

NEW SENSATION UNCOVERED AT TIMBER PROBE

Session Started by Production of Letters Passed Between Hurdman and Niven.

MUST PRESENT FACTS
Commissioners Denounce Forests Secretary's Action As Treachery.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—A sensation was sprung at the timber probe here today in the production of copies of letters passing between G. C. Hurdman, formerly crown timber agent at Sudbury, and P. J. Niven, secretary of the lands and forests department.

The commissioners described Mr. Niven's conduct as "treachery," and decided that the minister must be acquainted with the facts and also come before the commission.

The matter in question referred to a government employee named Marks Niven gave evidence today, and was severely scored by the commission.

Hurdman then took the stand and charged that Marks had made a fake report in connection with his checking up of the Spanish River Lumber Company.

Hurdman said he had Marks followed in his work by a spotter, an employee of the government, but refused to give the latter's name. Hurdman admitted he had not told Mr. Harding, crown counsel at that time, or anyone in authority that it was a fake report.

Financing Not Mentioned.

When the timber probe resumed today, with Perry B. Wilson, vice-president of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, still on the stand, Crown Counsel Shirley Denison asked the witness whether the question of financing the company or finding additional capital had been discussed in his presence with the minister during discussions on the question of additional area.

"I never discussed it with Mr. Ferguson," replied Mr. Wilson.

"Was it discussed with Mr. Ferguson in your presence?"

Mr. Wilson said he did not see how any government could neglect considering that his company was a large one, with a large number of employees, but that the election had had no influence on himself.

He admitted he was a Conservative.

"Would you say you had not discussed the election during the course of these negotiations?"

"Yes," the examination then turned on the National Tie and Timber Company, Limited, which died before its inception.

Witness stated that the venture was proposed by Mr. Mea. The object of the formation was to take care of the timber operations and keep them apart from the paper end of the Spanish River Company.

Justice Riddell: "For what purpose?"

He had an idea that the accounts and costs would be better separated. I did not agree with the formation of a subsidiary company, and after what I said about it nothing was done. The charter was never taken out, no capital was invested nor any directors appointed."

In witness' opinion it was an "extraordinary thing" to find its name on a contract with another company.

SHAW DEFEATS BENNETT.

CALGARY, Alta., Dec. 22.—The election of J. T. Shaw, Progressive, over Hon. R. B. Bennett, minister of justice, in the federal constituency of West Calgary, was practically conceded tonight after all the polls had been counted.

Mr. Shaw had a majority of twelve votes. There are, however, 16 ballots on which Judge R. W. Winter has reserved judgment.

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RESTLESSNESS GROWS AS KING DELAYS ACTION

Leading Liberals Favor Meeting of Party To Consider Situation.

STILL AWAITING CRERAR
Drury's Refusal To Join the Cabinet Is Understood To Be Final.

[Special to London Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Days pass by and the new Liberal government is still unformed.

Mr. Crerar, who has received a modified authority from his western supporters to continue the exploration of the possibilities of an alliance, cannot reach Ottawa before Saturday, and the negotiations which will then begin will not be finished inside of two days.

It is altogether unlikely that Mr. Crerar has received carte blanche from his followers to enter the cabinet fold, and the probability is that he will have to go back West and hold a further consultation with them; for it is reasonably certain that H. W. Wood and his Alberta followers have not thus lightly entrusted their political destinies to Mr. Crerar.

On the other hand, Premier-elect W. L. Mackenzie King has duties to his own following, if he is to live up to his professions of zeal for democratic control of public policy. Many of the candidates advocating the Progressive policy, and not a few of them during the campaign repudiated the tariff and other important planks in the Liberal platform of 1919.

May Call Party Meeting.
The policies for which the Progressives will demand Liberal endorsement are likely to be far in advance of anything put forward by most Liberal members to their electorate, and they have a clear right to be consulted before the party is committed to an alliance.

In short, Mr. King will probably be compelled to call a party meeting and ascertain its sentiments upon the new orientation which he proposes.

What he virtually suggests is the transformation of the Liberal into a radical party, and it remains to be seen how far the Liberalism of Quebec is prepared for this sudden advance. Already there are ominous mutterings from that province.

August Liberal leaders there are carefully noting events at Ottawa and watching the progress of the negotiations with the westerners, whose radicalism they have always regarded as highly dangerous.

La Presse and Le Canada have already sounded warning notes that Quebec, which has borne the burden and heat of the day since 1917 and made the greatest contribution to the Liberal victory, must not be now neglected in favor of later loves.

Wrathful Liberals Stalk.
In the precincts of the Chateau Laurier stalk some wrathful Liberals whose place of nativity is not Quebec.

Mr. Frank Oliver of Edmonton has, for many moons, waged desperate warfare with the Progressives, whom, in private conversation he sincerely believes to be Canadian disciples of Lenin and Trotsky, and he has lately suffered the intolerable outrage of defeat by one of them.

