

GRAFT CHARGE A BOOMERANG

Hodgins Must Face House Committee

Parent Demands Investigation
of Charges Against N.
T. R. Commission

OTTAWA, April 24.—The charges of graft and waste of public money in connection with the building of the National Transcontinental railway contained in a statement sent out from Vancouver last week by Major Hodgins, the engineer in charge of the Remora division of the road, who was dismissed by the commission last August are likely to prove a boomerang which will strike back at the major's professional reputation and at the same time emphasize the efficient and business-like manner in which the National Transcontinental commission is overseeing the construction of the road.

Over twenty million dollars have already been expended on the National railway. Major Hodgins' charges contain the first suggestion of any graft in the expenditure of this vast amount. The memorandum of Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman of the commission, in reply to Major Hodgins' insinuations was submitted to the commonsense today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier justifies the clearest possible manner the commission's course in dismissing Major Hodgins and makes it clear that instead of giving any opportunity for graft on the part of the contractors, as alleged by the major, the commission have resolutely refused to allow the contractors to depart from the strict terms of their contract even when the latter were tendering money being compelled to stick to contract prices. The commission and the government have welcomed rather than feared the investigation asked for by Major Hodgins and the opposition press, and on motion of the premier a select committee of five will be named on Monday to take evidence with regard to the charges in question.

Eon. Mr. Parent's memorandum, which, with the other correspondence made public after Major Hodgins' dismissal was laid on the table of the House, denies specifically each of the charges and concludes as follows: "Since leaving our employment Major Hodgins has talked a good deal openly, in fact much more than professional dignity and sense of the duties of a public servant would permit. It is time, we feel, in justice to ourselves and to the public before whom we stand, to set at rest the insinuations and to make it clear that we have no desire to misrepresent facts to call a halt and make it necessary for the accused to bring facts to substantiate his charges."

"In conclusion the commissioners would respectfully request, as they do wish to remain under observation, that such reports as on them, that the whole matter be referred to and left into by a committee of the House and that Major Hodgins be assigned to appear before the same to meet his charges in a specific manner in order to substantiate them if he can. Then an opportunity will be given to the public to see where the truth is and if public interest would have been better served by keeping an evidence before the House, by replacing him, as was done, by one who will follow them."

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