith."

The Prime Minister said that he had communicated with Sir William Meredith, chief justice of Ontario, and Mr. Justice Duff, of the Supreme Court of Canada, and they had consented to act as commissioners.

"I have also to say," proceeded Sir Robert Borden, "that two counsel will be appointed to act. One of these counsel will be named by the Government and the other by the leader of the Opposition."

Sir Sam Called Home.

The Premier said that he had sent a cablegram to Major General Hughes, now in England, giving a synopsis of the allegations made by Mr. Kyte in reference to the four contracts with the fuse companies, the Edwards Valve Company and Providence Chemical Co. He had added that Mr. Kyte had also alluded to other transactions in which Allison and B. F. Yoakum, of New York, were to divide large commissions, but had on inquiry found that none of them related to the shell committee. He had concluded the message, "I propose issuing royal commission forthwith to investigate fuse and cartridge case contracts, and it is necessary that you return immediately for the purpose of inquiry."

To this Sir Sam Hughes had replied as follows: "Please state to the House on my behalf that I have no improper connection with contracts referred to, or any other contract. If any suggestion to the contrary is made, I respectfully demand full investigation by the judicial tribunal presided over by Sir Charles Davidson. I shall sail first available boat."

Parliament Place for Inquiry.

"I regret to have to say to my right hon. friend," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "that the proposal which he makes is absolutely unacceptable. If there is to be any inquiry it should be made in this high court of parliament. He asked when the debate upon his motion for the appointment of a parliamentary committee would be resumed.

Sir Robert Borden replied that a date for the resumption of the debate would be fixed.

"I was not at all sure," he continued, "that any step which the Government proposed would satisfy my right hon. friend, but I am more than satisfied that this will satisfy the people of this country. I am absolutely certain that it will. We are appointing two gentlemen who will have the confidence of the people and I have given the leader of the opposition the right to appoint one of the counsel.

"There is one way to satisfy the opposition, and only one way," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "and that is to appoint a committee. Again I ask, when will the discussion be resumed?"

"I shall tell my right hon. friend later," said the premier.

Socialistic Speakers Are Under Arrest

London, March 30.—Two Socialist speakers were arrested this morning for inciting munitions workers in the Clyde district to strike. It is expected the Government now that it has the support of the labor party, will take energetic measures to put an end to the trouble, proceeding against all the leaders of the movement.

THE ESTATE OF MR. G. J. COLTER

The following inquiry in reference to the estate of the late Hon. G. J. Colter of St. Mary's, was replied to in the House on Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Baxter, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry:

1. What was the amount of the succession duties collected from the estate of the late Hon. Mr. Colter, Keswick, York county?

Ans. None.

2. Was the estate probated and if so, at what figure?

Ans. This information can be obtained from the Registrar of Probates, York county.

3. Is the Attorney General inquiring into the amount of succession duties that the province should receive from this estate?

Ans. Yes.

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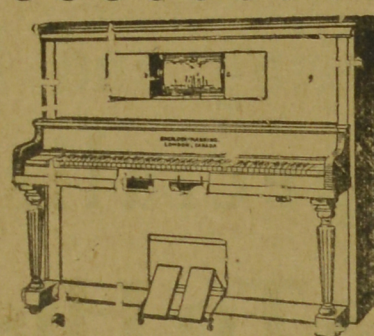
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BETRAYAL OF TRUSTS SAYS FINANCIAL POST

The Financial Post of Canada reviews the history of the St. John Valley Railway since 1907, telling of the original offer of \$15,000 per mile, its increase by Mr. Hazen to \$25,000 per mile, the letting of the contract to the Gould interests (the work to be completed in 1915), the Federal government agreement to give \$6,400 per mile, to operate the road and give the province 40 per cent. of the gross earnings, and to build the bridges at a cost not to exceed \$3,000,000; the deal with the Prudential Trust Company, the Gould feat in financial jugglery, which got him \$225,000, the "improved belief that the first \$100,000 drawn by Mr. Gould went from the trust company elsewhere than into construction, and that many members of the Legislature could give a surmise as to its ultimate destination;" the Dugal charges and the exposure and retirement of Premier Fleming; the failure to produce the company's books; the new deal giving the Gould company another \$10,000 per mile; the abandonment of the Grand Falls section; the introduction of the west side route, and the elimination of Mr. Gould. The Post then says:

"Mr. Gould is now out, and has no appeal anywhere. Whether he had a dollar left of the \$3,321,572 he received from the Trust Company is very uncertain. It is feared that this recital, with all its sordid features and betrayal of trusts, is not an isolated case."

Oldest Woman in Canada Is Dead

Smith's Falls, Ont., March 30.—Mrs. Jane McLeod Chapman, declared to be the oldest woman in all Canada, is dead here. She was 116 years old.

Born in County Armagh, Ireland, Mrs. Chapman, then Miss McLeod, came to Canada in 1810 and settled near Kingston. Not until she reached the age of 75 did the Irish maiden succumb to Cupid. Then she married Thomas Chapman, a business man, of Smith's Falls, who had sought her hand for years.

Since passing the century mark Mrs. Chapman has shown but slightly the effect of her years. She continued to read without the aid of glasses and took regular exercises every day.

One of her favorite feats was to climb up into a hay mow, which she accomplished readily up to within a few weeks of her death. Her husband survives. He is eighty-five years old.

Hon. Geo. J. Clarke, premier of the province, arrived in the city last night. He is at the Barker House.