

# BOODLERS CONDEMNED BY COMMISSIONER CHANDLER

**Stewart of Gloucester Paid no Stumpage On Logs Cut on Crown Lands---He Also Wrote Another Man's Name on a Check Given in Payment of a Bogus Account For Stone.**

Some extracts from the report of Royal Commissioner Chandler after investigating irregularities in roads and bridge accounts in Gloucester county make interesting reading at the present time.

Speaking generally upon the evidence before him, Commissioner Chandler had this to say concerning the connection between the bridge superintendent of Gloucester and one of the county members, A. J. H. Stewart:

"The disclosures made in the course of the enquiries which I have held in the past few months have convinced me that in this and other matters coming under my notice, this man Valentine Robichaud was simply a tool in the hands of Stewart. Whatever blame is to be imputed in connection with the matters mentioned above should fall more upon Stewart than upon Robichaud."

Commenting again upon the member Stewart's operations upon Crown Lands without a license and without paying any stumpage, the Royal Commissioner makes these caustic remarks:

"The attitude taken by Mr. Stewart with respect to this matter of cutting on Crown Lands is apparently that it is the duty of the officers of the Crown to find out if anyone is cutting on Crown Land and to collect the proper stumpage therefor, and that there is no obligation upon him as a licensee to inform the Crown officers as to his operations or to trouble himself in any way as to the payment of stumpage."

"It is very unfortunate in my judgment that a public representative should take this ground with respect to the matters under discussion. If an elected representative of the people—one who actually takes part in the framing of the laws passed for the protection of property belonging to the Province—takes the ground that timber belonging to the Crown is fair game and that anyone cutting on Crown land under a license is under no obligation whatever to pay stumpage unless caught red-handed and compelled to pay by the Crown officers, one can hardly expect that other operators on Crown lands will not follow the example."

"If, however, everyone operating on Crown land in this province under a license acts on the same principle as that followed by Mr. Stewart, the task of the officials whose duty it is to see that the law regulating lumber operations on Crown lands is enforced and the proper amount collected from the operators, will indeed be a difficult one."

Touching again upon the matter of a \$25 check made out to Frank Robinson in payment of a bogus account for stone sent in by the same member, Stewart, which check it appeared Stewart endorsed "Frank Robinson, his mark" with a cross between the Christian and surname, Commissioner Chandler said:

"It appears that Frank Robinson never endorsed the check himself, but for some reason best known to himself Mr. Stewart endorsed the check as above in the name of Frank Robinson, and signed his own name as a witness to the supposed signature of Robinson as a marksman, though Robinson is very well able to write and never signs by a cross."

## A SHARP CONTEST OVER APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

**Mr. Gregory Feeney, Who Has Important Political Connections, Won Out on Casting Vote of Warden Neill--Has the Earmarks of a Deal.**

The proceedings of the Municipal Council Wednesday morning, when Mrs. W. J. Glenn was appointed secretary-treasurer and Mr. G. T. Feeney county solicitor, were as follows:

Coun. Robt. Graham approved of Mrs. Glenn as secretary-treasurer, but the proposed salary was excessive. Coun. Stairs was of the same opinion.

The motion was carried. Mr. Feeney County Solicitor. On the suggestion of Coun. Allen, the report on the matter of appointing a county solicitor was taken up.

Coun. Alex. Brewer favored Mr. Hanson on account of his greater experience, and moved that he be appointed.

In amendment Coun. Stairs moved that Mr. Richards be appointed. He believed he had as great legal ability and he was a more even-tempered and more level-headed man than Mr. Hanson. The latter had been known to bluster a little.

Coun. Robt. Graham claimed that Mr. Richards should have the preference because he previously had applied.

Coun. Douglass pointed out that there was a chance to save \$150 and it was not considered, although several councillors had protested against paying

## WANTS WORKS GUARD SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Foughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Private Hugh Taylor, of the Tenth Regiment, a resident of Albany, was shot and killed last night while in the line of duty on the New York aqueduct miles south of Bontrou tannery.

He was engaged on guard duty with a squad investigating the appearance of suspicious lights along the aqueduct when a rifle in the hands of a fellow guardsman was discharged accidentally, according to the captain in charge of the guard.

The guard was in a turmoil all night with one alarm after another trying the nerves of the patrol along the whole sector under their care. Rifles were spitting at intervals, although it was said the only three suspects thus far seen in that region had been chased away under fire in the early hours of yesterday morning. The fifty mile "front" from Brown Station to Newburgh today was patrolled more closely than at any time since the arrival of the militiamen.

Officers expressed the belief that actual attempts to tamper with the aqueduct upon which New York city depends for its water supply had been made in at least two places.

A man in close touch with provincial affairs claims that at least \$250,000 is wasted each year in graft. Time to put a stop to it.

## OPPOSITION CANDIDATES NOW IN THE FIELD

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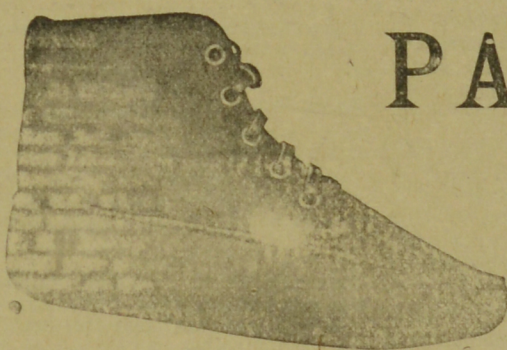
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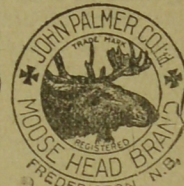
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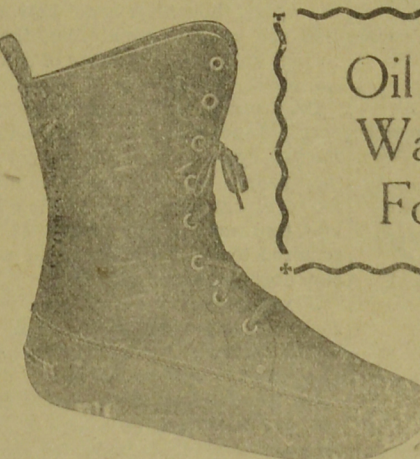
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## GERMAN THREATS AGAINST NEUTRAL SHIPS

London, Nov. 14.—An Amsterdam despatch to Reuters says that an obviously inspired article has been published in a majority of the German papers dealing with the convoy of neutral ships through the barred zone.

The article says that, conveyed or not, merchantmen in the restricted region will be exposed to all the possibilities of intensified submarine warfare. It adds that submarines would not take neutral war vessels acting as convoys, but that such vessels would enter the prohibited zone at their own risk in view of the danger from mines.

SUBMARINES INEFFECTIVE.

French Paper Gives as Proof That 112 Ships Arrived on Monday.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The German submarine campaign has so far been ineffective, according to Marcel Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris, who is usually exceptionally well informed. As proof M. Hutin says that on Monday 112 French or neutral ships entered French ports.