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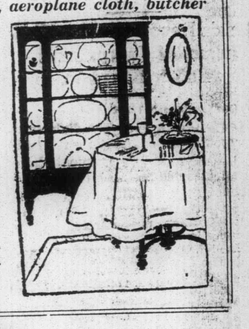

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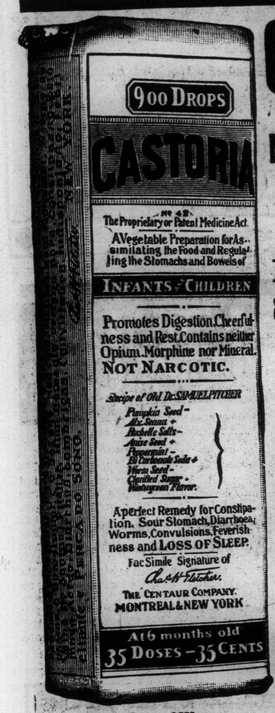

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THE LETTERS

Which Passed Between the Premier and Hughes

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—Circumstances which led up to the removel of Lieut Gen. Sir Sam Hughes from the post of minister of militia are set forth in the correspondence made public yesterday afternoon. It is exceedingly voluminous.

Generally speaking the trouble arose over the constitution or attempted constitution by General Hughes of an overseas army council. Sir Robert taxed Sir Sam with doing this without any authority and of conducting himself generally as though his department was separate and apart from the government. The appointment of Sir Geo. Perley as overseas minister was vigorously opposed by Lieut.-Gen. Hughes, who insisted upon Sir Max Aitken being assigned to that position. He eulogized Sir Max and claimed that in view of the work he had done, it would be humiliating not to appoint him. With Aitken in the job he would warmly support the proposal. With Sir George Perley there the scheme would have his bitter opposition.

The Crisis

The fat got into the fire when in a long letter dated November 1st, Sir Sam accuse Sir Robert of deliberately planning months ago to make Sir George Perley minister overseas. The premier likewise was accused of making incorrect statements. Sir Robert would not stand for this. He demanded Sir Sam's resignation and got it, but the minister indulges in strong criticism and wild statements.

While there were other letters they are all summarized in the really important ones that follow.

Differs With Premier

Ottawa, November 1, 1916.

Dear Sir Robert:

In reply to your memorandum of October 31st ultimo, permit me in brief to summarize:

I do recall my visit to Great Britain in the Autumn of 1914. I did expect both under the statutory law of Britain and under the law of common courtesy, that I would have been permitted to exercise some "control and direction" over our gallant boys, in the way of organization.

But there had evidently been some communication to the effect that "control and direction" of this magnificent force should be under the British Government direct. The then Mr. George Perley, Acting High Commissioner, implied such in the following words: "You do not pretend surely to have anything to do with the Canadian soldiers in Britain."

Further, Sir Robert, I spoke to you on my return and told you the circumstances, both then and subsequently. You, yourself, know that last year you took occasion to speak to Sir George Perley concerning the matter. The treatment he accorded me after this was the only respectable or courteous treatment he ever gave me.

Regarding the consultative Sub-Militia Council. It has only been tentatively formed. My way of doing things is to obtain results, not necessarily the creation of bodies organized by order-in-Council. As everyone knows what may seem workable in theory does not so turn out in practice.

On my arrival in England this year, I was met by your cablegram of July 31st, which you quote.

During the month of August I visited every camp in England, France and Belgium and consulted in detail with all the leading officers of the Canadian force. I went further and asked for suggestions from leading officers of every force.

Not content with this, however, I decided to try the thing out in practice, and in an informal way, and before embodying anything in order-in-Council, would find any weak points in the system which might arise, and could add any improvements necessary.

Every officer concerned was distinctly notified of this, that no question of rank, or pay, or precedence or anything else, other than trial organization, was contemplated.

As a result, before I left England, we had made many improvements.

Permit me to draw your attention to nearly every commission which has been formed. They look beautiful on paper, but few, if any one of them, have been anything like perfect in practice. The Hospitals Commission, the Pensions Board and the National Service Commission all seemed lovely when sent out, but everyone concerned with them knows of the absurdities therein contained.

Permit me further to draw your attention to the fact that the British Constitution does not exist on paper; no order-in-Council is behind it.

Further, had I venutred to conduct this force on the basis of formal orders-in-Council, the First Division would not have left Valcartier yet, and you know yourself how by technicalities the Second Division was held up for four months through little petty haggling on the question of motor trucks, etc., etc.

The second line of your memorandum says: "So far as I am aware, you exercised the same control and direction over the forces in Great Britain during the first year as subsequently."

Sir Robert, no one knows better than you that this statement is incorrect. This last year, with the full concurrence of the War Office, our management and direction have been given every consideration, and by their request.

