

SIR HUGH GRAHAM CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Proprietor of The Montreal Star is Sued for \$100,000 Damages Wanted to Control Liberal and Conservative Newspapers At the Same Time, With Hon. W. S. Fielding as Editor of One

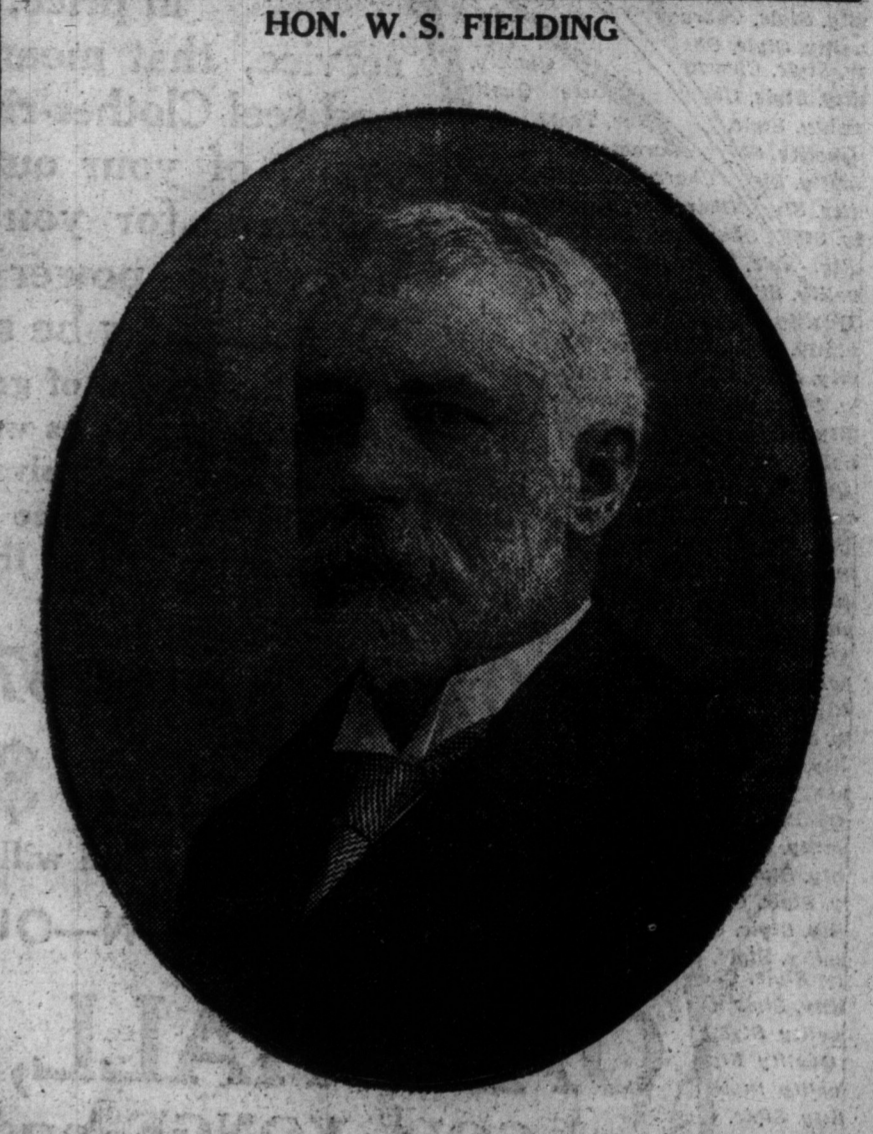
THE COURTS of Montreal are now seized of certain actions at law that seem destined to give the people of Canada an inside view of the marvelous part played by Sir Hugh Graham of The Montreal Star, in the newspaper and political life of the country and the municipal and franchise life of Montreal. The Toronto World is incidentally a figure in one of these suits.

The parts alleged to have been played by Sir Hugh Graham in the affairs of the Laurier Government and the Conservative opposition at the time, in the affairs of the last election and the organization of the Borden Government after the Laurier defeat, in the naval defence agitation, have been of such an astonishing and mysterious character, that they are almost unbelievable. But the facts, and many other surprising facts are now about to be disclosed.

