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Just passed into stock the latest creations. This is the finest assortment we have ever shown, and is well worth seeing. They comprise everything that is new and up-to-date.

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NEARING THE END.

STRATTON'S CROSS-EXAMINATION CLOSED.

Mr. Blake Finds a Ready Witness—Counsel Consult as to Calling Further Witnesses—Restrictions of the Inquiry Into Election Fund.

Toronto, May 6.—The cross-examination of Hon. J. R. Stratton before the Royal Commission was concluded yesterday afternoon, after a vigorous siege of cross-firing. This event marks the approach of the end, and when the commission adjourned counsel undertook to consult and decide on a course with reference to the further evidence to be submitted. The reply will not likely take long, and there is some talk of an adjournment for several days, to permit counsel to prepare their arguments. Mr. Stratton was in the box about seven hours, and was under cross-examination for five hours of that time. Many of Mr. Blake's questions were keen and cutting, and it may be said that Mr. Stratton's replies were no less effective.

At the opening yesterday Chancellor Boyd announced that for the present the commission had decided to refuse the request of Mr. Blake to inquire into a general campaign fund.

Mr. Ritchie read some correspondence with the Ontario Bank respecting an inspection of the books, which they were unwilling to allow. He asked that Mr. Barwick, the solicitor, might be called to-day, so that it might be necessary an order of court might issue to allow such inspection.

Mr. Stratton then entered the box and the cross-examination by Mr. Blake was resumed. In regard to the general campaign fund, he said he never made a contribution, and if he had done so he would not know where it went. The letter which he wrote on Sept. 10, Mr. Stratton repeated, and Mr. Blake questioned at length about the "consideration" Gagey spoke of. Mr. Stratton repeated a letter which he wrote on Sept. 10, Mr. Stratton repeated, and Mr. Blake questioned at length about the "consideration" Gagey spoke of.

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Mr. Blake, having elicited from Mr. Stratton that Mr. Stratton considered Mr. Gagey an utterly unreliable man on Sept. 9, asked how it was that he had a letter from Gagey on Sept. 20 to "My dear Stratton," and on Oct. 2 replied to "My dear Gagey." He asked how it was that a letter which was in the usual style by his secretary, and he called attention to it at the time but made no change. He wrote to the Attorney-General on Oct. 2, asking for the appointment of Mr. Fletcher as a J. P. in Manitowish, which was recommended by Gagey, and explained that such appointments were not of a political character.

The appointment was not made on Gagey's recommendation, but because it was recommended by a lumber company. Mr. Jackson, the Sheriff, was also appointed returning officer, but this was because it had previously been decided that the Sheriffs should so act as far as possible.

Mr. Johnston said that these two appointments were admitted and explained before, and he protested against needless repetition of evidence.

"Was any appointment recommended by Gagey after Sept. 9 refused?" asked Mr. Blake.

"A yes or no answer would not be a fair reply," said Mr. Stratton.

Mr. Blake insisted on an answer. Mr. Stratton said that no such appointments were made in his department, and he did not know what other Ministers were doing. Mr. Gagey asked for the appointment of a license board, an issuer of marriage licenses and the appointment of a lock-up keeper at Little Current, and though these were in his department, none was made.

He knew nothing about a telegram sent by Frank Sullivan to Gagey on January 27th. Mr. Blake thought it strange that this telegram was sent two days before The Globe interview. Mr. Stratton retorted that it was no more strange than that \$3,000 payment to the Trusts, and Guar-

antee Company should be associated with the \$3,000 he was alleged to have paid Gagey. He had no explanation of this telegram. It was merely a coincidence. Mr. Stratton was then questioned about The Globe interview and its origin, and repeated substantially what he had already said. No member of the Government ever saw the interview, nor did he discuss it with any of them. When he told the Premier that he had got from his secretary, at Mr. Gagey's request, the letter of September 10th announcing his support, the Premier remarked he had no confidence in Gagey.

Mr. Blake then read a letter by Gagey of February 7th, saying that there was certainly a row, and he would have trouble in satisfying his friends, and suggesting that he resign. Mr. Stratton said he made no suggestion to Mr. Gagey in reply and left him to follow his own devices. He did not know how any information about this got out of the office. He was then asked about the X. Y. Z. letter and enclosure, referring to matters referred to in the letter of February 7th, and swore positively that he never dictated it, never saw it, and never knew anything about it. "If you look over it you will find some very amateurish hand drafted it," said Mr. Stratton.

