

ARNILL AFFIDAVIT TISSUE OF LIES, DECLARE CONTRACTORS MERRITHEW AND SMITH

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HAVE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FIRM I DESIRE TO SAY THAT PREMIER CLARKE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE IN ANY WAY OF ANY PAYMENT MADE BY ME OR ANY MEMBER OF THE FIRM TO MR. CROCKET, AND THAT MR. ARNILL'S STATEMENT IN THAT CONNECTION IS FALSE.

8. That I desire to say here in connection with the whole transaction detailed by Mr. Arnill in his declaration that the firm of Smith & Merrithew never had a contract with the government of New Brunswick or any member of it, never had any business dealings with the government or any member of it, never made a contribution to the party funds, was never asked for any such contribution, and never received any intimation that any contribution would be desirable or would be accepted.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

E. LORNE MERRITHEW.

Declared before me at the City of Fredericton in the County of York, this 15th day of Sept., A. D., 1916.
CHAS. D. RICHARDS,

A Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court, Province of New Brunswick, County of York.

AFFIDAVIT OF LUTHER B. SMITH.

I, Luther B. Smith, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, contractor, do solemnly declare:—

"1. I have read the declaration of Mr. Robert J. Arnill as published in the Daily Telegraph under date of September 15th, and the reply thereto by Mr. E. Lorne Merrithew, above written, and in so far as I have knowledge of the transaction referred to in the said declarations the statements made by the said E. Lorne Merrithew are wholly true in every particular.

"And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

"LUTHER B. SMITH."

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LATE RETURNS FROM THURSDAY'S B.C. ELECTION

Hon. W. R. Rose Only Member of Bowser Ministry Returned—Hon. Mr. Bowser May Win on Soldiers' Vote

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—From returns received up to a late hour tonight at least six Conservatives were elected yesterday.

Similkamion and South Okanagan joined the Conservative columns this morning.

All the cabinet members have been defeated, except Hon. W. R. Rose, and his election is certain. From the Grand Trunk Pacific district he has a plurality of sixty votes, with some places in Peace River yet to hear from.

Cowichan, Kaslo, Nelson, Prince George, Similkamion and South Okanagan are safely Conservative. Hon. Mr. Bowser may win on the soldiers' vote. Lucas, in Yale, stood a chance of winning this morning, but he is now defeated. The soldiers' vote might turn the scale for Lieut. McKenzie, in Delta, and possibly two others, which would turn the Conservative opposition in the house up to ten. That will mean at least 37 Liberals are returned.

Until tonight it was thought that Captain W. W. Foster, Conservative, had been elected in the Islands constituency. Late returns, however, give the riding to Jackson, Liberal, with 317 votes, a majority of 33.

Premier Bowser will presumably hold office until the official returns are made, about October 15. The soldiers' political vote will be counted on October 12, but on prohibition the soldiers will continue to vote until the end of the year. There is no reasonable chance, according to the figures available, of the present majority in favor of prohibition being overcome. The majority for prohibition is from seven to nine thousand.

The Probable Cabinet.

From a semi-official source the following cabinet slate for the Liberals is outlined:

Premier and President of the council, H. C. Brewster.

Attorney-General, H. A. MacDonald.

Minister of Mines, Ralph Smith, or William Sloan.

Provincial Secretary, Dr. J. H. King, or Cranbrook.

Agriculture, John Oliver.

Lands, T. D. Pattullo, or Prince Rupert.

Finance, E. D. Barrow, or Chilliwack.

Miss Mabel Carten, who has been visiting Mr. W. J. R. Carten, 140 Paradise Row, will leave this morning for her home.

The girl—You say that Miss Paddy and Jack Pott are to be married. Why, I didn't know they knew each other. The cynic—They don't. That's why they are going to be married.

Callers

Of course they will take a cup of tea, and naturally you are anxious it should be "just so."

Pin your faith to KING COLE next time, and see how well it will serve you.