SIR HUGH PROPOSED THE DEAL BY WHICH 2 MONTREAL PAPERS AGREED TO CO-OPERATION PLAN

For a Period of Five Years Neither The Star Nor The Herald Was to Employ Anyone in the Employ of Either Paper, and All Matters of Mutual Interest Were to Be Discussed—Full Details of the Declaration Filed in Court by The Montreal Herald.

The complaint which The Montreal Herald filed in the superior courts of the Province of Quebec, District of Montreal, yesterday is as follows: The Montreal Herald, Plaintiff, vs. The Montreal Star Publishing Company, Limited, The Montreal Standard Publishing Company, Limited, The International News Service, Sir Hugh Graham and Charles F. Crandall, Defendants.

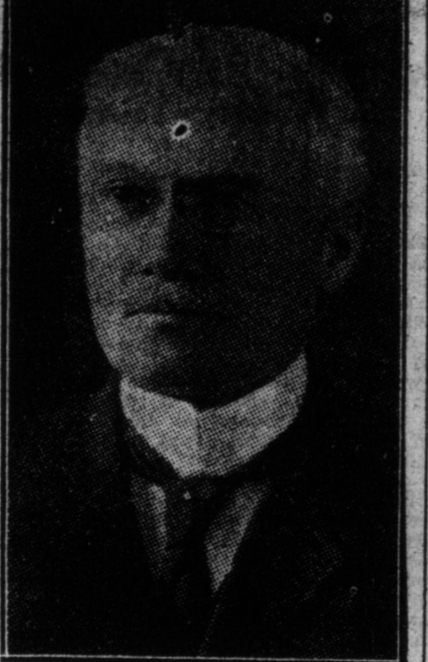


HON. W. S. FIELDING Minister of finance in the Laurier cabinet, whom Sir Hugh Graham wanted to put in charge of The Montreal Herald.

STRONG LIBERAL ORGAN WAS TO BE CONTROLLED BY SIR HUGH GRAHAM AND OPERATED UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF EX-MINISTER OF FINANCE

Failing in His Object, it is Charged That Sir Hugh Conspired to Destroy The Herald, and Ruin Its Business By Buying Up All News and Feature Services in Order to Prevent The Herald From Securing Them.

Sued for \$100,000



SIR HUGH GRAHAM, proprietor of The Montreal Star, who has been made defendant in a suit brought by The Montreal Herald.

THE TORONTO WORLD INCIDENTALLY IS DRAWN IN

MONTREAL, Oct. 9.—(Special).—The Montreal Herald this afternoon says: A suit for one hundred thousand dollars damages, on account of an alleged conspiracy to destroy The Herald newspaper and to ruin its business was entered in the superior court today by The Herald Company, Limited. The defendants are The Montreal Star Publishing Company, Limited, The Montreal Standard Publishing Company, Limited, The International News Service (a New Jersey corporation controlled by Wm. Randolph Hearst), Sir Hugh Graham, owner of The Star and Standard, and Charles F. Crandall, managing editor of The Star for the past few months. Particulars of the allegations upon which the suit is based are given in full in the plaintiff's declaration.

It should be stated that whatever may be its outcome the plaintiff company does not expect to be prevented from producing a newspaper which will be acceptable to the public of Montreal. It is not to be supposed that the laws of Canada, whether invoked by this suit or by any other procedure, are such that any newspaper can be prevented from the publication of news, or that a matter of fixed policy seek to crush competition by intervening between a competing newspaper and every source of supply with which it may attempt to deal. The losses which The Herald believes to have been inflicted upon it and, incidentally, upon its readers by the acts set forth in this declaration, are very serious, but they will only have the effect (whatsoever be the issue of this suit) of compelling the owners of this paper to renewed efforts to provide the kind of newspaper which the great majority of the reading public of Montreal desire. In this suit, as in every other step of their efforts to make The Herald a more powerful and more popular paper than ever before, they are firmly convinced that they are not merely striving to make a good newspaper, but that they are preserving Montreal from the most extraordinary journalistic monopoly which was ever dreamed of by the mind of ambitious man.

