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THE McQUEEN REPORT IS BROUGHT DOWN IN HOUSE

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B. Tennant, out of the proceeds of a Valley Railway Contract. This money was paid by Tennant to George B. Jones, M. P. P. and by the latter to Mr. Daggett who remitted it through the Bank of Montreal, Fredericton to Mr. Sumner under the name of "William Thompson". The evidence of Mr. Jones at the enquiry is quoted and contrasted with evidence which he gave at the time of the Stevens enquiry. In one case he swore that he had received but \$20,000 from Tennant, but to Commissioner McQueen he admitted the amount as \$61,500.

Tennant's Activities

The Commissioner deals at some length with the evidence of Mr. W. B. Tennant, particularly with his statement that he had declared to several persons that the \$61,500 he had paid to Jones would have to be restored to his business before he would go on the stand and testify at the Stevens enquiry. It was brought out in evidence that part of the money was subsequently loaned him by ex-Attorney Baxter and he was thus placed in a position to go on the stand and truthfully declare that the \$61,500 was then in his business. Says the Commissioner.

"With this array of facts before me I am asked to believe Mr. Tennant's statements in this regard, 'absolutely absurd' on the ground, as the ex-Attorney General states, that no 'reasonable man would put up money from my standpoint in order to get Tennant to give testimony'. If I had only the evidence of the ex-Attorney General and Tennant before me I might easily arrive at that conclusion, but what of the facts which support Tennant's contention? I must also conclude that a reasonable man, as a business proposition would loan \$40,000 and \$20,000 without any security being taken, without any time limit as to its payment; without any understanding as to the payment of interest and without any demand being made for the return of \$40,000 of this loan or any part of it since the 18th day of June 1917 to the date the evidence was given and that the loan being made on the day previous to the sitting of the enquiry at which Tennant's books were to be examined, was simply a coincidence. I am unable to do this nor can I make any such finding.

Is Smith Liable?

After describing how Mr. Daggett undertook to cook up an account of \$32,861.39 to represent the amount which should have been received from potatoes shipped to Cuba, and which the Commissioner describes as "A false and untruthful document intended to deceive the Auditor General he goes on to say.

"The amount of \$32,861.39 having been returned to the Province in the manner above mentioned the question arises: Is the Hon. B. F. Smith the late Minister of Public Works still liable to the Province for 'shortage on outturn of cars on final rackage?' Or has there been a final and honest return of this money to the province to relieve him of such liability?

In summing up the evidence the Commissioner says:

The Province purchased in the year 1914 68,603 barrels of New Brunswick potatoes in order that a patriotic shipment of 51,379 barrels might be sent to the Army and Navy of the Imperial Government and to the relief of Belgian sufferers.

The amount expended for this purpose was \$153,505.75.

No tenders were called for but names of certain persons were selected and these given a preference over all others. The names disclosed above are the persons referred to.

Within this circle still another preference was extended, this time to the Hon. B. F. Smith, afterward Minister of Public Works in the late Government, and one of the present Members for the County of Carleton; this privilege never should have been granted was shamefully abused, and is one of the chief causes for the loss sustained.

Looks Like a Steal

The balance of these potatoes were not accounted for, and outside of the culls, which were traced to some extent, appear to be a total loss to the Province. A large number of these were sold by Mr. Daggett to parties in Saint John and were never credited to the Province. These he should be made to account for.

The returns for the potatoes so sold (amounting to \$8,499.46) never passed through the books of any of the Departments of the Province. This amount was swallowed up in the expenditures and an attempt made to induce the public to believe that at least \$32,861.39 had been received by the Province on account of such sales.

Should Be Returned

The arrangement made with Tennant by which this money was to be taken out of the Province as above disclosed, is one which the late Government never should have consented or agreed to and is censurable from every standpoint, as it was obtained by Tennant under an illegal agreement and paid by him for an illegal and improper purpose and should be returned to the Province.

Where the Money Went

That at the time Tennant handed over the amount provided for in his contract \$61,500; he then believed from representations made to him that the whole of this amount was required to pay the potato indebtedness whereas only a portion of the same was so used. The balance was disposed of in the following manner.

