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## Disgraceful Tactics Pursued by Proudfoot

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Thorne, in the letter, states that during his investigation "some very improper suggestions and advances were made by certain persons," but the letter does not give names. At the end of the letter are significant postscripts.

"Please return copy of agreement, copy of award, and McNaught's letter," evidence that for some reason Thorne was putting in the hands of Hon. Mr. Hanna's bitter enemy documents to back up even the letter. The final postscript reads: "The Whitney Government, as such, were as close to an overthrow about December 1 as it is possible to go. The time was ready and the match lit."

Many Questions Asked.

When Mr. Proudfoot finished reading his letter to a full hall of thrusters in the Government benches.

"Who is Harry?" asked Sir James, with pointed sarcasm.

Mr. Proudfoot thought the Prime Minister could draw his own conclusions.

"Where did you get the letter?" asked one member. How much did you pay for it?" asked another.

Mr. Proudfoot, amid a chorus of jeering, insisted that the letter had not been secured from Maisonneville by himself or his colleagues, that he did not know Maisonneville. Then G. H. Ferguson, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, pointed out that Mr. Proudfoot had only read from a copy, and the Hon. member had to promise to deposit the original with the Speaker. In agreeing he expressed surprise that the Government members should be so anxious for it when they had refused to accept it when it had been proffered in the committee. They would have touched it then with a ten-foot pole.

The Centre Huron member then proceeded to criticize the action of the committee in shutting off inquiry into the coal contracts and self-feeder matter, while allowing Hon. Mr. Hanna to make what he termed a "grand stand play" with his statement.

"That," he said, "was only a little piece of by-play. It looked as though the whole thing had been framed up so that the statement would be brought out in that way."

For this rash remark Mr. Proudfoot was thoroughly rebuked.

"I would like to call to the hon. member's recollection," Mr. Hanna remarked quietly, "that under oath in the last I said it was not framed up. That it was not a matter of arrangement between me and the Chair."

Mr. Proudfoot accepted the Minister's statement, but persisted that the object of the committee had been to get the statement made public, while refusing to permit the Opposition to introduce any evidence upon the points covered.

Sought Legal Advice.

Taking up the refusal of the committee to accept the Maisonneville letter, Mr. Proudfoot read an opinion by Sir Alan Aylesworth that the letter was admissible as evidence. From that he passed on to a perusal of the Criminal Code, quoting extracts and letters from counsel to the effect that the action of Taylor in giving the \$500 contribution was an offence against the code and of Hon. Mr. Hanna in receiving it also an offence. A letter from J. L. Dewart, K.C., Mr. Proudfoot's counsel, expressed the opinion that the \$500 contribution was an offence against the code and of Hon. Mr. Hanna in receiving it also an offence. A letter from J. L. Dewart, K.C., Mr. Proudfoot's counsel, expressed the opinion that the \$500 contribution was an offence against the code and of Hon. Mr. Hanna in receiving it also an offence.

Mr. Proudfoot next turned to a consideration of the subject matter of the charges, and had not gone far before he found himself in deep water. Glancing himself by the Maisonneville letter he recited as facts that the methods used to get the flat were those set forth by Thorne as given in the letter.

"Mr. Speaker," protested Sir James, "is that man to be allowed to stand there and repeat falsehood after falsehood because he reads it from a letter. No man ever gave testimony that effect and if he did he is a liar, and the man who repeats it is a traducer, like the hon. gentleman."

Mr. Rowell rose to protest, but Sir James said that the language was warranted. "I venture to say," he said, "I believe no other hon. gentleman would dare to stand up retelling what he does not know to be true, but what he has no knowledge of its truth. As long as he stands there reading statements against myself made by some Tom, Dick, or Harry as long as he is allowed I will repeat it."

The Centre Huron member retorted that if the statements made had not been proved it was because he was not allowed to present evidence by which they could have been proved. Mr. Ferguson objected to this. Mr. Proudfoot, he said, had been given ample opportunity to ask witnesses with reference to statements made in the letter. The committee objected only when the counsel for Mr. Proudfoot attempted to put the letter in as evidence.

The hon. member began again to deal with statements made in the letter and again Sir James objected.

This man dares to stand up here with a face of triple brass," said Sir James, "and suggests that because Tom tells Dick that you have proved that what Tom said to Dick was true. I ask whether the time has not come when this man should be put down."

Mr. Proudfoot asked the speaker if

the Prime Minister's language was parliamentary, and was told in reply that he should confine himself more closely to the subject matter of his charges.

