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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

Feast of the Assumption was today and solemn high mass was celebrated in the Cathedral at eight o'clock by Rev. Arthur F. Allen. He

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RAILWAY CONTRACTORS SWEAR NO POLITICAL INFLUENCE WAS USED IN THEIR BEHALF

Luther B. Smith and E. Lorne Merrithew the Principal Witnesses at Yesterday's Session of the Stevens Enquiry—Their Firm Made No Contributions to Campaign Funds and No Outsiders Were Interested in Their Contracts.

Engineer Foss Estimates That Profits of the Nova Scotia Construction Company Were About \$233,000—Not An Exorbitant Profit on Construction Aggregating More Than \$2,000,000—Engineer Maxwell Also Examined—Commission Will Resume Today.

There was little important evidence at yesterday's session of the enquiry into the affairs of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. Luther B. Smith and E. Lorne Merrithew of the Smith and Merrithew company were the principal witnesses examined. They swore no political influence had been used in their behalf, that they had made no contributions to campaign funds and had given no consideration to any one in connection with their sub-contract or the prices they received for it, that no one but themselves was interested in their company or their contract and they were interested in no other contract.

Mr. Carvell seemed to desire to link Mr. George B. Jones up with the Smith and Merrithew concern but both witnesses positively swore that Mr. Jones was not interested and that they had made no contributions to campaign funds in Kings county.

Mr. Merrithew caused some amusement when he said he had personally contributed to election expenses in York county, notably in Canterbury. "And," he said directly to Mr. Carvell, "you put up more there than I did."

Engineer Maxwell and Engineer Foss were also called to the stand. Mr. Foss estimated the profits of the Nova Scotia Construction Company on the contracts would be about \$233,000, this figure approximating the difference between the sum they received and what was paid to sub-contractors. This estimate did not appear to strike any person as an unreasonable profit representing little more than ten per cent. of the cost of the work.

The enquiry was resumed at 2:15 this afternoon and it is expected to-day will complete the taking of evidence.

Luther B. Smith.

Luther B. Smith, of Smith & Merrithew Ltd., was the first witness. To Mr. Carvell he said that he and E. Lorne Merrithew had been in business as contractors before the organization of the present limited liability company. At that time the firm had a direct sub-contract on the Valley Railway north of Fredericton. Their company then had done work on the force account for the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. Mr. R. J. Arnell was a partner in that work. Arnell was the man who stated that money had been paid to J. H. Crockett of the Gleason, Fredericton, but so far as witness was concerned not one word of Arnell's statement was true. Mr. Arnell was now in Ontario. Not one cent of Smith & Merrithew's money went to Crockett.

Witness and Mr. Merrithew formed the limited liability company in May 1916. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was the company's solicitor. He was familiar with the law regarding the organization of limited companies and it was necessary to have three on the directors, and witness had spoken to several people to get a third man

Mr. Carvell—"How much did George B. Jones get out of this?"
Mr. Smith—"Not one cent."
Mr. Carvell—"How much did your concern put into the political campaign funds?"
Mr. Smith—"Not one cent. We were more fortunate than Kennedy & Macdonald. Hon. Mr. Baxter was our lawyer and he did not advise us to contribute to any one."
Mr. Carvell—"How much has your firm contributed the funds of the local government party of that day since the contract was signed?"
Mr. Smith—"Not one cent as a company. We were not asked to."

Put No Money in Kings.

Mr. Carvell—"How much did you individually contribute to a political fund in Kings county?"
Mr. Teed objected to the question as it concerned witness' personal business and had nothing to do with the case.

Mr. Smith—"I'll answer that. Not one cent."

Mr. Carvell—"How much have you contributed to political funds for any person?"
Mr. Smith—"I do not know. I have always contributed. I have run elections myself and have been under some expense but kept an account. I did not contribute one cent in Kings County."

No Political "Pull" Used.

Witness did not now that his company received the highest price of any of the sub-contractors with the exception of Kennedy & Macdonald. He gave the Nova Scotia Construction Company a figure for the work and would not do it for less. "I want to no political and asked one to assist me to get a better price. That is my right and that is the truth."

FAMILY DOCTOR'S GIVEN ADVICE

To Go On Taking "Fruit-a-Lives" Because They Did Her Good

ROCHESTER, P. Q., Jan. 14th, 1915.
"I suffered for many years with terrible indigestion and constipation. I had frequent dizzy spells and became greatly run down. A neighbor advised me to try 'Fruit-a-Lives.' I did so and to the surprise of my doctor, I began to improve and he advised me to go on with 'Fruit-a-Lives.' I consider that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-Lives' and I want to say to those who suffer from indigestion, constipation or headache, 'try 'Fruit-a-Lives' and you will get well.'"
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He had never issued stock. His company did not election funds. He knew his company got on other basis and he was not interested in any company that did tender. He had tried to get the Toronto Construction Company to put in a bid, working with Messrs. Deeks and Hinds of the company. He came to St. John from Montreal with Deeks the day before the tenders were made up. He did not know whether Deeks tendered. He had no talk with Mr. Tennant that day and did not know whether Deeks did or not.

