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A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

STORM BREAKS OVER WIGMORE IN THE HOUSE

Letter Written on Departmental Paper to Seek Business for St. John Firm.

ADMITS AUTHORSHIP BUT DENIES WRONG

Hon. Mr. Lemieux and Premier Meighen Clash Sharply Over Unusual Procedure.

The prime minister declared he could not see that it was a penal offence for a man, writing a private letter to say that he was a minister. "My imagination," he added, "is unable to conceive how there could be an improper motive."

Text of Letter.

The letter follows:
Ottawa, January 13, 1921.
French Purchasing Commission, Care French Embassy, London, E. C. England.

Dear Sirs:
I am informed that your government will have quite a few French steamers taking grain from the Port of St. John, N. B., Canada, this winter. The firm of Nagie and Wigmore, of which I am a member are very anxious to secure this business. We are the largest firm of shipbrokers in St. John and have done a very large amount of business along these lines. We have our own tow boats, tend to all stevedoring and all matters in connection with a general brokerage business.

"As you are no doubt aware, I am minister of customs and inland revenue in the Canadian Government and I spoke to Sir George Foster, my colleague, in the cabinet, who has returned from England, being Canada's representative at the League of Nations conference which has just been concluded at Geneva, and he advised me to write to you. We are in a position to handle your business to your satisfaction and would refer you to the Bank of Nova Scotia, as to our financial ability. We saw agents for the Canada Steamships Lines, Limited, the Compagnie Canadienne Transatlantique, Limited, the Frascanda Line and the Acadia Shipping Company, Limited. I would very much appreciate your giving us your business. "Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours very truly. (Signed) R. W. Wigmore."

"I consider this matter public business," Mr. Lemieux said, "because he speaks not only as a member of the firm of Nagie and Wigmore, but as minister of customs and inland revenue." He said his object was to ascertain whether Mr. Wigmore wrote the letter.

Mr. Wigmore's Explanation
"After being called into the cabinet," said Mr. Wigmore, "I have re-

ceived no benefit from the firm of which I was a member at the time. I wrote this letter, not with an understanding that I would benefit my firm, but as I would have written it if I had been requested to do so by my honorable friend from Ussape. If he had come to me I would certainly have written it on his behalf. I mentioned my office as minister of customs only because I was writing to this firm in England and they would not know who I was. That is just why I said I was minister of customs and inland revenue. I have received no benefit from the firm up to this time. I wrote the letter without an idea of securing business for my partner, but as I would for any other firm." Mr. Wigmore said he took office on July 14, but relinquished his connection with the firm about three months ago.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux

"The honorable gentleman has made an answer," said Mr. Lemieux, and we must accept it, and I do accept it, especially that part where he admits that he signed this letter and mailed it. Comment is unnecessary. You can search the annals of British parliamentary government in Canada or in the Mother Country and I challenge anyone to find such an example of personal interest mixed with public affairs. I dare say that if the minister of trade and commerce knew that his name had been mentioned in the letter, he would have disowned the author of the letter. It is highly improper for a minister of the Crown to boost his own private business while using the Royal Coat of Arms and the official paper of the government."

Deputy Speaker Intervenes

Deputy Speaker Bolvin pointed out that Mr. Lemieux was bound to accept the statement of the minister that he was not interested in the firm. Mr. Lemieux:—"I accept the statement that he wrote the letter. As to the letter it cannot bear two interpretations. I will read it again."
H. E. Morphy (N. Perth), rose to a point of order which was inaudible; but the chair ruled that the letter could not be read twice.

Mr. Lemieux replied that he could comment, and by way of comment read a section of the letter again, when the chair again intervened.

