

PREMIER OF MANITOBA

Had No Knowledge Of The Land Deal With Hon. Geo. E. Eoster

MR. ROBILIN IN THE DARK

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—Hon. R. P. Roblin of Manitoba and the Hon. Colin Campbell, Attorney-General, were on the stand before the Insurance Commission yesterday afternoon. Mr. Roblin was asked to explain his connection with the Swan River lands and the Union Trust. He said he had nothing to amend in Mr. Whitlans' evidence, but did take exception to statements made under oath by the Winnipeg land broker, A. W. Pritchard.

Pritchard had said witness knew that Mr. Foster had bought 40,000 acres, the Carrol River lands, from him. This witness never knew until he read this same evidence in the newspapers.

Mr. Tilley: "Was there a suggestion that Pritchard should sell these lands for you?"

"None."

"Did you ever instruct him to come to Toronto?"

"Never."

"Tell the Commission how you came to sell the lands?"

"Pritchard was an accountant in the Department of Agriculture, as well as

my private secretary, and he saw through my letters that I owned these lands. After I failed to make a sale in the United States through an agent, Mr. Farrell, who did not succeed because we could not find a registered title, having only an agreement, he was going on a holiday and he asked if there would be any objection to his making a sale if he could. I said no. I heard no more about it until he came into my office and told me he had sold them."

"Did you see the correspondence between Pritchard and Mr. Foster?"

"I did not."

Never Saw Agreement.

"But Mr. Whitlans produced this correspondence before the Commission."

"That may be. The lands were in his name. I never had any papers. Never had a word of correspondence with Mr. Foster or the Union Trust."

When shown the agreement with the Union Trust Co. for the purchase of the land Mr. Roblin betrayed some surprise. He never knew, he said, of the existence of any agreement. He thought all that was done was to make an assignment of the 40 sections and have the money paid over.

"Pritchard said he was authorized by you to offer Mr. Foster a substantial commission."

"I never knew he was dealing with Mr. Foster."

"Well to whoever was purchasing."

"I never authorized him to give a commission to anybody."

"Have you anything else to remark about the evidence of Pritchard?"

"I have. Pritchard said he left the service of the Department of Agriculture because he was not promoted. That is not true. I asked him to resign. He had been accountant for 22 years, and for over 12 there had been systematic stealing and embezzling in his department. When this was dis-

covered by the auditor the guilty party had fled to the United States. Pritchard was called into my office and examined. When the offender was arrested, and Pritchard called to give evidence, he could not remember anything he had said before the arrest was made. So I told him if he could not remember better than that, he had better resign."

Contradicts Pritchard.

Hon. Colin Campbell then came to the stand. He is president of the Ontario, Manitoba and Western Land Co., of which Mr. Bettles, a former witness before the Commission, is managing director. This company sold the so-called "Carrol River Lands" to the Union Trust, Pritchard also being implicated.

Mr. Campbell was asked what he had to say with regard to the Pritchard evidence, in which he figured extensively.

"Mr. Pritchard's statements in many particulars are untrue," said Mr. Campbell. "On August, 1903, my partner, Mr. Crawford, died suddenly. During September I was wholly in charge, and had a great deal of work. On Oct. 1 I fell ill, and was in bed the greater part of the month. As that was the time Pritchard spoke of our dealings, much of it could not have occurred."

"As for what Pritchard said about my advising him to give me \$1,000 of his commission on the lands, I say it is absolutely untrue. I did not sign the agreement with the Union Trust Co., although, as president of my company, I should naturally have done so. It was signed by Mr. Bettles as managing director. I was not around."

"He says he handed me telegrams or letters from Mr. Foster. I never saw a telegram or a letter from Mr. Foster. It is absolutely untrue."

In the evening the insurance managers were examined on technical

A PROTEST FILED.

Contest East Elgin Election On Customary Charges of Alleged Corrupt Practices By Conservatives.

Toronto Nov. 13.—The election of David Marshall, Conservative, as representative of East Elgin in the Dominion House, is to be protested. Yesterday at Osgoode Hall notice was given that, on the customary allegations against David Marshall, his agents and their "bribery, treating, personation and undue influence," Granville Haight of Yarmouth Township, the defeated Liberal candidate, asks that the election be voided.

