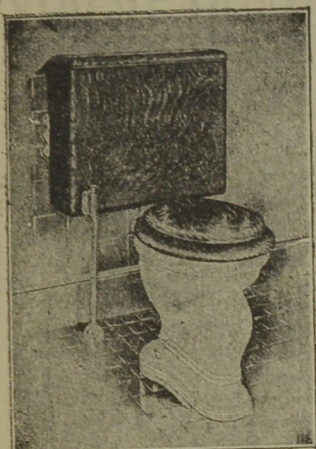


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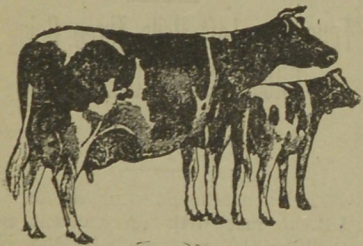
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Hon. Mr. Lemieux's Charge in Regard to the Postmaster-General's Contract for Mail-bag Locks---Alleges That Hon. Mr. Pelletier's Political Friends Received Large Share of "Graft."

Ottawa, April 1—"Let me urge hon. members opposite not to defend the boodlers" was the significant comment of Hon. Mr. Lemieux when he rose in Parliament tonight to reply to statements made by Hon. Mr. Pelletier in relations to the reports in The Globe and other Liberal newspapers concerning the contract the Postmaster-General had made for mail-bag locks. Government members vigorously applauded Mr. Pelletier's declaration that the press had maligned him.

"Do not defend the boodlers" counselled Mr. Lemieux, suddenly checking the Conservative enthusiasm. "I warn you that this is the worst boodling case that has ever been before this Parliament. When I am through with a plain statement of the facts of this matter I intend to ask the Prime Minister to appoint a committee to make a searching investigation into the whole circumstances."

Premier Borden sat silent but Mr. Pelletier sprang to his feet with a demand for retraction.

"No," said Mr. Lemieux, "I do not retract. I ask the Premier for a special committee of investigation and stand by the result. I say this is a boodling case and I am surprised to see hon. gentlemen opposite stand behind the boodlers. I repeat that it is a scandal, a robbery and a boodle, and that political friends of the Postmaster-General engineered the graft, receiving a large amount out of the profits which the contracting Ontario Equipment Company does not take."

HOW RIGHTS WERE SECURED

After reading the House from Hansard, Hon. Mr. Pelletier's statement that he had purchased 350,000 mail-bag locks at \$1 each and that he had awarded the contract to the lowest tenderer Mr. Lemieux proceeded to give the House the statement of the case. The new lock, he stated was invented by a poor mail conductor in Quebec and the rights to the invention were purchased from the clever young inventor by two political friends and a nephew of the Postmaster-General. These three in turn sold the rights to the Ontario Equipment Company of Ottawa for an enormous profit. The patent rights were secured, "and" continued Mr. Lemieux, "they succeeded in demonstrating to the Postmaster-General what he has just told us, that the lock at present in use for mail-bag was a rotten lock."

"The present lock is all right, everyone knows it," volunteered Hon. Dr. Beland, former postmaster general.

MR. PELLETIER BEGINS DISCUSSION.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier, postmaster general, opened the discussion by requesting the privilege of repudiating what he termed "ear-marked" statements which appeared in The Globe and other Liberal papers concerning the purchase of mail-bag locks. These statements, he said, were "unfair and inaccurate, and put the case in a most false position."

He had brought with him the contract for the 350,000 mail-bag locks.

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and desired to put the case fairly before the House. The newspaper articles had alleged that the post-office department had favored friends unduly and entered into the contract when the government came into power.

The facts, he alleged, were that when the patent governing the previous locks expired, a new lock under a new patent had to be secured. The old lock was in such a miserable state that it became necessary to dispense with it. The Globe had informed the country that the postmaster general had bound the department to purchase 350,000 locks. The contract showed plainly that the government was not bound to take one lock if it did not meet with approval and the contracting firm, (Ontario Equipment Company of Ottawa) was to deliver them as the department required them.

CLAIMED PRICE WAS FAIR.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier said he did not know any member of the company beyond having met the manager twice while negotiations were on. He excused himself for having had to rely on the advice of the officials in his department, because he had had little experience in office himself. He then read letters from the deputy postmaster general, R. M. Coulter, and Mr. Sydney Smith, comptroller of postal stores, to the effect that one dollar per lock was a fair price.