A moment later Sir James arose to object to audible comments by persons under the galleries whom he described as the "tail" of the Opposition. A warning by the Speaker prevented a repetition of the incident.

Mr. Proudfoot went on for another hour, "droning" as Sir James put it, interrupting when weariness forced him to it. He covered the whole case and quit only when he had exhausted his material.

Brewster Speaks.

W. S. Brewster (South Brant), declared as a member of the committee that there wasn't a single iota of evidence taken before the committee that in any way implicated Sir James Whitney in these charges.

"The mistake made by those who preferred these charges was that they failed in the first principle of British law, that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty. They assumed that Sir James Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna were guilty."

Mr. Brewster held up to public gaze the spectacle of the Opposition members of the committee making a dramatic and indignant exit from the committee room when they found their case had collapsed.

"I say here, and I say it boldly," said Mr. Brewster, "that not a word has been proved in that investigation that reflects upon the honor and integrity of the Provincial Secretary, either as a man or a Minister."

The Brant member insisted that Thorne's letter to Maisonneville was properly ruled out, since that at the time that letter was attempted to be put in Thorne himself was in the box to give evidence.

The inquiry into the coal tenders was also properly prevented, since Mr. Proudfoot had, through skillful counsel, avoided making charges with respect to the matter.

In closing he declared that Sir James Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna had come out of the investigation with clean hands, that there had not been even a suggestion that one dollar of the people's money had been improperly spent by any department, or that a minister of the government had been guilty of a corrupt act any kind.

Dr. McQueen of North Wentworth came next. His opening remark was greeted with ironical applause by the Government members.

"At no time have I stood up to speak with more reluctance than I do now," he said.

The cheers did not disconcert the doctor.

"But I am not ashamed to stand here," he added. Continuing, he said that he deeply regretted the charges made against Hon. Mr. Hanna.

"Why do you regret it?" asked Dr. Forbes Godfrey.

"I regret it because I respect the man," replied the Wentworth member, going on to pay a warm tribute to the devotion of the Provincial Secretary to the public interest.

"I'd be the first man to congratulate him if he was entirely free of blame," he said, going on to declare that, whether the Minister was guilty or not, the people were not able to tell because a full investigation had not been given. Only through an inquiry by a Royal Commission could the matter be cleared up.

J. W. Johnson (West Hastings), as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, ridiculed the efforts of the Opposition before that committee to dig up something upon which they could base charges. They had utterly failed to do so, and the people passing judgment upon the facts produced with that statement of the case.

H. Munro (Glengarry) wanted to move the adjournment of the debate when his turn came, but he had to go on. He criticized the committee for being predisposed in favor of Sir James and Hon. Mr. Hanna, and elaborating this argument declared that the members had "cheered the prisoner."

J. Foy suggested that he amend this, and the members cried "Withdraw," which the Glengarry member did.

Mr. Munro passed on to protest against the shutting out of enquiry and brought Hon. Mr. Hanna to his feet.

"Do you make the slightest suggestion in any shape or form with regard to coal tenders?" he asked.

"No, I don't," replied Mr. Munro. "Is there a member of the Opposition or a man in this House who could for one second stand up in his place and make a suggestion of wrong doing in regard to coal tenders or underfed stokers?"

"I am not making any charges," said Mr. Munro. "I have no information that would lead me to believe there was anything wrong. I don't wish to leave the impression of making charges against anybody." But Mr. Munro insisted that if there were nothing to hide there should have been no barking of inquiry as he held there had been.

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H. F. LEONARD,  
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No. 775—Brook street, east side from Sheridan to Grey, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$317; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

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No. 777—Brook street, east side from Alice to Curtis, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$125; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 778—Bruce street, south side from Murray to Rawdon, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$643; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 779—Burwell street, south side from St. Paul Avenue to Morrell; 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$733; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

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No. 781—Campbell street, north side from Brock to Murray, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$217; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 782—Charlotte street, west side from Dalhousie to Wellington, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$319; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 783—Charlotte street, west side from Nelson to Chatham, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$158; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 784—Chatham street, south side from Rawdon to Stanley, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$344; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

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No. 786—Clarence street, east side from Grey to North side G. T. R. property, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$108; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 787—Drummond street, west side from Colborne to Northumberland, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$158; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 788—Elgin street, south side from Murray to Rawdon, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$652; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 789—Emile street, south side from Mohawk to Webb, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$306; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 790—Grant street, west side from Oxford to Brant, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$316; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 791—Grey street, south side from Park Avenue to Brock, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$634; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 792—Hart street, north side from Waterloo to end of street, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$102; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

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No. 794—Henrietta street, north side from William to Peel, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$292; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 685 cents.