At all times and dates hereinafter mentioned the defendant, Sir Hugh Graham, owned or controlled a majority of the capital stocks of the two defendant companies, The Montreal Star Publishing Company, Limited, and The Montreal Standard Publishing Company, Limited, and controlled the publication, the editorial matter and generally the business of the said newspapers, The Montreal Star, The Family Herald and Weekly Star and The Standard.

Wanted Fielding As Editor

In the month of May, 1913, at the City of Montreal, the defendant, Sir Hugh Graham, approached said Douglas Lorne McGibbon, and then and on several occasions thereafter, made various offers to buy from him the control of the said plaintiff company, for the purpose of amalgamating The Montreal Herald with The Daily Witness, a Liberal newspaper, published in the City of Montreal, for the purpose of which he (Sir Hugh Graham) held an option, and of running the amalgamated paper as a strong Liberal organ in the City of Montreal under the personal direction of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, late minister of finance, all of which offers were refused by the said Douglas Lorne McGibbon, although considerable pressure was brought to bear upon him by the said Sir Hugh Graham and other persons instigated by him to accept the same.

Interlocutory Injunction Secured

In this connection it may be mentioned that The Toronto World, on Oct. 8, obtained an interlocutory injunction in Montreal, preventing the defendants in The Herald action from using this service or from selling it to anyone else; The World claiming that its contract is still in full force and effect.

Herald Asks Hundred Thousand Dollars Damages

Wherefore the plaintiff company prays that the defendants be jointly and severally condemned to pay to the plaintiff company the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), with interest from the present date, and that they and each of them be ordered and enjoined, together with their officers, servants, agents and employees, to cease interfering between the plaintiff company and the divers concerns herein above mentioned, viz., the International News Service, the Central News, Limited, The World Syndicate Company, Limited, of Toronto, the McClure Syndicate of New York and any other companies, corporations or persons with whom the plaintiff company has or is about to make contracts for the service of its newspapers, and for furnishing the latter with news, editorials, special articles, stories, illustrations, photographs and other circulation-getting features, and from using in the newspapers published and controlled by the Canadian defendants the said news service, and from selling or granting the right to use the same to other newspapers in Canada, and to cease enticing away from the service of the plaintiff company its employees and officials, and to cease conspiring, combining and agreeing with other persons to deprive the company plaintiff of the ordinary services as herein above mentioned, which are necessary for the publication of such newspapers as are published, owned and controlled by the plaintiff company; the whole with costs against the said defendants jointly and severally, the plaintiff company reserving the right to take such other conclusions as the requirements of the occasion may demand, and for such further and consequential damages as the said plaintiff company may suffer by reason of the acts of the defendants herein above set forth.

Sunday Herald Established

The company plaintiff has in the past few months by the expenditure of a large amount of money, greatly increased its business, and the circulation of The Montreal Daily Herald, and in the progress of developing its business, established the Saturday evening edition, known as The Montreal Sunday Herald, for which it secured the right to use the said Hearst Service in the manner hereinafter mentioned, which enabled the said The Montreal Sunday Herald, in the course of a few issues to gain a large circulation.

Further conspiracies are alleged against The Herald to deprive it of the services of a news agency known as the Central News, Limited, and to deprive it of the services of the McClure Syndicate in New York, which also supplies news matter and features to newspapers.

The Herald's List Of Wrongs

The Herald (the company plaintiff) then goes on to allege in its declaration that numerous other conspiracies were entered into by the

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A Most Popular Actress

Reports from the Princess Theatre indicate that the popular comedienne, Miss Billie Burke, will receive a rousing reception when she appears next week in "The Amazons." The advance sale of seats which opened yesterday, shows a big demand.

MONTREAL, Oct. 8, 1913. (Sgd.) CASGRAIN, MITCHELL, McDUGALL & CREELMAN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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