

MR. ROGERS EXPOSES A SHAMEFUL CONSPIRACY

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boxes had been used, was revealed today in a statement made to the House by the Postmaster General, replying to a question by J. H. Rainville, K. C., of Champlain. Vercheres.

Between January 28, 1909 and September 29, 1911, the election period, the late government paid out \$180,000 for sixty thousand of those boxes. Mr. Pelletier's statement showed that the last fifty thousand boxes ordered were to have cost \$150,000 under the arrangement made by the old government. The present government came into office before this payment was made, and Mr. Pelletier succeeded in having the total reduced to \$135,000.

Despite this record, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux sought to find a scandal in the present minister's contract for the purchase of mail bags, to be delivered as required by the department.

Mr. Oliver's Amendment.

When the Minister of Finance moved that the House go into committee of supply, Hon. Frank Oliver presented an amendment to the motion, declaring that the land had been granted to Arthur Donaldson on April 16, 1912 in violation of the rules and practice of the department of the Interior and contrary to the public interest; that the Hon. Robert Rogers, a member of this House, having been at the time the said entry was granted, Minister of the Interior, was responsible therefor, and that the grant of such entry deserves the censure of this House.

Mr. Oliver said that a piece of land of some 75 acres, located within the corporate limits of the city of Prince Albert, was granted as a homestead on April 18, 1912, to Arthur Donaldson, son of the late Hon. Robert Rogers, and that notice had been under reservation, and that notice had not been given that it was available for settlement; that the land having been the property of Arthur Donaldson, had become worth a large sum estimated at \$100,000.

The Edmonton member asserted that property belonging to the Dominion and worth \$100,000 had been presented to a worthy citizen of Prince Albert, who happened to be a political friend of the Minister of Public Works and a friend of the Conservative party.

At this juncture Mr. Oliver announced that he had just received a telegram reading as follows:

"Donaldson homestead placed on market as Howard place sub-division at values aggregating \$174,000."

Attempted to Hedge.

Mr. Oliver sought to deny that the ruling which he had just received in connection with the disposition of a quarter section adjoining that secured by Mr. Donaldson, could furnish any precedent for the action by the Interior Department under Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Oliver read a letter, written by S. J. Donaldson to the department, in which he sought to secure the 75 acres under discussion by locating half breed scrip. He was told that the requisite ten days notice would have to be given by the Dominion land agent that the land was available.

Mr. Oliver closed by saying that the government was preparing to dispose of a quarter section of land which had been razed as school land. The government, he declared, was giving prizes for political support.

"There were not many prizes left when you got through," interjected Mr. Bradbury (Selkirk) amid laughter.

Mr. Rogers' Stinging Reply.

Hon. Robert Rogers was loudly applauded when he rose to reply.

"Mr. Speaker," said the minister, "Probably very few men in public life in Canada have had such misrepresentation and falsification heaped upon them by the reptile press as myself."

"I have been the victim of misrepresentation and falsification by a bureau which has been established in this city and which sends out literature to all parts of the country under the direction of my dear friend, the leader of the opposition."

"I stand here," he proceeded, "prepared to meet hon. gentlemen opposite their friends out there, and their press in respect of my administration of the public department which has been entrusted to me by the Prime Minister."

Mr. Rogers repeated his declaration.

DIED.

GRAHAM—At her residence, 26 Portland street, on the 17th inst., Mary E. beloved wife of Thomas A. Graham, and daughter of the late Robert Armstrong, leaving besides her husband, one son and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday, 20th inst., from St. Luke's church. Service will commence at 3 o'clock. No flowers by request.

THOMPSON—On the 17th inst., at his residence, 417 Haymarket square, Jeremiah Thompson, in the 80th year of his age, leaving one sister, one son and two daughters to mourn.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

HAZEN—At Montreal, on the 15th inst., Agnes Isabel, wife of Arthur F. Hazen, and daughter of Frederick W. Hazen of this city.

Funeral from St. Paul's church on Friday at three o'clock. Private service at 26 Orange street at 2.15.

HUGHESON—At St. John's, N. B., on April 16, 1913, James Hugheson, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral at 3 p. m. Saturday.

KERR—In the city, April 17th, at his residence, Queen street, John Kerr, chief of St. John's fire department, leaving a wife and brother to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday, afternoon from Trinity church, 8 o'clock. Service at 2.45.

NOTICE.

The members of the St. John's fire department, will meet at 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock on King street east, at 7 o'clock this Friday evening.

"MUCH BADNESS COMES FROM MISPLACED DRAMATIC INSTINCT," SAYS MRS. BELMONT



MRS. AUGUST BELMONT

Under the auspices of the Literature Committee of the Colony Club, Mrs. August Belmont, of New York, at a meeting of the club recently spoke for the first time of the work of the Educational Dramatic League, of which she is president and which aims to utilize the dramatic instinct as an influence for good.

Mrs. Belmont believes that in many cases the "badness comes from a misplaced dramatic instinct." She says that this is especially applicable to the many bad boys committed to institutions of correction.

She said that the dramatic instinct is a very powerful one, and that it is often the cause of much of the badness that we see in the world.

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CITY ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED YESTERDAY

Printed Copies of Year Book Out for 1912 — Contents Should Prove Gratifying to Citizens.

Printed copies of the annual reports and accounts of the city for the year 1912 were issued yesterday. The year book is printed on better paper than usual, and its contents should be fairly gratifying to the citizens. There are the usual reports of the mayor, the chamberlain, and comptroller, with the reports of the work of each commissioner during the year.

In his report Com. Schofield recommends serious consideration of the question of having the West Side ferry slip removed to King street (West).

The bonded indebtedness of the city at the close of the year stood at \$5,928,795. Com. Wignam reports the largest surplus for the water department of any year, and claims a saving in the cost of the general work. The water assessment was \$144,655, an increase over \$12,000 over 1911. The assessment on real estate, personal property and income for 1912 was \$30,624,800; the number of rate payers was 14,425, and the city revenue was \$1,417,356.

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He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Tracey, of this city, one son, Alexander, chief car inspector for the N. Y., N. H., and Hartford Railway, and two daughters, Mrs. George Tracey, of St. Martins and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of this city.

Good Quarters for West End Battery. The work of rebuilding the Carleton drill hall has been completed and the West Side battery now has a fine armory. The drill hall was destroyed by fire some time ago, and in rebuilding the structure has been considerably enlarged and fitted up in the style. It is a wooden building and while of course it is not in the same class with the new armory being built in the South End, it is well adapted to the needs of the militia on the West Side and is a credit to the Department of Militia. The men are very much pleased with their new hall.

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