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CONSERVATIVES SELECT CANDIDATES

Veniot Swears Liquor Was Landed Near His Home

Testified Before Royal Commission Into the Charges Which He Made In the House of Commons.

(Special To The Daily Mail)
BATHURST, N. B., May 18—The Royal Commission into the charges made by Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, former premier of New Brunswick and later Postmaster General, was conducted here last evening. A feature of the evening session was the evidence of Hon. Dr. Veniot who testified under oath that he had seen liquor land stealthily on the shore near his home on two occasions once in 1932 and again in 1933.

Four sittings were required, at three of which evidence was taken. Thursday and yesterday the hearing was conducted in Bathurst, while on May 2 and 7 the commission sat at Fredericton.

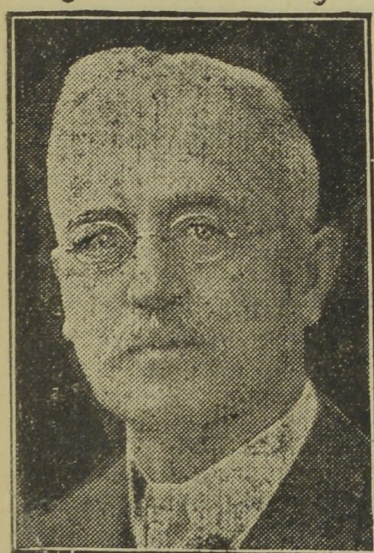
2 Witnesses Heard

A total of 12 witnesses testified yesterday—nine for the first time—including Major E. C. P. Salt, Fredericton, superintendent of the R. C. M. P. "J" Division, New Brunswick, who was cross-examined by Dr. Veniot, Major Salt and Sergeant B. P. Peters, commanding the Bathurst detachment of the police, the two commanding officers chiefly concerned in the charges, were represented by C. L. Dougherty, Fredericton.

Yesterday's witnesses brought the total who have given evidence before the commission to 43. Of this total, 21 gave evidence in support of the charges and 22 in rebuttal.

Morning and afternoon sessions and a brief sitting last night were held yesterday.

Charges made by Dr. Veniot were that the Red Coats had burned stores within sight of hungry people at Shippegan; that they had let ships lie idle in Bathurst while unmolested rum-runners operated offshore; that



HON. DR. P. J. VENIOT, M.P.,
Who Brought Charges Against
Mounted Police

youngsters had got drunk on rum dumped by the Mounties at Bathurst, and that "third degree" methods had been used by the police.

On the first count, two witnesses yesterday declared that had rescued burning stores from a rum-runner and taken them home.

"Believe I Am Right"

In spite of police testimony to the contrary, Dr. Veniot last night declared "I firmly believe I am right", referring to his statement that he could not help "but swear that I saw what I considered to be a revenue patrol boat tied there" at Bathurst in August, 1933.

The veteran parliamentarian asserted "I don't interpret it that way",

Hand Labor, Machinery, Economy

Speaking at Marysville on Thursday evening, Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, Minister of Trade and Commerce, said that the way to regulate the usurping of employment by machines is to regulate the working hours gradually. About every person who has given the matter a thought will agree with Dr. Hanson in this regard. If the hours of labor were regulated so that all people would have a chance conditions would improve. Something along this line will have to be worked out.

Step by step the lot of the masses has improved from the inhuman dragging of Pharaoh's chariots and the galley slavery of Roman ships.

Machine labor has taken the place of hand labor the world over and machines are here to stay. They are not many people who would want to return to hand labor. It is not practical either in road building or in anything else these days. Any government, whether Conservative or Liberal, that would attempt to keep up the roads of the province as they are today with horse-drawn materials, sloven wagons and hand labor would find that it would require the entire revenue of the province to do so. The delegates who came here the other day to the political convention, for instance, would not think of leaving St. Stephen or Chatham with a horse and buggy and driving through to Fredericton. The farmer who comes to the city market from Southampton comes by car, sells his produce and is back home by early afternoon in time to do his chores on the farm; whereas in the olden days he jogged along the road until the middle of the night. The machine which makes these conveniences and the saving in time and money is the automobile. These same automobiles made in the form of tractors and road machines perform the same saving in time and money so far as making roads are concerned, and it is nonsense to say that we can replace machines by hand labor in this regard.

