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CONTRACTOR CLAIMS HE WAS NOT OVERPAID

Winnipeg, June 9.—In the course of his examination before the Royal Commission yesterday afternoon Sir Rodmond Roblin was questioned about signing in June last year an order for the payment to Kelly of \$215,000 for steel for the parliament buildings. He said he signed it along with about fifty other documents that day and did not read it.

A telegram from Sir Rodmond to Dr. Montague was read mentioning "prominent Liberals" attitude and possible conditions. The ex-premier said that the Liberal meant was Mr. T. R. Deacon, former mayor. "We understood Deacon was going to run as a Liberal candidate in Winnipeg, and if he did we did not feel it was good politics to exercise any more influence in his favor than was

necessary." This in reference to possible orders from Deacon's firm in connection with the buildings.

"In other words, if Deacon was to run in Winnipeg he was not to get an order?" he was asked.

"It was not put in that way" was Roblin's reply. "I personally felt that if Deacon were a Liberal candidate I would prefer the work should go somewhere else, if that could be done without losing any money. If he intended to run as a Liberal candidate I did not care to have very close relations."

Sir Rodmond said Dr. Montague replied to the wire that he would ascertain whether Deacon would be a candidate or not. If not, then Montague would lend every energy to secure the steel contract for the Manitoba Iron Works, the company Deacon represented.

"You suggested Montague should see 'prominent Liberals' and make impossible any misunderstanding?" asked Symington.

"Quite correct."

"What was the misunderstanding that should be made impossible?"

"That he should run as a Liberal candidate if he got the contract?"

OFFICIAL RECORDS DESTROYED

Sir Rodmond accepted full responsibility for the destruction of official records in connection with the contract for \$802,650 let to Thomas & Sons for steel for the parliament buildings just before last provincial election.

Dr. Montague had recommended the contract, but went to the Premier after it was awarded and intimated it was desirable to rescind it. Sir Rodmond consulted Kelly, who made no objection to surrendering the agreement and in order to "avoid complications," Sir Rodmond had the copies collected and destroyed. The reason, explained Sir Rodmond, was that the contract was awarded first

getting expert advice, and Dr. Montague said unless he could consult experts before awarding such a big contract he would take no responsibility for it.

Joseph Bernier, former provincial secretary, and a member of the Roblin Government, pleaded guilty ignorance of all matters in connection with the parliament building contract. He had been acting minister of public works while Dr. Montague was away, but in signing papers he had acted pro forma.

Sir Rodmond Roblin was again on the stand in the afternoon. He said that the first evidence before the Public Accounts Committee displeasing to him was when he learned Salt was missing and that his book had been altered. After a day or two, Mr. Cridwell said that Salt had been located in the United States and that a man was going after him. He believed a man had been sent, but Salt had refused to return. It was suggested that some persons were interested in preventing the return of Salt, but Sir Rodmond said he was not in a position to cast reflections. He further said that as the result of a cabinet council on the Salt matter, that he had become convinced that something was wrong. Kelly, however, had assured him that he had not been overpaid.

NON-COMMISSIONED

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Hunt, Henry Everett
Johnston, William John
Johnston, Joseph Richard
Kierpatrick, William Wallace
Kierstead, Alonzo Bates
Lawson, Percy Mathias Ham
London, Roy Berton
Laskey, William
Lewis, Walter Frank
Lawrence, Reginald Herbert
McLaskey, Austen William
Masters, Tyrrell Willcox
Mersereau, Byron McLeod
Manning, Harold Bruce
Mundee, Oliver Isaac
Marshall, Frederick
Marcus, Jacob Albert
Moore, John Carlisle
McLean, Cecil Wendall
Noble, Donald McRae
O'Dell, Harry Lewis
O'Neill, Charles
Penny, Gordon Abel
Parker, Ralph Morton
Paterson, John Donald
Peacock, Walter
Parsons, Thomas William
Power, Patrick
Pitman, Joseph Samuel
Pille, John William
Robertson, Frank Ernest
Russell, David Sinclair
Ryan, William John
Stead, Harold
Stephenson, Alfred Edward
Speight, James Edward
Sommerville, William Arthur
Spicer, Wylie Bushman
Sparrow, Alfred James
Simonds, Wingate Franklin
Scobbie, George
Speight, Stephen
Stevenson, Raymond Robert
Smith, Walter Calkin
Stephenson, William John
Steeves, Aubrey Hazen
Trifts, John Keble
Turner, Robert John
Turner, James Simonds
Virtie, Roy Appleby
Watts, Charles Rae
Wood, Percy Henry
Wilson, Dennett Wardlow
Withers, Samuel John
Young, William Harold
Yorke, Cleveland

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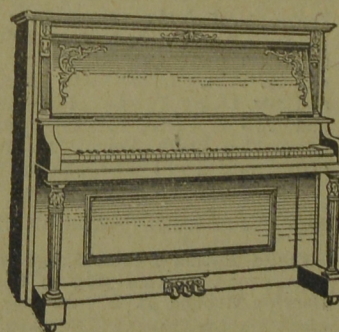
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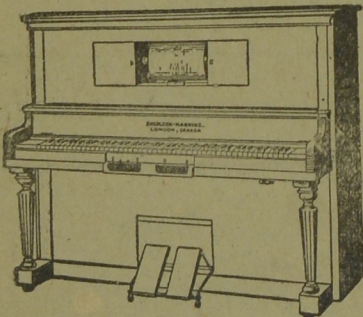
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