

ELK LAKE TELEGRAM MYSTERY CLEARED UP BY SIR JAMES

Premier Reveals Contents of Exchange of Messages Before Election Day Regarding Construction of T. and N. O. Branch Railroad—Held it Back for a Year, Because of "Veiled Allusions" Made by Opposition.

There is now no mystery about the famous Elk Lake telegram. Sir James Whitney in the legislature yesterday divulged the facts during last session and this, J. C. Elliott, Liberal member for West Middlesex, quizzed the premier regarding a telegram which was supposed to have been sent by him to Elk Lake, prior to the last provincial election, promising the construction of a branch line of the T. and N. O. Railway. On an order of the house, showing whether the premier, or any one in his behalf, had received a telegram from the man named Rowlandson of Elk Lake with reference to the building of the branch, and if a reply had been sent, Sir James made a statement which cleared the air.

The Two Telegrams. The premier said that on Dec. 9, 1911, he received the following telegram from John Rowlandson, Elk Lake: "In reference to the newspaper report of Chairman Englehart, that railways should be built to Elk Lake, can you confirm this on behalf of the government? A number of residents are skeptical of report and your confirmation would be accepted as final." The premier replied on receiving the wire: "I have not seen the statement, but it is true that the government has decided to build branch line to Elk Lake." When the question of the telegram came up in the house, the premier said that he proposed to assent to the motion and to bring down a "certain telegram." He said that he had observed "a very ill-natured comment" in The Globe of yesterday morning. "But I am not surprised at that," he said. "Nor at the fact that every subsequent assertion is utterly void of the truth."

The situation was and is now: On the 24th day of December, 1911, about 9 o'clock, I received a telegram from this man, in my home. In the house last session a certain return was moved for, for correspondence relating to the extension of the Elk Road road. It never occurred to me that the correspondence mentioned and intended to be included in this return, had anything to do with a telegram like this. Evidently that was the view taken by some honorable gentlemen opposite. "After attention was drawn to it by veiled allusions, I remembered seeing this telegram and got it from the drawer in my desk at my house, and had it here for weeks waiting and expecting every day that some honorable gentleman would either move for it, or ask a question about it. When I saw that instead of doing that there was that of veiled allusions, when I noticed that no doubt unintentionally, allusions were made as to what was in the telegram. I thought I would just let the matter go. The honorable gentlemen took their course early this session and asked questions relative to this telegram. I suggested that a return should be asked for in order that the rules of the house should be complied with."

Was an Illustration. "I only want to refer to one thing in The Globe this morning—the statement that I had said that no one could compel me to answer this question. My language was by way of illustration, as every honorable gentleman knows, and I am very glad Mr. Speaker that you said that there was no compulsion upon any minister of the crown, to answer any question whatever. Therefore, when I said, suppose I am wrong, and Mr. Speaker decided that the question was a proper one, I could still refuse and could not be compelled to answer. All who read this paper shall see the manner in which truth was laid aside and a nasty attempt made to create feeling against myself. However, I would not look to gain anything in public estimation if this paper alluded to me in any other terms."

Not Compelled There. Sir James then referred the questions being put to ministers in the British House of Commons. "Not a single day passes but a minister is asked as many as 50 questions a day. He does not need to answer. He does not have to say that he will refuse, he simply doesn't answer."

I did at the time." He said that the contents of his reply were opposite to what the public had been induced by allusions and allegations to believe. On reading his answer to the telegram, he added: "After the railroad has been built," following which there was much pounding of desks by Conservatives.

Difficult to See. J. C. Elliott then arose. Regarding the supposed oversight on the part of the opposition for asking for a proper way for the telegram in question, he said that an order had been made for the return of all correspondence last year. "It is difficult for me to see why this telegram, the contents of which were revealed today, was less entitled to be in the return made last year," he said. "A great deal of difficulty would have been avoided had it been brought down in the first return. I disagree with the statement that the responsibility should be placed on this side of the house."

Forged by Some One. Very sarcastically, Mr. Elliott referred to the statement of the premier last year that the telegram to which the opposition referred was a forgery committed by some one. Mr. Elliott put emphasis on "some one" and gazed across the house at the premier. "Un-guarded and incorrect have been the comments by the opposition on this telegram," interrupted Sir James. "The allegations by the Liberals regarding the contents of the telegram were such that I said if these were the contents of the telegram it was a forgery. And so it would have been."

They Want to Know. J. G. Anderson, Liberal for South Bruce, has enquired of the government for information regarding N. B. Colcock, immigration agent for the government in London, Eng., who resigned his office two months ago. Mr. Anderson wants to know whether he resigned or was he dismissed, and if he resigned, was his resignation suggested or asked by the government? He also asks what are the qualifications of Richard Re of Berlin, who succeeded Colcock.

Information, Please. R. J. McCormick, Liberal for East Lambton, desires light on the government's transactions with Willis E. Jackson of Buffalo and others, who purchased two townships in Northern Ontario. He wants to know what part of the purchase money has been

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL FUND FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Official Audited Statement of the Fund Handed to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught.

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Capital Investment, less Liabilities	\$317,919.82
Contributions:	
Signed promises and cash	544,593.84
Toronto City Bylaw	200,000.00
Total	\$1,062,413.66

If the Trustees decide to open up a new Sanitarium on Lake Timiskaming and thus avail themselves of the gift of John Lumsden, Esq., of Ottawa, of property consisting of a furnished hotel, which cost \$75,000.00, the total of this King Edward Memorial Fund will reach the sum of \$1,137,413.66. Signed on behalf of the Trustees,

W. J. GAGE,
Chairman of Executive.

Toronto, February 15th, 1913.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

Toronto, February 13th, 1913.

