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RIPPED IT UP THE BACK.

Mr. W. P. Jones Finally Disposes of

THE FABLE MANUFACTURED BY MR. TITUS CARTER

Respecting the Bell Estate.

At the nomination proceedings at Woodstock Mr. W. P. Jones, one of the government candidates in Carleton, effectually disposed of Mr. Titus Carter's legend regarding the lunatic Bell and his estate. Mr. Jones said: And now, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I wish to speak to you about a matter which has not been referred to by any of the speakers here today, but which has been made an issue in this campaign by the friends of the opposition party. It is with reference to the Daniel Bell estate.

Some days ago there appeared in the St. John Sun a statement which had been made by Mr. Titus J. Carter, at Grand Falls at a political meeting, in which statement Mr. Carter reflected upon the government in a contemptible and false manner, for what he called their mismanagement and dishonesty in connection with the estate of a lunatic, who was confined to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

FALSE CHARGES.

This statement was wholly misleading, and while Mr. Carter's charges reflected upon the government, they also reflected upon myself in such a manner that I feel called upon the more particularly to reply to them today. And this the more because this garbled statement has been published in circular form by the opposition party in this province and sent broadcast throughout the country. The facts are these:

Daniel Bell became insane and went to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum from this county in the year 1899. When Mr. Bell went into the asylum he left some property. Some time after he was admitted an application was made by Mr. Vince, on behalf of one of his sons to Mr. Justice Landry for the appointment of a committee of his estate. I was instructed by the asylum commissioners to appear for them on the hearing of this application, and to guard their interests in the matter. I stated there that the commissioners were very desirous that a committee should be appointed, and would throw no obstacle in the way of the applicant, provided he complied with the law with reference to bonds. The result of this application was that an order was made appointing the applicant the committee, upon bonds being first given as security for the lawful administration of the estate. These bonds were never given and the matter dropped.

TO PREVENT WASTE.

There was then no person for some months who had any right to represent the estate. In the meantime there was an accumulating account against Mr. Bell for maintenance in the asylum, and in July of that year I was instructed by the commissioners to take charge of the personal property of the lunatic, which was being scattered and wasted.

I may explain to you that the law provides that when a person is confined in the asylum and no provision made by his relatives or others for his support, and when the municipality from which he comes refuses to pay for his support on the ground that he has property, the commissioners of the asylum may take possession of a part or all of his property, whether actually required at the time for his maintenance or not. And I wish to explain also that I was acting merely as a solicitor. I was not in politics. I was open for business and was as willing to undertake business for the commissioners as I would for any person. This personal property, with the exception of some promissory notes, to which I will refer later, was advertised and publicly sold by Albion R. Foster, deputy sheriff for the county. The proceeds of this sale

were then forwarded by me to Mr. Robert Marshall, who was then and had been for many years previous the secretary of the asylum.

ROBERT MARSHALL'S ERROR.

Mr. Marshall was an old and valued public official, but he made a mistake in crediting this money, and instead of placing it to the credit of Daniel Bell, as instructed by me, he placed it to the credit of one William Briggs, who was also at that time an inmate of the asylum. Now I wish you carefully to remember how this mistake occurred, and that it did occur, because this mistake, which was merely a clerical error, was the sole ground of the equity suit about which Mr. Carter speaks of in his address. Now, sir, when Mr. Carter made that address he knew that this mistake had occurred, and yet he had not manliness enough to state the facts; and why? Because if he had stated the facts the foundation of his charges would have fallen to the ground. Mr. Carter accuses the commissioners of taking from Mrs. Bell and keeping promissory notes amounting to \$2,000, when he knows and when he himself has stated in the bill which he brought in the equity court in this matter, that those notes were returned by the commissioners to Mrs. Bell. The records of the court prove this.

MUCH WORK NECESSARY.

Now, a mistake having been made in crediting the money to William Briggs instead of to Daniel Bell, there did not appear any credit to Daniel Bell on the asylum books, and the senior commissioner of the asylum wrote and asked me to go to the record office and make a thorough search as to the real estate owned by the late Daniel W. Bell, and to ascertain the value of the different parcels. This I did, and I spent two or three months off and on in searching and investigating these matters. Mr. Bell had been a heavy dealer in real estate, and I had to examine more than 170 conveyances to and from Daniel Bell, most of them prepared in a country district and with very loose descriptions of the property conveyed.

But before this search had been completed, on the 27th of July, I wrote the following letter to the Hon. Mr. Tweedie:

Woodstock, N. B., July 27, 1899.

To Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Chatham, N. B.:
Re Daniel G. Bell, a lunatic.