No. 795—Henry Avenue, south side from Brunswick to Easterly City Dyke, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$404; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 796—Hilton street, east side from Bruce to G. T. R. Railway property, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$137; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

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No. 798—Lyons Avenue, west side from Lawrence to North of Lot 26, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$374; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 799—McLure street, east side from Terrace Hill to Dundas, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$332; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 800—Marlboro street, south side from Murray to Rawdon, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$634; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 801—Morrell street, east side from West Mill street to Burwell, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$1,443; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 802—Murray street, east side from Shaw to Grey, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$316; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 803—Nelson street, south side from Park Avenue to Alfred, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$108; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 804—Tecumseh street, west side from Cayuga to Strathcona Avenue, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$245; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 805—Wellington street, north side from King to Market, 6 feet in width; estimated cost \$700; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 75 cents.

No. 806—Wellington street, south side from Alfred to Park Avenue, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$198; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

No. 807—Wellington street, north side from Alfred to Park Avenue, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$245; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 625 cents.

No. 808—William street, east side from Church to West, 4 feet in width; estimated cost \$160; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 5 cents.

SANITARY SEWERS

Brunswick street—From Gilson to Grant; estimated cost \$2,270; ratepayers' share \$1,993; city's share \$277.

Bond Street—From Young to Ushier; estimated cost \$702; ratepayers' share \$626; city's share \$166.

Burwell street—From St. Paul's Avenue to Morrell; estimated cost \$2,660; ratepayers' share \$2,294; city's share \$366.

Centre Street—From Bridge to West; estimated cost \$500; ratepayers' share \$400; city's share \$100.

Main street—From Terrace Hill to Ross; estimated cost \$732; ratepayers' share \$532; city's share \$200.

Morrell Street—From Burwell St. to Dufferin Avenue; estimated cost \$1,600; ratepayers' share \$1,181; city's share \$419.

Oak street—Oxford to Brunswick; estimated cost \$2,640; ratepayers' share \$1,990; city's share \$650.

St. George street—From St. Paul's Avenue to North Park; estimated cost \$1,800; ratepayers' share \$1,385; city's share \$415.

St. Paul's Avenue—From Dundas to St. George street; estimated cost \$1,240; ratepayers' share \$974; city's share \$266.

St. Paul's Avenue—From West Mill to Spring; estimated cost \$4,520; ratepayers' share \$3,200; city's share \$1,320.

Young street—From Niagara to Bond; estimated cost \$628; ratepayers' share \$462; city's share \$166.

STORM SEWERS.

Ontario street—From Strathcona Avenue to Port; estimated cost \$2,295; ratepayers' share \$1,975; city's share \$320.

Pearl street—From Waterloo to "A" street; estimated cost \$1,102; ratepayers' share \$832; city's share \$270.

Port street—From Huron to Ontario; estimated cost \$1,591; ratepayers' share \$1,255; city's share \$336.

Rawdon street—From Elgin to Curtis; estimated cost \$2,318; ratepayers' share \$1,504; city's share \$814.

Waterloo street—From Pearl to Fleet; estimated cost \$983; ratepayers' share \$604; city's share \$379.

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Marlboro street—Market to George; estimated cost \$1,426; ratepayers' share \$873; city's share \$553; estimated cost per foot frontage per annum 16.2 cents.

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Chestnut Avenue, East side, from Dufferin Avenue to 335 feet northerly; estimated cost \$118; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum 3.5 cents.

Chestnut Avenue, east side, from Palmerston Avenue, 126 feet easterly; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Church street, south side, from Brant Avenue to William; estimated cost \$86; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Dalhousie street, north side, from Murray to Brock; estimated cost \$116; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Hilton street, East side, from Bruce street to G. T. Ry., estimated cost \$91; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 4 cents.

West side, from Bruce street to G. T. Ry., estimated cost \$91; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 4 cents.

Park Avenue, east side, from Nelson

street to Sheridan; estimated cost \$185; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Park Avenue, west side, from Nelson to Sheridan; estimated cost \$185; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Palmerston Avenue, south side, Chestnut Avenue, to Brant Avenue; estimated cost \$217; estimated rate per foot frontage per annum, 3.5 cents.

Ransom street, east side, from Bruce to G. T. Ry., estimated cost \$70;