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Major Salt On Stand Today In R. C. M. P. Case at Bathurst

Veniot Calls Witnesses To Substantiate Charges Made in House of Commons—Probe May End Tonight.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BATHURST, N. B., May 17—When the Commission inquiry into Mounted Police charges opened this morning Commander E. C. P. Salt of the headquarters at Fredericton was on the stand and was questioned at length regarding matters connected with the seizure on the Paul T.

Considerable argument arose over the authority which the police had for seizing the provisions on the Paul T. Hon. Mr. Veniot contended that the Commission did not give the police any authority to seize the provision on the boat but only applied to the rum and the boat itself. Major Salt and his counsel C. L. Dougherty contended otherwise and Commissioner Baxter decided that the police had the right to make the seizure which they did.

It was stated that a number of articles were stolen from the boat but Chief Justice Baxter stated the present investigation had nothing to do with this phase of the matter.

Ed. White of the Customs service at Bathurst could not explain how the quantity of cigarettes turned in after the seizure was much smaller than those supposed to be on the boat.

It is expected that the inquiry will finish this evening.

The investigation into the charges made in the House of Commons against the R. C. M. P. by Hon. P. J. Veniot, former postmaster-general, was continued before Commissioner J. B. M. Baxter at Bathurst yesterday afternoon and again this morning. It is expected that the hearing will be concluded this evening.

The evening session last night was taken up with matters connected with the seizure of the Paul T.

During lengthy morning, afternoon and evening sittings Chief Justice Baxter sitting as a commissioner, yesterday heard the evidence of 21 witnesses. Fifteen of these were called and questioned by Hon. P. J. Veniot, former post-master-general and provincial premier, in support of the charges which he levelled at the police in the House of Commons at Ottawa, and which resulted in the probe being undertaken.

Teen-aged youngsters told the commissioner of getting drunk on liquor dumped into Bathurst harbor by Royal Canadian Mounted Police which they salvaged. Two mothers also supported the statements.

Five of the others present, former commanding officers of police patrol boats, were placed on the stand at the instance of C. L. Dougherty, Fredericton, police testimony which the police had adduced at Fredericton on May 2 in Dr. Veniot's absence.

Nine Under 20 Years

With the exception of one witness, all those called by the Gloucester County member were in connection with his allegation that broken tins of alcohol thrown from the Bathurst dump by the police were salvaged and that drunkenness among children resulted. Nine of his witnesses were less than 20 years of age.

The fifteenth person he summoned gave evidence in support of his charge that proper care was not taken by the police in transporting seized contraband liquor from Shippegan to Bathurst.

The five police patrol witnesses substantiated a previous denial of Dr. Veniot's allegation that for days at a time two idle police patrol boats had been tied up together in Bathurst harbor.

Conducts Examination

The evidence was punctuated with verbal clashes between Dr. Veniot

Gambling And Sweepstakes

It is said that a determined effort is to be made to stop the sale and the purchase of sweepstake tickets in this city.

Many hundreds have gone out during the past few days for tickets on the Irish Sweepstakes Derby. This money, like that which goes to the mail order houses, never comes back. In a couple of instances comparatively small sums have been won by local parties. Buying sweepstake tickets is pure gambling—which has been proven to be a losing game.

The most alarming thing disclosed by the investigation is the tremendous growth of the corporate entity behind gambling inducements the world over. A threefold force gives impulse to the spread of public gambling: the quest of governments for new sources of tax revenues through licensed gambling; the inclination of people to seek excitement or wealth in gambling; the inclination of gambling who doles out thousands of dollars to governments and charities to disguise enterprises that pillage the public out of millions.

