

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.

tered by the Court to your Commission that unfounded and vindictive allegations against your fellow citizens is not the character of conduct which commands respect."

The words to which I wish to direct your attention especially are those which suggest that the recent action in the matter of Sims Stransky and Commerce Research Bureau were perhaps "inspired by others to heap contumely upon you."

"Others", I assume, means the Prime Minister of Ontario, against whom principally the disgraceful "Paid for Propaganda?" pamphlet was issued, immediately prior to the last election, as an authorized publication of the Commission from which you had recently resigned. May I say that at no time in the past two years and nine months has your name been mentioned, directly or indirectly, in any communication, oral or in writing, that passed between the Prime Minister and myself?

The action of which you speak was begun and carried to a public hearing to show the people of Ontario that an attempt had been made in the name of the Commission to introduce into Canadian public life the methods of European political spies and agents provocateur. You were able to show that, although you were a member of the Commission, when these proceedings were first begun you had personally no knowledge of them, nor had they come to your attention as a Commissioner at any time prior to your resignation. I regretted that you did not add to your testimony on that occasion, an expression of reprobation of the methods pursued by the agents "A" and "X" in carrying on their operations.

While the judgment of the Court would seem to indicate that there is no legal bar against the hiring by the Commission of persons who turned in such reports as were read in the Court, a very real result of the action will be that no Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the future will dare to authorize or endeavour to profit politically by the operations of secret agents engaged for purely political purposes.



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