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POTATO ENQUIRY BROUGHT TO A CLOSE SATURDAY

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for them through the credit of the province."

"Swamped With Potatoes."

After giving Mr. Smith the order to ship potatoes until further notice on September 21, Mr. Daggett went away. On his arrival home on October 9, he found himself swamped with potatoes. Smith had sent 125 carloads. Some of the cars were filled to contain 400 barrels, when one car usually carries 200 to 250 barrels. Smith had been paid as he sent them whether the invoice was right or not. Daggett knew he couldn't throw this \$18,000 worth of potatoes back on Smith's hands, so they became a surplus.

Still a Surplus

Finally Daggett got the shipment of 40,000 barrels off to England and 14,000 barrels to Belgium but he still had a surplus of 16,000 barrels. The two gifts cost the province \$118,087.16 according to the auditor-general's report. The account published in the report says the surplus cost only \$1,954.70 "but this was only because the auditor general was deceived into giving credit for \$32,861.39 which never came from the sale of them."

Of course Mr. Daggett should have refused potatoes sent beyond the order but he did not. Instead he undertook to sell them. Although 16,700 barrels went into the warehouses, 5,000 barrels less came out. Mr. Daggett says they may have rotted. But there is no proof. No proof that they ever went in.

Then they began selling and shipping—but not one dollar from these sales went into the treasury. It was found through the banks that A. C. Smith & Co. got over \$7,500 from sales but not a word about that was on the public records. There were 4,909 barrels shipped to Cuba by the schooner Irma Bentley but not a dollar ever came back to the treasury as a result. Mr. Daggett produced a document purporting to be a statement from Waite the agent in Cuba which showed that the expense of handling these potatoes after leaving the shores of New Brunswick not including the purchase price, inland freight, storing, hauling and barreling, was \$8,029.70. There is no record on the provincial accounts of this. Mr. Daggett says he had to take \$3,000 and go to Cuba to settle up the expense of having sent down the cargo at all. Among the items charged up is \$955 for picking over the potatoes in Cuba, although they had been sorted and picked over all winter. There were other charges for hauling 1,300 barrels to the dump and apparently there is no account of 4,000 barrels.

There was another schooner load of 3,075 barrels sent on the Minneola on which it has been impossible to get any report. All that is known is that \$806 came back to Hon. J. A. Murray and instead of placing it to the credit of the Province, he turned it over to A. C. Smith & Co.

It was found that culls were sold in St. John. About \$280 was collected from Mr. Donovan for these, about \$126 from Mr. Slipp and in addition, sundry amounts were collected by A. C. Smith & Co. Not a cent of this went through the books of the province.

From the handling of the surplus potatoes, A. C. Smith & Co. had a claim and they made drafts on the department of agriculture covering the balance. "Daggett accepted them and Murray approved of it. This was entirely against the law. Mr. Murray admits it was irregular and the auditor-

general knew nothing of this financing. Finally the matter got so bad that A. C. Smith & Co. had more than \$14,000 of paper outstanding and unpaid in connection with the government business on April 30, 1915, and they appealed to Mr. Murray to get them some money as the bank was pressing. Ten thousand nine hundred dollars of that was drafts accepted by the department and allowed to be dishonored. "Just think of that—\$10,900 of drafts outstanding which the auditor-general knew nothing of."

Mr. Murray borrowed \$5,000 and gave it to A. C. Smith & Co. on account. A. C. Smith & Co. then drew on the department for the balance in three drafts which were accepted. Finally they were converted into one draft for \$9,201.95. Mr. Smith says this was the amount agreed upon while Mr. Daggett was not sure, but thought it was \$9,531.16. A check for this latter amount was asked for by Daggett and Murray and issued by the province July 27, 1915. Daggett switched \$5,077 of this, with Murray's approval to pay a note which had been discounted to make the April advance to Mr. Smith.

Further Manipulation

With the balance of the check Daggett turned over to A. C. Smith & Co. the Cuban draft for \$806 asking that Boyce who supplied some potatoes, be paid \$401. If Daggett is right, that \$9,531.16 was the amount due Smith then he paid him \$405 more than he agreed to. "On the other hand, if Mr. Murray is right that \$9,201.95 is the amount agreed upon, and if the \$5,000 was to come out of it, why was the check for \$9,531.16 issued and the Cuban draft turned over to Smith? Mr. Murray could not explain."

According to Mr. Smith's version, \$9,201.95 was the amount agreed upon. After the payment of the balance of the \$9,531.16 check and the Cuban draft, he drew on the department for \$4,003 and Mr. Daggett accepted it. "Now either the department owed Smith that money at that time or else it was giving Smith the credit of the province for his accommodation. The result is that either A. C. Smith & Co. was overpaid several hundred dollars or the province owes the company \$4,000. Mr. Murray on the stand, frankly said he did not know the true state of affairs. Mr. Daggett could not give a satisfactory explanation."

