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Moose River Mine Operated Without Being Inspected

Matter is Subject of Sharp Debate in Nova Scotia Legislature Between Minister Dwyer, Premier Macdonald and Opposition Leader Harrington.

The buttons were off the foils in the Nova Scotia Legislature as Hon. Michael Dwyer, minister of mines, and Hon. G. S. Harrington, leader of the opposition, clashed over the cave-in at the Moose River gold mine.

Charge, that the mine had not been inspected, although the department knew a mill was operating at Moose River, came from the opposition leader after the minister of mines had asked for an explanation of a newspaper story quoting Col. Harrington.

The battle started when Hon. Michael Dwyer read a clipping from the Toronto Globe of April 23. The Globe report dated in Halifax, follows: "Speaking to the Globe in the picturesque Nova Scotia Legislature just a few minutes before the session convened this afternoon, Hon. Gordon S. Harrington, Conservative leader of the opposition, reaffirmed his threat for a searching investigation into all circumstances connected with the Moose River mine disaster.

"He hinted political futures of several government officials might be terminated by the disclosures. Expressing condolence for the rescued men, Col. Harrington said the investigation would not be pressed for some time. One of the questions he desired an explanation of is: 'Why was the mine not examined following the flood some time ago?'

"Why was the inspector of mines, who should have inspected this place put in charge of operations? We have several experienced practical experts in our employ, who have years of experience in mining disasters. Why was this very studious man given full control when he has never acted in that capacity before? Those are some of the questions that must be answered," he said.

"As results have shown the logical solution was accepted after the minister of mines said in the Legislature they had virtually given up all hope of saving the trapped men. Those Stellanor miners had to take matters into their own hands before any progress was made and they were not even appealed to for assistance, and that's another factor I want explained.

"He went on to point out that the Draegermen were the men who should

have been brought in when the mine first collapsed.

"Another pertinent question in the aftermath will be directed to Hon. Michael Dwyer, regarding the status of the mine manager, P. D. Henderson. He charged the manager was involved in similar disaster some time ago. Rumors that the pillars of ore supporting the roof were pillaged, leaving the mine in a dangerous condition will also be probed," he declared.

Asks if Interview Given
Mr. Dwyer said, "I should like to know whether Mr. Harrington gave that interview?"

Apparently taken back by this report the leader of the opposition arose and said: "I am not sure that I have recognized the phraseology used there." He admitted the Toronto reporters, one from The Globe and one from The Telegram, had asked him his views on that particular day and he had given them.

In the report, read by Mr. Dwyer he had recognized some of the statements; others he could not hear. He had not the slightest notion he was being interviewed by these two newspapermen and the reading of the report was like a shot from ambush.

"I must say my information is entirely what I got from newspapers, but I was informed the mine was under water last January," said Col. Harrington. "The mine started to operate with 30 men and from January to April there was no inspection carried out by the department of mines. That is my information. Further, there was an ore mill working on that property without a license from the government and one cannot operate an ore mill without a license from the government. Therefore the government knew the property at Moose River was being operated."

"Where do you get the authority for that statement?" asked Premier Macdonald.

"There was a mill operating there. Perhaps the minister of mines will tell us if he new of it," replied the opposition leader.

Repeats Question
Mr. Dwyer reiterated his first request, asking Col. Harrington if the statements in The Globe report were

true. Col. Harrington's answer was that the department of mines knew a mill was being operated with ore taken from the Magill mine.

"Where did you get that?" demanded Mr. Dwyer.

"He will find correspondence in his solicitor's office relating to that matter," answered Colonel Harrington. "Mines must be registered and I suggest this mine was being operated against the law."

"He is not answering my question," again complained the minister of mines. "I suggest Mr. Dwyer is sorry he asked it," said the Colonel.

At this point the Speaker called him to a point of order and the leader of the opposition said an attack was being made upon himself and he wanted to answer it in his own way. If he was stopped from giving his answer in the House he would certainly answer it elsewhere. Only physical force would prevent him from making a full reply.

"Will it be pistols or swords outside?" shouted the mines minister. Again the Speaker called for order.

"Where were the plans of that mine under the Metalliferous Regulation Act?" demanded Col. Harrington.

Presses Question

"I again demand an answer. I asked a simple question, 'Whether he did or did not give an interview,' said the mines minister. The Speaker again broke in, stating that Mr. Dwyer wanted to know if The Globe report was authentic.

"Must I answer yes or no to this question? I cannot give a categorical answer to that question," replied Col. Harrington.