In all walks of life for the past half century hand labor has gradually been giving place to machinery. A little sacrifice on the part of those who are hoarding so much will give a chance to all. The only practical way to offset the condition brought on in the machine age is to regulate the working hours gradually so that more people will be able to get employment at shorter hours each. If Hon. Dr. Hanson's party can as he claims, work this problem out, they will be doing a great service to humanity. It is not a problem which is impossible to solve. The return from the machine age back to work by hand—either in the factory or on the roads—seems to be impracticable. The introduction of machines did not, as has been foolishly stated, cause the depression. The depression was caused by the reckless spending and foolish action of people themselves who, after the war, imagined that they were all millionaires and spent money right and left on things which they could not afford to have. They plunged into debt and then the slump came and someone had to hold the bag. No government and no political party is, or was responsible for this condition. Just as no party was responsible for the condition—just as truly no party can remedy it. The only thing that any government can do, and have been doing, is to control matters as well as possible under the circumstances. The people themselves have to practice economy personally. They cannot go on spending in their family life and then expect any government to pull them out of the hole. This is impossible and the SOONER WE ALL REALIZE IT THE BETTER.

Evening Sitting

when he was asked by Mr. Dougherty if he was satisfied from the evidence that orders for the destruction of the stores of the rum-runner Paul T. came from Ottawa.

He still was of the opinion that third degree methods of questioning had been used by the police, but he had no intention to imply that force or threats had come into play.

Dr. Veniot's allegations that the Mounties used "third degree methods and burned a seized ship's stores before the eyes of hungry people were the chief points about which yesterday's evidence resolved. There were but one or two digressions.

Denies Statement

One of these came when Constable R. K. Ackman took the stand to deny flatly that he had given alcohol to Frank Paulin, a truck driver, as they drove to Bathurst from Shippegan, N. B., with a load of seized liquor from the vessel Paul T. Thursday, Paulin swore the Red Coat presented him with a wine-bottle of the illicit liquor.

Associated with Dr. Veniot in the investigation were C. T. Richard, M. L. A., and H. C. Ramsey, Bathurst, C. F. Inches, K. C., of Saint John, was commission counsel, and W. H. Davidson, Newcastle, commission secretary.

Dr. Veniot took the witness stand at the outset of the evening session. He wished to give evidence first on the charge he made in connection with the police patrol boats lying idle in Bathurst harbor and secondly on liquor smuggled on his shore, he said.

The time the boats were in the harbor he fixed approximately in 1932 between the latter days of May and the first of June. One night between 11 and 12 o'clock, he heard a noise on his shore, he declared. During the evening around 9 and 10 o'clock I had heard a gasoline boat and was surprised that it should be there on a night like that. Later on he heard two or three engine exhaust blast from the boat. The tide was low that night. What surprised him more than anything else.

He then heard a truck going down Gilbert Lane. He could see the light glaring ahead near the shore. The lights went out. He drew an inference something was going on.

He went down and saw what he suspected. A boat already pulled in by the bow had grounded. Two men were in the boat. He could see a fairly large-sized motor truck and two

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R. B. HANSON IS AGAIN FEDERAL CANDIDATE

Drs. B. H. Dougan, M. L. Jewett, Ald. C. Hedley Forbes for York County In Provincial—Convention Largely Attended Here Today.

Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson, minister of trade and commerce, was re-nominated to represent York-Sunbury in the coming Federal elections at the Conservative party convention which opened here this afternoon in the County Court House. The convention was for the purpose of nominating candidates to represent York-Sunbury in the Federal election and York county in the Provincial election on June 27th.