The series has shown to some extent the process by which dollars lost through commercialized gambling may be translated into misgovernment—graft, bribery, waste, election fraud, crime protection and purchased tolerance of organized vice. More disturbing even than the prodigious volume of monetary losses resulting from exploitation of the public is the increasing tendency of local and national governments throughout the world to authorize gambling schemes for revenue-raising purposes. Governments which tried this method before and discarded it as morally and economically unsound are resorting to it again under the economic stress of the times. And history not only is repeating itself; it is exceeding itself.

and Mr. Dougherty. The veteran parliamentary conducted his own examination, assisted by H. C. Ramsey, Bathurst lawyer. C. T. Richard, M. L. A., Bathurst, together with Mr. Ramsey was to have been his counsel but was not present because of an auto accident near Fredericton Wednesday night.

C. F. Inches, K. C., Saint John, was commission counsel and W. H. Davidson, Newcastle commission secretary.

Mr. Dougherty is acting for Major E. P. C. Salt, Fredericton, superintendent of the R. C. M. P., "J" division, New Brunswick and Sergeant B. G. Peters in command of the Bathurst detachment of the police, both of whom were in attendance.

The investigation was conducted in the jury room at the court house here throughout the day and in the court room last night. Shortly after 10 p.m. it was adjourned until 10 A. M., this morning.

The probe opened at Fredericton on May 2, when 13 witnesses gave rebuttal evidence for the police, and a Canadian Mounted Police which they salvaged. Two mothers also supported the statements.

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Magistrate Called

The witness was stood aside while Mr. Dougherty called the police magistrate, who said that Bizeau swore to a statement in his office. He, the magistrate, signed Bizeau's name, while the latter placed a cross beside it. Magistrate Lemarquand was cross-examined by Mr. Ramsey regarding the statement before it was admitted in evidence.

Mr. Dougherty then questioned Bizeau regarding the statement he made.

"This statement is true, isn't it?" "Yes."

Dr. Veniot then asked him regarding his declaration yesterday he was telling the truth today or whether he had told the truth in his statement.

What he was saying today was the truth, Bizeau answered.

"I was scared to be put in jail for drinking liquor," was his explanation

of why he told a different story then.

He was drunk and his mother had to put him to bed.

"Do you remember Omer Theriault taking you home?" Mr. Dougherty asked young Bizeau. "Yes."

Mr. Dougherty then reminded the witness that Omer's mother had said that Marcel Theriault had to go to bring Omer home.

Mr. Dougherty then read the statement to Lange Bizeau. "You deliberately swore to something that was not true?" he asked, when Bizeau declared, in spite of his sworn statement to the contrary, that there was no liquor in the cans he picked up. He thought it was no good to swear after he had made his statement, Bizeau stated. He did not want to be put in jail. "I was lying," he said.

"When did you decide to change your story?" "Today."

"Did you change it of your own accord?" "Yes."

"Did anyone ask you to change it?" "No."

Later, he said, "I decided to tell the truth." He did not know which day he decided to change his story.

"Most of this statement you swore to is a lie?" "It must be."

"Well, is it?" "Yes."

He mentioned several who had told him that it was not an oath if he swore to it afterwards.

Charges Perjury

"This is a most flagrant case of perjury," Mr. Dougherty submitted to the commissioner. "I don't know what you purpose to do."

Chief Justice Baxter asked if he contended the perjury was before him.

"I submit it is, Your Lordship," said Mr. Dougherty.

"I haven't the proof of it yet," remarked the chief justice.

Other witnesses were examined in regard to fishing the booze out of the river and getting drunk.

The session adjourned at 5:45 P. M., and the evening session was taken up regarding Dr. Veniot's charges in regard to the seizure of the Paul T.

Evening Sitting

Marcel Theriault, 19, Bathurst, the first witness at the evening session, declared he took his brother, Omer, home from the dump. Omer was drunk. When he got Omer home he made him sit down on a chair and his mother took him upstairs to bed. It

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MRS. EUPHEMIA COBURN DIED EARLY TODAY

Widow of Late Dr. Benjamin Coburn—Lived In Fredericton Since 1899.

