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NEW BRUNSWICK POLITICIANS MENTIONED IN CUSTOMS PROBE; A CARAQUET SMUGGLING CASE

Ottawa, April 21—Efforts made by J. G. Robichaud, member of Gloucester, N. B., to have a three months' jail sentence passed against one, Moses Aziz, of Caraquet, N. B., suspended at least during the last election campaign, were revealed in correspondence read before the customs' probe today.

"Aziz is a precious help during this campaign and I cannot do without his services," wrote Mr. Robichaud in a "personal and confidential" letter to Hon. G. H. Boivin, Minister of Customs and Excise.

"Will you please consult Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, in regard to the proceedings against Aziz I attach the greatest importance to this since, under the circumstances I need all my friends."

Prosecution Held Up

A reply was sent to Mr. Robichaud, the copy only, which bore no signature, being produced before the committee. It stated that "instructions have been given not to proceed with the prosecution at present."

R. C. Calder, K. C., counsel for the committee, moved that Mr. Robichaud be summoned before the committee to produce the original of this letter which he had in his possession, as well as to tell the committee more about the Aziz case.

Urgent Message Sent

Mr. Robichaud on Oct. 11, 1925, sent an urgent personal telegram to Mr. Boivin, saying: "It is most important that the matter be settled according to my wishes," and later another communication saying, "Do your best to suspend proceedings until I can see you in Ottawa."

W. F. Wilson, chief of the customs preventive service, who was on the stand while these letters were read, stated there had been no execution of the warrant for commitment to jail in the Aziz case to date. The correspondence showed that he had repeatedly pressed for commitment in the case without success.

Veniot Intervenes

P. J. Veniot, former Premier of New Brunswick, also intervened on behalf of Aziz, according to the departmental files. A letter was read from him to Hon. Jacques Bureau, ex-Minister of Customs, suggesting that a revaluation of the liquor seized from Aziz should be made to see if it could not be found that its value was less than \$200. If it could be valued at less than \$200, Mr. Veniot pointed out, "Aziz would not be required to do more than pay a fine." He would not have to serve the jail sentence of three months. Mr. Veniot said that Aziz had a great many friends and was "a strong worker in the common cause."

A reply by telegram signed "Jacques Bureau" stated that a revaluation of the liquor would be made.

Two Seizures Made

Mr. Wilson told the committee that Aziz was an Assyrian, of Caraquet, N. B. Two seizures of liquor had been made at his home in Caraquet. On the first occasion he was let go with a fine of \$50, but on the second he was fined \$150 and sentenced to three months in jail.

The officers who visited his place found it littered with alcohol tins. He paid the fines but he had not served the jail sentences. The second seizure was made on July 14, 1925.

An analyst's report was put in at the end of the sitting this morning stating that the first seizure of liquor from Aziz turned out to be ethyl alcohol, colored with caramel.

The story of how Miss Denise Larde of Paris, France, brought approximately 200 silk garments through the customs of Quebec only to have them seized at a Quebec city hotel, was told to the customs investigating committee this afternoon by a number of witnesses. The committee some time ago summoned Miss Larde to appear as a witness, but today a communication was read from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stating that she was now in France.

Sergeant Zaneth of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police told of having received information that Miss Larde was coming to Quebec on the Empress of France with silks which she would attempt to smuggle in as personal baggage. He told of having gone to Miss Larde's hotel in Quebec where he examined the trunks which had been passed by the customs and found them to contain silken garments of various kinds. He had seized the goods and held them while Miss Larde faced a charge of smuggling. Eventually the goods were released after a fine of \$50 and the duty had been paid.

Witnesses were examined to ascertain how the trunks had succeeded in passing the customs examinations. Customs Officer Bolger, of Quebec, who was in charge of the examination held on the Empress of France when Miss Larde brought through her trunks, said she had informed him that they contained nothing but her own personal effects. He had instructed one of his assistants, R. Moison, also of Quebec, to verify this and report to him, he asserted.

Customs Officer Moison claimed that Bolger had instructed him to pass the trunks. Affidavits from two other customs officers, Joseph G. Shanahan and J. A. Livingstone, that they had heard Bolger state that he had instructions to pass the trunks, were read to the committee.

Mr. Bolger adhered to his statement that he had said no such thing and that he had given no instructions to pass the trunks without examination.

SYNOD MADE GOOD PROGRESS WITH REPORTS, NOMINATIONS WERE MADE THIS MORNING

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Dean of Fredericton, Archdeacon of Chatham, Archdeacon of Fredericton, Archdeacon of Saint John, Chancellor.

Elected Members, Rev. Canon Smithers, Rev. Canon Daniel, Rev. Canon Shewen, Rev. Canon Hooper, Judge R. W. Hewson, Dr. J. Roy Campbell, H. F. Puddington, Col. H. Montgomery Campbell.

Executive Committee

Ex-Officio: The Lord Bishop, Dean of Fredericton, Archdeacon of Chatham, Archdeacon of Fredericton, Archdeacon of Saint John, Secretary of the Synod, Treasurer of the Synod, All Members of Standing Committee.

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Elected Members: Rev. H. A. Cody, Rev. P. J. E. Haslam, Rev. G. G. Lawrence, Rev. S. C. Gray, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, Rev. E. P. Wright, Rev. J. V. Young, Rev. W. P. Dunham, Rev. W. P. Fleming, Rev. W. P. Haigh, A. F. Bate, Rev. Canon Sisam, Charles Coster, W. L. Harding, W. S. Fisher, H. Usher Miller, J. W. Smith, R. S. FitzRandolph, G. A. Dodge, F. D. J. Graham, G. P. Burchill, G. W. Ellis, Col. Beverley Armstrong, W. G. Quinn.

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The Board of Education

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Trustee of Girls' School, Windsor

Judge R. W. Hewson. Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Ex-Officio: The Lord Bishop, The Dean, The Archdeacons. Elected Members: Rev. W. P. Dunham, Chairman, Rev. R. T. McKim, Rev. C. G. Lawrence, Rev. N. Franchetti, Rev. E. P. Wright, Rev. F. J. LeRoy. Together with one lay member from each Deanery Association.

Corresponding member of the Board of Religious Education, Rev. W. P. Dunham.

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Committee on Credentials: Rev. Canon Smithers, Secretary of the Synod, Treasurer of Synod, The Chancellor, Col. H. M. Campbell.

Committee on Memorials to Deceased Members: Ven. Archdeacon Forsythe, and Rural Deans.

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Committee on the Interprovincial Home for Women: Rev. Canon Sisam, Rev. W. Tomalin, G. A. Dodge.

The Synod struck out the committees on Synod Journal and on Fire Insurance.

In anticipation of the amendment of the Canon relating to the Board of Education the following nominations were made: Rev. E. Hailstone, Rev. W. P. Dunham, Rev. M. Cooper, Col. W. H. Harrison, H. B. Schofield, Dr. F. R. Taylor, S. L. Emerson.

Religious Education

The report of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education was presented.

Rev. Dr. Hiltz was heard on the work of the Board of Religious Education. He commented upon the fact that the first summer school held in the Church of England in Canada was at Rothesay in 1910. He urged renewed energy in that (continued on Page 4)

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