

EVIDENCE TAKEN YESTERDAY BY COMMISSION INVESTIGATING CHARGES AGAINST PREMIER

Session Commenced at Ten o'clock, and several Witnesses were examined—Much matter relative to Crown Lands brought out—Mr. Fowler made objection to mode of procedure

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Alleged Payments

The following list of alleged payments by lumbermen was supplied to Mr. Teed by Mr. Carvell of the Dugal counsel. It is published from the Evening Times and The Standard does not vouch for its accuracy.

The Bathurst Lumber Company	\$13,740
J. P. Burchill	2,000
The Dalhousie Lumber Company	6,345
The Dominion Pulp Company	3,555
The T. Lynch & Company	1,830
The Miramichi Lumber Company	9,150
MacLaren, Lawrence, trustee (J. B. Snowball & Co.)	7,200
Edward Partington Pulp and Paper Company	3,300
Richards Manufacturing Company	8,270
Allan Ritchie	6,345
James Robinson	2,310
Sinclair Lumber Company	2,970
The Shives Lumber Company	5,370
Sayre & Holly Lumber Company	5,985
Stetson, Cutter & Company	7,140
Laurison Lumber Company	4,985
Randolph & Baker	2,700
Daniel Sullivan	2,000
James A. Rundle	873

Morning Session.

When the court opened yesterday morning Mr. Dugal was present with his counsel, F. B. Carvell, M. P., of Carleton County, Dr. W. H. Wallace, K. C., of St. John, J. M. Stevens, of Edmundston, and P. J. Hughes, of Fredericton. Premier Fleming, who was not present when the court opened, arrived about noon. He was represented by M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, George W. Fowler, K. C., M. P., of Sussex, T. J. Carter, K. C., M. P., of Andover, and John A. Barry of St. John.

List of Timber Holdings.

Lumber Dealer	Square Miles	Square Miles
Dalhousie Lumber Co.	42 1/2	42 1/2
T. Lynch & Co.	122	122
Miramichi Lumber Co.	648	610
Snowball Co., per L. MacLaren, trustee	483	487 1/2
Snowball Co.	21 1/2	21 1/2
Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co.	235	211 1/2
Edward Partington Co. and James Robinson	9 1/2	9 1/2
Richard Mfg. Co.	544	538 1/2
Allan Ritchie	252 1/2	252 1/2
James Robinson	149	157
Sinclair Lumber Co.	198	198 1/2
Shives Lumber Co.	658 1/2	658 1/2
Sayre & Holly Lumber Co.	331	378 1/2
F. E. Sayre	21 1/2	21 1/2
Stetson, Cutter & Co.	542	476
Eastern Trust Co., per Stetson, Cutter & Co.	22 1/2	22 1/2
Laurison Lumber Co.	136 1/2	133
Randolph & Baker	181 1/2	180
A. F. Randolph & Son	7	7
Daniel Sullivan	132	138 1/2
John J. Sullivan	6 1/2	6 1/2
Dennis P. Sullivan	4	4

Timber lands were classified as A, B, C and D according to values of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25 per mile respectively. The classification of the leases was as follows:

James Robinson, classes A and C. Sinclair Lumber Co., class A. Shives Lumber Co., class A. Sayre & Holly, classes A and D. Stetson, Cutter & Co., classes D and C. Laurison Lumber Co., classes A and C. Bathurst Lumber Co., class D. Laurison Lumber Co., class B. Randolph & Baker, classes A and B. Daniel Sullivan, class A. John J. Sullivan, class A. Dennis P. Sullivan, class A. Lumber limit holders paid according to classification, the classification being arranged by Mr. Berry. He did not know that Mr. Berry received any extra money for the work of classification.

Bonuses

Replying to Mr. Carvell, witness gave the following amounts as the payments made by the lumber companies in bonuses: Bathurst Lumber Co. paid \$22,050, quarter bonus, 18th October, 1913, on additional 16 miles; Dalhousie Lumber Co., \$23,750 on 15th October, 1913, second payment, same amount in December, 1913; Dalhousie Lumber Co., \$21,154, half of total bonus, 31st July, 1913; Dominion Pulp Co., \$56,250 on 7th March, 1914, note for \$50,000; T. Lynch & Co., \$2,487.50, on 3rd November, 1913, quarter bonus; Miramichi Lumber Co., \$30,500 on 21st July, 1913; Snowball Lumber Co., Lawrence MacLaren, trustee, \$12,187.50 on 18th October, 1913, with note for \$12,756.50, due August 1st, 1914; Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Co., paid \$10,125 as a half payment of bonus on account during October, 1913; Richard Mfg. Co., \$13,462.15 on 15th October, 1913, being a quarter payment of bonus; James Robinson, quarter bonus, \$2,462.50, giving note for the balance; Sinclair Lumber Co., \$4,950, quarter bonus, on 13th October, 1913; giving note for the same amount; E. Sinclair, \$250, quarter bonus, on 13th October, 1913, with note for the balance; Shives Lumber Co., \$15,212.50, quarter bonus, on 15th October, 1913; Sayre & Holly Co., quarter bonus, \$5,550, in August, 1913, and same amount in cash on the first of October, 1913; F. E. Sayre, \$37,500 on 7th August, 1913, full bonus; Stetson, Cutter & Co., \$10,212.50, quarter bonus, on 23rd October, 1913.

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quarter payment; Daniel Sullivan, \$5,352.50; Frank Sullivan, \$200; Dennis P. Sullivan, \$200; 31st July, half bonus.

Afternoon Session.

When the court resumed in the afternoon Col. Leggie was still on the stand. To Mr. Carvell he said that Mr. Burchill did not pay to the province of New Brunswick as a bonus for his timber limits more than \$100 per mile. That was all the province got as a bonus. As deputy minister of lands and mines all crown land revenues passed through his hands. If Mr. Burchill paid \$115 per mile witness did not receive it.

Mr. Carvell enumerated the companies named in the morning session and in each case asked if they had paid to the province more than the classification at so much per mile as bonus and witness replied that the province had received no additional payments, if any such payments were made to any one the money did not go into the department of lands and mines.

A Definite Policy.

Continuing witness stated that the Laurison Lumber Co. paid \$2,493.75 on Aug. 1, 1913; Randolph and Baker, \$3,508.12; J. A. Rundle, \$87.50, quarter bonus on part of tract, and \$1,040.82 between the date on which the holdings were made up and the dates on which the bonuses supposed to be paid witness said he adjusted what differences existed. Berry in making up his classifications would have put the records of the previous year to go on and if there were any differences it would be a matter of adjustment.

Mr. Carvell said he was a resident of Woodstock. He had known W. H. Berry for more than twenty years and had met him frequently. He last saw Mr. Berry in Boston on Sunday morning when they walked from the Parker House to the Adams House together. He also saw him on Saturday, Oct. 24, when he went to the hotel where Mr. Berry was stopping. Berry said: "What are you doing here?" and witness replied: "I came to serve you with a paper." Berry said: "I am sorry you are doing this," and witness replied: "Some one has to do it."

Between 11,000 and 12,000 Square Miles.

To Mr. Stevens witness said there were between 11,000 and 12,000 square miles of timber lands in the province subject to classification. If there was any report in the department office dealing with the quality and quantity of timber on these lands, its facility of reproduction, accessibility, cost of logging, etc., he had not seen it. It was possible such a report existed.

Mr. Stevens.

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Berry," dutifully intoned the constable but there was no response although the spectators in the court room looked at each other and at the commissioners as though expecting the missing witness might appear.

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