Hon. Dr. Hanson was unanimously voted the York-Sunbury representative for the Federal election and Dr. B. H. Dougan, Dr. M. L. Jewett and Ald. C. Hedley Forbes were named as candidates for the provincial election. The fourth candidate had not been elected early this afternoon.

More than five hundred packed the court room at the county court house this afternoon and a great many were unable to find seats or standing room. Great confidence and spirit were displayed by the many delegates.

Hanson Convention

J. D. Palmer acted as chairman at Hon. Dr. Hanson's convention while the committees were appointed as follows: Resolution committee, W. G. Quinn, John A. Reid, Robt. E. Patterson, John A. Reid, Robt. E. Patterson, W. B. Wisely, W. S. Hargrove, 110 quietly awakened by nuns and Sterling Alexander, R. Keith Nason, and Donald Douglas.

On motion by W. B. Cronkhite and seconded by R. D. W. Hubbard, Hon. Dr. Hanson was nominated to represent York-Sunbury in the Federal election. The motion carried unanimously and the nominations closed.

On motion by W. G. Quinn and seconded by W. S. Hargrove, a resolution endorsing the present Dominion government and the policies of Hon. R. B. Bennett was adopted.

On motion by John A. Reid and seconded by W. B. Wisely a resolution pledging loyalty to Hon. Dr. R. B. Hanson in the coming Federal election, was adopted.

Dr. Hanson then addressed the gathering thanking them for their support and told them that he would do his best by the electors of York-Sunbury.

York County Convention

Dr. B. H. Dougan, Dr. M. L. Jewett and C. Hedley Forbes were the three candidates to be nominated to represent York County in the Provincial election. A fourth candidate was selected later this afternoon.

Dr. A. L. Gerow acted as chairman and named the following committees: Resolutions committee: P. A. Gerow, Clarie Noble, Christopher Murray, Gilbert Henry, and John McLaggan. Nominating committee: Walter Walker, Andrew Stickles, Hedley Wilson, W. B. Gilman, Burns Akerley, J. A. Murray, Jas. Thornburn, Harry Smith and W. W. Hubbard.

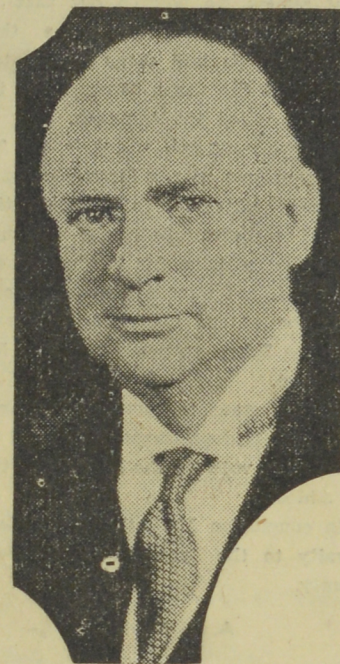
The report of the resolutions committee read by chairman P. A. Gerow contained several resolutions. On motion by Newton Dunphy and seconded by Allen Nason a resolution expressing confidence in the Tilley Government was adopted. On motion by Walter Walker and seconded by W. G. Quinn, a resolution expressing confidence in the sitting members of the party was adopted.

On motion by Eldon Douglas and seconded by Douglas Clarkson, a resolution endorsing the Hydro policy of the present government, was adopted.

The report of the nominating committee followed and the candidates

Will Premier Bennett Continue In Office?

HOME AGAIN



RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT
Premier of Canada, who returned home yesterday.

Three Perish In Convent Blaze

JOLIETTE, May 18—Three firemen crashing to the ground from a ladder and crushed under the weight of a collapsing wall; a nun fainting and dying from heart failure in a corridor; sleeping pupils to the number of 110 quietly awakened by nuns and marched out of the building to safety; such were the outstanding features of the disastrous fire which startled residents here, early this morning and which by yesterday afternoon had reduced the once beautiful building of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame to a hollow and crumbling shell. The fire started about two o'clock this morning (standard time) and could only be said to be really under control when practically nothing remained to burn.

