

ANSWER IS MADE TO SULLIVAN REPORT BY MARTIN MCGUIRE

Defends Business Course of Former Liquor Commission in Detailed Reply to Investigation Report—Reference Also to Himself

MARTIN MCGUIRE, a member of the late New Brunswick Liquor Commission, who was recently dismissed "for cause," has issued a statement in which he takes issue with the report of the inquiry made recently by the special investigators named by the Baxter Government. The personnel of this board of inquiry was Richard Sullivan, William L. Williams and Edward J. Carleton.

To the recommendation in the Sullivan report that the Government would be well advised to select on the Board of Commissioners "a man of practical experience and integrity," and having the requisite technical knowledge and that avoid conditions as they exist today," Mr. McGuire answers by saying that he was a member of the commission and that he was a man of practical experience and integrity, and that he was a man of practical experience and integrity, and that he was a man of practical experience and integrity.

TEXT OF STATEMENT.

The full text of Mr. McGuire's statement follows:

"A report of the commission appointed by the Government to investigate the affairs of the Provincial Liquor Commission was published a few days ago. The commission so appointed was vested with power to take an inventory of the stock and examine the books, invoices, correspondence and documents of the Liquor Commission and Mr. Sullivan, with the two gentlemen acting with him, who spent about three weeks on the work, was given access to the books, stock, invoices, correspondence and documents of the commission and asked by all information and assistance to be required in reading the report I find it necessary to qualify some of the remarks made therein in order to correct erroneous impressions in the public mind.

SAYS ORDERED DIRECT.

"In the first paragraph the report states the assortment is poorly balanced, lacking in a marked degree high class standard brands known the world over. The commission have always had in stock the highest grade liquors in brandies, wines, whiskies and gins, purchased direct from the oldest distilleries, wineries and breweries in the world from the different countries of origin.

ON COMPROMISING.

"Mr. Sullivan recommends that, after a fixed date, the commission cease selling draft liquors except wine and alcohol for the reason that compromising and blending is practised. The commission never made a practise of handling high whiskies, never compounded or bottled liquors, always handled cases goods purchased from reputable well known makers although many other commissions in Canada blend and bottle all kinds of liquors.

TAKEN IN INSTALLMENTS.

"The shipment would be absorbed in shipments of quantities of 600 cases at a time (one carload) and paid for only as received until absorbed. He could have verified this by mentioning a similar standing order on the files to the Consolidated Distilleries of Ontario, order Number 280, dated December 26, 1923, for 2,025 gallons alcohol without any specified date of delivery and this order was absorbed and paid for in quantities as ordered from time to time as wanted, until all taken up in the following year.

GIVES ANSWER.

The answer to this paragraph is given in the following facts: The Board of Commissioners, created by the Government at its last meeting, organized a system for the conduct of the business of the commission that has been operated for the past five years with the smallest overhead for the volume of business of any banking or commercial institution in Canada. There

DEFER ACTION ON WEST END BIDS

City Council Will Hold Special Session on City Hall Matter

To Meet at Home of Mayor Potts to Vote on Proposed Bond Issue

The City Council yesterday afternoon decided to arrange for a special meeting at the home of Mayor Potts to deal with tenders for the reconstruction of Carleton city hall, to be held as soon as possible in order to have the work started if the reconstruction plan was to be carried on.

WANTS NO DELAY.

Commissioner Harding said the committee had given careful thought to the matter and they had selected what they considered the most economical and best way of dealing with the matter. It was not for a moment to put the matter off for a week.

FAVORS SPECIAL MEETING.

Commissioner Wigmore said he did not think the matter would last through the winter while it was being discussed. He had a contractor for the whole work he did not think having separate contracts for heating, lighting and plumbing would hold up the work. He was in favor of having a special meeting at the home of the Mayor.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Applications from W. E. Carruthers, and the Maritime Store, Prince Edward street, to install electric signs were referred to the Commissioner of Public Works, city engineer and city electrician, with power to accept or refuse.

DELEGATION PRESENT.

A delegation of West Side citizens were present at the meeting, among them W. E. Scully, N. P. MacLeod, R. H. Lee, W. O. Dunham and J. F. Birrell.

ON LOCATION.