To Mr. Carvell he said that when he went to the Nova Scotia Construction Co. for a sub-contract he expected to get ten miles of work. He got about six miles. The Construction Company told witness that they could get others to do the work cheaper and that the amount of work witness' company was getting was as much as they could finish. Their work was all finished with the exception of a bridge at Jones Creek. Part of the sub-contract had been again sublet to the Poupore concern and Poupore had some rock work to do on his piece.

To the Commissioner witness said no one had asked him not to tender for the whole work. No one outside of himself and Mr. Merrithew was interested in any way in his work. Mr. Tennant had never approached him. He had no intention of tendering on the unit basis for the whole job. Mr. Jones did not offer to assist him in any way.

To Mr. Carvell he said he did not think he had any conversation with the Nova Scotia Construction Company before his limited liability company was formed. He asked Mr. Lindsay for a sub-contract and Mr. Lindsay replied that if they were fortunate enough to get the whole contract he would consider giving Smith & Merrithew Ltd., a sub-contract.

E. Lorne Merrithew.

Mr. Merrithew was next called. He said he had been in partnership with himself and Mr. Merrithew was now a member of the Smith & Merrithew company. He was present at the meeting when the company was organized. He corroborated Mr. Smith's evidence as to the arrangement with Mr. Fenwick. Fenwick was to put up his third of what money was required but he did not think any special sum was mentioned.

Witness was secretary-treasurer of Smith & Merrithew Ltd. and Mr. Smith was president. The company

D. F. Maxwell, until recently inspecting engineer on the Valley Railway, was next called. He said informal tenders had been asked for the construction of the road by the late Hon. Mr. Clarke, and forms had been sent to contractors asking them to tender. Kennedy and Macdonald, the Corbett

concern, the Hibbard Company and A. Triggs had tendered. He did not remember that the Cook Construction Company of Halifax had been asked to tender. A report on all tenders coming to him had been sent to Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Carvell asked witness if he could identify a form of tender sent in by the Cook Construction Company under the date of September 8th, 1915, and offering to build the Centreville-Andover section of the road.

A Comparison of Prices.

Witness and Mr. Carvell compared prices of the Cook tender with those paid to the Nova Scotia Construction Company. The Cook tender was \$115 per yard for solid rock and 35 cents per yard for other material. The Nova Scotia Company was to get \$155 for solid rock, 45 cents for loose rock and 40 cents for common excavation. The Cook Construction Company tendered \$25 cents for train fill and 40 cents for ballast. The Nova Scotia Construction Company got 40 cents for train fill and 50 cents for ballast.

Mr. Carvell—"You tendered that the Cook tender had not been accepted. He did not remember receiving it, but if it had come to him he must have sent it to Mr. Clarke with the others."

To Mr. Teed he said no reasonable comparison could be made between a tender offered in 1915 and prices paid in 1916 or 1917 as the cost of everything entering into railway construction had advanced in the meantime.

To Mr. Carvell—"I do not understand if the Cook tender was handed to me how it came into your hands. If I got it I handed it to Mr. Clarke. That is how I got it."

Mr. Clarke Had Authority.

The witness said Mr. Clarke acted on his own responsibility in calling for tenders. His recollection was that there was a letter with the tenders which would give information about them.

Mr. Carvell—"Mr. Clarke had authority to call for tenders as premier of the province. I would be inclined to commend him for it."

To the commissioner, witness said he strenuously objected to Mr. Clarke calling for tenders on the mileage basis as he did not think it the best way. Mr. Clarke however was very careful and wanted to know what the whole road would cost when completed. He thought the line to Rothery would cost more per mile than to Westfield.

Mr. Carvell—"If they could build for \$39,000 per mile to Rothery they should be able to build more cheaply than that to Westfield."

Mr. Maxwell—"No one but a lunatic would think of building to Rothery for \$39,000 per mile."

C. O. Foss.

C. O. Foss of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company was recalled. He had estimated the cost of the road from Gagetown to Westfield at \$1,800,000, but in view of the exorbitant cost of rails he had brought this figure up to \$2,000,000. The cost would be about \$33,000 per mile. The mileage was 37.85. He then told at some length of the endeavor to get rails and of the agreement with Mr. Gutelius of the C. G. R. to supply rails. This agreement Mr. Gutelius was unable to carry out.

A Reasonable Profit.

He had prepared an estimate of the profits to be earned by the Nova Scotia Construction Company on the completed work from Gagetown to Westfield. That estimate was based on the difference between the prices received by the Nova Scotia Construction Company and what they paid their sub-contractors. The work yet to be done included considerable train haul fill on the Gagetown end, some concrete work, a heavy cut at Woodman's Point and some ballasting. He figured the Nova Scotia Construction Company would make \$233,000 profit on that section. Out of this they had to pay their overhead which would not be large. They also claimed they had

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WANTED—At once capable and experienced stenographer. Initial salary \$50 per month. Apply Box 14.

WANTED—One first class superior teacher, of school district, No. 6 Parish of Grand Manan, County of Charlotte. Apply, stating salary to A. B. Winchester, Secretary of School Trustees, North Head Grand Manan, N.B.

