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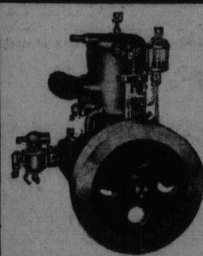
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OBITUARY.

James Baker

The death of James Baker took place yesterday morning at his home, Lancaster avenue. The deceased was ninety-three years of age and had been in poor health for some time. He was a native of Ireland, but had spent a number of years in this country. He is survived by one son, Harry, with whom he resides.

E. J. Dennett

The death took place yesterday morning at his home, Summer street, Lancaster, of E. J. Dennett, only son of late Mrs. Louise Dennett of Carleton. Mr. Dennett was fifty years of age and was some years ago a telegraph operator in the employ of the C. P. R. Later he ran a small book store but failing health made it necessary for him to give up active work. He is survived by two sisters. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from St. Jude's church.

Mrs. S. S. Forbes

The remains of Mrs. S. S. Forbes arrived at Fairville yesterday from Somerville, Mass. From the station the body was conveyed to Cedar Hill cemetery where interment took place. Rev. A. J. Archibald conducted the service.

Charles S. Keith

The death of Charles S. Keith occurred recently at New Westminster after a brief illness with peritonitis. The deceased was born in New Brunswick and went west when at a comparatively early age. He practised law with the law firm of Henderson & Keith. Later he accepted the position as registrar in charge of the New Westminster land registry office and occupied that position for nine years.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, but no family.

FERNHILL DIRECTORS

APPOINT OFFICERS

At the meeting of the directors of the Fernhill Cemetery Company yesterday afternoon the following officers were appointed:—President, Judge Forbes; vice-president, Col. E. T. Sturdee; secretary-treasurer, M. O. Magee; superintendent, J. P. Clayton; assistant superintendent, J. R. Clayton.

Executive committee—Judge Forbes, Peter Campbell, J. A. Likely, Geo. W. Ketchum, Dr. James Christie and R. W. Frink.

Lot Committee—Col. E. T. Sturdee, E. L. Rising, C. E. Scammell, F. E. Hamilton, Geo. Kimball and John K. Schofield.

The superintendent was authorized to engage extra laborers for the purpose of getting the new cheap lots in shape by the first of May, without interfering with the ordinary work of the cemetery.

Another Nasty Crowd.

Of late residents in different sections of the city have been complaining of the disorderly conduct of young boys and last evening Policeman Armstrong was called to St. James' street to scatter a crowd of youngsters who were making a lively racket. It is needless to say that as soon as the officer put in an appearance the young fellows beat a hasty retreat.

GRITS NOT KEEN TO HAVE TRUTH BROUGHT OUT

Carvell's Actions in Public Accounts Committee Make This Quite Clear—Mr. Foster Denies He Received Remuneration for Buying Horses.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., April 12.—The Public Accounts Committee got back to horses today when more light was thrown on the purchase of horses in Kings county, Nova Scotia. Sensational evidence was given several days ago by a Kings county horse dealer and farmer to the effect that aged and broken-down horses were bought by the government. The horse dealer, A. P. Harvey, openly gloated over the fact that he had sold, for the use of the soldiers, useless equines. The farmer, S. S. Selfridge, claimed he himself sold good horses, but insisted that his neighbors palmed off all their old and worn-out mares on the government buyers, who were representing Mr. Arthur DeWitt Foster. Both these men admitted that they were strong Liberals, and after today's evidence no one could doubt that they were either misrepresenting the case for the sake of party advantage or exaggerated in the most preposterous manner. The veterinary who passed the horses, Dr. Chipman, very evidently knew his business and told a straight forward story. He denied most emphatically that he had passed any old horses, and declared he had purchased but one horse from Mr. Harvey. This horse, although sprung in the knees, was sound in every way, and he had raced it himself at ice races, the hardest kind of a test.

Mr. E. N. Rhodes had a whole sheaf of telegrams from neighbors of Mr. Selfridge who wanted to come to Ottawa to testify and denied in the most emphatic language that the horses they had sold were old and decrepit. There will be evidently, judging by the tone of the telegrams, a warm reception awaiting Mr. Selfridge when he gets back home. Mr. Carvell fought vigorously and successfully to prevent getting these telegrams put in as evidence.

Mr. Arthur DeWitt Foster, the youngest member of the house, who defeated Sir Frederick Borden last election and who had looked after the purchase of the horses, was on the stand and was examined at length by Mr. F. B. Carvell in his usual bulldozing manner. At one stage Mr. Carvell called the member for Kings "an idiot." Mr. Foster, in the most emphatic language, denied that he had received any commission or any remuneration in any way for the purchase of the horses which had been purchased. He had not handled one dollar of the money personally.

A second time Mr. Carvell objected to questions put by the government members to a witness, and Chairman Murphy sustained him. He pointed out, however, that a thousand times Mr. Carvell's action has shown that the Liberals do not want the truth brought out. Right through the government members have been leading the enquiry and the government has brought out nearly all the evidence which has been submitted.

