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\$5,145 to Col. Burleigh's Credit To Offset \$11,911 Total Which Is Not Properly Accounted For

Court of Inquiry Into the 19th Regiment Finances Closed Last Night After Some Rebuttal Evidence Was Produced.

Court Holds Conference to Decide What Recommendations Shall Be Made—Offers to Reopen Enquiry If Col. Burleigh Has Any Further Evidence to Offer.

The military enquiry into the finances of the 19th Regiment while it did guard duty on the Welland Canal came to a sudden close last night after lasting about eight days, with night sessions held in Gen. Cruikshank's quarters, and his associates, Col. Young and Col. Elkins and Major Smythe, are hard workers, and did not scruple to run over the arranged time for adjournment, especially at the night sessions.

A corps of expert stenographers and typewriters was kept constantly at work taking and transcribing the evidence. The stenographers worked in relays, each taking a witness or two and then retiring to the outer room to dictate his notes to a typewriter. Millions of words were taken.

The previous day's evidence was always ready in neatly typewritten form for the use of the members of the court each day.

Last night some rebuttal evidence was put in by the special investigators, two witnesses being examined. One of them Private Lawrence Jones, said he thought food from the men's rations had been used by the officers' mess.

As things stood at adjournment, there is something over \$5,000 Col. Burleigh's credit to offset against the \$11,911 which the court told him represents the unexplained total. This amount will probably be allowed by the court.

Besides the \$5,000 odd, evidence from day to day showed that many things were purchased for cash and no receipts asked from the cashier.

At the conclusion of the evidence last night Gen. Cruikshank announced that the court had adjourned to hold a conference on the evidence and consider what recommendations were to be made. If Col. Burleigh had any other witnesses to call the enquiry would be reopened to admit this evidence.

Colonel Panet went on the stand first yesterday afternoon at the military enquiry into the 19th Regiment finances, and gave evidence to the effect that departmental organizations of purchases of supplies locally could easily be obtained. He said the regular equipment of supplies to units called out for active service, like the 19th, was, in his opinion, very inadequate.

Major Sidney Stott, on special duty as stock-taking officer attached to the staff of the D.E.O.S., stated that he first inspected the 19th on November 26, 1916. The quartermaster was Lieut. R. Greenwood. His method was to compare vouchers with ledger entries. His books were well kept and his vouchers were filed.

"I considered him a very capable quartermaster, and he used an elaborate system of checking off rations, etc. at the various posts," said Major Stott. "I would expect he would be equally methodical and exact with reference to his financial transactions as in his other duties."

Sergt-Major Charles Yaxley, acting quartermaster of the 19th, said there was very little camp equipment on hand. There was nothing on charge except a lot of oil stoves, a set of scales, some knives and forks and some dishes and mugs. There are about eight gas ranges belonging to the engineers.

Colonel Burleigh was recalled to testify again on accounts of local interest. Major Smythe, doing the examining. An account of \$320.32 of Watts and Bate was shown him and he could not state definitely whether any of the goods were used for the mess, but he was quite certain they had not been used for the officers' mess.

J. H. Sandham's account was for \$42.50. He identified it.

"I think that Colonel Burleigh should state that he presents these accounts as a set-off against the sum total of the amount charged against him," suggested the General.

Colgate's account was \$532.34. Against this account were issued departmental cheques totalling the

POSTMEN MAY TAKE A REFERENDUM ON STRIKE

Restlessness All Over Canada on Account of Low Wages.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—Restlessness among letter carriers in many places in Canada because of low wages, which has been brought to light by strike votes and protest meetings in several cities—notably, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Quebec—is to be made the subject of a national inquiry by the head officers of the organization of letter carriers of Canada.

Announcement has been made in Ottawa that this inquiry will probably take the form of a referendum, asking if the letter carriers are in favor of a general strike from coast to coast to enforce wage demands. No definite information could be gleaned last night, but it is believed that the machinery for taking the referendum has been prepared and that the result of the vote will be in the hands of the union within a few weeks.

The letter carriers at present start on a wage of \$1,427 a year, and the general demand is for a minimum of \$1,700 a year.

Over Five Years Of Active Service

Major C. G. Nash Pays Visit to Parents Here on Way From Mesopotamia.

Major C. G. Nash, son of Dr. A. H. C. H. Nash, has arrived in this city from Mesopotamia for a ten-days' visit to his parents. He is on his way back to London, where he was formerly in the offices of the Bank of England.

Major Nash went into service in August, 1914, and will be demobilized until he returns to London, so that he has had five and a half years of active service in behalf of his country, not only in Mesopotamia, but in France. He has had a highly creditable military career, and citizens of St. Catharines, we feel certain, extend a welcome to him.

McBride Insulted By Rollo's Remarks

QUESTIONS HIS RIGHT TO LEADERSHIP—LABOR IS NOT A U. F. O. ADJUNCT.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 23.—"All I want to say in reply to Mr. Rollo's insulting remarks," said Mayor McBride, M.P., to the Star yesterday, "is that if he would spend a little more of his time acting in the interests of the Labor Party and a little less helping hunt seats for seatless U.F.O. Ministers, there probably would not be so much discontent. We know he was one of the committee on the seat-hunting campaign, and we can't see where Labor should have had anything to do with this disgraceful piece of political juggling.

