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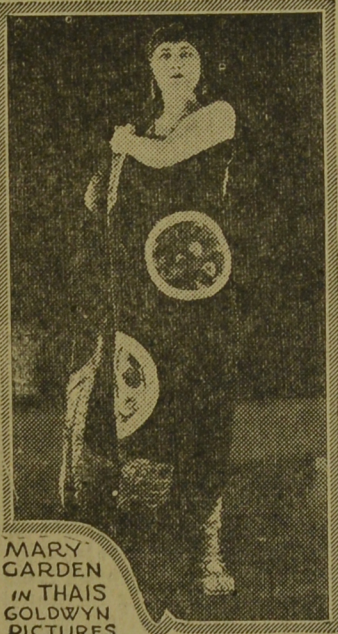
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MR. W. B. TENNANT WAS WELL PAID FOR HIS INFLUENCE

Nova Scotia Construction Company Gave Him One Half of the Profits on Their Valley Railway Contract---How the Tenders Were Manipulated---Tennant's Strong Pull With the Government was Turned to Good Account.

Following is an extract from the interim report of Commissioner Stevens on the Valley Railway inquiry:

Having stated material facts, giving proper consideration to the many contradictions regarding them and having arrived at certain conclusions hereinbefore set forth, I now come to that part of my duty which requires me to examine the evidence so far given for the purpose of ascertaining in the words of the commission directed to me, "whether or not the public money under the control of the said directors, officials, contractors and sub-contractors has been properly and honestly expended" and I find with reference to the \$120,000 and the \$20,000 paid by the Nova Scotia Construction Co., Ltd., to W. B. Tennant as follows: The Nova Scotia Construction Co., Ltd., engaged the services of W. B. Tennant to represent the said company in the province on the recommendation of Hamilton Lindsay, vice-president of said company, for the reasons stated in the correspondence which passed between them in the month of October, 1915, and because of his recognized ability and influence as a financial agent and broker in handling large transactions requiring skill and shrewdness in manipulation and of his political sympathies at the time. Engaging his services on the eve of calling for tenders with knowledge that such a call was to be made, leads me to the conclusion that his services were primarily engaged with a view of securing the contract for said company to build the uncompleted sections of the Valley Railway and that an understanding was then had between Mr. Tennant and said company that if successful in securing the contract, he was to receive half the profits. I cannot come to the conclusion from the evidence so far offered, that there was any understanding between any member of the railway company, or of the government with such company, or any one representing said company, that said company would receive the contract if other tenders of responsible concerns were lower than the tender of said construction company, but all things being equal, I have no doubt that Mr. Tennant was able to and did assure said company that his influence and friendliness with the proper parties was strong enough to secure the contract for the company. That, notwithstanding the confident way in which Mr. Tennant talked to Mr. Lindsay about being able to secure the contract, it is evident to me that Mr. Tennant believed in his own mind that in order to secure the contract for the said company it was necessary or advisable for him to see, if possible, that the tender or said company was the lowest or at least was as low as any other tender put in; and his manoeuvring, if that be the proper word, with reference to other likely competitors on the mileage basis, is rather corroborative of this.

Mr. Tennant's Case.

I also find that the tender of said company was made up without assistance or suggestion from Mr. Tennant and without taking into consideration to any material extent that Mr. Tennant would have to share in half the profits. It is my opinion, from the evidence, that had the tender of this company on the mileage basis been accepted, the profits would not have been or much value—the change from the mileage basis to the unit basis of building the railway was adopted, not with any view of favoring the Nova Scotia Construction Company but because of the change in route, and also because it was felt, and perhaps rightly so, that the construction of the railway on the mileage basis was not a satisfactory or economical way to build the said railway. The fact, however, that the tender of said company on the mileage basis in competition with other independent reputable and responsible railway contractors, was the lowest, is evidence to my mind, that no provision was made for extra prices on account of the arrangement made with Mr. Tennant.

Looks Suspicious.