"You'll like the flavor"

"Mr. Crocket reported to us that he had succeeded in having the money 'arranged for.' As a matter of fact, Mr. Crocket, who was out of the province at the time, did not know until Arnill told him on his return that the business had been adjusted and the cheque issued; and it was he (Arnill) who said that 'he (Crocket) had done better than our solicitors had done.' Again, in his affidavit, Arnill solemnly declares that his share of the alleged contribution was \$600, 'as that was as much as I could afford to give;' and yet, in another paragraph of his affidavit, he swears, 'and I gave Mr. Crocket my cheque for the difference, making \$833.33,' and that he solemnly sets forth in an affidavit published in the St. John Telegraph, which boastfully prints an alleged fac simile of the cheque showing, not \$833.33, as he solemnly declares in one instance, nor \$500, as he swears in another was arranged as his share, but \$607.50.

During all of the so-called negotiations, Mr. Crocket never spoke to Premier Clarke on the subject nor communicated with him in any way about the matter. Premier Clarke had neither authority, discretion nor influence in the matter. It was purely the private business of two firms of sub-contractors.

Further comment is unnecessary. Arnill's affidavit is already established as false, and deliberately so, with the single exception of his statement that he made a contribution to a personal friend who had interested himself in getting his claim with a private company of contractors adjusted to his satisfaction. Arnill's grievance has its origin in the fact that the Smith & Merrithew firm declined to permit him to continue as a member, and also afterwards to give him work as on the payroll of the company. In his disappointed frame of mind and chagrined, Arnill was really made the dupe of the notorious affidavit hunters and blackmailers whom the crooked St. John Telegraph has taken affectionately to its bosom, and in whose products it delights to revel to the disgust of all men of respect.

The business was undoubtedly a personal and friendly business transaction between two private firms of contractors, and any money that may have been involved was a pure contribution from the private funds of the firm deeply interested and satisfied with the outcome; and no other funds could possibly have been affected nor in any way interested. Of course, the design was to endeavor to involve Premier Clarke in some way or other; to associate his name, if possible, with some irregularity, and to herald it broadcast in Carleton in these last days of the by-election in that county. Their efforts having failed, they resort to the falsehoods already established as contemptibly base and wholly unworthy of any man of honor. Premier Clarke has been one of the most consistently honorable of the premiers of New Brunswick; and as such has inspired confidence throughout the whole province, where honorable and honest administration of public affairs is held to be the first consideration. Let the man who thinks he can play the game of Pugsley and the old government on Premier Clarke try it; and we venture to say he will never make bold enough to attempt it a second time.

ANOTHER STORM IN HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT

Count Apponyi and Other Faction Leaders Attack Premier Tisza.

PERSONAL ISSUES BROUGHT INTO DEBATE

Opposition Leader Demands Guarantee that Mistakes of Army Leaders will not be Repeated.

Budapest, Sept. 14, via London, Sept. 15.—The Hungarian parliament today was again the scene of great excitement. Count Albert Apponyi, Stephen Rakovsky and other leaders of the opposition attacked Premier Tisza, and the latter defended himself by criticizing them.

Premier Tisza inserted a personal issue into the discussion when he said he regretted his "foolishness" in recommending to Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, that he confidentially discussed the state of affairs with Rakovsky. The premier called the criticisms of the army leaders by the head of the people's party as "well poisoning."

Count Apponyi declared that the three chief questions needing discussion were the foreign policies, the military situation and the food supply. The harmony and unity needed for considering these three problems, Count Apponyi said, were endangered by the introduction of other questions, such as Premier Tisza's attempt to bind Hungary economically to its allies for a long period of time.

Discussing the military situation, Count Apponyi said it was, of course, out of the question to think of a change in the leadership of the army, which is now regarding the strong confidence of the people. When, however, the Entente leaders, he said, had made a mistake guarantees always had been offered that the mistakes would not be repeated, and he insisted, therefore, that Austria-Hungary should also have such guarantees. He demanded that the premier exert his influence to obtain such guarantees.

The Speaker had to order a temporary adjournment to silence Count Apponyi. On the re-opening of the session Rakovsky argued that Premier Tisza by repeating what he had learned in his conferences with Baron Burian as representative of the opposition, and he severely criticized the foreign office leadership.

