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"ANYTHING BERRY TELLS YOU ABOUT TEED IS ALL RIGHT," SAID FLEMMING, AND BRANKLEY GAVE TEED THE MONEY

BRANKLEY MET TEED IN PREMIER'S BEDROOM AND PAID HIM MONEY LATER

DRAMATIC MOMENT AT DUGAL INQUIRY

Scheme Was To Raise \$100,000, Said Berry, and Made Brankley Treasurer

Total in Graft "Bag" Amounted to \$60,197 at Close of Yesterday's Session of Royal Commission—Stetson, Cutler & Co. Paid \$20,000, All in St. John Hotels—James Robinson Paid \$2,167 for Himself and \$1,830 for Lynch Estate—Possibility Yet That Berry May Come and Tell His Story—Intense Interest in Evidence Yesterday—Titus Carter Apologises to F. B. Carvell

There were two outstanding features in the testimony taken yesterday before the royal commission.

One was the proof of additional large sums of money paid into the graft fund by prominent lumbermen, raising the total amount at the end of yesterday's session to more than \$60,000, with more to come.

According to the testimony, W. H. Berry had arranged for the collection of this money, and it was paid over by the various lumbermen to J. W. Brankley, manager of the Miramichi Lumber Co., who subsequently paid it over to E. R. Teed, of Woodstock.

Brankley went to Fredericton by appointment with Berry, and Berry contacted him at Premier Fleming's room in the Barker House. When they entered the room Mr. Fleming and Teed were there. Brankley had never seen Teed before, and yet within a few days he was to pay over to him many thousands of dollars of the graft fund.

According to Brankley Mr. Fleming said to him: "ANYTHING MR. BERRY TELLS YOU ABOUT THIS MAN (TEED) IS ALL RIGHT."

Then Mr. Fleming went out, leaving Brankley, Teed and Berry together, and Berry introducing Brankley to Teed, saying: "THIS IS THE MAN YOU ARE TO GIVE THE MONEY TO."

Teed went to the North Shore, and in the Toussaint Hotel in Chatham Brankley delivered the packages of money to Teed, saying: "HERE IS THE STUFF."

Later Brankley brought \$22,500 more to St. John, mostly in thousand dollar bills, and paid it to Teed in the Royal Hotel.

Fred C. Beatty, manager for Stetson, Cutler & Co., advised that he paid Teed and Berry \$20,000 in St. John, having met them by appointment.

The payments of graft shown by testimony up to the conclusion of yesterday's session are as follows:

From the Bathurst Lumber Company.....\$15,000.00
From J. P. Burchill.....2,000.00
From the Dominion Pulp Company.....4,500.00
From Lawrence MacLaren, trustee (J. B. Snowball).....7,200.00
From Allan Ritchie.....4,500.00
From the Sinclair Lumber Company.....3,000.00
Stetson, Cutler & Co. and subsidiary concerns.....20,000.00
James Robinson, on own account.....2,167.50
James Robinson, on behalf of T. Lynch estate.....1,830.00

This testimony introducing Mr. Fleming and Mr. Teed, and showing how Mr. Brankley met Mr. Teed for the first time and learned that he was the man to do business with, was listened to in tense silence by a court room thronged with spectators.

T. J. Carter, of Andover, one of counsel for Mr. Fleming, had charged Mr. Carvell with fishing for evidence.

"Anyways," Mr. Carvell retorted, "the fishing is mighty good."

Mr. Carter made a stinging remark to Mr. Carvell during the morning hearing and Mr. Carvell retorted hotly and sharply. Mr. Carter was rebuked by the chairman of the commission and under the chairman's direction Mr. Carter apologized fully to Mr. Carvell.

Two witnesses testified yesterday that Berry told them that the scheme was to raise a fund of \$100,000. That is to say, this was the amount of graft which it was proposed to extract from the holders of crown land licenses, over and above the regular bonus. More than \$60,000 of this graft has already been sworn to. Although a campaign fund was mentioned there was no campaign in sight at the time, the general provincial elections having been held the year before.

Mr. Fleming was not in the court room during the more dramatic portion of the hearing. E. R. Teed was there, and was identified in court by Mr. Brankley as the man whom he met in Mr. Fleming's room in the Barker House, whom he was to regard as "all right," and to whom he subsequently turned over the bulk of the North Shore "reptile" fund.

