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## CONTRACTOR J. H. CORBETT REFUSED TO BE HELD UP

The Man Who is Alleged to Have Paid Flemming \$10,000, Told Tennant there Was Nothing Doing When He Mentioned Payment of \$50,000—More Startling Evidence Brought Out Before Commissioner Stevens at St. John.

St. August 6—"Mr. Tennant said that if I would reduce my tender to \$39,000 a mile I could have the contract. There was some mention of a payment of \$50,000, but I said nothing doing."

This was the evidence given by James H. Corbett, railway contractor at the session of the Valley railway inquiry on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Corbett did not continue the conversation with Mr. Tennant, but the impression which remained in his mind, he testified, was that he would have to pay Mr. Tennant \$50,000 as well as reduce his tender, in order to get the contract. Why Mr. Tennant, who had an interest in the Fundy tender at \$39,000, and a half interest in the Nova Scotia Construction Company's tender at \$39,000, should be ready to assure another contractor that he could have the job, and for a cut-rate contribution, is still to be explained. Neither has any light been shed on the method by which Mr. Tennant had learned that Mr. Corbett's tender required reducing, before the tenders had been opened. Mr. Corbett's evidence that he previously had sent a similar tender to Premier Clarke, on a verbal call, may or may not be relevant.

Mr. Tennant's proposals did not seem to appeal to Mr. Corbett, but Mr. Nagle stepped into the breach and, when the second call for tenders was made "tried to work a combination on the unit basis," but again Mr. Corbett would have nothing to do with it.

Some further light on the way in which Mr. Nagle collected his bills was shed by the evidence of D. A. McDonald at the morning session. He explained that Kennedy & McDonald had promised to pay Mr. Nagle \$20,000, half of the amount in consideration of their receiving a sub-contract on the southern section, and the other half on condition that they secured another sub-contract on the northern section. They had paid the first \$10,000, but, before the work was well under way, Mr. Nagle called for \$7,500 more. Mr. Kennedy, after some dispute, gave a check for \$5,000 and a note for \$2,000, then thought better of it and ordered the check stopped. Then followed the negotiations in which the witness took a hand.

"I am Not Getting a Cent"

"I tried to show Mr. Nagle that he was not entitled to the \$5,000, but he insisted, and I told him it was a hold-up," is the way Mr. McDonald tells it. "Dan, I am not getting a cent of this money myself," was Mr. Nagle's only explanation.

As the payment seemed inevitable, if the Longley & Innes sub-contract was to be confirmed the money was paid over and, in return, Kennedy & McDonald received certain documents including the written consent of the construction company to the sub-contract and a receipt for \$20,000 the latter providing that part of the money should be refunded if the work on the contract was stopped before the profits justified that payment but with the added proviso that Mr. Nagle was not to share in any loss sustained by the contractors. The inquiry adjourned on Saturday afternoon to resume on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Morning Session.

When the Valley railway inquiry was resumed on Saturday morning Paul F. Blanchet, who had been making an audit of W. B. Tennant's books was called but was allowed to stand aside on request of Mr. Teed, until Mr. Tennant could be present.

Daniel A. McDonald testified that he was a member of the firm of Kennedy & McDonald for eleven years, until 1914. He is a son-in-law of Mr. Kennedy, and was familiar with the affairs of the firm.

The witness was in St. John last in December in connection with a check for \$5,000, which Mr. Kennedy had given to Thomas Nagle, but on which he had stopped payment. When Mr. Kennedy arrived in Antigonish that month he told of a transaction with Mr. Nagle and they came to St. John to see Mr. Nagle.

The witness said that he had a copy of an agreement by which the firm was to pay Nagle certain sums, part for the contract on the lower section and the balance for a contract they were to get on the northern section. "I tried to show that Mr. Nagle was not entitled to the \$5,000, but he in-

sisted and I told him it was a hold-up."

Letters in Evidence.

Reference was made to certain letters which were invaluable in the discussion. They were produced, identified and placed in evidence.

Matter of an Auditing.