He has found some consolation in the general successes of his party, and come to Ottawa in search of a cabinet position, only to find to his mingled horror and disgust that his leader was cheerfully engaged in promoting an entente with his hateful foe.

Naturally, the success of such an enterprise spelt an end of Mr. Oliver's dreams about restoration to the cabinet, and his observations concerning the situation have neglected neither fire nor color. Other Liberals in similar cases are more restrained, but their brows are scarcely less dark.

Crerar's Conditions Unknown.
What exact conditions Mr. Crerar will lay down are unknown, but it is safe to predict that he will drive a very good bargain. Mr. Crerar well knows that having risked so much Mr. King will be ready to risk more rather than be thrown back upon his own resources.

For the malcontents like Mr. Oliver will at once become exceedingly active inside the Liberal fold and cause an infinity of trouble for Mr. King, whose position, owing to the lack of a parliamentary majority, will be exceedingly delicate. But the situation must remain in a state of fluidity until Mr. Crerar arrives and crystallization will probably not begin till after Christmas.

Drury's Refusal Final.
Mr. Drury's visit yesterday was brief but it is understood that his refusal to enter the federal cabinet was absolutely final. He has been heartened greatly by the victory in North Oxford and looks forward to the coming session with confidence. Probably his influence will henceforth be thrown on the scales against any coalition.

The future of the U. F. O. movement in Ontario would be imperilled if the Progressive party were extinguished in the federal field and obviously it must be to Mr. Drury's interest to keep it alive as a separate entity. What would suit Mr. Drury best would be some sort of working arrangement between the two parties for co-operation both in Ottawa and in Toronto.

Meighen & Co. Annoyed.
Mr. Meighen and his colleagues profess great annoyance with Mr. King for his slowness in forming a cabinet and relieving them of their duties. Naturally they have little heart in the duties of governance and they will be very exasperated if they are kept in Ottawa till the New Year, as might be possible.

The suggestion has been advanced in some quarters that Mr. Meighen, having once handed in his resignation and again refused, should, unless Mr. King takes over within a week, insist upon continuing in office till parliament meets.

FUNERAL OF A. B. TELFER.
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Mr. Telfer was an elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, and was a member of the I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Thomas A. of Chicago, Laurie of Port Huron, and Harold of Detroit.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Patterson, and interment took place in Lakeview Cemetery.

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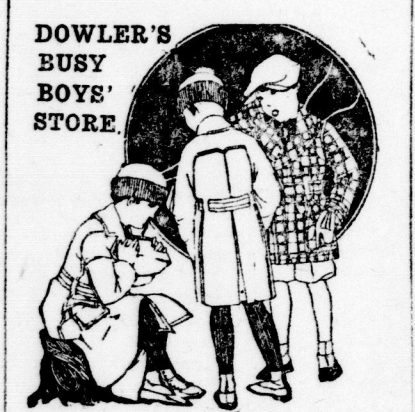
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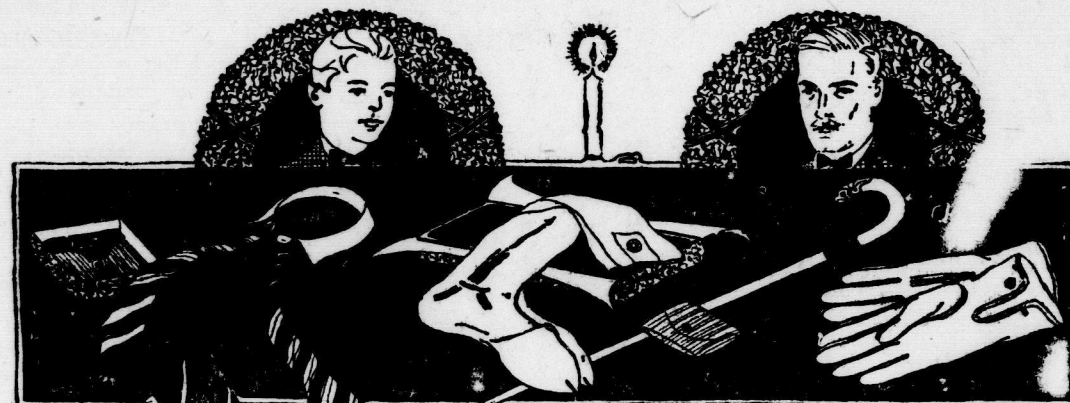
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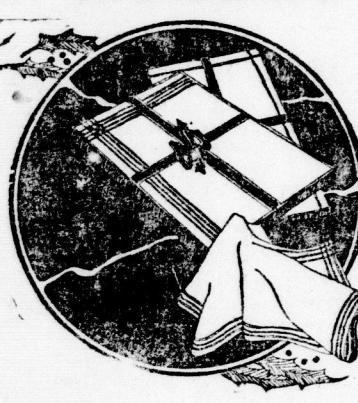
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