Dear Sir,—I have taken possession for the commissioners of all the personal property which can be found. It consists of quite a number of promissory notes, which I am endeavoring to collect, three horses and some other articles. The act does not seem to give the commissioners power to sue notes. Have they the power? I fancy that a good many notes will have to be sued, the most of them before commissioners, as the amounts are small. I thought of advertising the horses and selling all at public auction after a few days' notice. I suppose this would be your intention. I think more would be realized in that way with less expense than in trying to sell privately. I have not yet completed the search of real estate but will finish soon. We will be in a position to send you a statement of same with value, etc. I find that there are some creditors. Have the commissioners any and what rights as to payment of debts and in what position do they stand with reference to creditors? Suppose an estate were insolvent could the creditors seize funds or property in hands of commissioners? Mrs. Bell, wife of the lunatic, told me that she intends taking possession of a store at Bristol with a dwelling overhead and that she proposes to live in the dwelling and rent the store in order to maintain herself. There is no other place for her to live. She is now living with a son. So I suppose there will not be much objection to her doing this. At any rate the store now is in such a position as regards the lessee of Bell, who assigned for the benefit of his creditors and who it seems has paid the rent up to October, 1900, by the erection of buildings under the terms of the lease, that I would not feel like taking possession of it. I think that under the terms of the lease Bell would have no right to enter until the expiration of the term, so that if Mrs. Bell takes possession and lives there for a year or two it will affect no one very seriously. Will you please advise me about selling, etc., and collecting.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. P. Jones.

It is the latter part of this letter, referring to the store at Bristol, to which I wish to call your particular attention. This is the only piece of property that Mr. Bell left outside of the homestead, which was mortgaged, of any particular value. This was a valuable piece of property and had cost Mr. Bell upwards of \$3,000. To this letter Mr. Tweedie replied as follows:—

Chatham, N. B., July 31, 1899.

To Wendell P. Jones, Esq., Barrister, Woodstock, N. B.:

Re Daniel G. Bell, a lunatic.

My Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst., and in reply beg to say that you had better sell the personal property as soon as possible. In regard to Mrs. Bell, I do not wish you to do anything that would injure her in any way. Let her take possession of the property if she requires it to maintain her. In regard to the notes, I will look into the matter, but I think the commissioners have the power to proceed to collect them. I will write you further about this.

Your in haste,

L. J. Tweedie.

WIDOW'S INTERESTS GUARDED.

And acting upon his instructions I did nothing to disturb Mrs. Bell in the possession and control of the Bristol store.

A voice—Who did?

The president of the Conservative association for the county of Carleton, Mr. J. Norman W. Winslow.

After Mr. Bell went to the asylum Mr. Winslow issued a writ against him, served it on him when he was in the asylum and obtained a judgment against him. On this judgment the sheriff of the county of Carleton seized and sold under the execution the Bristol store.

This thing Mr. Winslow had a perfect right to do, but why should the commissioners be falsely accused of turning Mrs. Bell out of her home when they did no such thing?

Mr. Winslow foreclosed the mortgage on the homestead, and after all this was done and I had reported the matter to the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, and after I had reported to him also that there were other creditors of Daniel Bell, who might seize upon the remainder of his property, Mr. Tweedie instructed me to seize the remainder of the real estate for the protection of Mr. Bell and Mrs. Bell, for the protection of the commissioners of the asylum and the municipality of Carleton.

Now, sir, those other properties consisted of isolated pieces of land, of some value, it is true. I do not think there was a building, that is a dwelling house, on any of them. Now, you will remember that when these lands were sold by me, more than a year had elapsed since Bell went to the asylum, and according to the books of the asylum, kept by Mr. Marshall, there appeared no credit on the account of Daniel Bell, so that Mr. Bell owed quite a large sum for maintenance.

GOOD PRICES OBTAINED.

These lands were advertised and sold at public action by the police magistrate of Woodstock, who is a licensed auctioneer. They were not only advertised and sold at public auction, but I had informed myself previous to the sale of each lot as to its value and had communicated with certain persons who would likely purchase them, and the result was that when the sales took place the very best prices that could have been obtained were realized for these lands. In fact the other day, in the parish of Kent, I learned that some of the parties who had bought the lands stated that if I had not had some person present at the sale to bid the lands up they would have got them for a very low price, and I have yet to learn that there was any of these purchasers who got their lands for any great bargain, but on the contrary I have been informed many times that the lands brought their value at the sale.

Now, Mr. Carter and gentlemen, what good were these lands to Mrs. Bell? The basis of Mr. Carter's accusations, remember, is that the commissioners persecuted Mrs. Bell. These lands were of no good whatever to Mrs. Bell. Under the law she could not take them; she could not sell them, and she had nothing but her dower in them. They were non-productive, practically. We did not sell Mrs. Bell's dower in these lands. We held no right to sell Mrs. Bell's dower. Mrs. Bell still has a right to dower in these lands and has, since the sale, collected her dower from some of the purchasers and has a right in these lands from which she has not received her dower. We sold the lands subject to dower and it was so stated at the sale.