When Mr. Blanchet was called, Mr. Teed asked permission to confer with Mr. Tennant. On their return Mr. Teed said that he and Mr. Tennant had understood that the auditor was to trace the disposal of the \$100,000 and the \$20,000, and there was no objection to that. They did object, however, to Mr. Blanchet being given a roving commission to search all through Mr. Tennant's private affairs.

Commissioner Stevens remarked that if the audit was to be of any value it must be thorough and that the auditor must have access to all the material. While this might involve going into matters which were purely private he wished to make it clear that the auditor would report only on matters relating to the payments from the construction company.

Mr. Tennant said that he had no objection to the fullest examination of his books since the middle of May, 1916, but did not wish to open up his private affairs prior to that date.

The court agreed that this was all that was desired and Mr. Blanchet was instructed to proceed with the work and report when it was completed.

The court adjourned until 2.30 p. m. Afternoon Session.

James H. Corbett, railway contractor, was the only witness heard at the afternoon session of the inquiry.

Mr. Corbett testified that in December, 1915, he had submitted a tender for the construction of the Valley railway, on the mileage basis, at \$44,000 per mile, enclosing his check for \$135,000. The tender was not accepted and the check was returned to him.

Mr. Carvell—Were you asked by any person for a payment as a condition to your receiving the contract?

A.—Not at that time.

Q.—New tenders were called for but you did not tender again?

A.—I think we bid twice. Both bids were the same. One went to Premier

Clarke and the other to Mr. Todd, the president of the board of directors. The one the premier called for was the first we put in. As far as I know he did not advertise for tenders; it was just a verbal call. I don't know what became of those tenders. They were submitted some time before the public call. I think some other tenders went in at the same time; I think Kennedy & McDonald tendered then. That was before Mr. Todd took charge of the railway. I did not tender on the second public call but I think that notice was sent to me by Mr. Sumner.

Q.—Did you talk to Mr. Tennant about tendering?

A.—My conversation with Mr. Tennant was before that. He said that if I would reduce my mileage tender to \$39,000 a mile I could have the contract.

Q.—Did he couple this offer with any mention of money?

A.—I could not say definitely but there was some mention of \$50,000.

Q.—You would have had to pay \$50,000 to Mr. Tennant?

A.—I did not discuss it with him; I just said "nothing doing."

Q.—But that was the impression it left in your mind?

A.—Yes; that was what I thought.

Q.—You did not reduce your tender?

A.—No.

Q.—And you did not put in a second tender?

A.—No.

Q.—Was this conversation before or after you had put in your tender?

A.—It was after we had put it in.

Mr. Stevens—Was it after the tenders had been opened?

A.—I do not recollect.

Q.—How did he know what your tender was?

A.—I don't know. He was trying to pump me to learn what my figures were. I think the tenders were not opened until after Mr. Sumner came home and this conversation would be on the day before the tenders were opened. I know it was the day before

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rogers and Mrs. Hay of Woodstock, arrived in the city Saturday by motor and registered at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan King, Miss Marion Upham, Mr. John Henderson and Miss Jean King of Minto, motored to the city Sunday.

Mr. A. H. McAllister of Pittsfield, Mass., and Miss N. P. Clusky of Boston, Mass., are at the Barker House. They are on a motor tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Palmer, Miss Jane B. Palmer, Master W. P. Palmer, Jr., and Mr. Arthur O. Weber of Cleveland, O., who are on a motor tour, arrived here yesterday and registered at the Barker House.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill and the Misses Jones, registered at the Queen Saturday. They arrived in Mr. Jones' power yacht.

Messrs. Ira D. Scott, Harold McLeod, Fred R. Brinet, Howard J. Cotter and C. Harold Scott arrived Sunday by the yacht Fei Yuen from St. John. They still are here.

### Powerful Sermon.

Rev. J. M. Shaw of Pine Hill college, Halifax, preached a powerful sermon at St. Paul's Presbyterian church last evening on National Conservation. He said the drink bill of Great Britain last year was \$3,000,000 a day, the largest in its history. He believed God would not permit victory as long as such a state of affairs existed.