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## THE GOVERNMENT AND LAZARUS

(Continued from page 2.)

ton declares that while he and Leopold were in these intimate relations on Victoria street and at Charing Cross he did not know that Leopold was the London agent of the North Atlantic Trading Co., and during part of the time had charge of the whole propaganda of that company as conducted in England. The accounts of the North Atlantic Co., purporting to disclose their expenditures, mentions large sums of money paid to Leopold in his office at Charing Cross, for literature and for services, but Mr. Preston, whose department has the investigating of these accounts, says he did not know it. Mr. Preston also pleads that the circular above quoted sent out from his office to mechanics recommending them to apply to Leopold, was distributed without his knowledge, although his clerks declare to the contrary. He further claims that he never realized the fact that the Canadian policy opposed the encouragement of artisan immigration. This plea may be considered in the light of his second letter to Mr. Emms.

Also, Mr. Preston seems to have been quite ignorant of the financial relations between Leopold and the Arundel Printing Co. In fact Preston's ignorance and simplicity is now a great surprise to himself. He says (page 196):

"I must admit that I am somewhat amazed at my own want of shrewdness in not measuring up the situation some time ago in view of what I have learned in the last few days that he is now the agent of the company, and I would not be surprised if all along they had something to do with the Farmer's Auxiliary."

Q. Did you know that he went there to conduct the affairs of this syndicate?

A. No, I did not, and I am surprised that I did not get more strongly suspicious than I am.

Q. Your son-in-law is his solicitor?

A. Solicitor in one case, and I recommended my son-in-law to him.

Q. Mr. Alexander acts for him in his law business?

A. I do not think all of his business.

Q. In law business?

A. Yes.

Q. At your suggestion?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell us with that intimate connection . . . you really did not know what that man was going into so far as this syndicate was concerned?

A. I did not.

Monk's Resolution

An examination into the Leopold affair and the connection of Mr. Preston and the Department of the Interior therewith, was also conducted by the committee on Agriculture and Colonization. Mr. Monk, M. P., for Jacques Cartier, had charge of this examination, and brought out many damaging points. The evidence had not been printed, and, therefore, the quotations above are for the most part from the records of the public accounts committee.

After the two enquiries had been concluded, Mr. Monk proposed in the House of Commons the following resolution: "In the opinion of this House, for the causes disclosed in the evidence taken before the Committee on Public Accounts, and the committee on Agriculture and Colonization, and for other reasons, W. T. R. Preston, Inspector of Immigration, should be no longer continued in that office."

Mr. Monk charged among other things that Mr. Preston "violated his duty by encouraging in a clandestine manner the immigration of mechanics and helping to establish and foster a Canadian bureau contrary to the standing instructions of the government."

A Minister's Pledge

Mr. Oliver could not contradict the charge connecting the office of this department with the notorious labor bureau. The minister put in a plea that Mr. Preston had not sufficient opportunity to present his side of the case, though as a matter of fact his condemnation as well as that of the department rests upon his own letters and statements and upon the records of his office. Mr. Oliver promised an investigation of his own, declaring that if Preston had done wrong he should bear the consequences. He gave a distinct promise that there would be a full and thorough investigation of the whole matter and that Mr. Preston, would be dealt with accordingly.

(Hansard, 1906, p. 5512.)

Mr. Oliver: "The government must inform itself very thoroughly before taking action."

P. 5519. Mr. Oliver: "But until the government has had an opportunity of investigating the whole subject, the committee cannot expect me to make a definite announcement."

what has been said about him, and one knows of the desperate efforts that have been made to prove the charges. Nothing was ever heard in my experience before like it."

Sir Richard's Apology

Sir Richard made an astonishing defence of the Jackson appointment.

In the House of Commons he said: "I am not pretending to say that Mr. Jackson's real did not outrun his discretion." And again, "I have no doubt whatever that Mr. Jackson was by no means discreet in dealing with Mr. Chambers. He ought to have looked behind the door; he ought to have looked under the bed; he ought to have taken every precaution to know whether he was being coaxed or entrapped."

I made enquiries about the matter and was informed that whatever indiscretion he may have been guilty of he had committed no offence contrary to the laws of the land."

Speaking again of Mr. Jackson's conduct, Sir Richard said:

"I do not mean to say that it was nice work; I do not mean to say that I like it; I do not mean to say that it is good work." Again, "whatever faults Mr. Jackson committed he did not bring himself within the purview of the law."

