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Dr. Thornton Exposed Their Efforts to Make Capital Out of Enquiry—Failed to Con-
nect Commissioners With Bribery Charge—Ontario Government Highly Com-
mended for the Impartial and Fair Investigation.

Provincial Secretary Hanna was reported the other day as having declared in the Legislature that he would give the people of West Kent—and through them the people of the whole Province—evidence of the existence of a new Government whose purpose was to conduct all public matters earnestly, energetically and conscientiously for the public weal; that none would be dealt with through fear or favor, and that the investigation concerning the license situation in the constituency would be so conducted as to give substantial evidence of this purpose.

The honorable Minister was as good as his word. For years past—and especially during the discredited Ross regime—it had always been the great effort of the Government to cover up all alleged misdemeanors that had characterized the conduct of the Government or its officials. Yesterday the people witnessed a striking contrast—one that will ever stand stalwartly to the credit of the Whitney Government, in which, according to its splendid policy, right was placed before party expediency and the interests of the people were first and honestly consulted.

Witness the spectacle: Mr. Eudo Saunders, life-long Liberal, is appointed Commissioner to investigate certain allegations against Government officials; Crown Attorney W. D. Smith, also life-long Liberal, is placed in charge of the Court procedure with instructions to make it as full and public as possible; Matthew C. Wilson, K. C., one of the ablest counsel in the West, is retained by the Government to prosecute the enquiry to its fullest limits; O. L. Lewis and J. A. Walker, presumably acting for the Liberal executive, who were only self-identified with the investigation for party ends, accorded the fullest privileges for examination and cross-examination, and private counsel permitted to take part at will, while Ward Stanworth was retained by the Conservative Government.

The investigation was full, fearless and public. The actions of the Board were sifted and weighed and passed upon pro and con, the only new public development being the revelation that upon one point, viz. the cutting off of the Pleasance license, the Board had not been unanimous, Commissioner Martin dissenting.

One of the interesting sidelights exposed occurred at the evening session when Ward Stanworth put Dr. A. W. Thornton in the box in rebuttal. The doctor revealed the fact that Mr. Patterson had told him that Liberal politicians were secretly endeavoring to work out political capital and had offered unsolicited to engage and pay counsel for him with this end in view.

The fact that Mr. Lewis momentarily lost his temper at this revelation gave the evidence significant credence and much amused the large audience. Warmly he went after the doctor, but that canny Irishman bested him badly, so much so that the Commissioner, at the conclusion volunteered the complimentary comment that he had been much impressed with the straightforward manner in which Dr. Thornton had given his evidence and placed much confidence in it.

When The Planet went to press yesterday the first charge was still under consideration.

He told Mr. Merritt, Mr. Taylor and his own family about the McRae matter. The doctor said that Ward Stanworth called Andrew McKibbin.

Mr. Saunders approved of Mr. Stanworth's course.

Mr. McKibbin lived in Wallaceburg. He got his appointment about the first week in April. He didn't know Tyrell. Met him at the meeting of the Commissioners on the 15th of April. He first learned about David McRae and Mr. Tyrell's hundred dollars from A. B. Carscallen in Wallaceburg. The latter read a letter from Chatham stating there was a report that a Wallaceburg man had taken \$100 from Mr. Tyrell for his influence in securing a license.

Mr. McKibbin spoke to Mr. Massey about Tyrell. Mr. Massey on that occasion didn't let on that he knew anything about the matter. Mr. Massey would admit this.

To Mr. Wilson—He had never had any conversation with Mr. McRae about public appointments. Mr. McRae was not an applicant for an office. He didn't remember Mr. McRae ever talking to him about licenses. He had never had any communication with Mr. McRae directly or indirectly about the licenses. He wanted to tell the truth, but had he thought he was to be crucified he would have been more particular and remembered what he had talked to McRae. McRae was in Detroit he thought. He saw McRae quite frequently the past week. He thought the less he had to say to him the better.

To O. L. Lewis—He had not received any instructions that no change should be made in the Chatham license. He had never thought about the McRae-Tyrell incident in connection with the investigation.

Witness and Mr. Lewis had a little passage.

"You're quite a man to bluff and you can't bluff me," hotly retorted Mr. McKibbin.

Mr. Lewis—"I'm not trying to bluff you. I would like to see the man who could bluff a sewing machine agent."