WANTED—Second Class Female Teacher for Smithtown School District No. 9, Parish of Hampton. Apply stating salary to J. W. Scovell, Secretary to Trustees.

WANTED—A man of character with mechanical ability and experience in machine design, drafting, Good position for right man. Apply stating age, training, experience and references. Box 7, care The Standard.

WANTED—First or second class teacher, District No. 1, Parish of St. John, N. B. Apply, stating salary, to James Elgie, secretary.

WANTED—A man to run a gasoline lighter carrying wood from Lubec to Calais, Maine, for the balance of season. Apply to P. B. Newton, 70 State Street, Boston.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—Agents at a selling mendota, which means greasy, hot water bags, rubber boots, reservoir, rollers, metal and tinware without cement or solder. Sample ten cents. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ontario.

lost \$25,000 on the purchase of ties. On the Kennedy and Macdonald sub-contract, the Nova Scotia Construction Company would make \$53,036.25 and on the Smith and Merrithew contract \$27,795. Profit on other sub-contractors would be \$152,174.46. These figures were based on the actual figures of the contract.

The present Vondra can return the books in their possession, or, if they wish to retain them, will be allowed a reasonable time to settle for same. The following are the prices of books sold by the Department, and the prices at which they are to be sold by Dealers:

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21st Reader.....	1.05	22nd Reader.....	1.10
23rd Reader.....	1.15	24th Reader.....	1.20
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27th Reader.....	1.35	28th Reader.....	1.40
29th Reader.....	1.45	30th Reader.....	1.50
31st Reader.....	1.55	32nd Reader.....	1.60
33rd Reader.....	1.65	34th Reader.....	1.70
35th Reader.....	1.75	36th Reader.....	1.80
37th Reader.....	1.85	38th Reader.....	1.90
39th Reader.....	1.95	40th Reader.....	2.00
41st Reader.....	2.05	42nd Reader.....	2.10
43rd Reader.....	2.15	44th Reader.....	2.20
45th Reader.....	2.25	46th Reader.....	2.30
47th Reader.....	2.35	48th Reader.....	2.40
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53rd Reader.....	2.65	54th Reader.....	2.70
55th Reader.....	2.75	56th Reader.....	2.80
57th Reader.....	2.85	58th Reader.....	2.90
59th Reader.....	2.95	60th Reader.....	3.00
61st Reader.....	3.05	62nd Reader.....	3.10
63rd Reader.....	3.15	64th Reader.....	3.20
65th Reader.....	3.25	66th Reader.....	3.30
67th Reader.....	3.35	68th Reader.....	3.40
69th Reader.....	3.45	70th Reader.....	3.50
71st Reader.....	3.55	72nd Reader.....	3.60
73rd Reader.....	3.65	74th Reader.....	3.70
75th Reader.....	3.75	76th Reader.....	3.80
77th Reader.....	3.85	78th Reader.....	3.90
79th Reader.....	3.95	80th Reader.....	4.00
81st Reader.....	4.05	82nd Reader.....	4.10
83rd Reader.....	4.15	84th Reader.....	4.20
85th Reader.....	4.25	86th Reader.....	4.30
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97th Reader.....	4.85	98th Reader.....	4.90
99th Reader.....	4.95	100th Reader.....	5.00

RIOT IN BARCELONA

Paris, Aug. 15.—Six persons were killed and nine others were wounded when strikers clashed yesterday with soldiers at Barcelona, according to a statement issued by the Spanish captain general and received here by the Petit Parisien.

Great circuit racing at Joseph. Come one, come all. Friday and Saturday afternoons.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Re Plumbing and Heating St. John County Hospital.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received at the office of the Works Branch M.H.C. Discharge Depot, Bank of Montreal, St. John, until 5 p. m., 20th inst., for the Plumbing and heating work required for the additions to St. John County Hospital, St. John, N. B.

Plans and Specifications can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the above address.

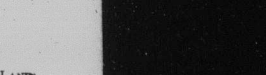
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In certain districts a homesteader may secure an adjoining quarter-section as pre-emption. Pre-emption must be made within six months of the date of the homestead patent and must be made within six months of the date of the homestead patent.

A settler after obtaining homestead patent if he does not secure a pre-emption, may take a purchase homestead in certain districts. Price \$5.00 per acre. Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 30 acres and erect a house worth \$20.00.

Holders of entries may count time of employment as farm laborers in Canada during 1917, as residence under certain conditions.

Deeds of entries may be returned or posted for entry, returned soldiers who have served overseas and have been honorably discharged, receive one day priority in applying for entry at local Agent's Office (but not more than one). Deeds of entries must be presented to Agent.

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A discount of 15 per cent. on the selling price of the books will be allowed on orders for school books. Freight will be prepaid to the nearest Railway Station by the Department, only on orders amounting to \$5.00 and over. All shipments must be made to the Superintendent of the School Book Department, and only by Post Office Order, Express Money Order or Cash, by Registered Letter. No order less than \$5.00 will be received.

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