"Mr. Sullivan further claims that there would be a saving effected to the city by having the liquor commission warehouse in Saint John. To make up \$7,000 freight from Saint John to Fredericton includes all the goods purchased by the commission from overseas for the year. It was pointed out to Mr. Sullivan and he saw that in all the written orders the goods are all routed by the commission ocean steamer to the Port of Saint John and Canadian National Railway from Saint John to Fredericton. It was explained to him that 40 per cent of the gross earnings of the Valley Railway goes into the treasury of the province, thus \$2,800 of the \$7,000 going into the treasury would cease and be a loss to the province. The vendors in Saint John would have no express charges to pay but the vendors in outlying districts throughout the province would have prohibitive express charges to pay. It would necessitate the purchase or rental of a warehouse offices and customs bonding warehouse in Saint John that would involve an expenditure of \$80,000 or \$40,000. Fredericton is the most centrally located distributing point in the province. The Government owns the Stone Barracks there, providing office accommodation, bonded warehouse, electric elevator and all the best facilities for business.

SIGNS OF REFLECTION.

The reference in the report to there being 43 brands of whiskies in stock in the warehouse at Fredericton is declared to be an unfair statement. This probing committee might have been at least just, and told the facts. If the investigators did not know they should have known, and my belief is they did know that this liquor was not all imported by the commission, but was made up in part of seizures by customs and excise officials in various parts of the province. This paragraph of the report seems to be in keeping with an apparent desire to cast odium upon the retired board.

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Weddings

Cross-Out-house

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. Outhouse, Beatty Harbor, Charlotte county, N. B., was the scene of a pretty wedding, when at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, December 2, Rev. G. S. Beckett united in marriage their daughter, Lyla H. to G. William Cross, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride, who was becomingly attired in a dress of fawn tulle and carried a bouquet of Opelia roses, was given in marriage by her father. The wedding music was played by Miss Marion Holmes, a friend of the bride.

CRITICALLY ILL

Hon. L. P. Harris, formerly a member of the N. B. Government, is critically ill at the home of his son, Dr. H. A. Harris, East Saint John, and little hope is held out for his recovery.

HAVE MEETING WITH VOCATIONAL BOARD

Employers and Employees Discuss New School Matters—Equipment Committees Named

Equipment for the vocational school was discussed last evening at a meeting of the vocational committee of the school board and representatives of employers and employees, in the school trustees office.

COMMITTEES NAMED

R. G. Watson, Frank G. Wilson and F. S. A. McMullin were named on a sub-committee to act on machine shop layout and equipment. The sub-committee on electrical matters named were Fred Cunningham, Horace McFarlane, B. Faraday and Barry Wilson; for the motor mechanics committee, Fred White, Fred Breen, W. W. Rogers, Hayden Foley, Mr. Irving, Arnold McLeese and Arthur Oddy; wood-work-

Deaths

Miss E. Bell

ST. MARTINS, Dec. 8.—The death of Miss Euphemia Bell, aged 80 years, occurred on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the residence of her nephew, Roy Bell, Fairfield, Saint John county. Miss Bell was well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. She is survived by three sisters, one, Mrs. Mary McWhinnie, of Fairfield, and two in the United States. The burial service was held on Saturday and was conducted by the Rev. William Swan, of St. Martins United church.

IS GIVEN SHOWER

Friends of Miss Hilda McKnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKnight, Rothery avenue, assembled at her home last evening and tendered her a kitchen shower in honor of her approaching marriage. The gifts were wheeled in on a cart by little Nelson McKnight and little Miss Constance Henderson. The evening was passed in the enjoyment of music, games and dancing. Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Henderson, Mrs. George Long and Mrs. W. J. Marr.

Swedish Archbishop Congratulates Briand

Canadian Press

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 9.—Real winter has come to Sweden earlier than at any time in the last three years. Ice-breakers already are being used along the Baltic coast, and instead of steamers over the inland lakes. A record low temperature of 22.6 degrees below zero, has been reported from Malung in the Western Borealis, and further north in the Ore district of Lapland, a snow storm has been raging so violently that three electric ore trains between Kiruna and the Norwegian border.

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Saturday
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Every Girl Will Thrill Over The Latest Fad in Jewelry.

Now its Rhinestones and Pearls in many clever new Trinkets.

Indestructible Pearl Choker Necklets, with neat little clasp, 65c and 75c ea.

Three Strand Pearl Necklets with small pearl clasps. Price \$7, \$1.95 and \$3.

Bracelets in Pearl, 45c.

Ivory Bracelets, in all the new shades with brilliant colored settings. \$1.75 each.

Fancy Bead Necklets—Square, round and oval beads intermixed in all the new shades. These come in Christmas boxes and are specially priced 75c and \$1.25.