With reference to the conference of Labor members held in Toronto on Tuesday, Mayor McBride said: "I called the meeting at the request of several of the Labor members. Only those who had asked me to call it were present. They were Messrs. Halerow, of Hamilton; McNamara, of Toronto; Greenlaw, of St. Catharines, and Swazyie, of Niagara Falls. All were more or less restless, and thought that things were not going right. They asked me to call a meeting, and I did so. My position is exactly the same as on the day that I bolted from the so-called joint conference.

"I am not trying to influence any other members. They can do as they like. But as a Labor man, I am not going to accept any responsibility for the ridiculous seat-hunting campaign which is going on. I think what prompted the meeting was general dissatisfaction, and the apparent in-

Removal of Bodies Not So Far Permitted

The Toronto Organization's Plan Not Regarded Feasible or Desirable.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—The plan of the Overseas Burial Association—a Toronto organization of undertakers—which is advertising for commissions to bring back and reinter in Canada the bodies of the Canadian war dead, is not received in official circles here as being either feasible or desirable. No permission, it was pointed out at the Militia Department yesterday, has ever been granted for the removal of the bodies from the theatre of war. It has been sought in a number of cases, but not allowed.

Not the Canadian or the British Governments, but only the Governments of France and Belgium could permit it, and having refused so far, it is believed they will not reverse their decision.

The War Graves Commission has had all scattered graves re-opened, and the dead placed together in large cemeteries, with each grave identified and a headstone provided.

As to the bodies interred in Great Britain, the situation is different. Where the relatives are prepared to pay the expense, removal for reinterment will be permitted.

Interference by the U.F.O. central executive, with general government arrangements.

"Hon. Mr. Rollo was chosen leader of the Labor party, not by the elected members of parliament, but by a combination meeting which he himself arranged, and at which were present some 26 individuals, only ten of whom were Labor members-elect. British constitutional methods place the responsibility for legislation on the shoulders of the elected representatives of the people, not on the central executive of any political party.

"If there is dissatisfaction, Mr. Rollo has only himself to blame. He will have an invitation to the meeting which we have called for next Tuesday. So will every Labor member. We want to know if we are to become an adjunct of the U.F.O. If so I know a number of Labor men who will not be an adjunct of any political party."

"Any time the Honorable Mr. Rollo wants a show down with me as to our respective positions as Labor men he can have it." Mayor McBride added. "I want to say that in my opinion he merely uses Labor to acquire a fat job for himself and that his blind following of Druryism is not the leadership Labor has a right to expect."

'THERE IS NO GULF BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH,' SAYS SIR OLIVER LODGE IN A SPEECH

BIG BEN TRYING TO RUSH SEASON?

There is something radically wrong with Big Ben on the Court House tower. This morning, to the writer's personal knowledge, he struck six at five o'clock; seven at six, and eight at seven. It may be the old fellow is trying to rush the season in daylight saving, perhaps in an endeavor to make up for lost time of a year ago, when, because he happened to be located on top of the county buildings, it took him several days to find out what time it actually was.

Out of Darkness Comes the Light

Noted Japanese Scholar and Preacher Brings the Gospel to People Who Have Been Sending It to His People.

It is a remarkable thing that a man who forty years ago was a heathen in Japan, and who was converted to Christianity should now be coming to this city and delivering a pleasant address for the Inter-church Forward Movement, telling the people facts of an impressive nature and which inspired them with greater zeal. This, however, is what occurred at St. Thomas' Church last night. Rev. Paul Kanamori spoke before a large audience, not all who attended being able to get seats. He delivered a message which will long be remembered by those who heard him.

Out of Darkness

Forty years ago this noted Japanese in darkness, like thousands of his countrymen. Through an American military man, who was stationed in Japan, he was taught the Bible and became deeply interested in its mission. When persecution was carried on among his people against those who took up Christianity, he, with other youths fled to the mountain of flowers and there vowed to preach Christ or forfeit their lives. Later on he became interested in German studies of theology and philosophy. As a consequence he lost most of his keen interest in the religion, he had learned till the death of his wife changed the whole tenor of his career and the Bible, brought a new and richer meaning to him. From that time he pursued his study of the Scriptures and has in the years that have followed been active in converting many thousands of Japanese to Christianity.

Told of Experiences.

At the service last night he gave a recital of some of his experiences. He told what Christianity had done among his countrymen and said that the time had come when the Church of Christ must exercise a new and livelier sense in Japan and elsewhere if the principles that had won the war were to continue to triumph. Rev. Mr. Kanamori paid the Anglo-Saxon race the tribute of saying that it was through their determination that the great European struggle had been won.

During the service Rev. Canon Read the service, and Rural-Dean Almond of Merriton read the tesson. Rev. A. H. Howitt introduced the speaker. Rev. A. H. West was also in the chancel.

A feature of the programme was the rendition of Sullivan's fine anthem, "Sing, O Heavens," which was conducted under the direction of Mr. Ison of St. George's Church, and Mr. Sidney English.

