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HON. MR. CURRIE DENIES MURCHIE'S ALLEGATIONS

Says That the Matter of Stumpage Was Arranged by Daniel Richards President of the Company---Paid on Practically the Same Cut as in the Previous Year---Mr. Richards Was a Supporter of Old Government

Absolute and unqualified denial of the allegations in the Murchie affidavit was given by Hon. William Currie, speaker of the legislature, at yesterday afternoon's session of the inquiry which is being held by James Friel, K. C., of Moncton. Mr. Currie's version of the conversation on which the charges were based differs vastly from that given by Murchie, the former government lumber scaler. His evidence was given with evident candor and frankness and as a witness he proved much different from the man responsible for the charges.

Hon. Mr. Currie testified that when Murchie introduced the question of stumpage he informed the scaler that Mr. Richards had told him that he (Richards) had settled the stumpage with the scaler and the witness refused to discuss the matter. He merely told Murchie to do the best he could without doing anything wrong, according to his evidence. He also testified that he advised Murchie not to do anything that would get him into trouble. As to his knowledge of the cut at that time, he explained that once the company was assured of the logs they needed—in that year about four million feet—they were not much concerned with the remainder and did not attempt to check up their cut definitely until they received the reports of the results of the saw mill operations.

He had not attempted to check the stumpage payment as Mr. Richards looked after the financial affairs of the company, he managed the manufacturing end and had little to do with office routine, in which class he put the signing of the check prepared for him by the accountant. He swore that he had made no attempt to influence Murchie to reduce the scale.

Daniel E. Richards, president of the Continental Lumber Company, gave equally emphatic evidence on the subject of the settlement of the stumpage. At that time Murchie approached him he testified, he did not know what the cut was but informed Murchie that he thought it was less than the previous year when they paid on 4,700,000 feet. Murchie asked him if between 4,500,000 and 5,000,000 feet would be about right and he had said that that would be satisfactory. He also denied making any attempt to influence Murchie in the preparation of his scale.

The morning session and part of the afternoon was taken up with the evidence of Colonel T. G. Loggie, deputy minister of the department of lands and mines. Colonel Loggie's evidence showed that Mr. Murchie had not sent in the monthly returns expected of him. He also admitted that in the past the department had had to depend almost entirely on the scalers but said that changes which are being made in the system will improve this.

The afternoon session was marked by a lively encounter between Hon. Mr. Currie and Dr. Baxter. The former refused to be browbeaten and dictated to by his political opponent and refused to give categorical answers to some of the catch questions addressed to him insisting on giving his evidence in his own way.

The next session will be held on August 6, but whether in Moncton or Campbellton had not been decided when the court adjourned.

Afternoon Session

When the afternoon session opened Colonel Loggie announced that the plans of timber limits supplied to Mr. Murchie had been found in the office and he produced them. They showed the limits of the Continental Company the Tobique, the Culligan, the Louison and the Richards companies.

Continuing his evidence, Colonel Loggie testified that Murchie's final scale showed, in addition to the Continental company's cut, the cut of A. and J. Culligan which showed a total of 2,999,000 feet and for the Louison Lumber Co., a total of 1,084,000 feet.

In addition to their operations in Murchie's district, Messrs. Culligan had cut other lumber and Mr. LeBlanc asked for the cut reported by other scalers for them.

Dr. Baxter protested that this was not relevant to the inquiry. As the other scalers were not involved and evidence had been given that the Culligans had not tried to influence Murchie.

Mr. LeBlanc said it was necessary to show how Murchie had done his other work. The commissioner admitted the evidence. Witness said that J. R. Hachey had reported a cut by Messrs. Culligan of 1,377,800 feet on which stumpage had been paid.

The chairman remarked that the Continental company's cut was shown by their own books to be more than 8,000,000, while they had paid only on 4,500,000 and asked if the department was at the mercy of the scalers. The witness said that they were dependent on the scalers and the chief scalers for their returns. The scalers were appointed on the recommendation of the members of the legislature. When a government changed most of the scalers had changed also. They hoped to improve this. The lumber scale rate was fixed by the governor-in-council.

Daniel E. Richards

Daniel E. Richards, president of the Continental Lumber Company and manager of the Richards Mfg. Company, was called by Mr. LeBlanc and sworn. He testified that the Richards company owned eighty-eight per cent of the stock of the continental company. He was really the financial manager for both companies. He looked after the finances, the sales and other similar matters for both companies. Mr. Currie was the manufacturing manager at Charlo.

Witness said he had had conversation with Murchie about the stumpage. Murchie came to his office and told him he had to make his report for the government. Witness had said that it was too early in the season for them to tell what the cut was but on account of the heavy snows, it would be less than usual.

Murchie asked witness if 4,500,000 to 5,000,000 would suit him and witness had said that would be satisfactory to him. Murchie said he would try it at that figure. That was before the election of February 24. Witness had told Mr. Currie of this, that the stumpage had been settled at about 4,500,000 feet. The Continental Lumber Company ran on its own basis, but witness financed it.

To Dr. Baxter witness said that at the time of the conversation with Murchie he was known as a supporter of the former government and had worked for it. In his conversation with Mr. Murchie nothing had been said of the amount of the previous year's cut. In the previous year they had paid stumpage on about 4,700,000 feet.

Dr. Baxter—"If the previous years stumpage had been paid on 4,700,000 feet and you had said that the current year's cut was less, why should Murchie say that he would make it between 4,500,000 and 5,000,000?"

A.—That figure seemed fair enough to me.

Q.—"How did Murchie express himself?"

A.—He said that would be all right.

Q.—When the season started did you have any conversation with Mr. Currie regarding the probable size of the cut?

A.—No.

Continuing witness said he had expected the Continental company to get out about 5,000,000 feet of lumber.

To Mr. Copp, witness said that his company had furnished the money to pay the Continental company's stumpage. He had settled the stumpage with the scaler for the previous three years. In explanation of why he should settle with the scaler, witness said it was a little game as Mr. Currie was not on the same side of politics with Murchie while witness was. Witness had been in a position to do favors in the way of patronage for Murchie.

Hon. Wm. Currie

Hon. William Currie was next called and examined by Mr. LeBlanc. He testified that he had known Murchie for many years. He knew Murchie to be an ardent politician but was not of the same political party.

He remembered the conversation in his office with Murchie. La Pointe came with Murchie. Murchie had been in the habit of selling foodstuffs to the company for years.

Q.—When Murchie came in that day did you tell him that he should not make his returns too high?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you tell him to keep it down

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