

WE ARE NOT DETECTIVES.

Opening of Investigation Into the Marine Department.

Commissioners Refuse to Accuse Any Official.

Justice Cassels Maps Out Line of Inquiry.

Ottawa, May 2.—"I accuse nobody of anything. I neither accuse nor exculpate."

This was the stone wall that Mr. Justice Cassels ran against on Saturday at the opening session of the inquiry into alleged wrongdoing in the Marine Department. The witness was Mr. Fyfe, of the Royal Commission that investigated conditions in the civil service. Mr. Fyfe has not changed his opinion that there are officials in the department who are serving two masters, who lack conscience, and who are dishonest, but he declines to name them on the ground that he is not a detective, and that the evidence of misconduct is open to the judge and counsel in the department itself.

The investigation was begun at noon to-day in the court room of the Supreme Court. There was a large attendance of members of the departmental staff, members of Parliament, and three Civil Service Commissioners, counsel and others interested in what promises to be one of the most remarkable investigations affecting the public service during recent years. That the investigation will be a public one and will be thorough in respect to the whole working of the department during the period covered by the references made in the report, namely, from 1904 to the present, was made evident by Judge Cassels' opening statement as to his views regarding the scope and nature of the inquiry.

Those who made the charges were naturally the first called upon to give evidence from which a beginning might be made to clear up the cloud of suspicion now resting upon every official of the department. Commissioners Fyfe and Bazin, who particularly dealt with that portion of the report bearing upon the Marine and Fisheries Department, and who are primarily responsible for the serious charges made, were examined. Unfortunately, however, little assistance was gained from them which might help either to specify the parties who are guilty or to exculpate those who are not.

Would Mention No Names.

Mr. Fyfe stoutly declined to go before officials whom he had in mind when he admitted he could name one or two officials whom he had in mind when he wrote the report, he repeatedly refused to point to any one individual.

The only assistance that the present commission could get from him, he asserted, was what was already contained within the civil service report itself. He took the ground that, having found the system in vogue in the department wrong, the officials must, therefore, be guilty. Beyond that, he would not particularize, nor would he express any regret for having condemned in one sweeping charge the staff of the whole department, innocent and guilty alike.

Minister Not Involved.

Commissioner Bazin also refused to give any particulars as to whom he considered were the particular individuals guilty, and declared that he had no one in particular in mind, and could name no one. He voluntarily stated, however, that the condemnation of the department on the score of dishonesty did not apply in any way to the Minister in charge.

Owing to Mr. Justice Cassels' engagements to preside at the Exchequer Court sittings next week, the investigation will not be continued until Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, after which there will have to be another interval of probably two weeks unless other engagements are made for filling the exchequer appointments in the Marine Department.

Every Official Under a Cloud.

Mr. Justice Cassels, in opening the inquiry, read a statement of his views as to the scope of his commission. "My duties," he said, "are defined by the commission. I cannot enlarge its scope, and, on the other hand, I feel it my duty to have a thorough investigation." He referred to the specific extracts from the commission's report in reference to "a lack of conscience" on the part of the officials of the Marine Department, and the charges that some of the Government officers were "serving two masters, and apparently succeeding with both, capture notwithstanding." The charge was of a grave and serious nature. "Every official of the Marine and Fisheries Department is under a cloud of suspicion. As I understand the object of the commission, it is to enable each official of the department to have the opportunity to free himself from the charge if the facts justify it. Or if the facts sustain the truth of the charges as to any official, then it should be found and the guilty official reported."

Go Back Three Years.

With regard to the period to be covered by the investigation, his lordship noted that the Civil Service Commission was not explicit in regard to the years embraced in their sweeping charge. But, after reading their report and the evidence, the charges seemed to be mainly confined to the fiscal years 1904-5-6-7. The investigation, therefore, into the alleged wrongdoing of these years would suffice for the present. If considered necessary it could be further extended. As to what should be inquired into he enumerated the following:

(1) All contracts with the department for work performed or for property of the Dominion or for supplies purchased.

(2) The prices paid therefor.

(3) A comparison of current market prices for wages or goods at the time of such contracts or purchases, with the prices governing such purchases for large quantities and the discounts usually allowed. In the case of any overpayments the commission would inquire into the reasons therefor, and the official responsible would have the opportunity of exculpating himself, if possible. The investigation was a judicial one, he said, "I wish it to be thoroughly understood that the work of the Exchequer Court has the

first claim upon my time, and if the investigation is delayed on this account it cannot be avoided so far as I am concerned." The task imposed on us is an onerous one, and must necessarily occupy a great deal of time.