The Cassandra was damaged in a collision with the tug F. W. Roebing in Halifax harbor.

Reaches Peak and Has View Beyond Veil—To Construct a Pathway to Great Beyond.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—There is no gulf between Heaven and earth. Love bridges the apparent chasm. The other life is screened from us, but it is all around us. The saints and prophets spoke truly. The peak from which things beyond the veil may be seen has been reached. We must believe that the youths who lost their lives in the war live on. We must think of them as being with us still. This was the burden of Sir Oliver Lodge's message to a huge audience in Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon. He said at the outset that he did not wish to be dogmatic; that he was not ready yet to arouse controversy; and that he did not believe his theories to be infallible. He put them forward as the result of a lifetime of experiment and study.

Half a dozen times he referred to the doubt that befores men's minds on the issues which are now occupying his attention. He indicated plainly that the time had come when he and men who had spent their lives trying to get behind the veil were ready to construct a pathway for the

stumbling, the doubting and the skeptical. He explained that his lecture on "The Reality of the Unseen" was introductory to a series, in which he proposed to treat of the evidence of survival and the destiny of man.

Sir Oliver was matter-of-fact, and logical in his first public address since landing in America this time. He might have been delivering an after-dinner address, so calm and informal was his manner.

"I believe the ether of space is a substantial reality," he said, "with extraordinarily perfect properties, with enormous energy, a constitution which we must discover and a substantiality more impressive than that of matter. It is the most important thing in the material universe. Matter is made of ether. In these days of the Einstein theory, it is legitimate to doubt the reality of ether. But it is always easy to doubt. And the fact that ether does not make a direct appeal to our senses makes some of us skeptical. But I feel certain that in ten or twenty years the skeptics will come to the view that ether cannot really be dispensed with."

McCoig, Liberal Backs Doherty In East Kent

M. P. Will Support the Minister of Agriculture Against a Liberal Candidate.

CHATHAM, Jan. 23.—Chances are that Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, will be elected by acclamation in the coming election in East Kent. If not he will have the actual support of local leaders in the Liberal and Conservative parties, who feel that the Drury Government should be given an opportunity to perfect its organization and get on with the sessional program.

Mr. Archie McCoig, Liberal member for Kent, in the House of Commons, says that he is not in favor of a contest at the present time. He thinks the Liberal party should not embarrass the United Farmers, but should give them ample scope to carry into effect their legislative program.

"It would be in the interests of the county to have a Cabinet Minister as its representative in the Legislative Assembly," said Mr. McCoig.

Mr. McCoig's views are shared by Mr. R. L. Brackin, Liberal M.P.P. for West Kent, who is not in favor of contesting the seat. The defeated Liberal candidate in East Kent at the recent general election, however, has been in favor of nominating a Liberal to oppose the new Minister of Agriculture, though he is not anxious to be the standard bearer himself. He was beaten by over one thousand votes at the general election by Mr. J. B. Clark, who has retired in favor of Mr. Doherty.

If Mr. Hartley Dewart, Provincial Liberal leader, insists on a battle in East Kent, he will not have the support of local Liberal leaders, who have a strong hold on the county.

Mr. McCoig has the confidence of the United Farmers in Kent, and if Mr. Dewart insists upon a contest there is every assurance that Mr. McCoig will take the stump against the Dewart candidate and will be found fighting for Hon. Manning Doherty.

If the Conservatives decide to oppose the minister, which is very improbable, the Federal Liberal member will be a formidable opponent of the Tory forces.

In view of the attitude of Mr. McCoig, Mr. J. J. Morrison has intimated

Crown Counsel Attacked By Men At the 'Peg Trial

Defendants Charge Prejudice Against Prosecuting Lawyer as Members of Citizens Committee.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—That all motions to challenge the array of the jury panel would have to be made today was the ruling delivered by Mr. Justice Metcalf, after a prolonged argument at the trial of the seven strike leaders in the Assize Court.

Alderman John Queen, one of the accused, who is defending himself, made a motion objecting to the fitness of the Crown Counsel to represent the people in the present case on the ground that they were prejudiced and biased and that their past actions clearly indicated this. His main argument was based on the fact that the four leading Crown counsel had been prominently active in the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand.

W. A. Pritchard, another one of the accused, who is defending himself, made a similar motion.

Strong feeling against Mr. Andrews was shown by both defendants, who spoke on their own behalf.

Pritchard declared that he would not put it above Andrews to ask the jury.

Mr. Justice Metcalf allowed the men to speak at length, and at times halted the proceedings, explaining legal points safeguarding their rights to them.

He declared, however, he knew no legal method except disbarment by which right the Crown counsel to appear could be challenged.

E. J. McMurray, representing the accused, George Armstrong, it is understood, will argue the legal aspects of these motions.

Wall Street was quiet, and trading was within narrow limits.

Demand Sterling opened at new low record of \$3.60 1-4 but rallied to \$3.62 1-2.

The United Farmers will support McCoig at the next Federal election. They have nothing to gain by opposing the sitting Liberal member in the House of Commons since he has protected their interests better than anyone else could.

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