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CROCKET'S MOTION DEFEATED ON A PARTY DIVISION

Scandalmongering Tactics of Member for York Met with Little Favor in Parliament--Falsity of His Charges Exposed.

Ottawa, April 21.—The House of Commons today spent a longer time in discussing the purchase by the government, for \$5,000, of the so-called, "sawdust" wharf at Richibucto in 1908, than it spent in putting the Naval bill through the committee stage; almost double the time it gave to the third reading of the bill, and almost as long as it spent altogether in putting the new immigration bill through all three stages. The opposition's piece de resistance "scandal" of the public accounts committee this session, developed at about a dozen meetings of the committee, and exploited last night in a three hours' speech by Mr. Crocket, and again today by Dr. Reid, and Meighen, was very effectively laid away by the clear-cut and convincing explanations of the whole transactions given by Mr. Carvell and Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

Insinuations of collusion on the part of the minister of public works in paying to party friends too high a price for the wharf, formed the major part of the opposition case. Though challenged to do so by Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Crocket declined to make any formal charge of wrong doing on the part of the minister.

The one kernel of fact on which all the insinuations rested was that the wharf which Thomas Murray sold to the department for \$5,000 had but a short time previously been purchased by Mr. Murray from Richard O'Leary for \$700. For the rest the speeches of the opposition members was mostly made up of the usual allegations of graft and rake off.

CHARGES COMPLETELY REFUTED.

The refutation made by Mr. Carvell and Hon. Dr. Pugsley to the charges may be briefly summed up. The minister showed that the purchase had been made in order to provide needed wharfage accommodation at Richibucto; it had been made in the usual way on the report of the district engineer, Mr. Stead; that Mr. Murray's price of \$5,000 for the wharf was a fair and reasonable one; it had been made without the knowledge of the minister that there had been a previous transfer of the property for \$700; it was in the public interest to secure the wharf, and instead of paying too much for the property the government had got a bargain, as was shown by the fact that an offer had been received from Messrs. Loggie, a reputable and well known business firm, to buy it back for \$5,500. As conclusive evidence of this latter fact Dr. Pugsley noted that two-thirds of the property secured had been resold to the Messrs. Loggie for \$3,500.

The net result of the whole transaction was, therefore, that for \$1,500 the government had got the most valuable part of the wharf property and was now in a position to afford Richibucto much better terminal railway facilities at the water front.

NO ONE TO BACK O'LEARY'S STATEMENT.

In conclusion, he laid stress on the fact that Mr. Crocket had been able to bring to the public accounts committee no witness outside of Richard O'Leary, a prejudiced partisan, who was prepared to swear that the government had not got a good bargain. Not a single resident of Richibucto or of Kent county had been produced who could say that the government had paid too much. On the other hand, all the other evidence taken before the committee showed that the government had got good value for the public money.

In winding up the discussion, after an all day debate, Mr. Borden expressed great indignation at the "enormity" of the whole transaction, and he endorsed the wording of Mr. Crocket's resolution, declaring that the said purchase was a corrupt and fraudulent transaction, which deserves the severest condemnation of the House.

Mr. Crocket's motion was lost on a party division, by 111 to 63, a government majority of 48.

The division was characterized by something unique in the history of parliament.

Joe Russell, of Toronto, and A. B. Crosby, of Halifax, entertained the House with a series of duets on mouth organs.

CARVELL SCORES CROCKET.

In the morning a smashing speech was made by Mr. Carvell, who showed that Mr. Crocket had unsuccessfully and unfairly pursued the minister of public works for several sessions—last year on the Central railway case and this year on the Richibucto wharf purchase. His speech last night had been an adroit distillation of the facts made by reading portions of the evidence before the committee, but always omitting to give the explanations which witnesses had furnished.

Mr. Carvell showed that \$5,000 was a reasonable price for the wharf and that was borne out by the fact that the government had since sold a portion of the property for \$3,500, so the third which it retained—and was all it needed—had cost only \$1,500.

He said that Andrew Loggie, who had stated the price of the wharf was fair, was a man whose evidence could be relied on and he thought his words were entitled to more weight than were those of Richard O'Leary, who had said the price was too high.

After luncheon Dr. Reid continued his attack and made a speech full of characteristic personal allusion. He reiterated his charge that Mr. Carvell was animated in the course he had followed by a promise of a judgeship, and when that gentleman again denied the charge, Dr. Reid came back with the remark that Mr. Carvell had stated at Fredericton that he intended to stay in public life even if they did fling judgeships at him.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley followed, and was frequently applauded as he expressed the falsity of Crocket's statements.

THE MINISTER'S REPLY.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, who was greeted with loud Liberal cheers, made a vigorous defence against Mr. Crocket's charges and proved them to be utterly baseless.

He said no man who had read the evidence could fail to be struck with the evident desire and determination of Mr. Crocket to give to the house only that part of the evidence which suited his case and to conceal important evidence which was most material to the full understanding of the case.

When the application for increased wharfage accommodation at Richibucto was first made by the Kent Northern railway in May, 1908, he instructed his engineer to make a report in the usual way, but it was not true, as stated by Mr. Crocket, that he had instructed that such report should be made without delay. The usual order was given and there was no request for extraordinary speed at all.

Mr. Crocket had been absolutely unfair in his citing of Mr. Loggie's evidence. He would not say that he had been wilfully unfair, he would be charitable and would say that he acted with an ignorance of the duty which he owed to the house.

The whole case was based upon the charge that he had discussed the purchase of the wharf with Messrs. Murray and Robertson, when they came to Ottawa. Mr. Crocket had not had the manliness to ask either himself, (the minister) or the other two gentlemen whether the question had been discussed. He preferred to allow his opportunity in committee to pass and then to insinuate from his place in the house that such had been the case. Any honorable man would have asked that question, but Mr. Crocket preferred to make a reckless and villainous insinuation. He had not the courage to get up in his place and taking the responsibility, make a definite charge. He had the courage to insinuate but he would not take the responsibility of making a definite charge.

"Now," said the minister, "I declare that every word of the evidence of Mr. Murray was absolutely true and that the subject of this wharf was never mentioned at our meeting in Ottawa."

"O'Leary could not know what took place at Ottawa, for he was not present, and if it comes to the question of what took place at Richibucto I would infinitely prefer to give credence to the evidence of Murray than that of O'Leary. O'Leary has shown a willingness to swear to anything which would tend to help the case against the department regardless of whether it was true or not."

"The fact that O'Leary had produced what he alleged to be a copy of a letter sent to the department, but which it was afterwards proven was not the letter at all, stamped him as a man upon whose evidence little reliance could be placed."

The minister made a good point when he emphasized the fact that although O'Leary had expressed a willingness to sell his other wharf for \$2,000 he had refused an offer of \$2,500 from Messrs. Loggie. In fact, he had gone back on his oath.

As a conclusive argument in proof of the contention that the government got full value for its money, he read from the evidence given before the committee by Mr. Loggie, showing that he had advised Mr. Murray not to sell the wharf for \$5,000 and had himself made a bona fide offer to the government to buy the wharf for \$5,500.

Mr. Meighen, of Portage la Prairie continued the debate, going largely over the same ground covered by Mr. Crocket.

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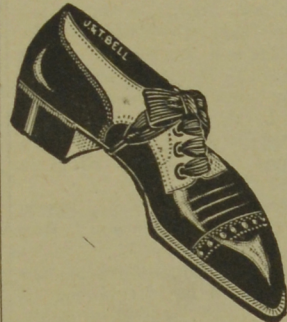
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