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Declares Inquiry Will Make Possible a Saving Of Half Million Dollars

F. B. Carvell in Able Summing-up of Evidence Before Dugal Commission Deals With Alleged Diversions of Large Sums of Money — Counsel Argue Case and Matter Now Left With Com-

The Dugal inquiry into the charges against Premier Flemming and members of his government, which has been replete with sensations from start to finish, was brought to a dramatic close with the telling speech of F. B. Carvell, leading counsel for Mr. Dugal, y esterday afternoon.

The final day of the public hearing was devoted to the arguments of counsel in the Valley Railway case, and Mr. Carvell's address to the commission was a statement which should command the attention of every resident of the

That the inquiry will make possible a saving to the province of more than half a million dollars was one of the most interesting of Mr. Carvell's statements, and he quoted the facts and figures to prove his assertion.

This immense sum is made up of entries totalling more than \$150,000 which Mr. Carvell asserts should not be paid out of the proceeds of the bonds guaranteed by the province; by the \$100,000 still due on the debt to the trust company, and by the \$400,000 of additional aid to which the company is not entitled but which, Mr. Carvell asserts, would be made available to the company by the methods of bookkeeping employed by the company.

But for the glare of light thrown on the transactions of the railway promoters by the investigation, Mr. Carvell declared that every cent of this money would have been taken by Mr. Gould and his associates and this great additional burden placed upon the province.

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In addition to this were the payments for which, he asserted, there was no justification, the payment of interest on money borrowed and not used for construction, the Seely payment of \$4,000, the \$1,000 to the Gleaner, the \$3,-100 to Mr. Winslow, the \$15,000 paid to Mr. Gould for salary, the \$1,000 to Si,100.

Then there is the amount of \$62,000, cunningly concealed, as Mr. Carvell in County, Ill., sold at Chicago, 19, 1914, five cars of cattle (80) or \$11,784.15, of which 47 steers of 1478 lbs. brought \$10.50 per. of \$338,000 for the same purpose representing ten per cent, on previous work, g 1475 lbs. brought \$10.50 per of \$335,000 for the same purpose representing ten per cent, on previous work, which or \$154.45 per head, while avg. 1878 lbs. brought 10.50 per nds or \$144.70 per head the highest prices he ever resuch stock. Mr. Walker is 81 and has fed cattle and hogs cago market continuously for Vithin this period he has sold ttle as low as \$3.75 per 100 the best hogs at \$2.50 and n selling at eight cents per a now brings eighty cents.

Solve the same purpose representing ten per cent, on previous work, which Mr. Gould said he intends to secure if he can. Mr. Carvell pointed out that the province is financing the entire cost of the road which Mr. Gould will own when completed, and denounced his attempt to secure a ten per cent, bonus along with the gift of the road.

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What the extra \$100,000 was used for Mr. Carvell said he had been unable to prove, because of the refusal to produce the books from the New York office of the railway company. The fact that loan had been made at the time of the last provincial election, he declared, indicated the purpose for which it was required, and he boldly stated that amount had found its way either into the pockets of Premier Flemming or into the campaign chest of the Conservative party.

tive party.

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sistance over and above the cost claimed for the road which is made available by the legislation of the last session of the legislature.

The highest cost claimed for the road is \$38,000 a mile and this is covered by the Dominion subsidy, the first guarantee of \$25,000 a mile and \$8,000 of the second guarantee. There is still \$2,000 of the second guarantee available if the cost can be shown to be so great as to require it, and Mr. Carvell pointed out that the wording of the act makes it possible to apply this amount for the entire 200 miles of road to the ninety-four miles not yet built, and he asserts that the methods of the company will make it possible for the management to claim this additional amount if they are not checked.

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Regarding the personal charges, he simply stated the case for and against Hon. Mr. McLeod and left the commissioners to draw their conclusions. With Mr. Flemming he was not so gentle. Much to the disadvantage of the premier he compared his refusal to answer questions and his efforts to shield himself behind the rights of the accused, with the frankness with which Mr. McLeod gave his evidence, and showed himself ready to take his medicine if any was to

The payment of John Kennedy was sufficient evidence, he declared, of the willingness of the premier to profit by his position and of the fact that he did so. He also referred to the alleged payment by James H. Corbett which could not be proved because of Mr. Corbett's absence from the province and his refusal to come to St. John to give evidence.

Mr. Carvell's arraignment of the premier should be sufficient in itself to drive that discredited politician from public life.

A solemn warning was given by Mr. Carvell to the effect that unless the railway is continued to St. John and Grand Falls to make it part of the Transcontinental system the road, instead of being an asset to the province will be a liability which will hang like a mill stone around its neck.

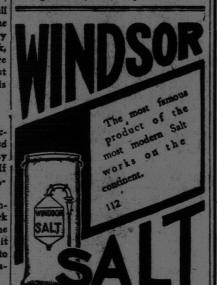
The argument for the complainants was opened by Mr. Stevens with a masterly review of the evidence. He was followed by Mr. G. Teed, K. C., who defended the financial transactions of the company, with the exception of the Gleaner and Winslow payments, and a general defence of campaign contributions. G. W. Fowler, K. C., M. P., followed for the defence in support of Mr. Teed, and buttressed his arguments with an old-style attack on the opposing counsel and the previous provincial administration.

When Mr. Carvell concluded his argument the Royal Commission rose after sitting altogether for thirty-live days of which twenty-four had been devoted to the Valley Railway case and eleven to the timber charges. The date of the first organization meeting was June 4, that of the first in the hearing of the timber charges, June 16, while the Valley Railway case began on June 23.

The case is now closed, the evidence is in and the arguments are made. Doubtless by this time the people of the province have passed their own judgment upon the matter, but there is still to come the official finding of the independent commission appointed for the purpose,

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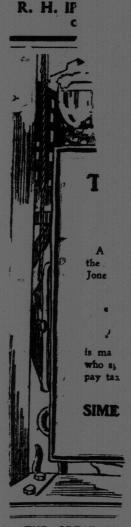
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