Borden's Strong Rebuke

It was in regard to this defence that Mr. Borden said:

"The minister of trade and commerce has invented a new decalegue; so far as the commandments forbid, he would abolish them all, and insert instead: 'Thou shalt be discreet, so as thou shalt not be found out.' The minister of trade and commerce has no word of criticism upon Mr. Jackson for asking these men to procure evidence, whether true or false, so long as it should unseat Mr. Sutherland. He has no word of criticism with regard to that, but he has a reproach against Jackson because he did not look up the chimney, because he did not look in the cellar to see if anyone was listening. In short, because he was indiscreet, I believe, Sir, that there never was in the public life of this country or of any other country a more damnable doctrine more unblushingly avowed."

It was bold, it was unblushing, and if I were not transgressing parliamentary decorum I would say that it was utterly shameless. That the man so stigmatised by Mr. Justice Street, should be promoted to the public service of Canada, and that the minister of trade and commerce, speaking for the government, should not be ashamed to stand up and justify him, in an unheard of degradation in our public life."

It remains to be seen whether Sir Richard will be equally felicitous in his defence of the Preston promotion.

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HOW MONEY GOES

The way favorites tender on government work

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In the public accounts committee, W. H. Bennett, of Simcoe, examined A. W. Bowman, of Southampton, Ont., with regard to the payment of \$210,353 made him in connection with the dredging work at Port Arthur and Fort William. Bowman said that there had not been any collusion with King or Murphy or any other firm as to the putting in of tenders. The company with which he was concerned is known as the Great Lakes Dredging Company. His brother, Chas. Bowman, M.L.A., is president, and Jas. Whalen, a son-in-law of James Connolly, M.P., is a member of the company.

When the Port Arthur work was tendered for in 1905, Whalen put in one for the Great Lakes Company and the witness put in one on his own behalf. The Great Lakes tender was put in first.

Mr. Bennett asked if the second tender was prepared in the office of the minister of public works at the last moment, but witness laughed at the suggestion. He thought that both were prepared in the same time.

In tendering for the work on Mission river the company put in a tender at 9 cents and the witness one at 18 cents. With keen competition he did not expect to get the tender at 18 cents.

Mr. Bennett—Well, the country will not benefit by the competition between you and the Great Lakes Dredging company will it?

Witness—I hope not. (Laughter.)

Questioned by Mr. Bryce, the witness said although the tenders put in were on the face of them rival tenders they were really not competitors. If he got the tender he would get aid and equipment from the Great Lakes Dredging company and vice versa. There was no general arrangement as to a double system of

P. 5527. Mr. Oliver: "Here are matters occurring in England, some three or four thousand miles away, and before being called upon to give a verdict I should be given an opportunity to judge for myself at short range or sending a proxy to investigate for me."

P. 5527. Mr. Oliver: "Of course it is the government's business to investigate."

P. 5527. Mr. Oliver: "It is only fair that before the department takes action, before it is required to decide whether Mr. Preston shall be dismissed or promoted."

"I say that it is not a business proposition to demand either dismissal or the removal of an officer at the hands of the government until the government has had an opportunity to consider this matter in all its bearings and to take evidence from all sides regarding it."

After the government supporter, Mr. Guthrie, a government supporter, required further satisfaction. He said:

"I would now ask the minister of the Interior whether by his statement in this House tonight, he intended to convey an assurance, not merely an off-hand statement, but an assurance that he would deal with this matter in the very near future."

To this Mr. Oliver replied p. 5505.

"I think I have already made that statement to the House when the estimates of the Interior were under discussion, and I meant to convey the same idea tonight."

It was on the strength of this promise that the government, voted down Mr. Monk's resolution. That there was a general desire to condemn the action of the commissioner of immigration and the conduct of his department, is shown by speeches of Liberal members. For instance Mr. Guthrie, a strong Liberal declared (page 9905):

"I am satisfied that Mr. Preston, if not directly, has at least indirectly contravened his orders so far as dealing and communications with Leopold and the labor bureau are concerned. I feel very strongly inclined on this occasion to vote for the amendment (that is for Mr. Monk's motion) and I had fully intended to do so were it not that the hon. Minister of the Interior, whose department Mr. Preston serves, has expressly asked the House for time to consider and investigate the matter for himself in order that he may deal with it."