Just before the evening sitting of the committee concluded there was a statement made by Mr. Carvell, another horse dealer from Kings, whose evidence on a former occasion has made him somewhat notorious, was on the stand. Mr. Carvell was putting some questions to the witness when the chairman interposed and ruled him out of order as this was already on the record.

Mr. Carvell—"This man has been held up as a perjurer and he has a right to make his position clear."

Mr. Rhodes—"He did not tell the truth."

Mr. Carvell jumped to his feet and shouted: "You are not as much of a gentleman as I thought you were."

"If you are a judge of gentlemen, I don't want to be classed as one," retorted Mr. Rhodes.

Mr. Carvell: "You should withdraw that statement about the witness. If you were in court you would withdraw it mighty quick."

Mr. Rhodes would not budge however, and repeated that the witness had not told the truth.

Harvey admitted that Selfridge had paid his fare to Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 12.—Mr. A. Dewitt Foster, M. P., and Dr. Chipman, V. S., of Kentville, N. S., gave interesting evidence today before the Public Accounts Committee in regard to the purchase of horses for Valcartier last September.

Dr. Chipman was on the stand all morning. Examined first by Mr. Rhodes, Dr. Chipman said he had made a careful examination of all the horses which had been purchased for the government by Mr. McKay in Kings County. He had looked them over as to age and soundness. He had tried out in the saddle those which were to be used for cavalry purposes, and in harness, those which were intended for artillery.

For the four days during which he worked at Kentville, Wolfville, Berwick and Kingston he had received \$10 a day, out of which he had to pay his own expenses. With regard to John Selfridge's "horse with a cough," which he had passed there, the witness said he had examined it thoroughly, as he had been told it had a cough. But after testing it in every way, he could not find the cough, and so he passed the horse.

At Berwick, where Harvey sold his first horse to the government, Dr. Chipman said there were about two hundred horses submitted for sale. He examined between seventy and eighty and passed between thirty and forty.

According to Harvey's evidence a horse sold to the government at Berwick for \$150 had been sprung in the knees.

Dr. Chipman said that he had known this horse ever since it was a foal, and it had inherited its bad knees. However, that did not make the horse unsound, and he had raced it himself on an ice track. It had never stumbled, and he believed it was suitable for a cavalry horse and worth \$165.

Witness explained that after examining the horse, he put a ticket on it with a full description for Mr. McKay's signature. He had never put a ticket on a horse over ten years of age, and that some of the horses which he had ticketed had not been afterwards accepted by Mr. McKay.

Witness said that he had placed a dozen horses on the accepted list, although they had spavins, and on the tickets it had been so stated. He thought that there were degrees of spavins, and that a horse might still be serviceable. He declared that he got no secret commission or graft of any kind, and that his sole remuneration was the \$10 per day. One man, however, had suggested that there was lots of graft in South Africa, and it might be made this time.

When Mr. Foster asked him to stand this afternoon he stated he desired to make a statement. There had been no charge leveled against him so far, nothing but insinuations in the press.

Mr. Carvell—"Mr. Chairman, I object to statements like this."

Chairman Murphy—"The committee has allowed other persons against whom insinuations have been made to testify."

Mr. Carvell stated he objected to Mr. Foster coming to the stand to make statements, but finally the latter was allowed to read his statement, on the understanding that it did not go to the effect that he had been requested by the principal veterinary officer, Col. Neill, to assist the veterinary in procuring as many horses as possible in ten days to finish the complement at Valcartier of the first contingent. He had signed checks for the payment of these horses and for that only. No checks had been issued for his personal expenses or those of any one else or for commissions to any one. He had not received any commissions or any expenses himself, nor had he any arrangement whereby he was to receive any commissions in future. He now offered himself to be sworn as a witness to be cross-examined.

Mr. Carvell—"Mr. Garland made a statement like that and then he had paid back \$10,000."

Under oath Mr. Foster swore the statement he had read was true. In answer to Mr. Carvell he stated the record showed that he had bought 428 horses. This record was his statement to Col. Neill. It showed he had purchased 218 riding, 120 artillery and 90 draught horses. The general average price paid had been \$170 and the horses had been purchased between August 31 and September 4th.

Mr. Carvell—"When did Col. Neill speak to you about it?"

Mr. Foster said he had gone to him on August 24th and asked him if he would appoint Mr. F. H. Parker to purchase horses in Nova Scotia. Col. Neill told him the purchase of remounts had all been allotted for the first contingent. On August 26, however, he had called Mr. Foster up and stated he needed 800 more remounts at Valcartier in a week and asked him to go to Nova Scotia and assist in their purchase. Mr. Foster had written him a letter pointing out that the time was very limited and stating he wished Col. Neill could see his way clear to appointing Mr. Parker. He had offered, however, if Col. Neill would make such arrangements at the bank that his standing as a member would not be affected, he would undertake the work. He had afterwards asked Mr. G. H. Oates in St. John to represent him in the purchase of horses in Kings, Annapolis and Hants.