Continuing he took no part in the furthering of Tyrell's securing his license beyond his deliberations at the Board.

Wm. R. Baxter, chairman of the Board of License Commissioners, first met Tyrell in his own office, when the latter came to him. Tyrell asked for justice. He met McRae only once, about the same day Tyrell was in the office. McRae asked him how he felt towards Tyrell. Witness replied that he thought Mr. Tyrell should have his license.

To Mr. Wilson—He thought Mr. McKibbin was in town that day but was not present during either the interview with either Tyrell or McRae. His son Frank had introduced him.

To Mr. Lewis—He had never been approached in an improper manner. He was no party to the McRae-Tyrell incident.

McRae was not known to witness. Thomas C. Martin, the third License Commissioner, knew nothing about the McRae-Tyrell incident.

George G. Taylor was called. He had learned about the money being put up by Mr. Tyrell from the hotel-keeper himself. He had never heard of this fact from anybody else before Tyrell told him. He went at once to Ward Stanworth and asked his advice. He also told Mr. Massey. Tyrell advised Mr. Taylor to put up \$100 and insure getting his license, too.

To Mr. O'Brien—The name of Mr. McKibbin was mentioned in connection with this matter. He took it that the influence being used was improper. Mr. Tyrell didn't mention anybody's name except Mr. McKibbin in an improper light. Tyrell conveyed to Mr. Taylor the idea that he would secure his license without a doubt. He didn't understand that the money was a bribe.

Mr. Saunders said that Mr. Taylor was to be commended for his action.

To Mr. Stanworth—You said you would write to Wallaceburg and expose the man when I told you about it.

Ward Stanworth asked "is your opinion now that the man was an inspector?"

Mr. Taylor—"It is."

At the conclusion Commissioner Saunders again commended Mr. Taylor for the manner in which he had given his evidence.

THE SECOND CHARGE.

Ambrose H. Patterson was examined by Mr. Lewis. He was a hard-ware merchant and sold farm implements. He made application for a shop license for the city of Chatham. He knew that two were to be granted in wages. His application was put in alone at 8.30 on the evening of the first of April. There was no application on file for Carl Eberts at that time. Mr. Mills left the office with Mr. Patterson. Frank Baxter came to him to discuss his application. Frank Baxter was passing the store in early March. He called him in. They discussed the procedure. Frank favored the application and said he would do what he could. A couple of days later he visited W. R. Baxter and asked for his support. He promised. Frank Baxter came to his office and said he would like to go into the whiskey business. He wanted to work in the shop. He suggested he should receive \$35 per week and in return would endeavor to get a license. He agreed with the suggestion. A couple of weeks later he came and wanted a raise in wages. He wanted \$15 a week. Mr. Patterson promised. Frank suggested that witness should go to Wallaceburg. Witness went. He met Nelson Seed, who introduced him to Mr. McKibbin. The latter said he hadn't yet received his license. There was one man above all others Mr. McKibbin said whom he would give the license to and that was Mr. Merritt. He talked for a while and then Mr. McKibbin said he would support him. Between that and first of April saw several times. About a week before first of April Frank came and said he would like to have an interest in the business. He suggested that Mr. Patterson take his note for \$1,000. Mr. Patterson considered that this was an offer of \$1,000 for a license. Witness didn't accept just then. On the first of April he was telephoned by Frank Baxter. He went to the printing office. Mr. W. R. Baxter, Rufus and Frank Baxter were there. Rufus said that it would be necessary to have one of the Baxter's in the business because they were so popular with the Conservatives. Frank said that the arrangements he had made were satisfactory. The chairman was present but said nothing. Frank said that he had been talking to Mr. McKay at The Planet office and he said that an application ought to be put in. The \$1,000 note was mentioned in the presence of W. R. Baxter and if Frank was going in he wasn't going to drive the delivery wagon or handle barrels. He went from there to see Ward Stanworth. Mr. Stanworth wasn't there. He then went to Mr. Richards and warned him that his application should be put in that night. He said afterwards that Frank came to the office. He said in the presence of Wm. McCoig and Albert Denomy that he wanted to see Mr. Patterson get his license as he had money in the business. On the Tuesday night before the applications were considered Frank came to the office. He said that no matter which way shop license went there would be somebody disappointed. He said he didn't know whether he would come down and shake hands on Saturday night. Mr. Patterson gathered that his name was Dennis. On the Saturday night he learned that Carl Eberts had got the license. Frank had said that Carl Eberts said he would get the license if it cost \$1,000. He had never seen W. R. Baxter about the matter except the once.