Fredericton and community loses one of its most charming and beloved citizens in the passing of Mrs. Euphemia Agnes Coburn, widow of the late Dr. Benjamin Coburn, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Willard Kitchen, early this morning. She was in her eighty-sixth year.

The late Mrs. Coburn, who was born at Belleisle, King's county, was the daughter of the late Malcolm and Elizabeth King. She was the youngest of a family of nine, five girls and four boys, all of whom are now dead.

For twenty-eight years Dr. and Mrs. Coburn lived at Keswick Ridge, where Dr. Coburn practised his medical profession. In 1899 they moved to Fredericton and Mrs. Coburn has lived here ever since. Dr. Coburn died in 1900. Both Dr. and Mrs. Coburn were members of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church.

The late Mrs. Coburn is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William C. Burt and Mrs. G. Willard Kitchen; and six grand-children, Mrs. William Walker, Miss Josephine Burt, Miss Mollie Burt, Mrs. J. Robert Herbin, Miss Nancy Kitchen and Dow Kitchen. Two sons, Dr. A. Dow Coburn and George Coburn, predeceased her.

While Mrs. Coburn resided at Keswick Ridge she was an ideal country doctor's wife, endearing herself by her kindness and hospitality to all those with whom she came in contact. Since coming to Fredericton she had lived a retiring life, but had made many friends, who deeply mourn her death.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. Willard Kitchen. Rev. G. W. Guioy will conduct the service, and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

Britain Wants More Time To Consider Matters

LONDON, May 17—Great Britain, stirred by the rising threat of possible war between Italy and Ethiopia, moved tonight in what was seen as an earnest effort to gain time in which to avert a conflict. The feeling here was that if time is gained, the delicate diplomatic steps required to assure mediation in the boundary difficulties between Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia would have a good chance of success.

The urgent summons sent yesterday by the foreign office to Sir Eric Drummond, ambassador at Rome, to come to London, was heard on the desire of the government to have a first-hand account of the exact attitude of Italy. When the British Cabinet meets tomorrow it is believed Sir Eric, now en route here, will be called into conference with it.

More Troops Sail

ROME, Italy, May 17—Four ships, carrying 3,500 men and a quantity of war materials, left Italian ports today for East Africa as Italian newspapers devoted most of their front pages to threats of war with Ethiopia.

It was disclosed this afternoon that Sir Eric Drummond, the British ambassador saw Premier Mussolini yesterday, briefly, before leaving for London.

FUNERAL AT SUNNYBANK

The funeral of Mrs. Annie McKenzie took place this afternoon at three o'clock from McAdam's Undertaking parlors, Rev. C. Lerol Moores officiated and interment was made in Sunnybank cemetery.

Hon. R. B. Hanson Heard at Marysville Meeting Last Night

Minister of Trade and Commerce Given Great Ovation by Gathering; C. Hedley Forbes and W. J. West Speak.

Hon. R. B. Hanson, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in speaking last night before a Conservative party meeting in the Lyric Theatre, Marysville, pointed out that Canada has weathered the troubled times largely because of the Empire Trade agreements brought about by the Bennett government legislation. He touched on the price spread investigation and pointed out that the Conservative government, although sometimes wrongly accused of being sympathetic to big business interests, has really been working valiantly for the laboring man.

More than 200 attended the meeting, which was presided over by Mayor Walker of Marysville. Other speakers were C. Hedley Forbes and W. J. West.

The first speaker was C. Hedley Forbes, Fredericton. Mr. Forbes paid high tribute to Hon. R. B. Hanson and reviewed the fine record of the new cabinet minister, pointing out that he has had fourteen years experience as the member from York and Sunbury.

He reviewed also the fine political career of the new minister, who, he said, came from the same county as the founder of Marysville, Alexander Gibson. In speaking of the late Mr. Gibson, he related how he had worked so hard to build up the fine little town of Marysville, which has one of the greatest manufacturing plants in Eastern Canada—the Marysville cotton mill.

Mr. Forbes touched briefly on the relief situation and said that he knew that those who were on relief, contrary to the belief of some, would rather have employment than relief.