The Boards of Trustees,
The National Sanitarium Association
and the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives, Toronto.

Gentlemen:
We have examined the books of your Associations and we certify that the accompanying statement of the King Edward Memorial Fund for Consumptives is correct.

We have received letters from your solicitors certifying that the titles to your properties are in order.

The investment in the buildings and equipment at the several institutions shows their aggregate cost, and, in our opinion, the provision for depreciation is sufficient.

We have seen signed subscriptions to the fund for \$343,838.34 and a telegram from Lord Strathcona promising a final and completing subscription of \$125,000. These two sums, amounting to \$468,838.34, constitute the net amount receivable subsequent to 31st January, 1913, all payments made thereon up to that date having been first deducted.

We have not taken into account any excess of expenditure over revenue during the four months since 30th September, 1912, the close of the last fiscal year of the hospitals.

Yours faithfully, F. ROPER, Auditor.

CLARKSON, GORDON & DILWORTH,
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COMBINED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	
of both Associations at close of last fiscal year, Sept. 30th, 1912:	
Land	\$26,499.36
Improvements	7,422.26
Buildings and Equipment	351,475.70
Total	\$385,397.32
Less—Mortgage indebtedness	8,000.00
Reserves for depreciation	34,858.82
Total	\$342,538.50

HAMMOND MEMORIAL FUND	
Held by Royal Trust Company for benefit of the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives under terms of a declaration of trust dated 10th August, 1910	
Total	60,380.29

HAMMOND ESTATE	
Final amount receivable from legacy of \$20,000	
Total	4,000.00

Deduct—Surplus of Liabilities over Liquid Assets at 30th September, 1912	
Total	\$ 406,918.79

CONTRIBUTIONS Received in Cash by the King Edward Memorial Fund and the several institutions from 1st October, 1912, to 31st January, 1913	
Total	75,765.50

SUBSCRIPTIONS to King Edward Memorial Fund	
Amounts payable in cash	\$461,538.34
Amounts payable in trade	7,300.00
Total	468,838.34

AMOUNT VOTED BY CITY OF TORONTO Under terms of Bylaw No. 6323	
Total	200,000.00

Total \$1,062,413.66

paid and if the purchasers have commenced the buildings and works called for in the agreement. He also requests information regarding the estimated quantity in cords of timber in Hagerst and Kondry, the townships which were visited by the wedding of T. R. Mayberry, Liberal for South Oxford, has asked the government why Mr. Southam resigned his position as chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Is Dispute Settled? C. Kohler, Liberal for Haldimand, asks what was the amount of settlement between the Hydro-Electric Commission and the McLaughlin Construction Company, arising out of the contract for the construction of the Niagara power transmission line, and how much of the settlement was in excess of the original contract price? "Are all matters between the two parties now settled?" he asks.

SHOULD CONTROL THEIR HIGHWAYS

Privy Council Decision re North Toronto Litigation Before Legislature.

MEMORIAL TO BORDEN

W. H. Proudfoot, Liberal Member for Centre Huron, Wants Law Remedied.

"That it is of the highest importance to the municipalities of the province that they should have the control of their own highways." This clause is embodied in a memorial to the federal government which W. H. Proudfoot, Liberal for Centre Huron, has given notice of introducing to the legislature on Wednesday. The memorial is to the effect that the house ask the Government of Canada to amend the Dominion Railway Act so as to secure for the municipalities of this province full and absolute control of their own highways, and to remedy the existing state of the law as disclosed by the decision of the privy council in the case of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company against the corporation of North Toronto. It further says: "That by a decision of the judicial committee of the privy council in the year 1912, in

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Enver Bey's Disastrous Failure in Expedition Stirrs Bitter Feeling.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Turkish soldiers last night attempted to assassinate and succeeded in badly wounding Enver Bey, the Young Turk leader, who last week made a disastrous effort to place the flank of the Bulgarian army on the shores of the Sea of Marmora with a "forlorn hope" of Ottoman troops, who were beaten back with terrible losses. A news agency despatch by wireless telegraphy from Constantinople today says Enver Bey was stabbed severely several times.

FROM SAD TO WORSE.

Matters are going from bad to worse with the Turks. Enver Bey's expedition to land a large force on the northern coast of the Sea of Marmora has ended ludicrously. Enver himself narrowly escaping with his life in an open boat. His disheartened men are now crowded, wet and hungry, in the open streets of Gallipoli in the worst kind of weather. All the houses being filled with wounded. It is reported that he will slip his men again to take them across the Dardanelles, owing to the report that the Greeks have landed near Bezikta. Enver, intending to take the forts on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles in the rear.

Retired Farmer Ends Life.

HESPELER, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Dependent because of illness, which made an operation necessary, recently, John Tovel, aged 89, a retired farmer, ended his life today.

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MYSTERY ABOUT DEATH OF HARRISBURG LADY

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Miss Helen Newby, 29 years of age, daughter of T. P. Newby of Heckton, a suburb a few miles north of Harrisburg, was found today on the bank of the abandoned Pennsylvania Canal with two bullets from a revolver in her heart. Miss Newby left her home yesterday for a tramp across the mountain, she being accustomed only by a pet colie and, as usual, carried a revolver. Miss Newby was a prominent figure in Harrisburg society, and was one of the most popular girls in the younger set here. The police are inclined to the suicide theory, but no motive has been assigned.

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