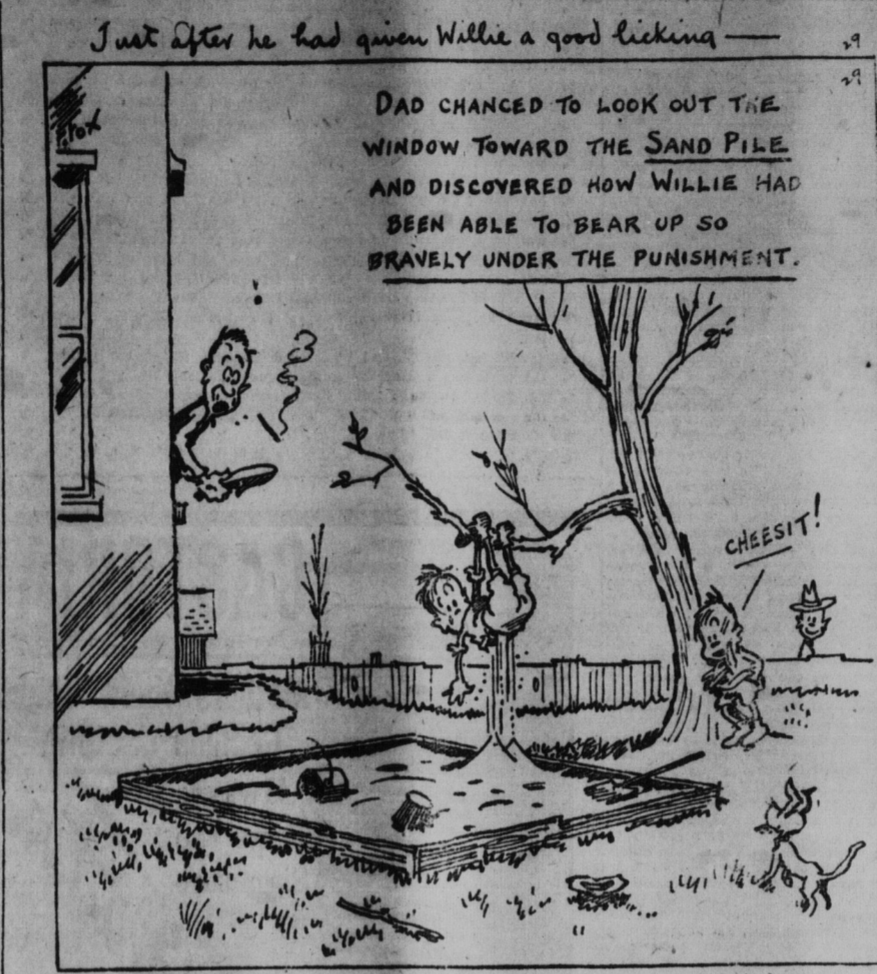
Mr. Lemieux accepted the chair's ruling, but continued: "My comment is that the minister of customs has written a most improper letter that should arrest the attention of the government. He promoted the interest of his own business."
Premier's Attitude
Again called to order, Mr. Lemieux said he wished to call the attention of the prime minister to the letter. Mr. Meighen had come into the chamber during the incident, and now sat listening with his head on his hands. He was not able to reply just yet, however, for H. H. Stevens (Vancouver) rose with another point of order.

"The honorable gentleman has no right," said Mr. Stevens, "to insinuate or suggest improper motives unless he is prepared to prefer charges of improper conduct on the part of the minister."
Mr. Lemieux replied that it was obvious that Mr. Stevens did not sympathize with the minister of customs, and it was not clear why he had taken the point of order. Again the member for Malcomme called upon the premier to state his attitude.

Saw Letter Before
"I am not able to be so profoundly moved by the letter to which the honorable gentleman refers," said Mr. Meighen, "as he seems to be. The letter was brought to my attention."

Here Mr. Lemieux sent the photographed copy across to the first minister.

Mr. Meighen:—"Oh, I do not need to see it. The only reference to his position as minister is to explain how he came to write the letter and how



Just after he had given Willie a good licking

DAD CHANCED TO LOOK OUT THE WINDOW TOWARD THE SAND PILE AND DISCOVERED HOW WILLIE HAD BEEN ABLE TO BEAR UP SO BRAVELY UNDER THE PUNISHMENT.

Unveil Tablet To Fallen In Fight

Eight Names on Roll of Honor Unveiled in Fredericton Baptist Church.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 8.—A tablet as a memorial to eight members of the congregation of the Brunswick street Baptist church who gave their lives in the war was unveiled tonight with appropriate services. The tablet is a handsome piece of workmanship of bronze and has been placed upon the front wall of the church at the right of the pulpit. It is oblong in form and bears at the centre of the top the coat of arms of the Province of New Brunswick.

The inscription is:—"1914-1918. The glory of God and in honor of the men of the congregation who gave their lives in the Great War for truth and freedom."
Walter Bruce Smith, John Clarence Hanson, Stewart Edwin Kitchen, Frank Chandler Williams, Robert James Phillips, Nathaniel Slater, Peter Shaw, and Storey Brewer.

tion by the minister of trade and commerce on his return from overseas. I really did not know it was a penal offence for a man writing a private letter to say that he was a minister to explain how he came to secure information.