Cornwall, Nov. 13.—Mrs. Duncan Grant, aged 86, was burned to death at her home, east of Glen Donald, Gengarry County, Sunday night.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—W. F. Oliver, alias W. F. Denney, has been arrested on a charge of obtaining \$7,000 under false pretences from Port Huron, Sarnia and Windsor, Ont., parties.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 13.—Six men were killed and five others seriously injured yesterday, when a boiler in the power house of the Lake Shore Railroad, in Collingwood, a suburb, blew up.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 13.—A Neguee, Mich., special says that with the deer hunting season only two days old, five fatalities have already occurred. There are upwards of 12,000 hunters in the peninsula.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—The St. Clair tunnel will be closed for four hours daily, commencing next Monday. A gang of men will be placed at work on the interior of the hole, and will wire it for electricity.

London, Nov. 13.—(C.A.P.)—A woman with a child tied to her waist, found

drowned in the Thames on Saturday, has been identified as Mrs. Callow, wife of a retired soldier, who saw many years' service in Canada.

Gibraltar, Nov. 13.—The British Atlantic fleet is to leave here for Tagier. In conjunction with a French fleet of warships it will engage in a demonstration in Moorish waters. The British warships were provisioned last night on very short notice.

Hamilton, Nov. 13.—The city yesterday afternoon closed its case before the Ontario railway board in connection with the complaints about the condition of the roadbed and the cars, and the annoyance caused, and the overcrowding of the cars of the street railway. Dundas also complained of the run down condition, and the overcrowding on the Hamilton and Dundas line.

Montreal, Nov. 13.—Sir William Van Horne has resigned from the directorate of the Dominion Coal Co. The resignation of other Dominion Coal directors, who are also on Dominion Steel Co. board, may follow.

Mr. Jones of the Steel Co. will be here today, and the battle royal will be fought out on Wednesday when the conference between the conflicting interests takes place.

Admiral Markham Retires.

London, Nov. 13.—Admiral Sir A. B. Markham, the veteran explorer, who earned the warm thanks of the Dominion Government for his valuable monograph on communication with Hudson Bay, retired yesterday after 50 years' naval service.

Minister's Diamond Jubilee.

Guelph, Nov. 13.—Rev. Dr. Torrance celebrated his diamond jubilee on Sunday, having been ordained and inducted to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, sixty years ago.



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We have bought 200 dozen Women's, Misses' and Children's Vests and Drawers. We bought these direct from the mills at less than half price. We can only mention a few lines, but the Underwear is laid out on tables in piles for your easy choosing.

15 doz. only Children's wool and cotton mixture Vests, for small sizes and infants only, long sleeves, regular 25c quality, Mill End Sale, 5c. each.

Ladies' wool and cotton mixture Vests and Drawers, extra quality, all sizes, regular 35c garments, in Cream and Natural. Mill End Sale, 18c.

29½ doz. Misses' wool and cotton mixture Vests and Drawers, long sleeves, natural color, regular 25c each. Mill End Sale, 22c.

90 doz. Women's, Misses' and Children's Vests and Drawers, all wool and extra quality, 65c and 75c qualities. Mill End Sale, 39c.

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1 case of Flannelette Ends, different lengths, all good qualities, but mostly dark stripes, regular 8c, 10c and 12½c yd. Mill End Sale, 5c. Yard.

1 case of Flannelette Ends, best qualities in Saxony and Shirting flannelettes, regular 12½c and 15c. Mill End Sale, 8c. Yard.

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Big Sale of Coats.

This is certainly the best Coat bargain offered this season. Women's and Young Ladies' Coats, full ¾ lengths, made in latest styles, in light and dark Tweeds. The price we ask is only possible by clearing the lot. Regular \$7.50 and \$8.50. Mill End Sale, \$3.95.

Furs at a Discount.

There are no surplus Furs in the market. So it was impossible to get any special snaps for you. Instead we will give you some extra values from our regular stock. Any Fur want we can supply at special prices during our Mill End Sale.

100 Dozen Handkerchiefs

We cleared the lot of Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and scalloped edges, all fine Swiss, nicely embroidered. They come to us as a clearing line of several qualities right direct from the factory. Worth 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c, Mill End Sale 3 for 25c. Each customer to 1 dozen. Dealers not supplied.

