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HOW CARVELL "SKINNED" THE FARMERS

Certain clauses which appear in a contract made between F. B. Carvell's hay company and B. F. Smith's company in 1902, fourteen years ago, are being used in an attempt to show that Mr. Smith is not the only man to skin the farmers, but that Mr. Carvell in by-gone years conspired to get all he could for as little as he could. That is the way the matter is made to appear.

Let us look into it. The clause in the contract which it is alleged proves Mr. Carvell himself conspired to beat the farmers, is in effect that those to whom he let sub-contracts, were bound not to pay more than \$8 for loose hay. That is the kernel of the supposed damaging clause.

In 1902 Mr. Carvell was not in public life—he was not a member of the Commons or the Legislature. He was a private business and professional man, seeking to earn his living in a business-like way. At the time, the dominion government was giving out large contracts for hay to be shipped to South Africa. He secured a contract of upwards of 11,000 tons. He was not a produce-buyer in the ordinary sense but he was instrumental in establishing a compressing plant at McAdam. He sublet his contract to practically all the regular buyers in the county, and the maximum price clause was not made for the purpose of cheating the farmers, but as all parties to the agreement knew, it was to prevent the buyers from cutting each others' throats. B. F. Smith was a subscriber to the clause, so were the half-dozen other contractors. Each was anxious that the other should be held down to the agreed price. That was business, and good business where "business is business." Every buyer of produce seeks to buy as cheaply as he can. So does everybody else.

Now about the \$8 price. Turning to a local paper printed a few weeks before Mr. Carvell's company got underway we find loose hay quoted at \$5 and \$6 per ton. Mr. Carvell did not squeeze the farmers down in price but, instead, set a new standard of price for hay by paying eight dollars. Local buyers for shipment had never before paid \$8 for loose hay.

Did Mr. Carvell rob the farmers?

The attempt is being made to show that Carvell's charges against Smith have fallen flat.

Have they really? Not at all! See: Mr. Carvell's charges have resulted in the government making a new contract with Mr. Smith, at a lower price, and sending a chartered accountant to see that the conditions are lived up to.

In 1902 Mr. Carvell was in private life, seeking his own. In 1915, as for some years, Mr. Carvell was the representative at Ottawa of the farmers of Carleton county. It is his duty to see that they get a square deal.

He is there to safe-guard their interests. He is remiss in his duty if he does not.

In conclusion it may be pointed out that at the time Mr. Carvell made his charge against Mr. Smith the farmers were getting \$13.50 for pressed hay. Almost immediately afterward the price was boosted to \$15. No buyer along the line will honestly say the Carvell revelations were not the cause of the increased price.

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KILLS WIFE AND SELF

A shocking tragedy occurred last Thursday at Woodlawn a settlement in Carleton county, near the boundary line. William Wilson, a well-to-do farmer, murdered his wife and then committed suicide by hanging. It is not known on just what hour the crime took place, but a neighbor, not seeing anyone moving about the place went over and, finding the doors locked, looked in the window and was horrified to see Mrs. Wilson lying on the floor in a pool of blood with a ghastly wound in her head, and an axe covered with blood beside her body.

An alarm was given, men were soon on the scene, and found the body of Wilson hanging from a beam in the barn. The position of the body would indicate that he first fastened the rope and then jumped from the beam, on which he was standing.

Wilson had not been in good health for some years, and of late had been despondent, and it is thought he committed the dreadful act while in one of these moods. There was no trouble of a domestic nature. Husband and wife were about fifty-six years of age, and no children.

An inquest was held, several witnesses were called, and the evidence went to show that both were about their home at noon yesterday. The room would indicate that both had their dinner, and that the crime was probably committed soon after. Mrs. Wilson's head had one terrible bruise which was likely the first blow struck by the insane husband. Her neck had two deep cuts and the blood had been wiped up with a cloth and an attempt to wash the floor.

The body of Wilson was found in the barn hanging to a beam with a rope that had been used in connection with a pitching fork. The body being frozen must have been in the barn several hours. The crime was undoubtedly that of an insane man. The little settlement was greatly shocked over the sad affair and much sympathy is expressed for the numerous relatives of the victims.

The jury through their foreman, Geo. Campbell, returned the verdict that from the evidence submitted William Wilson and Annie Wilson, his wife, met their death Thursday afternoon. That Annie Wilson came to her death from the blow of an axe in the hands of her husband, and that William Wilson came to his death by hanging at his own hands.

Wants Light on Valley Railway Affairs

F. B. Carvell, M. P., has a few questions on the order paper at Ottawa concerning the Valley Railway. He wants to know something about the agreement under which the road is now being operated. He also wants to know who was responsible for the notice served on employees of the road a short time ago to the effect that Government operation would cease on December 31. The people of the St. John Valley will await with interest the replies which will be handed out to Mr. Carvell.

Card of Thanks

I wish to convey my most hearty thanks to all who in any way assisted in making my mother's last days on earth as pleasant and comfortable as was possible under the circumstances, and for their help during the period of the funeral obsequies. I also wish to convey my heartfelt thanks for the kindness and attentions bestowed upon myself during and since my mother's illness and death.

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