Two of the three firemen buried under the wall are dead and very little hope is held out for the recovery of the third.

DEATH OF AGED MAN

Friends here will regret to learn of the death at Beavertown this week of Israel Smith, at the age of 88 years. He had been a lifelong resident of Beavertown and died on Thursday noon, after only a few days' illness. For many years the late Mr. Smith had been known as a splendid farmer and was highly respected. Surviving are two sons, Edward E., with whom he resided at Beaver Dam, and Benjamin A., of Beaver Dam; three daughters, Mrs. Frank Smith, of Manset, Maine; Mrs. George Hatch, of Burton, N. B.; and Mrs. William Hatch, of Burton, N. B.; also two brothers, Alfred Smith, of Marysville, and Nehemiah, of Rustigomies; two sisters, Mrs. Lavina Charters, of this city; Mrs. Willard H. Judd, of Anaconda, Montana. The funeral took place this afternoon with prayers at the late home at one o'clock and service at the Baptist church at Nasonworth at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Ricker conducted a most impressive service at which a great many friends were present, and interment was made at Nasonworth.

were declared by the chairman of the convention.

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, premier, then addressed the delegates. The provincial convention will be held in Saint John on Wednesday and is expected to draw delegates enough to overflow the spacious Capitol Theatre there.

"I Will Not Expose Myself, It Will Depend On My Ability To Perform the Work," Said Prime Minister Bennett To Newspapermen.

(Special To The Daily Mail)
OTTAWA, Ont., May 17—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett arrived home from England today looking the picture of health.

Speaking about his future political career Premier Bennett said that it rested partly with the desire of his associates and also on his ability to perform the work of head of his party. The premier was emphatic in stating that he would not continue his duties of office if these would endanger his health. He realized that he had previously over-worked himself.

"I am not going to expose myself," he said, "to such efforts as will destroy me at once." It was understood that Mr. Bennett proposes to take up his customary duties in Parliament and in the office of prime minister, always having due regard to his weakened condition, and after a reasonable test will discuss with his associates as to the advisability of his going through the election campaign.

If, in view of the complex political situation, involved by the imminence of a general election, Mr. Bennett's associates and the prime minister himself feel that his health is such that he should not expose himself to the rigors of a campaign, a new leader will be chosen. Mr. Bennett dismissed a suggestion that he would nominate his successor. Such changes, he reminded questioners, were made after consultation with the Sovereign's representative in Canada.

Interviewed at the boat when arriving at Quebec, Mr. Bennett denied that Canada had entered into any commitments with respect to Empire defence, and reported continued satisfaction in Great Britain with the Canada-United Kingdom trade agreements. He was particularly enthusiastic in his description of the Jubilee ceremonies and declared that words were inadequate to describe the splendor of the scene and the outpouring of loyal sentiment from the English people.

There had been some talk while he was in London with respect to the next Imperial conference, Mr. Bennett said, but neither the place nor the date had been fixed. He assumed it would be some time in 1936 to allow ample time for any changes that might be deemed desirable in the trade agreements. Discussions regarding the Empire agreements, while he was in London had not affected Canada, but had been between the United Kingdom and the other Dominions.

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GIVES US ADVERTISING

This country should receive considerable advertising as a fishing centre from two parties which returned to the United States yesterday from a successful fishing trip at Kenmore Camps, Boilestown. The first party was composed of Hains Stottard of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and George Booth, an newspaper editor of considerable reputation. Frank Wetsall, a Trenton New Jersey railway man and Walter Smith of the same place were in the party. Another party composed of twelve New Englanders had successful fishing at the same camp under W. E. Norrad, the well known guide. H. B. Wilson of the Cleveland Plaindealer was also in this party. All these visitors from the United States were delighted with their successful trip.