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GAMMAGE COURT ACQUITS PRES. COCKBURN

Ex-President of Ontario Bank and Director Harcourt Contradict McGill.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—G. R. Cockburn, ex-president of the Ontario Bank, was discharged by Magistrate Denison today on the charge of signing a false bank statement.

Mr. Cockburn took the stand in his own behalf and denied the evidence of Mr. McGill and his story was believed. Evidence for the defense was given in the trial this morning of Mr. G. R. Cockburn, ex-president of the Ontario Bank, who had been charged with signing a false bank statement. Mr. Cockburn, a member of the directorate, absolutely contradicted Mr. McGill's evidence as to the board having had knowledge of the New York speculation, and described the directors as "horror-stricken" when the announcement of the bank's condition was made. Mr. Harcourt was most emphatic in his statements.

Accountant Chenoweth also contradicted the ex-manager, especially in reference to what the latter said at the time he was asked to take a seat in the securities ledger from the clerk, Mr. Chenoweth swears that McGill asked at that time who had let out the money by the board's orders. Is that true?

Director Harcourt Testifies. Hon. Richard Harcourt, who has been ill, was allowed to take a seat during his evidence. He became a director of the Ontario Bank in 1904, but was not a member of the executive committee.

"It has been stated that the directors were all aware of New York speculations, that it was done practically by the board's orders. Is that true?" "Absolutely false. I would not have remained an hour on the directorate if I had known a dollar had been so spent."

"It has been said that he was told not to tell the board about the bank buying the bank's stock and speculating. Is that true?" "So far as I am concerned personally it is absolutely false."

"He has said that you told him to keep quiet about it." "Absolutely untrue. I would have resigned in 30 seconds."

"I believed this was an absolutely true statement," declared the witness, when Mr. Arnold produced Mr. McGill's statement presented in June last. "Was Harcourt Stricken?"

The witness told next of Mr. Pope's calling a meeting of directors. "I put it mildly when I say I was horror-stricken. I thought it a desperate state of affairs. I said to Mr. Pope that the general manager might have something to tell us to disprove our suspicions. Mr. Pope kept saying, 'It is only suspicion, of course.' Mr. McGill later stated that there was nothing wrong; that the bank was all right. I said I was delighted, but to make assurance doubly sure, I would like to have things inquired into. We asked if our June statement—the whole of it—was right, or if we were deceiving the shareholders and living in a state of paralysis. Again and again Mr. McGill said 'Right. The bank is all right.' Some one of the directors wanted confirmation, and sent him for the books. Mr. McGill became nervous at last. Finally, as the result of careful and persistent questioning he admitted there had been deception."

"Why did you allow me to join the bank under such circumstances?" asked one director.

"There's no use talking about that now," answered Mr. McGill.

"What is the extent of the trouble, will \$100,000 cover it?" asked a director.

"No answer came."

"Will \$200,000 cover it?" was the next question. "Perhaps we can fix things even if \$200,000 will cover it," McGill was silent a long time. Then "I can't say," he answered.

"He was given—as seemed reasonable—time to investigate."

"Did he claim," asked the magistrate, "that any of the directors—the president—knew?"

"Of course not. He kept saying, 'The bank was all right. The president was dead in earnest in increasing the dividend.'"

"You got a statement from him?" asked Mr. Arnold.

"After a little time."

"Was he directed to write off a loss of \$10,000?"

"We were face to face with a loss. I don't know about that. We were unanimous \$99 times out of 1,000, and any directions given by the president would be with the consent of the full board."

This concluded Mr. Harcourt's evidence, and Mr. Corley said he would not cross-examine.

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