"I tried to inquire in my own mind whether there was any motive that could be criticized as improper, and my imagination and ingenuity were not sufficient to enable me to see how there was any improper motive. If there had been any way in which, as minister, he could have assisted it would have been different, but there was no way in which he could do that. There was no improper motive, either real or imaginary."

"It is not for me," he continued, "to approve or disapprove conduct, unless there was something in it inconsistent with the duties of the minister as minister. I must say I was not able to define that."

The incident then closed and Mr. Lemieux sent across the floor for the copy of the letter.

How He Figured It.
Sunday School Teacher—Toll me, Willie, how many commandments are there?
Willie—Ten.
Teacher—That's right. And if you should break just one of them, what then?
Willie—Then there would be nine left.

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W. S. Loggie, M. P.
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Chatham, May 8.—The family of W. S. Loggie, M. P., reported him late tonight as very low and slowly sinking. It is believed he will not survive the night.

Forest Protection Car To Come Here

Will Arrive Within Two Weeks—Stay here for a Day and Tour Province.

"A travelling school in forest protection" in the novel form of a railway coach equipped with forest exhibits and graphic educational arguments for forest conservation will be at St. John within the next two weeks for public inspection. Before leaving Montreal motion pictures were made of the car for the screen weeklies.

This makes the second railway car to be equipped at Ottawa by the Canadian Forestry Association and sent on the road for educational work. The car will be at St. John for a day, then will cover a score of points in New Brunswick, later working through Quebec and Ontario. Mr. Gerald Blyth, assistant secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association, is in charge of the present tour. Two weeks ago the Tree Planting Car of the Forestry Association left Montreal for the prairie provinces in charge of two expert demonstrators.

Blazing with electric lights, generated by its own plant, the interior of the "travelling school" attracts no less by its beauty and variety than by the novel character of the exhibits. A model woodland, with tents almost hidden by tiny trees represents the recreational side of forestry and plays up the phase of forest protection, especially appealing to the sportsman and tourist. Next comes a graphic model of a pulp and paper town, done to scale, with mill, water-fall, river, pulp piles, etc., as real as life. Electric-lighted cases showing many of the odd products of Canadian wood manufacture such as artificial silk, grain sacks, organ pipes, etc., of forest materials were equally attractive. A large and accurate model of two maple sugar bushes shows the old and new way of making those luscious products which now bring the farmers eight million dollars a year.

Further along comes a set of models of forest management, showing the correct and incorrect methods of operating a timberland. Fire pumps, wireless telegraph sets, lookout towers, and an electric blower, showing the transformation of a beautiful woodland into a barren waste draw favorable attention. At each of the hundreds of communities visited by the Canadian Forestry Association, motion picture lectures are given in the evening.

Hillsboro Methodist Sunday School Annual

Reports Received Showed Prosperous Year—Officers for Coming Year Chosen

Special to The Standard.
Hillsboro, N. B., May 8.—The annual meeting of the Hillsboro Methodist Sunday School was held in the school room of the church on Thursday evening last.

Encouraging reports were received from the officers and the school was found to be in good condition. Teachers and officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Superintendent—Wm. L. Blake.
Asst. Supt.—Wm. Bennett.
Soc. Treas.—Mrs. Wm. McAllister.
Organist—Miss Ethel Blake.
Primary Class—Mrs. McAllister; Assistant, Miss Marjorie Hume.
Junior Girls—Catherine Blight.
Junior Boys—Mrs. Groundwater.
Intermediate Class—Miss Ethel Blake.

Senior Class—Miss Mary Turner.
Adult Bible Class—Wm. Bennett.
Supt. of Cradle Roll Dept.—Mrs. Henry.
Supt. of Missions—Mrs. McAllister.
Supt. of Temperance—Lloyd Peterson.
Supt. of Home Department—May Blight.

CELEBRATED HIS 86TH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Stephen F. Henstis, who celebrated his 86th birthday yesterday at the home of Rev. G. F. and Mrs. J. J. Exmouth street, was the recipient of many congratulations and gifts of flowers. He received telegrams from his sons and grandchildren residing in other cities. The Methodist Ministerial Association sent a bouquet of flowers, as did the Ladies' Aid, other friends.

Dr. Henstis retired actively from ministry fifteen years ago. He has been steward in the book room, Halifax, and for many years publisher of "The Wesleyan."

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