

HARRIS REFERRED TO COL. ALLISON

Col. Carnegie Gave Advice, But No Motive Was Apparent.

BELIEVED HIM HONEST

But Harris Thought Carnegie Was Influenced From "Higher Up."

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Mr. Harris said it did not strike him that way, and Mr. Ewart asked if that wasn't what he wrote in his own report of the meeting. Mr. Harris admitted that and that he so reported to Mr. Russell, but it was an incorrect report so far as that was concerned.

Mr. Ewart followed up Carnegie's explanation to Harris that there had been pressure brought to bear on the shell committee which forced him to overlook the Russell Company.

Mr. Ewart then read the letter of request, which contained nothing at all in the nature of a request to help him in the Scoville plant.

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The evidence this morning puts a different construction on this matter.

At the conclusion of this afternoon's inquiry, after Mr. Harris had been cross-examined, Sir William Meredith undertook examination of the witness and his questions gave the best indication yet available of the situation, as viewed by the royal commission.

To Sir William, Mr. Harris admitted that it was Col. Carnegie's duty to refuse contracts where he did not believe they could be properly filled and he could not suggest any possible motive the colonel might have for attempting to stand in the way of Canadian manufacturers.

Sir William then said: "Well how in the world can you swear in your evidence that he dishonorably tried to prevent Canadian manufacturers from making fuses?"

Witness said the only explanation he had was the influence from higher up had been brought to bear on the colonel, forcing him to do things he did not want to do.

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Mr. Harris: That the matter of negotiation was in Allison's hands.

Mr. Ewart: And that the shell committee was not negotiating?

Mr. Harris: He told me if I wanted to take these fuses up to get in touch with Allison.

Mr. Ewart: Did you think by that, the shell committee had ceased negotiating for contracts?

Mr. Harris: Well, I did not.

Mr. Ewart: So that you did not understand by what was said that the negotiations were out of the hands of the shell committee?

Mr. Harris: No, because I negotiated for contracts.

Mr. Ewart: You are not answering me straight. Did you understand by what was said that the negotiations were out of the hands of the shell committee?

Mr. Harris: Yes.

Mr. Ewart: And you would not say how witness explained the suggestion to go to Allison, and witness said he never could explain it.

Mr. Harris: No, I think you had better give it up.

Witness admitted, under the cross-examination, that after May 6, when Carnegie told him to see Allison, he received a letter written May 10 from the committee asking him to lay his proposition before them.

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