"More amateurish than yours?" asked Mr. Blake.

"More amateurish than my learned friend's," said Mr. Stratton. Continuing, he said Frank Sullivan had already admitted writing the X. Y. Z. letter, but he did not know how Sullivan got the information. He emphatically declared that he did not suggest the letter to Sullivan.

Mr. Blake stated he had received an anonymous letter, stating that Mr. Stratton had told someone that the Attorney-General knew where the \$3,000 to Gagey came from.

Mr. Stratton declared emphatically that he had never made such a statement. When Mr. Gagey first told the interview on January 20, and said he would have to consult his "friends," Mr. Stratton said he supposed it referred to political friends. The Commission then adjourned.

In the afternoon the cross-examination was continued with regard to The Globe interview, and Mr. Stratton said that none of the members of the Government knew about it until after it was published.

Mr. Blake said he had received a memorandum that Mr. Stratton had had an interview with Frank Sullivan on the 10th of March, about three weeks before the 10th of March, but Mr. Stratton said that was not true. He had an interview a few weeks ago with Mr. George of The Mail, who was in the habit of calling on him. He was told that Mr. George had been inquiring after Mr. Burrows' health in Kingston, and making certain statements to the effect that Gagey was bought, which Mr. George denied. Mr. Burrows having been Mr. Stratton's private secretary for the first of Stratton & Hall last August, and he replied that he was willing to produce all his books.

He was next questioned as to why Mr. Gagey wanted back from the Premier the letter of Sept. 10. Mr. Gagey said he wanted back the original, which announced his support of the Government, because of the trouble his friends were making. He could get a copy of it, which Mr. Gagey accepted. Asked why Mr. Gagey thus proposed to send two incriminating letters to the Premier, he replied that was for Mr. Gagey to explain. He said that The Globe interview announcing another adherence to the Government was not got to influence the approaching bye-elections. The reason Gagey did not go to the Premier for the letter might have been because he knew him (Stratton) better than the Premier, but he (Gagey) did not give any reason, merely asking him to get the letter.

He never answered the letter of Mr. Gagey of Nov. 4, asking for a \$2,000 loan because he had no money to loan.

"To close the examination," said Mr. Blake, "you won't tell us where the money came from?"

"I don't know," said Mr. Stratton. "There are the books. You are welcome to examine them."

Mr. Johnston then began the re-examination.

The interview with Mr. George was two weeks ago, and he understood that Mr. George and Mr. Burrows had worked together for the paper and were friends. Mr. Gagey never used the words to him "sold my people," nor was anything said about the constituency being sold. Members on both sides of the House consulted him about different matters, but there was no occasion for him to be hostile to any of them, Liberal or Conservative, and he never was.

Mr. Johnston noted that one letter from him was addressed "My dear Gagey" and another "Dear Sir," and asked the reason for the distinction.

Mr. Stratton said he may have been thinking of "My dear Foy."

Continuing, he said it was never held out to Mr. Gagey that his support of the Government would be of any benefit to him. Regarding protests, he said that the Premier had left in his hands not the protests, but at the time there were none, but the matter of dealing with any protests that might arise.

To the Chancellor he explained what he understood by the term patronage and what was covered by this fine-

ished Mr. Stratton's evidence. Mr. Arthur J. Van Ostrand, P.L.S., produced a plan of those portions of the Parliament buildings referred to in the evidence.

Mr. Johnston stated that he and Mr. Blake desired to consult as to whether it was necessary to call any more witnesses or declare the case closed. As it was 3.25 o'clock, he suggested that the Commission might adjourn until morning, and the court agreed.

MANY ROOMS ARE CLOSED

School Board Decides to Adopt a Policy of Discretion in Dealing with Diphtheria.

Building Will be Examined by Expert Sanitary Inspector—No Great Cause for Alarm.

All the rooms of the Central School, with the exception of the two senior forms, will be closed, owing to the prevalence of the diphtheria epidemic.

This was the decision arrived at last night by the Public School Board. Dr. W. R. Hall, M. H. O., was present and advised the Board to take the above action.