One other point and I am through. It might be implied from your memorandum that my failing to secure authority by order-in-Council for this Sub-Militia Council impelled you to the course you are now pursuing regarding Sir George Perley. May I be permitted to say that both you and I know to the contrary. I knew early in August that Sir George Perley had planned something along these very lines. You have, also, admitted that as early as the first week of September you had this matter under consideration. I understand that it was under consideration by you and Perley earlier. You incidentally remarked yesterday that you had not consulted any of your colleagues. Of course when I drew your attention to the statement, you corrected yourself.

Faithfully

(Signed) SAM HUGHES.

The Right Hon. Sir Robert L. Borden, G.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.

Resignation Requested.

Ottawa, November 9, 1916.

Dear General Hughes:

During your absence I have given very careful consideration to your letter of the 1st instant, and I must express my deep regret that you saw fit to address to me, as head of the Government, a communication of that nature. As you are to return tomorrow, it is my duty at once to announce to you my conclusion.

Under conditions which at times were very trying and which gave me great concern, I have done my utmost to support you in the administration of your department. This has been very difficult by reason of your strong tendency to assume powers which you do not possess and which can only be exercised by the Governor-in-Council. My time and energies, although urgently needed for much more important duties, have been very frequently employed in removing difficulties thus unnecessarily created. You seemed actuated by a desire and even an intention to administer your department as if it were a distinct and separate government in itself. On many occasions, but without much result, I have cautioned you against this course which has frequently led to well-founded protest from your colleagues as well as detriment to the public interest.

I do not intend to dwell upon the instances, some of which are still under consideration, in which you have acted without authority or consultation in matters more or less important. Of these, the latest is the establishment of a Militia Sub-Council in Great Britain, including the appointment of its personnel. I conveyed to you on the 31st July, a clear proposal, involving consideration of the gravest moment, the Cabinet must be consulted before action was taken. All the members of the Government have full and direct responsibility in respect of the very important matters which the proposed Council would advise upon and direct. The intimation which was given to you in my telegram of 31st July should not have been necessary. As soon as it was received, you proceeded to disregard it. Some portions of your letter are expressive of the attitude which I have described and to which you evidently intend to adhere. Such an attitude is wholly inconsistent with and subversive of the principle of joint responsibility upon which constitutional Government is based.

But more than that, your letter is couched in such terms that I cannot overlook or excuse it. I take strong exception not only to statements which it contains, but to its general character and tone. You must surely realize that I cannot retain in the Government a colleague who has addressed to me such a communication. I regret that you have thus imposed upon me the disagreeable duty of requesting your resignation as Minister of Militia and Defence.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) R. L. BORDEN.

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By Courier Leased Wire.

East Buffalo, Nov. 15.—Cattle—Receipts 200; steady.

Veal—Receipts 75; active; $4.50 to $13.50.

Hogs—Receipts 2,500; active; heavy, $10.15 to $10.30; mixed, $10.10 to $10.15; yorkers $10.00 to $10.10; light yorkers $9.00 to $9.50; pigs, $9.00; roughs $9.00 to $9.15; stags, $7.50 to $8.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2,400; active; lambs $7.00 to $12.00; yearlings $5.50 to $9.50; wethers $8.00 to $8.50; ewes, $3.00 to $7.75; mixed sheep, $7.75 to $8.00.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—There was a good demand for cattle at the Union Stock Yards to-day, and the market was active, with prices firm. Hogs steady at yesterday's advance. Lambs and sheep firm. Receipts 1180 cattle, 178 calves, 2082 hogs, 1308 sheep.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Export cattle, choice, $7.90; to $8.40; butcher cattle, choice, $7.10 to $7.50; medium, $6.40 to $6.90; common, $4.75 to $5.25; butcher cows, choice, $6.40 to $6.75; medium $5.75 to $6.25; canners, $4.00 to $4.25; bulls, $4.50 to $6.85; feeding steers, $6.75 to $7.25; stockers, choice, $5.75 to $6.25; light, $4.50 to $5.25; milkers, choice, each $50.00 to $110.00; springers, $50.00 to $110.00; sheep, ewes, $8.25 to $9.00; bucks and culls $6.50 to $8.00; lambs, $10.75 to $11.10; hogs, fed and watered, $10.55; calves, $5.00 to $11.25

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Nov. 15—Cattle, receipts 24,000; market steady; native beef cattle $6.80 to $12.00; Texas steers, $6.60 to $10.25; stockers and feeders $4.75 to $7.90; cows and heifers $3.75 to $9.50; calves $8.50 to $12.25; hogs, receipts, 58,000; market dull, 10c to 15c lower; light, $8.65 to $9.80; mixed $9.25 to $10.00; heavy $9.45 to $10.05; rough $9.45 to $9.60; pigs, $6.50 to $8.40; bulk of sales $9.20 to $9.85; sheep, receipts 22,000; market firm; wethers $7.90 to $9.00; lambs, native, $9.25 to $11.95.

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