The premier said that if the opposition leader were allowed to continue, perhaps at the end of his remarks he would answer the question.

Continuing, Col. Harrington said, "May I say, sir, there were no plans in the mines office as there should have been."

"Were they there when the last government left office?" asked Mr. Dwyer.

"The mine was not operating then," the opposition leader replied. Speaking of the interview, he said it should have been sent to him first instead of being read in the House. He said he wanted it to be known that it was Mr. Dwyer who had opened the matter and not himself.

Who Responsible?

"The mine was operating, yet there was no inspection. This calamity was due to a collapse, a failure of support," he went on. "Who was responsible? Was it the present operator or the prior operator? There are no plans or inspection reports, to cast any light on this."

Again Colonel Harrington said the matter had come as a "bolt from the blue". He had withheld himself on the matter of who was responsible.

He had only stressed the good points of the whole affair. He had not wanted to say anything to dull the glorious

spirit which the heroic rescue work had aroused.

"I did not know I was being interviewed for publication. But I am only saying what is being asked everywhere. I do regret that a miner experienced in rescue work was not placed in charge. There are many such capable men throughout the province."

"When the minister of mines first went there I do not know, but he must have been there either Sunday or Monday because the press and the radio let us know. The newspapers became nauseating regarding the political actions going there," said the opposition leader.

Called To Order

A cry went up from the Liberal ranks and he was called to order.

"I will stop any time you want me to," he told the Speaker. "This is a thing I would have been relieved not to have said but it will be remembered in this House that an investigation was to be started while witnesses were available, before they had gone home. I suggest it will have to be determined whether the department of mines allowed the operation of the Moose River mine in violation of the Metalliferous Mines Act and the Mines Act."

"I am telling the minister of mines he has not justified his position in allowing this operation in violation of the law and he shall have to explain why his inspector did not examine the mine."

The political glory of hanging others does not last but the spirit of the Draegermen does last," said Col. Harrington.

Premier Macdonald

Premier Macdonald arose as the opposition leader took his seat. "The attitude which my honorable friend has shown since last Friday has culminated today in this," he said. "Although he was talking to newspapermen, he blandly states he did not know he was being interviewed."

Col. Harrington appealed to the Speaker asking the right to reply if he were attacked.

The premier said the opposition leader was not being attacked, for the mines minister, after reading The Globe report said he did not believe the Conservative leader had given the interview, but wanted to make sure. "But my honorable friend draws his cloak around him and shouts, 'I am a brave man and will defend myself from attack,'" said the premier. Since Col. Harrington had known newspapermen and their ways for a long time, he should not be in the House if, as he had said, he did not know he was being interviewed, continued Mr. Macdonald.

"The honorable gentleman is jealous because the government got some credit in this matter. He cannot hifle it when the minister of mines and the his lack of graciousness. He showed minister of health entered this House last week after returning from the

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scene of the disaster. There was applause from all sides of the House but Col. Harrington did not move his hands."

"That is the type of gentleman he is," said the premier as he was called to order by the Speaker.

Regarding the reported statement that the Draegermen had not been summoned by the government, the premier said it was not the custom for the government to intervene in mine disasters. In previous instances the companies had carried on the work and it was not the duty of the government to take any action.

Ordered To Go On

It was when the representatives of the owners of the mine became worried about the expense, since it was not a large syndicate that was involved, that word was sent to the premier. As soon as he received this word, he said, he had sent instructions that the rescue work was to go on.

He did not think the deputy inspector of mines had gone to Moose River

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with the thought he was to take charge of the rescue work. The minister of mines, he said, had gotten out of a sick-bed to go to Moose River. The minister of health, Dr. Davis, had gone down because of a report, caused "I believe by those close to my honorable friend" The report, he asserted, spoke of a food shortage at Moose River.

Col. Harrington, the premier continued, was not satisfied with making veiled innuendos, but he had done through the medium of a Toronto newspaper what he did not want to do in this province. "He wanted to give the Toronto papers the impression that he was going to force an investigation when he knew one would go on," Mr. Harrington said.

"My Honorable friend has made threats of dismissal which he has not been able to carry out for three years and which will never be carried out." The premier said that if the opposition leader had been snapping around the departments of the government getting backdoor information, then there certainly would be dismissals.

"It will be a searching investigation," he assured Col. Harrington.

The opposition leader, he suggested was endeavoring to suggest from beginning to end of the interview that the government was condoning irregularities and that it was responsible for the whole calamity. Reading a section of the interview which said the Stellanor miners had to take mat-

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