Many other novel little bits of Jewelry that will make charming gifts.

(Smallwares Dept., ground floor.)

HANDKERCHIEFS

Here are hundreds and hundreds of handkerchiefs. A handkerchief is a charming reminder to let a friend you haven't seen for a long time know that you haven't forgotten her.

Linen Handkerchiefs, 1/2 or 1 doz. in box

Initial Handkerchiefs.

Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs.

Printed Silk Handkerchiefs.

Feather Fans.

Cluny Lace Pieces. Round and Oval.

Smart Neckwear

Is one of those necessities of which one never has too many. Grey Scarfs are particularly desired by the smartly dressed woman.

Neckties, in jasper, cashmere, ties, scarfs in silk, rayon, lace, spangled, satins.

Hosiery in silk, silk and wool Jaeger wool, Rayon.

Garters and Overstockings.

Wouldn't you love to receive beautiful Hosiery for Christmas? We have adorable Garters all dressed up in ribbons and feathers.

Smart Accessories for the Fashionable Woman's Wardrobe. Smart Slip-on Goggles of French Kid or Chamollette. Sheer beautiful Hosiery, clever new Handbags. Fascinating new Jewelry, a gorgeous Fan. So many delightful gifts.

French Kid Gloves

Reynier, Perrin and other reliable makes.

2-Dome Slip-on or Cuff styles.

Chamollette Gloves.

Jaeger Wool Gloves.

Pur Lined Gloves.

Angora Gloves.

Gift Suggestions From the Costume Section

An Evening Gown of embossed chiffon or metallic cloth. A smart afternoon frock of satin or crepe; a frock for sport wear of jersey, flannel or velveteen and plaid in the smart two-piece mode. All will be found here.

A Cloth Coat would make a most practical Christmas Gift. There are many smart models to select from. Fashionable Cloths nicely lined with a fur collar that fits snugly about the neck, wide bands on the cuffs supply the need of a muff. Many other styles.

Quilted Silk Robes

Comfortable and Warm.

Corduroy Kimonos, also velvet and blanket Cloth Robes.

Prices from \$7 to \$16.

SPORT CLOTHES

Sweaters Make Welcome Gifts

The Athletic girl can be made most happy with a warm woolly sweater, a nice Jaeger scarf or a "Rose Marie" set-cap. Scarf and Gloves to match or a separate toque.

Sweaters for indoor wear in all wool or silk and wool. The latest styles and colors.

All Wool Robes Scrubbed Wool.

Wool Scarfs in white and rainbow shades.

Shetland Shawls in rose, pink, white and mauve.

Art Silk Scarfs in many different Oriental shades and patterns.

UMBRELLAS

There's many a smart Umbrella will have its place on the Christmas tree.

The Umbrella to give her is one that will match her newest costume. We have a choice collection of Christmas Umbrellas. Small and trim with fancy carved wooden handles—really there are hundreds of handles to select from and a wide range of prices.

(Silk room, 2nd floor.)

FOR BABY

White and Grey Pockets or a White Thibet Collar.

(Silk Dept., 2nd floor.)

Smart Luggage

Smart Luggage must always accompany the smartly dressed woman so what could be a more appropriate gift for her than a piece of good looking luggage.

There are many articles to select from.

From the smart little Hat Case in round or square style nicely lined with fancy cretonne or silk to the Wardrobe Trunk. Extra large size with drawer fittings. Week-end Cases, with or without fittings.

Black Enamel Suit Case, Silk or Cretonne lined.

Hand Bags with toilet fittings.

Pullman Hand Bags with pockets for toilet fittings; also cases of ivory fittings that fit into any bag.

Hat Cases in real leather with silk linings. These are in round styles and are priced at \$18.75.

Hat Cases—Round shape, at \$7.50.

Square Hat Cases—Fancy Cretonne lined at \$10.00.

Wardrobe Trunks in Steamer size, three-quarter and extra large size.

Also a nice assortment of smaller pieces such as Writing Cases in fine leather. Travelling Cases with Toilet Fittings. Jewel Cases, small and medium sizes.

Music Cases. The popular folding kind.

Shopping Lists in leather cases.

Card and Manicure Sets for Hand Bags.

(Men's Furnishings, ground floor.)

SHE'LL LOVE STATIONERY.

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Note Paper and Envelopes, in fancy Christmas boxes. 75c, 85c, \$1.15 and \$1.35 a box.

Correspondence Cards.

Gilt edge with Gift Boxes, 80c and 85c.

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