The session culminated in the announcement by Count Belaserey that he was in sympathy with the proposals of the opposition, and that he had therefore withdrawn from the government party.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love; He may emulate the cooing. And the billing of the dove. Now he passes up the spooning. And the wooing of the dames. And devotes his whole attention To the dope on baseball games.

SOLDIER IN TOILS BROKE INTO SALOON

Member of Field Ambulance Corps Found Hiding on Peters' Wharf—Supplied with Liquor and Cigars.

Two soldiers, Privates Dunphy and Connolly of the Field Ambulance Corps, are in central station this morning charged with breaking and entering. They were arrested about 2.30 o'clock by Police Officers Hayes and Lindsay, who while patrolling Peters' wharf, off Water street saw the men in khaki crouching beside a building. On investigation the officers found that the men were well supplied with the ingredients for a real swell time, two "long necks" and two flasks of whiskey and two boxes of cigars being concealed under their tunics.

It was discovered that the men had broken a window on the Peters' wharf side of Lannon's bar-room and obtained access to the premises. They then selected the liquor and cigars from the stock and were making off with their booty when the advent of the policemen caused a change in their plans. They will be arraigned in police court this morning on charges of breaking and entering.

City Cornet Band Fair.

A special meeting of the members of the City Cornet Band was held in their rooms King street east last night when among the most important matters discussed was the band's fifth grand excursion around the world, and benefit to the patriotic fund. All arrangements have been completed for the sale of tickets, and the fair

NEW ORANGE LODGE IN WATERBOROUGH

A new Orange lodge was recently organized at Waterborough, Queens County, and will be known as Waterborough I. O. L. No. 99.

This lodge which promises to be a strong and active one was organized through the activities of Brother S. W. Wilson, provincial organizer of the association.

Brother Willard Barton, C. M. for Queens county, and W. M. Campbell, P. C. M. for St. John county, were in charge of the proceedings, and exemplified the various degrees upon the charter members of the new lodge. They were ably assisted by Bros. S. W. Fanjoy, Andover; W. A. Graves, Miramichi, and others.

The following officers were duly elected and were then installed by P. C. M. W. M. Campbell: W. M., Brunswick Slocum; D. M., Charles H. Higgins; Rec. Sec., Frederick Wasson; Chap., Simeon Fanjoy; Fin. Sec., Daniel Slocum; Treas., Robert Barton; D. of C., George W. Slocum; Lect., Fred. H. Clark.

The ladies of Waterborough had provided a sumptuous repast for the lodge and the visitors to which they did full justice.

After the work of the evening had been finished a social hour was spent together and a number of the brothers present delivered addresses. The meeting night of the new lodge will be the second Tuesday in each month.

That will be opened in St. Andrew's Rink on Monday, October 9th, promises to eclipse any previous one. The grand prizes that are to be offered are no less than 185 prize trip tickets, or the large sum of \$2,510 in gold. In addition to the amount to be realized by the band on this large venture, they will conduct an additional fund to be donated to patriotic causes.

ROTHESAY COUNTRY FAIR

An Old-Time Good Time

ON

SATURDAY, 16th

NEW SCHOOL GROUNDS, ROTHESAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

One of the last of the out-of-door patriotic outings.

A GOOD TIME
A MERRY TIME
and for
A GOOD CAUSE

To enable us to send Christmas Cheer to the fellows at the front.

AGRICULTURE
HORTICULTURE
DOMESTIC SCIENCE
WAR TROPHIES

On exhibition afternoon and evening.

The exhibits will be sold, affording a good chance to get your winter's supply.

Here's where you can get a bean supper like your mother used to cook—5 to 8 p. m.

SPEND YOUR MONEY ON THE PIKE

All the Old Attractions and Some New Ones

HAVE A TRY AT THE "GREASED PIG"—the best man wins him. A chance for your fall supply of sausages by a lucky catch.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

If you can't catch the 1.15 on Saturday, take the 2.30 Special.