When the call for tenders on the unit basis was made, there is the same if not greater evidence of zeal and manipulation on behalf of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., to see that the tender of this company would be the lowest. The impression was created and spread abroad on behalf of this company, that this company and this company only could secure the contract, but there is not sufficient evidence to justify me in arriving at the conclusion that any member of the railway company or of the government, was in any way a party to this scoring for position, so to speak; the payment in advance on account of prospective profits, of the sum of \$100,000 by the said Nova Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., to Mr. Tennant, practically because Mr. Tennant was able to secure a government contract for the lowest tenderer who was known to be a responsible railway contracting company, has a suspicious look about it, and is a most unusual transaction and however honest the transaction may have been, tends to cast an unpleasant reflection on the public life and fair name of our province, but the fact is consistent with the understanding and agreement entered into between said company and Mr. Tennant, if we take into consideration that in order

to secure this advance or the promise of it, Mr. Tennant may have led the company to believe, perhaps without any foundation therefore, that in order to secure the contract, this money had to be distributed in some improper way, but while neither Mr. Tennant nor Mr. Lindsay have gone that far in their evidence, it is a reasonable presumption considering the deceptions that were practiced in other respects in connection with the whole matter, and Mr. Tennant has sworn that all this money went into his legitimate business and is still there in some form or other, and no sufficient evidence to the contrary has been produced so far to justify me in finding otherwise.

Suspicious Circumstances.

With reference to the contract of February 8th, 1917, which gave an improper and unjustifiable increase as I have found, of from \$67,000 to \$75,000 to said company, followed the next day by another advance of \$20,000 from said company to Mr. Tennant, under the contract existing between them, and the discounting of a note for the like amount two days afterwards, the proceeds of which were given for political purposes, the circumstances are again suspicious, more so than with reference to the \$100,000 payment, because there is direct evidence that this \$20,000 if not directly, at least indirectly, went for political purposes. I view the discounting of the note even with other names on it, as a mere subterfuge and done in this way possibly as a protection to Mr. Tennant to some extent, in case the profits on a final adjustment did not materialize as expected, but there is not sufficient evidence, however suspicious the circumstances are, to justify me in coming to the conclusion, from the evidence so far given, that any member of the railway company, or of the government of the day, was in any way a party to such increase in prices for the purposes of such contribution. That the increase in prices was not justified, not in the best interests of the province, I have already endeavored to show and I have so found and while such increase may have been given at the time with the hope or expectation that the government of the day might benefit in some way may be a fair inference to draw. I am unable to conclude from the evidence so far offered that it was the subject of a prior understanding between the directors of the railway company and any member of the government in collusion with the Nova Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., or anyone representing such company.

DEATH AT PRINCE WILLIAM.

Mrs. Jemima Smith, widow of Jared Smith, died February 24th at her home in Prince William aged seventy-nine years. Heart failure was the cause of death. She is survived by four sons, D. A. Smith and A. H. Smith of Oldtown, Me.; H. E. Smith of Norcross, and Albert of Prince William, with whom she resided; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur Jordan and Mrs. Amos Jordan of Queensbury, and Mrs. R. H. Graham of Prince William; also twenty-three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mr. Albert Belyea of St. John, is the only surviving brother. The deceased, who dearly loved her home where she was always found, was possessed of a quiet and cheerful disposition, and in her death the community has lost a kind and practical friend. The funeral service held at the home was conducted by Rev. A. A. Rutledge, who delivered an impressive address from the text Heb. 4:9. The hymns "Asleep in Jesus, No Sorrow There, and Does Jesus Care, were rendered during the service. The pall bearers were James Miller, David Burden, Herbert Lawrence and Ludlow Hoyt. Interment was made at the Burden cemetery.

A DIRE THREAT.

To the Public.
We have received the following threatening letter, which we feel should be made known to you.
Somewhere in Canada,
March 14, 1918.

Mr. George Y. Dibblee,
Rexall Store, Fredericton, N. B.
Dear Sir,—I have learned through my secret agents that you propose holding another One-Cent Sale, and I wish to warn your company that this thing must stop. I cannot maintain my present standing and influence over the public if you persist in these price lowering sales. You have the community now anxiously waiting for all the bargains you offer, and I do not propose to be bamboozled by any such actions. You must call off this sale and mark your goods higher instead of cutting the prices in two, or your old Rexall plant will be torpedoed within five days, as the ammunition is now ready. I await your answer before proceeding.

Yours to be boss,
HIGH COST LIVING.

We shall defy the gentleman, notwithstanding his threats.
GEORGE Y. DIBBLEE,
The Rexall Store.

CONGOLEUM

Prices Take a Jump.

NOTICE

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Lemont & Sons, Ltd.

Our Store closes at 6 p. m. Saturdays.

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Fruitatives, large	39c
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Zam Buk	39c
Chase's Pills	21c
Chase's Ointment	51c
Chases' Nerve Food	41c
Minard Liniment	19c
Beef, Iron and Wine	45c
Scott's Emulsion	60 and \$1.20
Castoria	31c
Babys Own Tablets	19c

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