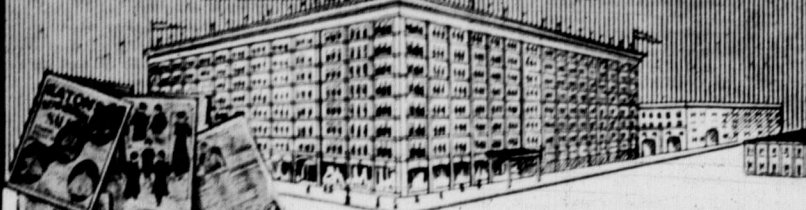


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THE MANITOBA SCANDAL

The investigation into the Manitoba parliament buildings scandal, being conducted by a Royal Commission, headed by Chief Justice Mathers, continues to bring sensational evidence to light.

V. W. Horwood, the late provincial architect, who is under medical treatment at Rochester, Minn., and the much wanted Salt, both consented to give evidence if the commissioners would visit Minneapolis in order to hear them, and sittings were consequently held in the Minnesota city. Both told sensational stories, involving cabinet ministers, the contractor and Dr. R. M. Simpson, president of the Winnipeg Conservative Association, now in France with the Medical Corps. Horwood stated that Kelly, the contractor, gave \$100,000 to the Conservative campaign fund out of the overpayment on the caissons. His estimate of the cost of that job was \$500,000, including the \$100,000, but the price actually paid was \$844,000. One contract was let before plans were drawn, and the architect was simply told what the price was to be, and instructed to make out an estimate which would add up to that figure. In order to do this he had to put in the highest possible price for everything, and then include larger

quantities than were actually used and work which was not done at all. The mystery of the little black book, in which the figures showing the depth of the caissons had obviously been altered, was explained by both Salt and Horwood. These alterations were made on the instruction of Hon. G. R. Coldwell, once Acting Minister of Public Works, Horwood erasing the correct figures and

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MR. GREEN'S ILLNESS

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 18.—F. W. Green, honorary secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, who has been lying seriously ill at his home in Moose Jaw during the past month, has gone to Montreal, where he will undergo a course of special treatment. Mr. Green has been holding his own during the past two weeks, and hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

telling Salt what to write in their place so as to make the depth correspond with what had been paid for. Horwood admitted that his evidence before the public accounts committee was untrue, and said he told Sir Rodmond Roblin he would like to confess, even tho he might be sent to jail, but the ex-premier told him to cheer up, it was only politics, and the matter would soon blow over. Sir Rodmond warned him, however, to be very careful about his records, and to leave everything so that if a commission was appointed in fifteen or twenty years' time it would not be able to discover anything wrong. Horwood positively denied the statement attributed to him by a former witness, Elliott, that Kelly had told him he had given \$12,000 to the Liberal campaign fund. Altho stories of this kind have been freely circulated in the press, no evidence to this effect has yet been tendered.

Hon. Dr. W. H. Montague, Minister of Public Works during the last year and a half of the Roblin administration, was also shown by Horwood to have known what was going on. One inci-

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dent in which the doctor figured was the preparation of bogus plans for the dome. E. C. Shankland, a Chicago architect was employed for this purpose, Dr. Montague instructing Horwood to visit Shankland and have him draw two sets of plans, one for the actual construction and another, with heavier and more expensive steel, on which the contract was to be based.

The disappearance of the inspector, William Salt, was another interesting chapter unfolded at Minneapolis. Salt was first given a holiday at the suggestion of Hon. G. R. Coldwell, and an attempt was then made to bribe him to come back and swear to the truth of his incorrect figures. He refused to do this, and altogether received \$11,300 for staying away.

M. G. Hook, who was sent south with \$10,000 in currency for Salt, declares that he was held up in Omaha and robbed of that sum, together with \$400 of expense money.

Dr. Simpson came into the plot as collector of the campaign fund, and for a time gave orders to Horwood as to his dealings with the contractor. Dr. Simpson has a strong box in the vaults of the Royal Trust Co., and the commission has cabled him that he has been charged with conspiracy to defraud the province of a large amount, and asking him if he will return and if he will allow the strong box to be opened.

Hon. G. R. Coldwell is being examined, but little information has been obtained from him so far. His memory fails at the most important points and he declares that he was deceived by Horwood.

A DISAPPOINTED DAD

I hear that Daniel O'Leary, Michael's father, is almost disappointed in his son. According to a correspondent, O'Leary

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father was interviewed and asked if he was surprised at his son's bravery. He replied: "I am surprised he didn't do more. I often laid out twenty men myself with a stick coming from Macroom Fair, and it is a bad trial of Mick that he could kill only eight, and he having a rifle and bayonet." How's that for the proper spirit?—London Daily Mirror.