

cash to several voters, and that it was to buy their votes, and that drinking was so common that he could not remember to whom he dispensed "booze."

"Then you used liquor and money quite extensively?" witness was asked.

"Sure!", he nonchalantly replied.

E. A. McNeil admitted quite freely that he "handled the bag" for a part of 1911. W. H. Muirhead, the "chief bag-holder", and employee of **F. B. McCurdy and Co.**, Halifax, gave him a package of money containing \$100. McNeil also swore that he acted as messenger, and carried a package of money, amount unknown, from Muirhead, **McCurdy's "Man Friday"**, to John H. Walker, an active Conservative.

M. D. McNeil, also of 10111, was not bribed in cash, as far as is shown in the evidence, but he testified that he was promised the postmastership in 1911; when he didn't get it he declined to do any work in the 1914 by-election unless pacified; and after this threat J. C. Douglas, M.P.P., showed him what purported to be the resignation of the postmaster. Then he "got to work." **The Conservatives thus told him that they had gotten rid of a faithful and efficient Liberal postmaster, to make room for him.**

Sandy McDonald candidly admitted that Muirhead handed him \$50, the transaction taking place where so many others equally nefarious transpired, at the Telegraph House, Baddeck. **McCurdy's man was always on the job.**

In all, **138 cases of bribery** were alleged, and as man after man took the stand to contribute his quota to the story of the iniquities of the Conservatives, and the **McCurdy-Hayes-Muirhead system**, it was possible to get more than a glimpse how complete had been their debauchery of the electorate.

Liquor Even at Polls.

Many Conservatives kept open-house election day, distributing "booze" with a prodigal hand. Sandy McDonald, mentioned above, the president of the Conservative Association in his district, testified that he distributed liquor at the North Shore poll election day, and also at his own home. He did this, he stated under oath, in the interests of Philip MacLeod, Conservative candidate.

Charles Kempt, of Bonharderie, testified that he saw several **Conservative workers dispensing liquor, election day, in a small room, adjoining the polling booth.**

Further evidence showed that the ramifications of the treating system extended throughout all parts of the riding, and the Conservative runners were busily engaged election day and the days preceding in despatching "booze" to all sections of the constituency—even by **Government boat.**