The commission adjourned at 1 o'clock until this morning to await the arrival of Senator Jones, George C. Cutler, and J. A. Rundle. Mr. Carvell testified that there was some chance that Berry would return from the United States and appear as a witness.

The court opened at 10:05 o'clock for the morning session. Mr. Carvell offered to the court a certified copy of information required which he had received from Col. T. G. Loggie. This was submitted as evidence.

James Robinson
James Robinson of Millerton, N. B., lumber merchant, was sworn as the first witness. Examined by Mr. Carvell he said:

"I hold about 140 miles of crown timber lands in my own name, about 165 all together. I renewed my licenses in 1913 paying one quarter in cash and giving a note for the balance. The cash payment was about \$3,200. The note was for \$2,167.50 and the balance was \$1,830.00."

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He said no and he did not want him to know it.

Q.—Did he give you any reason why you should pay?
A.—No, but he urged me very hard.

Q.—Did you tell him why you did not want to pay on the Lynch lands?
A.—I told him that Mrs. Lynch was a director and that you, Mr. Carvell, always saw the accounts and I did not want to risk it. He said he would take a chance on that.

Went into the Drawer
I agreed to pay and he told me to give the money to Mr. Brankley. I took it to Brankley's office and placed it on the table. I think he put it in the drawer, without counting it.

I paid \$1,580 for the Lynch lands and \$2,167.50 for my own, in separate envelopes marked with the amounts. This was on June 27, 1913. Mr. Brankley was there, but Mr. Berry was not.

I never talked to Premier Fleming about this before or after paying.

I do not think there was any question about the arrangement for the fixed stampage rate for ten years. I was one of the committee that waited on the government about the matter.

Mr. Teed—The rate and term was fixed before your conversation with Mr. Fleming?

A.—Yes.
Q.—In regard to Mr. Berry coming there in April, he was then getting information about the physical character of the lands to fix the bonus?

A.—Yes.
Q.—And you did what you could to help him?

A.—No, I did not.

Q.—You had understood that the bonus was to be fixed at not more than \$100 a mile?
A.—I don't know.

Q.—What did you think of it?
A.—I thought it was too much. I was strongly opposed to it, but the others were paying and I did not think I should be the only one not to pay.

Q.—And did you?
A.—I did not.

Q.—Where was this?
A.—In St. John. I saw Mr. Teed and Mr. Berry at the Royal Hotel.

Q.—How did you happen to see Mr. Berry?
A.—I went to see Mr. Teed, but he was not there, so I saw Mr. Berry.

Q.—They were here together.
A.—They were here together.

Q.—Did they tell you that?
A.—I don't know who told me.

Q.—It is a common knowledge among the fraternity?
A.—I suppose so.

Q.—All the lumbermen knew they were here together?
A.—I don't know.

Q.—And you knew the purpose of their visit?
A.—I cannot say about that.

Q.—Yes, he said Mr. Sayre said that he had paid no money over and above his bonus.
A.—Yes.

Q.—Mr. Sayre then stood down.
A.—Yes, he stood down.

Q.—Senator N. M. Jones of the Pargington Company, was called, but was not in court.
A.—Yes.

Arthur Hilyard
Arthur Hilyard, of Dalhousie, sworn, said he was the manager of the Dalhousie Lumber Co., of which the International Pulp & Paper Co. are the real owners. G. M. Sterns, of Portland, Me., manager of the woodland department of the Dalhousie Company.

Q.—How much crown lands do you lease?
A.—425 1-3 miles.

Q.—Did you pay the bonus?
A.—Yes.

Q.—In what class.
A.—Class A. We paid \$2,184, the first half.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with W. H. Berry?
A.—Yes, the first was in Campbellton. He asked me to come and bring my cruisers with me. We did so and gave the information wanted.

Q.—Did he say anything about the money?
A.—Not at that time. At our next meeting he told me that he had been arranged at \$100 a mile. I said that I had understood from Premier Fleming in my conversation with him that the rate would be \$150 for leases in perpetuity. He said the government had reconsidered.

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