Asks for Public Aid.

Mr. Watson, K. C., said that both he and Mr. Perron quite recognized the importance of the duties which had been laid upon them. "We shall present," continued Mr. Watson, "all the evidence which is available bearing on the subject of this inquiry, and I am especially pleased that the proceedings are to be conducted in open court, and with the dignity which belongs to a judicial forum. We desire especially the co-operation of everyone who is possessed of information which may be considered material to the subject of this inquiry."

Captain Gregory Represented.

Senator Choquette at this point rose to say that he appeared for Captain Gregory, marine agent at Quebec, who had been placed under suspension when this commission was inquired into, and who was especially desirous of an early opportunity of clearing himself of the charges against him. Mr. Gregory was a very old man, over 75 years of age, and was most anxious that, as he had been accused by his suspension, the enquete, in so far as he was concerned, would begin at once.

Judge Cassels replied that he was quite willing that every official whose conduct was under examination and who desired the advantage of counsel should be free to avail himself of this assistance. At the present time, however, there was no charge against Mr. Gregory, so far as this commission was concerned. If any charge was laid against him he would certainly be given the opportunity of availing himself of whatever assistance he desired to clear himself of the same.

Mr. Watson gave an outline of the organization of the Marine and Fisheries Department and of the various public services which it administers, a list of the officials who negotiate or recommend expenditures, and produced also a series of bulky files of papers containing particulars of all the departmental expenditures and contracts.

Origin of the Charges.

As the present investigation had in a measure grown out of the statement made in the report of the Civil Service Commission, they had asked the civil service commissioners to attend on the present occasion, so that Judge Cassels might have the advantage of any information which these gentlemen could supply pertinent to the subject of the present inquiry, and the charges of dishonesty against officials of the Marine and Fisheries Department.

STRANGE DUALITY.

A MERCHANT BY DAY AND A BURGLAR BY NIGHT.

Curious Double Character of Thief Captured at Leicester—John Spencer, Sunday School Teacher and Robber—Protested Against Inefficiency of Police Protection.

London, May 3.—The solution of the mystery of the theft in December last of \$25,000 worth of diamonds from the bedroom of the wife of Capt. David Beatty, of Brocksby Hall is promised with the arrest of John Frederick Spencer, a remarkable Jekyll and Hyde—Sunday school teacher and burglar.

The arrest of Spencer was the culmination of a series of the most skillfully executed burglaries in the fashionable Milton Mowbray and Leicester districts ever perpetrated in England. Scotland Yard itself all but admitted defeat in unravelling the mystery. Time after time detectives made an arrest, only to be compelled to release the prisoner for lack of evidence.

Suspicion never once fell on Spencer, who was regarded as a model business man of Leicester, running a good dry goods store there on week days and teaching a large Sunday school class, boys and girls on Sunday. He attended meetings of charity organizations, gave liberally to the poor, and was personally acquainted with many of the best people of Leicester. In fact, so exemplary was his life that he won the local prize known as "The Town Hundred."

This consists of 100 pounds sterling, or \$500, which is advanced for twelve years without interest for especially worthy young men to enable them to start in business. When several burglaries in the neighborhood of his own house took place Spencer called a public meeting, which he addressed himself, and protested eloquently against the inefficiency of the police protection of property.

At night he was always mysteriously missing; and it now develops that, armed with a set of burglar's tools, and with opium and poisons with which he quieted sleepers and killed troublesome dogs, he was robbing many of the persons whose acquaintance he made in business and in church. He was finally captured by the merest accident, the policeman into whose arms he ran all his life refusing to believe his eyes when he tore the mask from Spencer's face.

Over forty burglaries, in which the booty is valued at several hundreds of thousands of dollars, are now laid at Spencer's door, and he has just admitted that the jewels found in his possession is the same with which entrance was gained to Capt. Beatty's residence. Not a single article of all the valuables he stole, however, has yet been located or recovered.

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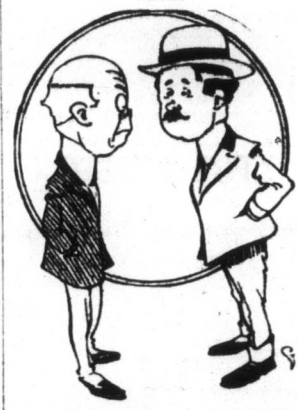
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Beyond the Styx.