If this property had not been taken charge of by the commissioners it would

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have gone to creditors, because I am prepared to prove that there are legal claims still outstanding against Daniel Bell in the hands of creditors.

CARTER SHARPLY ANSWERED.

Now I wish to say a few words about the statements made by Mr. Carter that my account for expenses was double what it ought to have been. I emphatically deny this. I have given you some idea here today as to the nature of the services performed by me in connection with these lands, but my answer to Mr. Carter's contemptible accusation is this: That, as he was dragging this thing through the equity court he could have laid this bill of my expenses before Mr. Justice Barker, just as I lay my hand now on the desk before the sheriff of the county of Carleton, and requested the judge to tax my bill according to law.

This Mr. Carter did not do, and why? Because he knew that my bill was correct, and further, that when Mr. Carter became an attorney-at-law he took an oath, which every attorney must take, and the gist of which is that they will conserve the interest of their clients in every particular. Now, sir, if Mr. Carter believed, as he says he does, that my account was double what it should have been, he violated this oath when he allowed it to go without having it taxed by the judge.

Mr. Carter is condemned out of his own mouth, but, gentlemen, as a matter of fact, he knows it to be correct. Mr. Carter had only one ground of suit against the commissioners of the lunatic asylum, and that was on account of the mistake made by the Hon. Mr. Marshall, as I have already stated. When that mistake was discovered, by an investigation of the books, after the commissioners had communicated with me and after I had informed them as to the date of my first remittance to them, and when it was pointed out to Mr. Carter that this money from the sale of the personal property had been remitted, Mr. Carter knew that his ground of suit was gone, and for that reason was glad to have the matter arranged.

CARTER'S LETTER.

Look at his letter to Mr. Arthur I. Trueman:

Andover, N. B., Dec. 29, 1901.

To Arthur I. Trueman, Esq., K. C., Barrister, etc., St. John, N. B.:

Dear Sir,—Yours of the 26th inst. received and contents noted. Replying to the same, I may say that you are doubtless correct about the items in my bill of costs which you mention as not taxable. My experience with equity costs is limited. Send me check for amount you name, \$234.02, being balance of \$134.02 in hands of commissioners and costs of suit \$100.00 together with form of release of suit which you want executed, and I will have same returned by next mail. I am very glad to have this matter closed without further trouble. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) T. J. Carter.

A MANLY STATEMENT.

I wish to state here and now that I am willing to have this Bell matter probed to the bottom. I am willing to have it laid bare before the people of this country. There is not one cent unaccounted for; there is not one item in connection with it of which I am ashamed, and I am willing to have an investigation, and a court investigation, as to any of my acts since I began to practice law, or since I began to do business. I was in the wood-working business for 10 years and I have been practising law for six years, and I have done business with a great many of the men within the sound of my voice today, and I am willing to be judged by the people of this county upon my reputation and upon the knowledge which you have personally of me and of my conduct in business.

HARTLEY'S SHARE.

Now, sir, Mr. Carter is very much shocked that the commissioners would think of selling the Bell property, but let me tell you who it was that acted for the trustees of the school district in endeavoring to sell one or two lots of the Bell property which I did not sell.

You may be somewhat surprised when I say that this solicitor was a good Conservative, and is a candidate in Carleton county today on the opposition ticket. Mr. J. C. Hartley had no compunction with reference to this matter. He acted for the trustees in the sale of this real estate for the taxes, and I wish to say right here that Mr. Hartley had a perfect right to do so. I am not casting any reflection whatever against Mr. Hartley who I believe to be an honorable man, but what I do say is this, that neither myself nor the commissioners should be accused in such a mean and contemptible manner in doing what Mr. Carter's political friends had no hesitation in doing.

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To put the brake on the wagon going down the hill is a help to the horse, when the wagon is heavily loaded. But what driver would think of applying the brake to a loaded wagon going up hill? If he did, his sensible horses would probably balk. Many a man is in the condition of pulling a load up hill with the brake set against him. When his stomach is out of order, and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition impaired in their functions, a friction is set up which has to be overcome in addition to the performance of daily duties. A foul stomach makes a foggy brain, and the man with a disordered stomach has often to grope his way through the day's business like a man in a fog. He forgets appointments. Problems seem presented to his mind "wrong end to." This condition is entirely remedied by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It puts the stomach and digestive and nutritive system into a condition of perfect health, and gives a clear brain, a steady hand and a light step for the day's duties. When constipation clogs the channels of the body, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets will work an effectual cure of that disastrous disease.

Smithly (just returned after a long absence)—Is Brown still attentive to your daughter? Oldboy—No. Smithly—She jilted him, then? Oldboy—No, she married him.

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