

anything, that he sent Mr. B. Cronyn out to my house at nine in the morning after the funeral, to know if they gave security by Life Policies and otherwise, whether I would make advances.

These advances were afterwards ramed at \$12,000 a year—\$2000 to each child per annum. Mr. Cronyn and I declined to make them; and from that moment dates a hostility on the part of Mr. Thomas to me, as needless as it is unprovoked.

The charge that Mr. Goodhue had not mental capacity, I hear now for the first time. If true, why was it not brought to my, or Mr. Cronyn's attention when the Will was being prepared, or between its execution and Mr. Goodhue's death? Why was the Court not asked to refuse probate and declare Mr. Goodhue intestate! That course is yet open to the promoters, if this charge is true, and no legislation is needed on that ground.

So far from its being the fact that Mr. Goodhue contemplated further investments in England, he told me, and I think Mr. Cronyn was present, that he had intended to sell out his Consols, and invest the money in Canada.

As regards opinions of counsel—There are the opinions of four eminent Counsel, Mr. Hillyard Cameron, Q.C.; Mr. Robinson, Q.C.; Mr. Anderson and Mr. Leith, all concurring that the children are entitled to nothing in possession until Mrs. Goodhue's death, and then only in case of their surviving her, against the single opinion of Mr. Crooks to the contrary.

Mr. Thomas *never* told me he would not act as executor; I named him to Mr. Goodhue, believing, as I still believe, that he would have been delighted to act.

Mr. Goodhue refused to appoint him, I have since learned, because the estate of a very near friend had been got into trouble owing to the appointment of relatives as Executors.

As regards the small sum yet received for interest on the settlements, the explanation is simply that the bulk of the principal has not been out near a year yet, and so the bulk of the interest is not yet due.

I am put forward as "claiming" immense sums for the remuneration of myself and Mr. Cronyn. The truth simply is that Mr. Cronyn and I are waiting the consideration of Mr. Blake and Mr. Moss to tell us what remuneration we should charge; and these gen-