Pluto had introduced Wackford Squeers, late of Dotheboys hall, to Simon Legree, late of Uncle Tom's Cabin. "Glad to meet you, Mr. Squeers," said Legree. "You and I, I believe, are two of the most celebrated of the old masters." But Squeers, who had just been compelled by Pluto to take his regular dose of brimstone—without the treacle—was too surly to answer.

Entering a Demurrer.

"Talk about the superiority of mind over matter!" said the argumentative boarder. "It's just the other way. If you want to be sure not to forget a thing you don't trust it to your memory. You take a pencil and a slip of paper and make a memorandum of it."



MISINFORMED.

Old Timer.—The worst experience I ever had was when we ran out of port in a gale of wind. The Amateur.—Gracious! I thought sailors always drank rum.

Choosing Her Companions.

"Ella, you have been playing all the afternoon with those toy soldiers. That's not a proper amusement for a big girl like you," said her mother. "But, mamma, I am not playing with the soldiers. I picked out the officers and played with them."—Chicago News.

THE TERCENTENARY.

The Pope Lauds British Rule and the Quebec Celebration.

Quebec, May 3.—The coming Quebec tercentenary got a big boost to-day in the shape of a papal decree, which was read in the Roman Catholic Churches, highly eulogistic of both Samuel De Champlain and Mr. De Laval.

The Pope's encyclical is addressed to Archbishop Bevin and the other archbishops and bishops of the Canadian Church. The Pope declares that because of his special affection for Canada and of the close relations existing between them, he could not permit his voice to be absent from the general chorus of joy in connection with the coming fete.

After paying a tribute to the fidelity of the bishops and Canadian Catholics generally, the decree says that the church in Canada enjoys a greater liberty than perhaps anywhere else, and for this he pays a tribute to the just influence of British rule. Samuel De Champlain, says the Pope, appears upon the earliest scenes in the history of Canada. French by birth, remarkable for both genius and courage, but much more for Christian wisdom, his Holiness eulogizes both Champlain and the early Jesuit and other French missionaries in Canada.

Still in Evidence.

Matron (out on househunting expedition).—Who occupied these apartments last? Janitor.—A family named Johnson. Matron.—Know anything about them? Janitor.—No, ma'am. Matron (sniffing the air).—Well, I do. They were fond of onions, sauerkraut and codfish.

The Suburbanite.

"At last the spring has come!" he saith. "At last it has come to stay!" He putteth up his window screens—And it turneth cold next day.

Gives Him No Trouble.

"Uncle Henry don't you find it hard work being a vegetarian?" "Not at all, my boy. It's only necessary to be conservative about it. When feel an insatiable craving for a big plate of bacon and eggs I always yield to it."

The Last Straw.

(Detroit News.) When Jones came home from morning work. He nearly died of fright: The windows out, the carpets up—It was an awful sight.

"Now, John, get busy," said his wife. "I need your help at once; Don't need to clean! Well, I declare, You are a perfect dunce."

Poor Jones jumped in and heaved and tugged. Determined to stick it through: And soon he was so tired and lame He didn't know what to do.

But when he heard, "the rugs are up, Please beat them right away," He sneaked around to Bennett Park To watch the Tigers play.

Sign of Trouble.

"I'm afraid we're going to lose our hired girl." "What makes you think so?" "I heard her telephoning to her beau, and she said she expected to spend the summer at Newport. I wish to goodness those hotel men would hire their dining-room girls elsewhere."

as well as Mr. De Laval, enjoys the duty of thankfulness to God for the prosperity which He has showered upon Canada, and invokes an abundance of celestial gifts for assuring the usefulness to the country of the coming fete.

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Nominations on Saturday.—Liberal North Essex, Hon. R. F. Sutherland for the Commons and Mr. J. A. Tremblay for the Legislature. Conservative, Mr. J. P. Downey for South Wellington, Mr. J. C. Milligan for Stormont.

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Joseph Torrance Drowned at Fenelon Falls.

Fenelon Falls, May 2.—This morning while assisting in putting in some stop logs in the side a young man, Joseph Torrance, son of Mr. Andrew Torrance, of this place, was accidentally drowned. The cant hook with which he was handling the stop log became fast, and he holding on to it was thrown into the water just above the falls. In one moment he was swept over the dam and dashed into the swirling waters below. The thing was done so quickly that the men working beside him could do nothing to save him. The body has not yet been found.

Child Burned to Death.

Hepworth, May 2.—On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. McGovern were absent from the house for a few moments, leaving a little sixteen months old child playing in the house. An incubator in an adjoining room attracted the little one, and she upset the lamp used in heating it. The child was so badly burned that she died in a few hours.

M. R. Bentley, barrister, died of an overdose of chloral.