"With an increase of \$2,000,000 in the sale of stamps during the past year, I think we can afford to get new locks to insure the safety of the mails," declared the minister.

He estimated that there were from 115,000 to 120,000 old locks now in use.

ALLEGED FORMER LOCK WAS "ROTTEN."

"The former lock was a rotten lock, in so far as providing for the safety of the mails is concerned," he declared.

Mr. D. D. McKenzie, Cape Breton, interrupted the minister by recalling that he had defended a mail carrier in court last fall charged with robbing mail bags, but there was no suggestion made by the crown then of the old locks being "rotten."

Hon. Dr. Beland—"Because they were all right."

Hon. Mr. Pelletier reiterated that the former postmaster general had fixed the price at \$1 per lock.

"That price was paid for 7,000 locks, not for 350,000," said Hon. Mr. Lemieux.

A TREMENDOUS JUMP.

Mr. Lemieux noted that whereas the department had purchased on the average only some 6,000 locks per year prior to Mr. Pelletier's advent to office, one of the first acts of the latter was to place an order for 11,162 locks from the Ontario Equipment Company, although just previous to that the department had bought 4,500 as sufficient for the year. Now came the jump to 350,000. If the old locks were "rotten" no evidence had been given to substantiate the statement. There had not been a dozen locks broken open in the past few years.

FACTS AS TO CONTRACT.

The facts were that a mail conductor named Grenier had invented a lock. This invention had been taken over by Dr. Forget, Ami Don and M. Baillargeron, a nephew of Hon. Mr. Pelletier. Then, through the Ontario Equipment Company, also composed of political friends, the contract had been entered into with the postmaster general without tender. Although the price was the same as paid for the old locks, it was to be noted that only small orders were given, on the recommendation of Mr. Sydney Smith, comptroller of the department. For a large order like 350,000 locks surely tenders should have been invited and the price made lower.

DISREGARDED THE TERM.

Mr. Pelletier had charged that the ex-postmaster general had bought 100,000 rural mail delivery boxes and that these were now stored all over the country. Mr. Lemieux pointed out that the contract had been entered into on the condition that the boxes should be manufactured in Canada, and paid for as needed by the department. As soon as Mr. Pelletier took office he had paid the whole \$150,000 for these boxes at once, despite the conditions of the

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contract. If there was any blame attached to this transaction it lay at the door of the present postmaster general. Mr. Lemieux concluded with an earnest request to Premier Borden for an investigation.

MR. PELLETIER CALLS FOR LETTER.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier, with a great display of indignation, declared that Mr. Lemieux was asserting as facts something which he was not giving documentary evidence in regard to. Let the letter, he said, referred to by Mr. Lemieux, stating that improprieties existed in connection with the contract, be produced at once.

Mr. Lemieux promised to produce the letter and the writer promptly if an investigation were granted.

PREMIER ATTEMPTS DEFENCE.

Premier Borden based his defence of the postmaster-general simply on the wording of the contract. It did not bind the department to buy any locks except on the order of Comptroller Smith.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux—"The postmaster general specifically stated in the House last week that the whole 350,000 locks had been purchased. Give us an investigation and we will see what the facts are."

INVESTIGATION IS OFFERED.

"If the member for Rouville, (Hon. Mr. Lemieux) or any other member on the opposition side has any charges to make let us have them, and we will be prepared to give the fullest investigation," said Mr. Borden.

He sat down and the House went into concurrence on items in the estimates which will be contained in the supply bill.

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(Monetor Times)

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PUZZLE FOR THE NUMISMATISTS

Discovery of an ancient Rome or Greek coin in an Illinois Indian mound at least 300 years old may open an unexplored history, according to Dr. Alfred Emerson, a prominent numismatist, of Chicago. Dr. Emerson said he had never seen a coin like it and could only estimate that it had been made in Rome or Greece during the period between 250 B. C. and 250 A. D. "It shows," he said, "that there must have been some prehistoric connection with the American continent before the white invasion, or that someone of the earlier explorers happened to possess the coin and it fell into the Indian hands. It is hard to understand how one of these explorers could have in his possession a coin 1,000 years old."

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