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MORE LIGHT SHED ON VALLEY RAILWAY MATTERS

A Lot of High Financing Done Prior to the Last Local Election--A Carleton County Purist Tells How the Swag was Apportioned to the Different Parishes--His Memory a Trifle Defective.

St. John, Jan. 12. — With Wallace Gibson of Woodstock, on the stand at yesterday afternoon's session of the Valley Railway inquiry, the trail of one \$5,000 portion of the famous \$20,000 given by W. B. Tennant to G. B. Jones, later finding its way to Thomas Bell, was continued and traced to the end. Mr. Gibson, although he gave some important testimony, shielded the whole matter in a haze of doubt by inserting the words "I would imagine, but I don't know," in his answers to nearly all questions. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter's "dim recollection" has "got nothing on" this innovation of the treasurer from Carleton county. "I can't remember" appeared once more with striking frequency.

Mr. Gibson did recall, however, that he had consulted with several gentlemen regarding the division of the \$5,000 allotted to Carleton county, and that one of these was E. R. Teed, but when pressed further, witness was attacked with one of his lapses of memory.

Moncton Man Called.

The first witness called was I. W. Kierstead of Moncton. He was questioned closely by Hon. W. P. Jones and Peter J. Hughes, but little was gleaned from the reaches of his memory.

"Did you know Mr. Bell?" was the first question put to him.

A.—To see.

Q.—Mr. Bell has said that some money went to Moncton from the fund of \$20,000 at St. John. Did you receive any of this?

A.—No. I did not even know it had been sent.

Q.—Were you a member of a committee?

A.—No.

Q.—Do you know the name of the treasurer of Moncton city?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you act in any political capacity?

A.—I was secretary of an organization meeting at the convention of the party.

Q.—Were you a member of any other committee?

A.—No.

Work at the Polls.

Q.—Did you have anything to do with the election?

A.—Nothing except as a supporter of the Conservative candidates.

Q.—Did you work election day?

A.—Yes, at the polls.

Q.—Did you handle any money?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you see any others handle

it?

A.—No.

Q.—What part did you play in the election?

A.—I was an outside worker. A scrutineer.

Q.—You say you had nothing to do with finances?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you know who the other members of the finance committee were?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you handle any money before the election?

A.—I was the treasurer of a subscription taken up in Moncton city for the organization of the party. This was about two months before the election.

Q.—What did you do with the money?

A.—It was all used for expenses.

Wallace Gibson.

Wallace Gibson of Woodstock, was then called to the stand, A. B. Connell appearing as his counsel. He was questioned by Hon. W. P. Jones as follows:

Q.—Are you acquainted with Thomas Bell?

A.—I met him once.

Q.—You know who he is?

A.—I only know of him.

Q.—Mr. Bell mentioned that just previous to the election in February, 1917, that he had forwarded some money to you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How much?

A.—I would imagine about \$5,000.

Q.—In what capacity did you receive it?

A.—As treasurer of the Liberal-Conservative party in Carleton county.

Q.—You say that you "imagine" it was \$5,000. Don't you know?

A.—Yes, I know. It was \$5,000.

Q.—What did you do with it?

A.—I took it home with me from here.

Q.—Did you receive it from Mr. Bell?

A.—No. Some stranger gave it to me. He brought it done up in a small parcel to my room in the Victoria Hotel. I had never seen him before and I have not seen him since.

Q.—You took it home and distributed it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How?

A.—The committees in the different constituencies sent their claims and someone to receive the money and I gave it to them.

Q.—Did you have any other money?

A.—No. That was all we had. I distributed it through the county.

Q.—Have you any records showing how?

A.—No. These men came and asked me for their shares and I gave it to them. What they did with it I do not know.

Q.—Was this close to the time of the election?

A.—About a week before it.

Q.—What was it used for?

(Here Mr. Connell objected to the question and it was left to the commissioner.)

Mr. Stevens: Can you give the names of those who got it?

A.—I can't give their names.

Q.—You must remember some of them?

No Beating About Bush.

A.—To make sure I couldn't say that I do.

Commissioner Stevens: You mustn't beat around the bush.

A.—Well, then, I don't remember.

Commissioner Stevens: Tell us who you do remember?

A.—I think there was one man, called Tompkins, from up the river way who got the money for several polls in that section but I don't know for sure. What his initials are; what his occupation is; where he lives; I don't know.

Mr. Hughes: What polls did he receive for?

A.—At least four or five polls up that district. I couldn't just call them out.

Q.—How much did he get?

A.—I don't remember. As soon as the \$5,000 was gone I was all through with the money and forgot all about it.

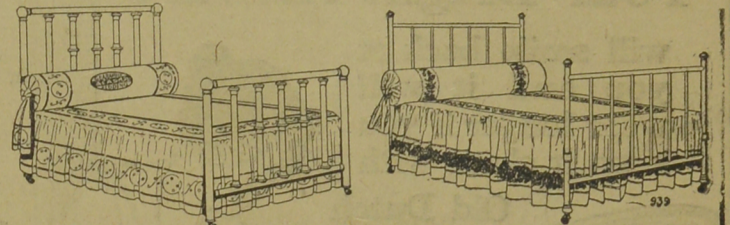
Q.—Do you know of anyone else who got money?

A.—I think I gave some to Robert Woxen in the parish of Woodstock.

Q.—How much?

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