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## PATROTIC POTATO ENQUIRY OF ABSORBING INTEREST

### Rev. Mr. Daggett Continues His Testimony---Marysville Pastor a Real Patriot ---Paid a Draft of \$400 Out of His Own Pocket---But Afterwards Recouped Himself From Proceeds of a Loan

St. John, Oct. 10.—While the identity of the person who finally put up the money to cover the deficit incurred on the patriotic potatoes, and thus conceal the mismanagement to which the old government was ashamed to confess, has not yet been revealed, the sessions of the inquiry which resumed yesterday before Commissioner Chandler brought other interesting facts to light.

The deficit of more than \$32,000 which was reduced to that amount only after severely pruning the bills submitted by A. C. Smith & Company was not the only loss sustained. Rev. J. B. Daggett the former secretary for agriculture confessed a shortage of \$3,000 in the transactions of one of the government's brokers in Cuba which had to be taken care of.

Mr. Daggett swore that he paid this amount himself out of his own pocket and still was out that much. Further probing revealed the fact that the money so used was secured by borrowing it from a member of the government, from Hon. J. B. M. Baxter. Mr. Daggett has not yet repaid the loan, but Mr. Baxter does not seem to be worrying about it, according to this witness.

#### Afternoon Session

Resuming after recess, Mr. Hughes continued his examination of Mr. Daggett on the account of R. G. Waite & Co., for the potatoes sold by Mr. Clements as broker for the department. Witness said it was a direct sale to Waite. When Mr. Waite's affidavit regarding the potatoes entrusted to his care was read witness said he did not fully understand the system but thought the Cuban brokers made their profits by commissions collected from persons to whom they sold. If Waite sold for \$4 a barrel the province would get only \$2.30. If the cargo had gone right the province would have got \$2.30 a barrel, but it did not and Mr. Waite's customers would not take them so the province had to stand the loss.

The shipment was of 4,909 barrels. Witness could find in the statement record of the disposal of only 3,855 barrels, of which 1,370 barrels went to the dump. Witness thought the other thousand barrels had been dumped out without cost and so did not appear in the account.

Q.—The potatoes by the Mineola were really shipped by you?

A.—I think they were sold by a firm of brokers in Havana.

Contracts were produced and identified and witness admitted one shipment had been made in his name.

Q.—You told us that you borrowed \$3,000 from Mr. Baxter after explaining to him what it was for and took it to Cuba?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You had received this statement before that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was this entry of the draft for \$400 and the receipt for \$2,677.99 on it then?

A.—No, I think it was made when I took the statement to Cuba by Mr. Waite himself.

Q.—Was the \$400 paid out of the \$3,000 you borrowed?

A.—Yes; I paid it out of my personal funds and reimbursed myself from the money I borrowed.

Q.—What did you do with the money you got from the Mineola shipments?

A.—I don't remember the circumstances. I thought at first I paid it to A. C. Smith & Co. and they paid it to Boyce for his share of the cargo. At any rate Boyce was paid and the balance went towards the loss on the Irma Bentley shipment.

Q.—What had you to do with Boyce?

A.—It was all shipped as one cargo.

He shipped his to help us out by filling up the cargo.

Q.—Was the cargo all mixed up together?

A.—No. His was on top and it was not damaged.

Q.—How much did you pay Boyce?

A.—I think it was about \$2,600 or \$2,700.

Q.—What did you do with the balance?

A.—I applied it on account of that \$3,000 loan.

Q.—What else did you pay out?

A.—I paid Waite and all my personal expenses to Cuba came out of that \$3,000.

A.—I may have used some of my own money.

Q.—Did the \$400 come out of the Mineola shipment?

A.—I think the bigger part of it did.

Q.—And you paid the balance and your expenses out of the \$3,000?

A.—I think that would be right.

Q.—You received the money from the Mineola and paid out the \$400 without having the money go through the books of the department.

A.—Yes.

Q.—That was not according to the audit act was it?

A.—No.

Q.—Did Mr. Baxter ever ask you to return the money he loaned you?

A.—I have discussed it with him on many occasions.

Q.—Did he ever ask you to give it back?

#### "All Together in It"

A.—No. He told me that if I never was in a position to pay it back he was in a better position to lose it than I was. He said we were altogether in it.

Q.—Did you tell Mr. Murray about this transaction?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And the provincial treasurer?

A.—No.

Witness could not recall that any claim had been made for insurance on the damaged cargo, nor knew of the skipper noting a protest for that purpose.

He kept on trying to get the matter straightened out, witness said. He sweat blood over it and would not go through it again for \$5,000.

Mr. Hughes produced a letter from Mr. Daggett to A. C. Smith & Co. dated January 14, 1916, in which he asked for all documents in connection with the potatoes, so that he could prepare for the meeting of the legislature and he public accounts committee. The letter went on to say:

"By the speeches delivered at the recent opposition convention in St. John they are evidently getting themselves in shape for a pretty vigorous attack upon this department, hoping to find something crooked in connection with the potato shipment. You will be pleased to know that they are going to be seriously disappointed in this regard."

#### Not Before Committee

Witness did not take all these accounts before the public accounts committee. He did not think that bills that were not paid by the department were any of the government's business.

Regarding the notes given by Mr. Smith, witness said that he had not remembered that there was a renewal but he did so now. The renewal note was not used and he remembered giving it back to Mr. Smith.

Regarding his appearance before the public accounts committee, witness said that there were no members of the opposition at the meeting. There were two opposition members in the house, Messrs Dugal and Pelletier. They were hampered in the use of English, but a member of the legislature would have acted as interpreter for them. The government members did not ask many questions; they did not probe very deep. If counsel wished he could say that the accounts had been prepared to cover up matters rather than disclose them. He was prepared to face the music but it was the advice of Premier Clarke that it should be covered up.

Couns I read the report of the accounts committee to the effect that M. . . . . and appeared before them and explained all the transactions to . . . . . and that they had minutely examined all vouchers and

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found them complete and correct.

Witness said he was not responsible for the report.

Mr. Dagget then stood aside.

Mr. William Cruikshank, former deputy provincial treasurer was next called and told about the discounting

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