

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1923

Premier Replies to Charges Made by Rev. Mr. Goodwin

Challenges Statements Made
by Clergyman in Hart-
land Address

Commissioners Ask Name of
Vendor and Full Investi-
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A spirited and indignant reply on the part of Premier Veniot was made in the House yesterday in regard to the charges reported to have been made by Rev. H. A. Goodwin, of St. John, in an address at Hartland this week, that the Government had control of the liquor interests, and that the Premier wanted a law here like that in British Columbia, and that the commission encouraged the sale of liquor for revenue purposes. At the same time the liquor commission was taking steps to bring the allegations to a showdown. A letter has been forwarded by the commission to Rev. Mr. Goodwin, "that Mr. Goodwin has not been correctly reported because his statements are unjust, unfair and untrue. Ever since I assumed the leadership of this government on February 1st, last, I have striven to enforce the prohibition law to the fullest extent. I challenge any man to point to any utterance of mine since I assumed the office of Prime Minister that could be interpreted as meaning that I expected, desired or hoped for the introduction into this province of a liquor law such as they have in British Columbia." He said that when he assumed the leadership of the government, he declared that he would put forth every effort to have the present act enforced, and so he said the other day, if after a genuine and honest effort to enforce the law has been made and been found ineffective showing that the fault was in the law and not in its enforcement, then he would call together the various interests concerned to try to find some plan that would be satisfactory.

Mr. Goodwin will reveal the name of the vendor who made the charges, said Hon. Mr. Veniot, "and if that vendor will prove that any liquor commissioner told him to sell liquor illegally since I assumed the direction of this Government in February, then I shall dismiss that commissioner so fast that he will not realize he ever was a commissioner."

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Rev. Mr. Goodwin Makes Statement

Rev. H. A. Goodwin, secretary of evangelism and social service for the Methodist church in the Maritime Provinces, who was in Oromocto last night, told The Telegraph over the long distance telephone that the report of his address at Hartland Tuesday evening was incorrect in some details. Regarding his reported statement that a St. John vendor had told him that "One of the liquor commissioners called upon him for orders," etc., which has been denied by J. F. Tweeddale, chairman of the commission, and Martin McGuire, the other commissioner, Mr. Goodwin said that he had been incorrectly reported. What he really had said, he declared, was that a young man "who said that he represented the liquor commissioners," called on the vendor and made the statements.

Mr. Goodwin said that he had the name of the vendor and knew him to be an honorable and highly respected citizen. He also knew the young man's name, but he would not give either to the press as he had promised to withhold them. It was not probable that he would give them to Mr. Tweeddale or Premier Veniot, unless the vendor gave him permission.

Commissioners Deny Allegation

Sir:—We read in The Daily Telegraph of March 15 inst., of a meeting recently held in the United Baptist church at Hartland, N. B., at which the Rev. H. A. Goodwin gave an address on the subject of temperance and the administration of the Provincial Prohibitory Act, in which he was reported to have said that a vendor in the city of St. John told him only a few days ago that one of the liquor commissioners called on him for orders and, receiving none, requested the vendor to get busy and sell as much booze as possible, because the government needed the revenue, and it did not matter whether people had prescriptions.

The commission wish to at once give their absolute denial to the statement. First, the commission did they ever tell a vendor or authorize any one else to say they could sell liquor without a prescription, or that the government needed the revenue, and it did not matter whether people had prescriptions?

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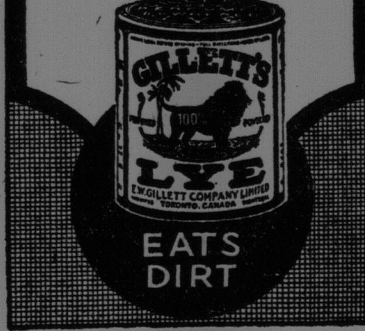
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vendor who made the statement, upon receipt of which the commission will compel him either to verify or retract the statement.

J. F. TWEEDDALE,
Chairman of the Commission.
MARTIN MCGUIRE,
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ROBBERS TAKE WAR MEDAL AND HIT OWNER FOR PROTEST

New York, March 16.—Morris A. Adler, a partner in the drug firm of Pekane & Adler, Brooklyn, told of a hold-up which took place on March 8, of which he was the victim. Mr. Adler said that he was closing the store in the evening when three well-dressed men entered and pointed revolvers at him. They forced him to the back of the store and while one of the bandits kept him covered with a revolver the other two bound him with ropes.

The thieves took \$151 from the cash register, a check for \$80 and a service medal received from the Government for work rendered in France with the Medical Corps during the World War. Adler displayed with the robbers took leave his war medal, but they replied by striking him. The police of the Fourth Avenue Station gave out no information concerning the robbery.

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An interesting, timely and inspiring address was delivered before the Men's Club of St. Luke's church last night by Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison, minister of the First Presbyterian church, West St. John. Dr. Morison had for his subject "Modern science and religion."

An appreciative audience heard an enjoyable concert given by the Jubilee Troupe, in St. Phillips church last night. The soloists were given by Miss McAleer, Mrs. T. Jordan and Mrs. P. Redwell, instrumental selections by George Stewart and Prof. McCallum, a duet by the Misses Boyd and a reading by J. N. Berkeley. A. S. Skinner presided.

An excellent entertainment was given by the concert party from the steamer Marburn at the Seamen's Institute last evening. The affair was largely attended and the programme was thoroughly appreciated. This is the third entertainment that this concert party has put on at the Institute this season. Those who contributed to the success of last evening's entertainment were: Messrs. Hennegau, McDowell, Hawton, Lepin, McMullin, Pevey, Findale and McMillan. Miss Gladys Dykeman acted as pianist during the evening.

Frederick Ernest Whelpley, who has been appointed acting treasurer, of the Atlantic region, Canadian National Railway, Moncton, was born at St. John, August 20, 1861, and entered the transportation service, May 1, 1883, since when he has been to December 1, 1883, clerk aboard the American Steamship Company, Montreal; December 1, 1893, to May 1, 1903, outward freight clerk dock department, with same company, Hoboken, N. J.; May 1, 1903, to June 1, 1915, cashier, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton; June 1 to February 19, 1923, assistant treasurer, Canadian Government Railways, Moncton.

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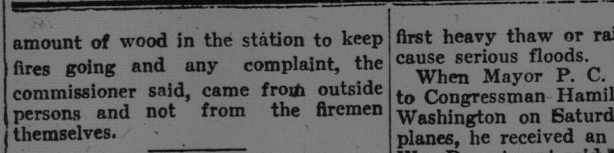
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