"There were five new cases today," said he, "and the position of affairs begins to don a serious aspect. There are at present 22 cases, and 21 of these are pupils of the Central school. There are only two cases which could not have originated in the school. I think it would be wise to close the junior rooms at least, and have the plumbing of the school overlooked by a sanitary plumber."

Mr. McKoy, plumber, was also present and addressed the Board. He has examined the plumbing of the school and claims that the plumbing arrangements are not satisfactory. The following motion was passed:—

Moved by Messrs. McCorvie and McKoy, that the rooms of the Central school, with the exception of the two higher rooms, be closed, to be opened again upon instructions from the M. H. O., and that the managers of the school be empowered to engage an expert sanitary inspector to examine the rooms if they deem it necessary.

It was the opinion of the Board that the Central school was not to blame for the outbreak, but the closing of the school will prevent the danger of contagion.

Trustees Chairman Robertson, Bray, Benson, Clements, Cornish, McCorvie, Heyward, Morley and McKoy were the members present at the meeting. Miss Nettie Leak applied for a position on the Central school teaching staff. Her name was filed.

Mr. Robertson and Dr. Bray reported that the trees in the King Street school yard have been cut down and 41-2 cords of wood obtained, which was taken to the Central school. The work was done for \$10. Their action was approved of.

Mr. Heyward gave a very interesting report of his visit to the Educational Association at Toronto, as a delegate of the Public School Board. He was tendered a vote of thanks for his excellent report.

Bligh & Fielder's account for repairing the Central school, which was struck by lightning, was \$70. The insurance companies estimated the damage at \$72. Part of the insurance has already been received.

Messrs. Morley, Clements and McCorvie were appointed to look into the steam heating project which P. D. McKellar is advocating.

Messrs. Bray, McKoy, Robertson and Cornish were appointed a committee to consider the question of manual training and domestic science.

Mr. McCorvie reported the purchase of 200 seats for the McKoy school. The price of seats is going up, and by purchasing them now about \$105 is saved. The action was approved of by the Board.

The following is the Finance committee's report, which was adopted:—Your committee beg leave to report payment of the following accounts:—

CENTRAL SCHOOL.
Teachers' salaries, \$556.40
W. W. Snell, janitor, \$94.66
Waterworks, \$15.
Geo. Steinhilber & Co., \$2.
The Ark, \$144.
C. E. Cuyler, osc.
W. J. Kenny, \$22.65.
Total—\$662.80.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL.
Teachers' salaries, \$302.89.
Substitute, \$4.
D. C. Clements, \$35.83.
Waterworks, \$11.
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John N. Campbell, \$25.85.
W. J. Kenny, \$36.85.
Total—\$419.42.

KINDERGARTEN—NO. 1.
Teachers' salaries, \$56.66.
W. J. Kenny, \$7.21.
Total—\$73.87.

KINDERGARTEN—NO. 2.
Teachers' salaries, \$51.25.
W. J. Kenny, \$2.10.
MISCELLANEOUS.
A. R. Crow, fuel, \$7.57.
W. A. Needam, caretaker King St. school, \$1.
Planet, printing, \$1.75.
Total—\$10.32.
Grand Total—\$1,567.76.

EXTRA ACCOUNT.
Miss Abram, \$5.75.
J. W. Plewes, \$6.
The inspector's report was read and adopted.
Board then adjourned.

NEW COACHES

Three new up-to-date coaches, the Sauris, the Shuswap and the Soudan passed through the city over the C. P. R. yesterday en route to Montreal. They will be used on the Boston run between Boston and Montreal on the C. P. R.

These coaches were manufactured by the Barney & Smith Company, of Dayton, Ohio, and are among the finest standard sleepers of the highest grade which the C. P. R. has on their line. They were in charge of M. Tourville, of the mechanical department of the C. P. R. shops at Montreal. The cost of each coach is \$18,850, and the duty on each to bring them into Canada is about \$5,616. They are made of mahogany throughout and are fitted up with the latest conveniences and improvements—electric bells, water pressure system of waterworks and other smaller detail improvements. Each coach is 80 feet long and weighs 122,200 pounds. The C. P. R. are at present having three new complete trains made in Chicago.

Douglas Stevens is busily engaged farming at Rosser, Man., on the 400 acre farm purchased by himself and Herbert S. Clements. Douglas has 80 acres of wheat already sown. Mr. Hama, who formerly had a bicycle store here, is the C. P. R. agent at Rosser.

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