

TRAFFICKING IN PUBLIC OFFICES IN CAPE BRETON

Mr. Kyte Exposes a Flagrant Case in Parliament--Censor Was Dismissed Because He Would not Come Across to the Patronage Dispensers--Why Recruiting Has Been Killed in Cape Breton.

(Sydney Record.)

In response to a question which he put to the government in the House of Commons the other day, G. W. Kyte, M.P., was informed that the service of S. P. Challoner had been dispensed with, "to promote the efficiency of the service."

In the course of a debate which ensued later in the day, Mr. Kyte made the following plain-spoken statements as part of his vigorous denunciation of the scandalous jobbery which has marked the administration of the censorship system in this island:

"This afternoon I put a question to the minister (of militia) with regard to a gentleman who was a very efficient censor on the staff at Louisburg, but whose services have been dispensed with. I asked whether his services had been dispensed with, and if so, for what reason. The answer was that his services had been dispensed with to promote the efficiency of the service."

"It is common knowledge in that part of the country that this man's services were dispensed with because he refused to pay over a portion of his salary to the person claiming to control the party patronage and upon whose recommendation the appointment of this censor was made."

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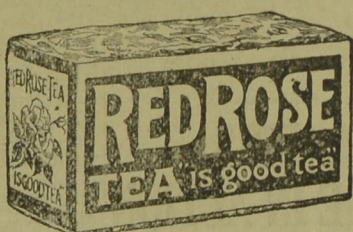
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before, those are some of the reasons. In the face of these conditions, is it to be wondered at that men will not enlist for overseas service when they find that the money voted for parliament to provide them with the equipment necessary for the positions which they occupy overseas is frittered away by patronage dispensers, and that practically everything is sold to the man who pays the most for the position he is seeking at the hands of the Government?"

Mr. Kyte's whole speech was an effective arraignment of the gross abuses which have been manifest in connection with the censorship appointments and many other military appointments in Cape Breton.

Coupled with the arraignment went the earnest demand that positions on the censorship staff should be given to returned soldiers instead of to party workers and favorites who, under the present system are bonused at public expense for party services.

The Questions.

The questions which Mr. Kyte put to the Government in reference to the censorship staff at Louisburg were as follows:

"1. Who are the censors employed at Louisburg, N. S., and what is the pay of each?"

"2. What are their hours of employment?"

"3. Are deductions made from their salaries on account of absence from duty?"

"4. What are the ages of the censors?"

"5. Have the services of S. P. Challoner, as censor, been dispensed with?"

"6. If so, for what reason?"

The Answers.

The answers given by Sir Edward Kemp, minister of militia, were:

"1 and 4, Censor, R. J. McDonald, \$7 a day, 41 years; assistant censor, D. S. Hooper, \$5 a day, 37 years; deputy assistant censors, N. F. Cooke, \$4.50 a day, 29 years; W. T. Hayden, \$4 a day 24 years.

"2. The work of the station continues for the whole 24 hours and during Sundays and holidays. Each assistant censor or deputy assistant censor works for 56 hours in the week, a proportion of this time at night.

"3. Members of the censorship staff are entitled to two weeks a year leave with pay, and to reasonable sick leave.

"5. Yes.

"6. To promote the efficiency of the service."

PLAIN TALES FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE

Deeds Which Won Victoria Cross for Five Men--Lieutenant's Perilous Advance--Men Who Attacked Machine Guns Single-Handed.

The Victoria Cross, the jealously restricted medal which is awarded by Great Britain only in cases of exceptional bravery and self-sacrifice, has just been given to five men, whose deeds are described below in the official citations. Two of the men were killed, another is reported as missing, believed killed.

Australian's Bravery.

Lieut. Rupert Vance Moon, Inf. Bn., Aus. Imp. Force.

For most conspicuous bravery during an attack on an enemy strong point. His own immediate objective

was a position in advance of the hostile trench itself, after capture of which it was intended that his men should co-operate in a strong point farther in rear. Although wounded in the initial advance, he reached his first objective. Leading his men against the trench itself, he was again badly wounded and incapacitated for the moment. He, nevertheless, inspired and encouraged his men and captured the trench. Lieutenant Moon continued to lead his much diminished command in the general attack with the utmost valor, being again wounded, and the attack was successfully pressed home. During the consolidation of the position, this officer was again badly wounded, and it was only after his fourth and severe wound through the face that he consented to retire from the fight. His bravery was magnificent, and was largely instrumental in the successful issue against superior numbers, the safeguarding of the flank of the attack and the capture of many prisoners and machine guns.

Second Lieutenant David Philip Hirsch, late York R.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in attack. Having arrived at the first objective, Captain Hirsch, though already twice wounded, returned over fire-swept slopes to satisfy himself that the defensive flank was being established. Machine gun fire was so intense that it was necessary for him to be continuously up and down the line encouraging his men by standing on the parapet and steadying them in the face of machine gun fire and counter attack until he was killed. His conduct throughout was a magnificent example of the greatest devotion to duty.

In No Man's Land.

Second Lieut. John Harrison, M. C. E. York R.

For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice in an attack. Owing to darkness and to smoke from the enemy barrage and from our own, and to the fact that our objective was in a dark wood, where it was impossible to see when our barrage had lifted off the enemy front line. Nevertheless, Second Lieutenant Harrison led his company against the enemy trench under heavy rifle and machine gun fire, but was repulsed. Reorganizing his command as best he could in No Man's Land, he again attacked in the darkness under terrific fire, but with no success. Then, turning round, this gallant officer, single-handed, made a dash at the machine gun, hoping to knock out the gun and so save the lives of many of his company. His self-sacrifice and absolute disregard of danger was an inspiring example to all. (He is reported missing, and believed killed.)

Single-Handed Attack.

Sergeant Donald Forrester Brown, late Inf. Bn., N. Z. forces.

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ed with a comrade and succeeded in reaching a point within thirty yards of the enemy guns. Four of the gun crew were killed and the guns captured. The advance of the company was continued till it was again held up by machine gun fire. Again Sergeant Brown and his comrades with great gallantry rushed the gun and killed the crew. After this second position had been won the company came under very heavy shell fire, and the utter contempt for danger and coolness under fire of this N.C.O., did much to keep up the spirit of his men. On a subsequent occasion in attack Sergeant Brown showed most conspicuous gallantry. He attacked single-handed a machine gun which was holding up the attack, killed the gun crew and captured the gun. Later, while sniping the retreating enemy, this very gallant soldier was killed.

Sergeant William Gosling, R. F. A. For most conspicuous bravery when in charge of a heavy trench mortar. Owing to a faulty cartridge the bomb, after discharge, fell ten yards from the mortar. Sergeant Gosling sprang out, lifted the bomb, which had sunk into the ground, unscrewed the fuse, and threw it on the ground, where it immediately exploded. This very gallant and prompt action undoubtedly saved the lives of the whole detachment.

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