To Ward Stanworth—He had seen the applications but didn't see Carl Eberts' application. Nelson Seed was present at the interview. He told Mr. McKibbin that he had a bill for \$40 against the Conservative party. He had always let the party use his horses and had always voted Conservative. He didn't think it strange that Frank should tell their secrets when he spoke to the clerks in the store. He didn't tell Mr. McKibbin that he was going to employ Frank Baxter. He never spoke to Mr. Martin. He had never nor had anyone on his behalf offered anything to any of the three Commissioners. He had a talk with George Merritt on the evening of the day upon which these applications were considered. He had talked to Dr. Thornton. He had not told him that leading Reformers in the County had come to him and offered to furnish counsel and a copy of his evidence if he would tell the same story that he had told to Mr. Lewis.

Wm. McCoig was an employee of Mr. A. H. Patterson and was present on the Saturday-evening in question. Frank Baxter said he wanted to see Mr. Patterson get the license because he was interested.

To Ward Stanworth—Nobody had spoken to him about the conversation. Several people asked what he knew about it and he had said nothing.

Mr. Saunders—That's what I thought.

Andrew Denomy was present at the interview mentioned. He didn't remember Baxter saying that he had money in it.

To Wm. Stanworth—He wasn't sure how long he had been there. He wasn't interested in the conversation. He didn't remember talking it over with anybody. He had never had any conversation with any other applicants. Frank was not to have an interest in the business. The father was in the back part and couldn't hear what was said. No proposal of business was discussed with Frank. He had spoken to the father. He told Mr. Baxter that the Eberts and Baxter knew each other all their lives. He hadn't any business, while the other applicants all had good businesses of their own. He had omitted to file a petition with the application. He had never made the remark that he would get the license if it cost \$1,000.

He was in the city the day the licenses were granted. He didn't think that he had offered to buy that he would get his license. He felt he had a pretty good chance but had no assurance. He expected that Mr. Sheldon would be cut off. Mr. Sheldon had the privilege of transferring the license to witness. He had dis-

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caused the matter with Mr. Baxter and Mr. McKibbin after the meeting. They said that witness hadn't put in a petition with his license, but he was the favored one. Mr. Sheldon was given an opportunity to transfer to Mr. Eberts or a month to dispose of his stock.

Mr. Saunders said that this was a perfectly proper thing to do provided Mr. Sheldon didn't keep the law. Witness had never handled any money in the back yard of W. R. Baxter's establishment that he could remember. He had a good memory for money.

George Taylor recalled—He was always a strong Conservative worker and knew the Baxter boys. He had seen Frank Baxter several times. He came two or three times a week after the application was put in. Frank found out before his father was appointed a Commissioner that Mr. Taylor wanted a license. For about a week before the meeting Frank stopped calling. About noon, on April 1, Carl Eberts' application was not in.

To Ward Stanworth—He had never seen Frank Baxter anything and Frank had never suggested that anything be given to him. Frank had got very chilly towards him all at once.

George Merritt, recalled—He had seen W. R. Baxter at his shop. He was interceding for his father and uncle. Mr. Baxter had given every promise in the world. He had known his father and the family.

Mr. Merritt met Mr. Anderson, of The Planet, who had been at the meeting. He asked how the meeting was to be kept secret. Witness said, "all right," and went into Wm. Bennett's cigar store, and heard Mr. Ward Stanworth telling what had been done at the meeting. He went over and told S. R. Arnold about it. He had seen Mr. McKibbin at C. P. R. station after he had failed to find him at the Singer office.

To Mr. Stanworth—He had seen W. R. Baxter several times and he had agreed that the license should go back to the Merritts. He had never offered any inducements. In the cigar store, Mr. Stanworth said that it looked as if some crooked work was going on in the case. Mr. McRae's name had been mentioned in this connection.

"There seems to have been considerable Merritt in your case," remarked the Commissioner.—Laughter.

Mr. Baxter, recalled—Said he had been interviewed by everybody, and Mr. Patterson, but he had never promised Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson had never offered him any consideration. He had not promised Mr. Taylor and Mr. Merritt.

To Mr. Wilson—He had been in business for the past 18 years. Frank