To Harry Woods as salary for organizer \$1,000.

To the same party as expenses while such organizer, \$687.53.

To Raleigh Triggs of Sackville about the time of the by-election in Westmorland \$10,000, of which amount \$2,000 was paid by Geo. B. Jones personally and the balance through the organizer Harry Woods.

To James Crocket, Managing Director of The Gleaner newspaper, Fredericton, \$10,000, before the by-election in Carleton County. This was paid by Jones to organizer Woods and through him to Crocket, and Crocket got it for the reason that "it was a matter of put up or shut up," as he described it; to Wallace Gibson, \$6,000 for organization purposes at a by-election in Carleton County through John S. Eagles as a messenger. This money given to Jones and distributed by him was Province money and should be returned by the parties who received it without value or consideration, or by Jones and Tennant the original distributors for the reasons above set forth.

Mr. Eagle's Rake-off

The barrels purchased cost the Province 22 1/2c. each. J. S. Eagles a middleman, received a rake-off of \$436.78, and the manufacturers were unable to sell except through this process.

Tennant's Little Game

That the \$61,500 above mentioned was returned and placed in Tennant's business in the manner above described, so that the Auditor appointed to examine his books could not make a discovery of its displacement and to afford Tennant an opportunity to go on the stand before the royal commission and declare the same was still there.

That both Geo. B. Jones and ex-Attorney General Baxter assisted Tennant in accomplishing this and if Tennant's evidence is to be believed, both knew the purpose he had in view when he obtained from them such assistance.

A Double Loss

The exact money lost to the Province could not be definitely ascertained but sufficient was disclosed to show that at least \$32,861.39 (the amount attempted to be concealed) was so lost and as \$61,500 was the amount taken out of the Province and set aside by Tennant to meet this loss, it may reasonably be supposed that the Province is out this last amount by reason of this potato transaction, although a portion of the same was expended for another purpose.

The consignments to Munzer and Waite and the proceeds derived therefrom were not explained or accounted for in an intelligent manner, and the reason given by Daggett for paying money was not satisfactory. I am, therefore unable to disclose the true inwardness of this transaction from the evidence before me.

That H. H. Morton, a former Clerk in the Department of Agriculture, received from L. A. Slipp \$126.30 of Province money for which no account was entered in the books of the Province. He failed to explain what he did with the same and should account therefor.

What Smith Owes

That the Hon. B. F. Smith was advanced by the late Government \$2,375.70 on the purchase of potatoes which the Province never received, and the Province also paid \$71.85 as interest on his drafts in connection with this potato transaction which he should have paid. He is, therefore, indebted to the province in these two amounts.

That the late Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. J. A. Murray, borrowed money from A. C. Smith & Co., contractors with his Department during the time the shipping and handling of these potatoes were being carried on, and this loan is so mixed up with the public business of the Province, that I am unable to report whether the \$1,500 returned to Smith was this private loan or money which belonged to the Province.

The Audit Act was wholly ignored drafts were accepted without legal authority and payments were made without legal permission. In short the financial business of the Province was taken out of the hands of the Auditor General and placed under the control of a few individuals, so far at least as the same relates to the purchase and disposition of this patriotic gift, and to a great financial loss to the Province.

Slandering the Dead

I do not think it would be out of place in closing this report if some brief reference at least were made to a matter which appeared to me during the inquiry to be unfair and unjust. I refer to the numerous attempts on the part of the colleagues and associates of the late Premier Clarke to make it appear that he was the prime mover and person solely responsible for the whole of this unbusinesslike transaction. That he was mixed up in the same to some extent, there can be no doubt; but that he was the one and only one who knew anything about what was going on (including the Minister presiding over the Department in which it took place) I do not believe, and it occurred to me during the time this inquiry was pending and these accusations were being constantly made, that if the late lamented Premier Clarke were still living; it might be that his name would appear less prominently in this inquiry. An eminent Canadian statesman once said, "It is the custom in civilized countries to perpetuate the memory and record the virtues of those who have rendered eminent service to the state and even among barbarous nations some rude cairn marks the spot where sleeps the warrior whose voice was respected at the Council." So may it be with us.

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