Another Liberal speaker was Mr. Verville, labor member, of Montreal. He said:

"I want it to be understood that I am strongly in favor of a dismissal, and I hope and trust that this motion which I know will not pass, will not put the government in a position not to dismiss Mr. Preston. . . . I want to be recorded, and the labor people of this country want to be recorded in favor of the dismissal of Mr. Preston.—p. 6813.

A third was Mr. Johnston, of Cape Breton, who urged upon the minister:

"the advisability of looking into the matter at the earliest moment and satisfying himself whether or not the conduct of Mr. Preston, as commissioner of immigration merits dismissal or continuance in the service."

—p. 6914.

But Mr. Preston was not dismissed. So far as is known no investigation was held into his conduct. On the contrary, immediately after the investigation closed, and before the minister or Mr. Preston had started for England, the government promoted Mr. Preston to the responsible duty of representing the government as a trade commissioner in Japan, China and Corea. Mr. Preston thus becomes a subordinate of Sir Richard Cartwright, to whose good offices he possibly owes his promotion. It is quite in keeping with Sir Richard's record that Mr. Preston should become a responsible officer of the department of Trade and Commerce.

The last important appointment previously made by Sir Richard Cartwright was that of J. B. Jackson to the important position of commercial agent at Leeds.

Mr. Jackson was the man concerning whom the affidavit was made containing the following paragraphs:

"After a general conversation Jackson wanted me to sign an agreement not to divulge the conversation, this I refused to do, and then Jackson wanted to know how much I wanted to get him evidence to unseat Sutherland. I told him \$5,000. He said that was out of the question. He said he said he thought \$500 down, and \$1,500 additional if the evidence was sufficient to unseat Sutherland."

"I then asked him what class of evidence he wanted, whether false or true, and he said that it mattered not to him whether it was false or true so long as it could unseat Sutherland. He said he would lose his gown if this conversation was divulged."

It was this J. B. Jackson of whom the late Judge Street spoke in thus addressing the court:

"One of the difficulties I have in this case is the knowledge of the improper and reprehensible means and large expenditure which have been proven to have been devoted to absolutely improper purpose. It is impossible to follow the ramifications of such expenditure, and in dealing with the last case I cannot get out of my mind the possibility of the course of the inquiry having been affected by the expenditure of a very large sum of money. Here is Mr. Jackson, a lawyer in Ipswich, Here is this man of the lowest possible character, as far as appears from

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Boyle County, Roscommon, Ire. Jan. 23.—A force of 300 constabulary visited the Greenvaugh district early yesterday morning and took into custody 20 men charged with unlawful assembly and riot, and with having interfered with the mails. Every one of the 20 prisoners was taken in bed, the operation lasted several hours. The constabulary feared that if they attempted to make arrests in daylight serious rioting would occur so they worked under cover of darkness.

The landlords of Kesh and Knox estates in the district have refused to sell their lands to their tenants, who consequently organized a "no-rent" combination against the landlords. The landlords sent out processes for rents to their tenants, the mail bearing these documents were interfered with by the men arrested.

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Old-Timer Gone.

Many of the old timers of this district will remember T. H. Louis who was C.P.R. agent at Balgonie, and later agent at Lumsden. Afterwards he was moved to Prince Albert where he was C.P.R. agent at West Prince Albert. The Prince Albert Times reports his death as follows:

"The many friends of Mr. T. H. Louis will regret to hear of his death on Tuesday, January 14, at his home on Fifth street. Mr. Louis was one of the brightest men of his years in the city and for a long time was agent at the Goschen station when the C.P.R. ran in there. He was always happy and had a bright word for everyone."

After forty years service with the C.P.R. he was superannuated and given a small pension. Mr. Louis leaves one daughter who lived with him.

The funeral took place Thursday to the public cemetery.

The late Thomas Henry Louis who died on Tuesday, January 14th, was born on February 14, 1840 at Ballylease, County of Kerry, Ireland. He was educated in Dublin, taught school for 13 years and then entered the railway service. The last 23 years, he was in the employ of the C.P.R. and had charge of Goschen station. He was married on May 30, 1865, and Mrs. Louis died on December 19, 1899. Four daughters and two sons survive. They are Mrs. R. D. Turner, Broadway; Mrs. E. M. Small, Forest, Ont.; Ida E. Louis, Prince Albert; Mrs. E. J. Scott, of Toledo, Ohio; Fred Louis, Detroit, and J. H. Louis of Moose Jaw.

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