Mr. Carvell asked the witness whether he knew who Mr. Keever, who had assisted in the purchase of the horses, was. "Mr. Keever is a responsible man from Albert county, N. B., who is now general manager of the Fortuna Mine in Arizona, a mine from which \$3,000,000 has been taken. He is a partner of ex-Governor Foss of Massachusetts. Mr. T. C. Woodworth is Mr. Keever's partner."

Mr. Carvell then questioned Mr.

"BOY WITH \$500,000 EARS."



"TEDDY" SLINGSBY

Here is "Teddy" Eugene Slingsby, four-year-old son of Lieutenant Charles H. R. Slingsby, of the British navy, and known as the "boy with the \$500,000 ears," as he arrived in New York from England.

The remarkable similarity of "Teddy's" left ear to that of his mother won for himself and his father the \$1,000,000 estate of the Rev. Charles Slingsby, the boy's great-uncle, after a two year fight in the English courts.

Foster as to a visit he had paid to Ottawa where he had met Messrs. W. P. McKay and Keever. "Did you do any business with Mr. Keever?"

"No."

"With Mr. MacKay?"

"Mr. MacKay had a desk in my office."

"You were in the fox business together?"

"No, not together."

Mr. Foster then gave some information as to Mr. T. C. Woodworth's standing stating he had three homes and was a "big man."

Questioned by Mr. Carvell as to when he had first met Mr. Keever, the witness was not very clear. He admitted he had met him before last August, but could not say when and where. Keever had arrived in Ottawa on August 25 to see Woodworth on account of business.

"You thought he'd be a good man to take to Nova Scotia."

"Yes, Col. Neill asked Mr. Woodworth to go with me."

"How about Mr. MacKay?"

"His arrangements were made entirely with Mr. Keever."

"Now as to the signing of these checks?"

"I might as well be frank. These checks were signed by me and handed to Oates, my representative, with instructions that when the horses were passed by the veterinarians he was to sign the checks, having the farmers' receipts in his hands."

"Where are these receipts then?"

"In the hands of Keever and Woodworth, the two men to whom they belonged."

"Do you mean to tell me you knew these men had these receipts?" asked Mr. Carvell.

"I knew they did have them."

"Have you made any attempt to get these receipts in the last six weeks?"

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"Didn't you see Woodworth when you were in Boston last week?" queried Mr. Carvell.

"Yes."

"Did you see Keever?"

"No."

"And were you not afterwards at the Willard Hotel in Washington?"

"Yes, but neither was there."

"Didn't you see Keever? Come, answer now."

"No, not except at a distance."

"When you saw Woodworth, what did he say?"

"He said he would come before the committee as soon as he could."

"You told him parliament would prorogue today or tomorrow, didn't you?"

"No, I did not."

"You mean to tell this committee you saw this man, and you have not got the receipts yet?"

"Yes."

"When you saw Keever at a distance in Washington, how far was the distance?"

"It was a distance of three rooms away. Mr. Keever was busy with some clients, and I could not see him."

"You never asked these men for those receipts from the farmers?"

"Well, I asked Mr. Woodworth if he and Mr. Carvell—"

Mr. Carvell—"Not Mr. Carvell; don't put me in with that gang."

Mr. Foster—"They would rank with you as regards reputation, or anything else."

"Did you tell them how long parliament was liable to sit?"

"I don't remember."

"We know where you were, you know."

"Oh, I know you do. You've had detectives on me for three years."

Mr. Carvell then questioned Mr. Foster further as to his conversation with Mr. Woodworth in Boston. The witness stated he did not know when parliament would prorogue; he knew the House had been at it for a fortnight trying to close. He had asked Mr. Woodworth to come to Ottawa last week to give evidence before the committee, but Mr. Woodworth had stated his business would not allow him to go at the time.

"Why did you choose Keever and Woodworth, in the first place, to purchase some \$70,000 worth of horses?"

"Because they were willing to pay their own expenses," Mr. Foster added that Mr. Carvell would have to answer to Messrs. Keever and Woodworth for his insinuations, upon which Mr. Carvell thanked him sarcastically and remarked that to be "warned was forearmed."

Mr. Foster then remarked that his train would be going soon, but Mr. Carvell told him he could stay in Ottawa all night, if necessary.

Mr. Carvell then questioned the witness as to why he had not chosen his friend Mr. Oates, or Mr. Parker, to buy the horses instead of Keever and Woodworth. "You took two Yankees down there, because they would work for nothing," he asked.

"Excuse me, two Canadians," said Mr. Foster.

"Do you believe they worked for nothing?"

"I do."

"Do you believe the horses cost on the average of \$170?"

"Yes I do, and so do you."