HAIR PINS.—Plain, Crimped or Hold-Fast Hair Pins, 18 pins to the package, regular 3c each, Mill End Sale 6 Dozen for 5c.

SAFETY PINS 4c. a Dozen.—Nickle Safety Pins, 3 sizes, can't unfasten and will not catch in fabric, regular 8c. paper, Mill End Sale 4c. Paper.

AN IMPORTANT EVENT.

Ten Days Mill End Sale

This is stock-taking time with Factories and Wholesale Houses. Knowing this, we have taken advantage of the opportunity to buy clearing lines at less than Half Price—and we are going to share with you the profits. We can afford to sell you Dry Goods at half what you would ordinarily pay. The sale will last **Ten Days**, commencing

Wednesday, November 14, and will Continue for Ten Days.

Fancy Collars.

An entire sample line of Lace and Embroidery Collars, direct from Planen, Germany, at less than Half Price. This lot is one of the finest sample ranges ever shown in Chatham. You pay less than Half Price for your choice at our Mill End Sale.

Manufacturers' Samples of Collars and Belts.

A manufacturer cleared his entire line of Christmas Novelties in Fancy Collars, Belts, Opera Bags, Cape Collars, Etc. A splendid opportunity to buy a Christmas present for less than the cost of making. You will need to see these to appreciate them. Mill End Sale.

Lace Collar Tabs, 5c. Each.

50 dozen Lace and Embroidery Collar Tabs, beautiful goods, several different patterns and styles, worth 10c to 25c. Mill End Sale, 5c. Each.

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Hosiery Bargains

77½ dozen Manufacturers' Samples of Silk, Lisle, Fancy and Cashmere H. se for ladies and children, a less than wholesale cost. These stockings are worth from 25c to \$1.00 per pair, for our Mill End Sale 15c. and 25c.

25 dozen pure wool Cashmere H. se, seamless, assorted qualities, worth from 35c. to 75c, Mill End Sale 19c. and 25c.

30 dozen assorted Hose for children in ribbed and plain, good qualities only. They are sample pairs, we bought them cheap and will sell them cheap. Mill End Sale 8c. a Pair.



Mill Ends of Cloakings

Pure wool, extra heavyweights, just the thing for coats, as they are making them sufficient quantities in each end for a ¾ coat, worth \$2, \$3 and \$4, Mill End Sale \$1 a Yard.

Children's Sample Toques

Children's Toques, a complete knitting factories samples, all kinds and all quality. We have put the best qualities in a lot and have marked them for the Mill End Sale, 35c.

Sateen Underskirts 75c.

An immense purchase of Black Sateen Underskirts for women, good quality black sateen, all sizes, several qualities, reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25, Mill End Sale, 75c.

Corsets at Bargain Prices

Women's Corsets of extra quality Contelle, low bust and long hip, non-rustable steel filed, lace trimmed, reg. 75c, Mill End Sale, 50c.

Dress Trimmings

A wholesale cleared their lot of Dress Trimmings at our own price. Some lovely things in the lot and you can buy them at a fraction of their original cost. All prices from 5c. to 50c, Mill End Sale 5c. Yard Up.

Mill Ends Table Linen.

Best quality Table Damask in nice patterns, assorted widths, worth 50c. and 65c. yard, lengths 2 to 4 yards, Mill End Sale, 35c. Yard.

Towelings

Mill Ends of Roller Towelling, good quality Crash, red stripe borders, 2½ to 7 yards, Mill End Sale, 4 1-2c. Yard.

Pure Bleached Table Linen

4 only pieces of Pure Bleached Table Linen, choice patterns, good widths, excellent quality at 85c. yard, Mill End Sale 59c.

American Wash Art Cretonnes

20 pieces American Wash Art Cretonne, good for curtains, couches or drapes, splendid assortment of patterns, regular 15c. per yard, Mill End Sale 8c. Yard.

Wrapperette 8c. Yard

30 pieces of choice patterns in American Wrapperette, suitable for all purposes, figured, stripes and spots, regular 12½c. and 15c, Mill End Sale, 8c. Yard.

Bath Towels 15c. Each.

Extra large size and good quality, regular 25c. kind, Mill End Sale 15c. Each