He extolled the merits of the Conservative government and warned the people that in the coming election it would not be wise to change governments. "The Conservative government has carried on well," he said, "and it is not wise to swap horses when crossing a stream."

He supported the hard-road policy of the present government, saying that the improvement of the roads since 1925 is a credit to the present government. In closing, he appealed to the people to support Hon. Mr. Hanson in the Federal election, and also the provincial candidates of the Conservative party in the election on June 27.

W. J. West

W. J. West stated that Mr. Hanson was a man of outstanding ability and that it was not necessary to deliver speeches to get him votes. "Who could come out against him," he added.

Citing conditions in Europe, he pointed out that Canada is better off today than any other country and that New Brunswick is better off than any other province.

He thought that great consideration was needed in selecting leaders of our country and said that Mr. Hanson was the greatest leader that York and Sunbury has ever had.

"Keep your heads down and consider well the other things before you consider turning out the present government," he said.

"Governments have not had balanced budgets on account of the demands of the people. We can't have excess expenditures and balanced budgets," concluded Mr. West.

Hon. R. B. Hanson

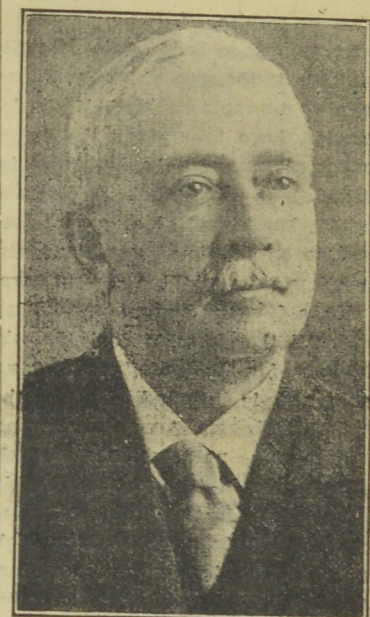
"I am ready to continue in public life as long as the people want me,"

CHARLOTTE AND MADAWASKA CO. CANDIDATES

Hon. Dr. Taylor and the
Old Ticket in Charlotte
County—New Men in
Madawaska.

Dr. Taylor and Messrs. Scott Gup-till, H. M. Groom and G. H. I. Cockburn were nominated yesterday to contest Charlotte County in the coming elections, for Charlotte County.

At Edmundston Dr. P. H. Laporte and Gaspard Boucher were the candidates selected by the Liberal convention.



DR. H. I. TAYLOR
Minister of Health and Labor,
who has been selected as a can-
didate for Charlotte for the Pro-
vincial Legislature.

began Mr. Hanson.

He reviewed the situation during the past five years and reminded the meeting that the country had an adverse trade balance when the present government came into power. The outgoing government had left Canada with commitments to \$240,000,000 declining revenue and unbalanced budget to the tune of millions.

"If the Liberal Government had continued, we would have no industry today," said Mr. Hanson.

He pointed out that Hon. R. B. Bennett raised tariffs to protect Canadian industry and had voted \$20,000,000 to unemployment relief. The tariffs were for the protection of especially the textile industry.

Financial Stress

Mr. Hanson said that the great bank calamity of the United States was nearly repeated in Canada. It was only because of certain powers conferred upon the Government by the executive council that the calamity was avoided.

The Government at Ottawa had vision enough to use the power that Parliament had given them to avoid a financial calamity in the insurance companies, thus saving the citizens of Canada a huge amount of money.

Mr. Hanson pointed out that during the eight and one-half years that Mackenzie King was in power Canada had bought three billion dollars more worth of goods than we bought from the United States.

"How have we maintained our solvency" asked Mr. Hanson. (1) by selling the United States all the gold that we could; (2) by selling them our goods; (3) huge borrowings in the United States paid in United States currency.

Bennett accomplished what Canada has been trying to establish since 1897—international reciprocal trade agreements.

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