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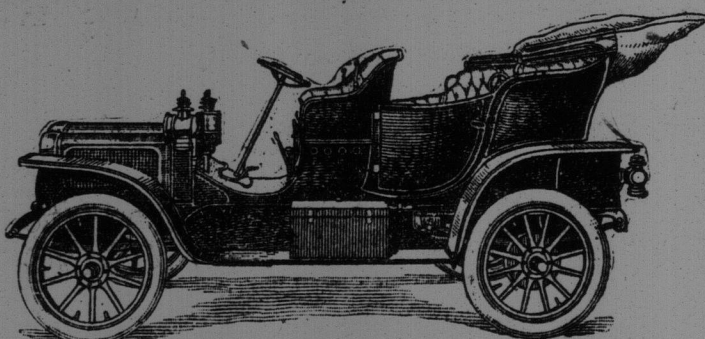
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Members of Chamberlain's Staff Tell of Irregularities in the Accounts--They Had Their Suspicions But Could Not Verify Them--Bank Managers Will Be Called Next.

The first session of the investigation under oath into the circumstances surrounding the deficiency in the accounts of the late chamberlain was opened in city hall before the treasury board last evening. David Willet, and Duncan G. Lingley, of the office staff, both swore they had no definite information on which to base their suspicions. L. Olive Thomas, the auditor who made the snap audit, also gave evidence. There were no sensational developments. The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday evening. Subpoenas will be served on the manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, the manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia and J. Willard Smith. David Connell will also likely be a witness. Up to the present time he has not been served with a subpoena. Ald. Bullock presided and Ald. Baxter, Kelley, McGoldrick, Vanwart, Lantian and McIlwain were present with the common clerk, Ald. Sprout and Holder also attended the meeting. Only two or three citizens put in an appearance and occupied seats in the committee room. No witness was permitted to hear another's evidence. David Willet, clerk in the chamberlain's office, was first sworn. In reply to Ald. Bullock, he said he had been twenty-eight years in the office under the late chamberlain. Since the union he had been on the books, instead of the cash, and his duties had been changed. When the chamberlain was not on hand he took the cash. He knew no more concerning Mr. Sandall's default. There had been memoranda made in the cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it. He never knew where it went in it or what the fact was that the books showed a heavy cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it. He never knew where it went in it or what the fact was that the books showed a heavy cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it. He never knew where it went in it or what the fact was that the books showed a heavy cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it.

Examined by Ald. Baxter, he said he counted the cash at times. It consisted of checks, silver, bills and memoranda. The amount of the memoranda came to him in lump sums. He knew it was not cash but did not know that it represented deficiency. There had been memoranda made in the cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it. He never knew where it went in it or what the fact was that the books showed a heavy cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it. He never knew where it went in it or what the fact was that the books showed a heavy cash balance and that at the end of the year someone had to account for it.

Ald. Baxter--"That has only one meaning. It was a dishonest way of using the city's funds."
Mr. Willet--"I tell you honestly, it was at that time I began to worry."
Continuing, Mr. Willet said when he balanced he added the memoranda up in a small book. He had balanced only five or six times in the past year. At the end of the year he had a long string of memoranda and they were bulky. "The change did not make much impression on me," he added. "I thought the chamberlain knew what he was doing."
Ald. Baxter--"We all agree as to that."
In reply to further questions by the chairman, Mr. Willet said the cash book was squarred up at the end of the year, but the memoranda somehow came in again in the new year. The balance at the end of each day was made by the chamberlain, Mr. Lingley or himself. He had no knowledge of bonds being taken out of the vaults and used as collateral. The bonds were not checked on any system. Every day people would come in and call the chamberlain aside. He did not know whether on city or private business. He had no knowledge of the chamberlain taking cash from the till.
Ald. Baxter--"After the audit had been checked out did you see two checks for \$2,000?"
Mr. Willet--"Is it necessary after things were in the auditor's hands for me to say what I saw?"
Ald. Baxter pressed for an answer and Mr. Willet said he had nothing to tell.
Ald. Baxter--"Then have you made a full disclosure?"
Mr. Willet--"I've answered all your questions."
Ald. Baxter--"Have you any further knowledge of the whole question which you have not given us?"
Mr. Willet--"No."
The chairman--"Did you ask Mr. Sandall any questions about the memoranda?"
Mr. Willet--"No, because Mr. Lingley asked him."
Ald. Kelley said he wanted the checks and the stubs produced.
This concluded Mr. Willet's evidence and he left to bring the checks.
Duncan G. Lingley, in answer to the chairman, said he had been eighteen years in the office. He had balanced up several times. There was a balance of about \$12,000 early in October. He could not account for it. The chamberlain gave him the figures. He had asked the chamberlain three different times about the balance made up of the memoranda. On the first occasion he was told it was a bond sale, the second time the chamberlain said it was largely made up advances, order work and duty on pipe. He was satisfied both times. When he asked the third time he was virtually told to mind his own business.
Mr. Lingley mentioned that the late Ald. Christie asked him two or three years ago if the cash was right. He had replied that he did not like the way things were done. Subsequently the alderman told him things were all right.
Ald. Baxter said he had been represented as saying that one of the auditors in the past knew things were not going straight and that Mr. Thomas was the man. He wished it made clear that he had not audited Thomas in mind.
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