A Grave Matter

It was shown that Mr. Murray got \$1,500 from Mr. Smith on a personal loan, as he says. "Let me say that this \$1,500 payment discloses a grave matter. It is explained that A. C. Smith & Co. were financially embarrassed. On April 30, 1915, Mr. Murray had been appealed to to relieve the pressure of the bank. He raised \$5,000. Later he further helped by borrowing \$1,500.

"That, I take it, is a criminal offence. Under section 153, S. S. (G) and (H), any person having a contract of any kind with a government, who makes a loan to an official, is guilty of an indictable offence, and the official obtaining the loan is guilty of a like offence."

Mr. Hughes went on to point out that even in the purchase of 26,000 barrels there was some \$436 graft.

\$34,000 Short

At the end of the transaction the government found itself \$34,000 short. They became alarmed and decided to hide all but \$2,000 of it. Mr. Daggett was instructed and did prepare a fresh statement for the auditor-general. By this he showed that \$32,861.37 had been received from the potatoes. They hadn't a cent of it, so they got an accommodation note from A. C. Smith & Co. for the amount, discounted it at the bank and endorsed it in the name of the government. By this means the auditor-general was deceived. They had a false entry made on the books of the province. And the making of false documents and false entries in the public records for the purpose of deception is a criminal offence."

When the note came due the money was borrowed from F. W. Sumner, chairman of the Valley railway board, to take it up and the note was subsequently paid with money collected from W. B. Tennant "by reason of a corrupt bargain which was made with him concerning the contract for the building of the Valley Railway." It was an agreement with Premier Clarke that he would make up the potato loss if his company got the railway construction contract.

Called Day Check Cashed
Subsequently his company got the contract and Mr. Tennant received \$100,000. The day he cashed the check George B. Jones called and asked for \$61,500. Mr. Tennant says he believed this was the potato loss and he paid it. Out of this Mr. Sumner's loan was retired and the balance was

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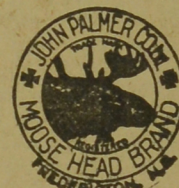
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In the process of deceiving the people, Mr. Hughes declared the whole government was enmeshed with a single exception of John Morrissey "and he was put out of the government as not being fit company." He held Dr. Landry to blame in that he was a party to manipulating public accounts.

As for B. F. Smith, Mr. Hughes said that not satisfied with swamping the department with potatoes he billed many of the cars as containing more potatoes than they actually did. The department figured that he was paid \$2,447 more than he should have been paid. Daggett presented a bill for the amount. Later, in the false return to the auditor he made it appear the amount was repaid. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Murray publicly stated it was repaid. But on the stand Mr. Smith himself admitted it was not.

Mr. Baxter Scored

In referring to Mr. Baxter's status in the case, Mr. Hughes pointed out one thing he considered clear, "that he knew the Cuba shipment had produced a loss and that he put up \$3,000 to cover it from the public, and that he must have known the statement given to the auditor-general and to the public accounts committee a sham and a fraud."

But more serious still he considered Mr. Baxter's assistance to Mr. Tennant to cover up matters before the Stevens' inquiry. It was done, Mr. Hughes said to enable Mr. Tennant to be in a position to say that none of the \$100,000 had been paid out, so that the potato loss might not be exposed. "This, on Tennant's story, seems to me to fall directly within section 177 of the criminal code which makes it an indictable offence, liable to seven years' imprisonment, to fabricate evidence."

Geo. B. Jones is a Witness

Referring to George B. Jones, Mr. Hughes said: "When examined before Commissioner Stevens he swore on two occasions that this \$20,000 was the only money he had ever got from Tennant. On this inquiry he told of getting both this and \$61,500. When I confronted him with his former testimony and asked him if it was true, he

refused to answer. Besides being guilty of this perjury he was one of those who assisted in preparing the stage for the false testimony and his perjury was deliberate and prepared. Mr. Daggett, Mr. Hughes considered a dupe in the hands of others. He would have fared better had he come out with the truth in the beginning.

Hon. Mr. Murray's Case

"Behind them all stood the responsible minister, Hon. J. A. Murray. When on the stand his answer to all the things of which he ought to know and of which Mr. Daggett says he did know was 'I don't know.' He didn't know, he said that his department, through Mr. Daggett, had placed at the disposal of Mr. Smith the whole credit of the province." Other things of as serious a nature he did not know.

"If Mr. Murray does not know then every person who has been following the investigation does know that he knowingly permitted his deputy to break the law of the province by accepting drafts and entering into obligations in the name of the province; that he was himself guilty of breaking the same law, of allowing thousands of dollars to be received and expended without ever coming into the hands of the receiver general and without coming to the knowledge of the auditor-general.

"And they further know that he was afraid to tell the people of the mismanagement of his department, and that he went and told the premier, and between them they decided to cover up the loss.

"And when he admitted all these things to me on oath, he had the temerity to say to me that it made no difference to the people so long as the money was there. And whose money was it? Money that Tennant had corruptly agreed to pay if the Nova Scotia Construction Company got the contract with the Valley Railway Company."

In conclusion Mr. Hughes expressed the belief that the report of the commissioner would serve a useful purpose in the future.

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