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THE MANITOBA SCANDAL Hon. Robt. Rogers Interested

Hon. G. R. Coldwell and Hon. Dr. W. H. Montague were again under examination before the Royal Commission on the Manitoba Parliament Buildings con-tracts last week. Mr. Coldwell absolutely denied the charges made against him by the late provincial architect, V. W. Horwood, and swore he had no suspicion that anything was wrong until April 8 He admitted, however, that on April 1, the day the Royal Commission was appointed, he sent a telegram to Hon. Robt. Rogers at Ottawa in which he said, referring to the parliament buildings affair: "This thing means force to you than anywers on the surface Wauld than appears on the surface. Would advise you to take measures to protect." This telegram was one of a few filed with the commission by the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. It was sent from a branch office and a copy was kept there when the copies at the main office were destroyed on the orders of the head office of the company at Toronto. The action of the G. N. W., which is owned by the C. N. R., in destroying the telegrams wanted by the commission has aroused considerable indignation. The officers of the com-pany have admitted that instructions were given for the collection of all copies of telegrams passing between Sir R. P. Roblin, Hon. G. R. Coldwell, Dr. Simpson and Hon. Robt. Rogers.

Lash Defends G.N.W.

Z. A. Lash, president of the G. N. W., has defended the destruction of these telegrams on the ground that it is the business of the company to guard the secrets of its clients. The question has been raised as to whether the telegraph company is justified in this course when the telegrams relate to a conspiracy by which the public has been defrauded of immense sums of money, but Mr. Lash declines to discuss this point.

Dr. Simpson, who is accused of being a party to the plot and collecting \$100,000 from the contractor for the Conservative campaign fund, has cabled from England and France that he is innocent and that his duties in a military hospital in France prevent his returning to give evidence. He has, however, given permission to the commission to open his strong box in the vaults of the Royal Trust Co.

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