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SUGGESTS THAT ALL THE LETTERS BE MADE PUBLIC

Mr. Veniot Makes Very Effective Reply to Mr. Lawlor's Letter — Invites St. John Man to Publish Further Correspondence.

To the Editor of The Times: Sir—I see by the Globe that the person who made overtures to me writes a letter in which he claims I did not keep private what took place between him and me last December re federal cabinet position. My friend is in error. I mentioned the matter only to those whom he suggested I should talk it over with—three in all. He admits that I was to have done this. Further than that I did not go. I never had any communication with Lemieux, Murphy or any one else. I never revealed the cor-



respondence that took place between him and me, although this correspondence was not marked "private." I kept the secret until the Conservative press tried to make the public believe that I had sought the position. It was then time for me to defend myself. An attempt to draw a red herring across the trail is being made by the statement that I saw no letter from Premier Meighen containing an offer of

a cabinet position. I never stated that such a letter contained such an offer. What I did say was that "the person who made overtures to me presented to me a letter signed by Premier Meighen. This letter could not have been a forgery. This letter showed that the premier was in close touch with the situation. That is what I stated and the publication of the premier's letter proves that I told the truth, since he therein states he would discuss the matter with Mr. Wilmore and also that he "had no intimation whatever from the party to whom you refer as to his attitude towards the government or toward the paramount issues of the day." This certainly looks as if the premier was willing to have the proposition discussed. He certainly did not turn it down.

From this letter had not Mr. Lawlor every reason to conclude that if my attitude towards the government was all right there would be little trouble for me to reach the Meighen cabinet? And this is exactly the task that Mr. Lawlor had set himself following out the suggestion contained in that very letter, the existence of which Mr. Meighen denied in parliament on the 19th inst., but which he had to admit on the 20th, after I had wired to the press that I was prepared to appear before a parliamentary committee and prove as correct what I had stated in my interview with the press a few days before. Mr. Lawlor refers to letters of mine. Why does he not publish them? He has my consent providing he publishes his letter to me at the same time. The public will then be able to judge if he was

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not acting on the belief that Premier Meighen's letter gave him a certain privilege if not an absolute right to go ahead and ascertain what my attitude was towards the government. Did Mr. Lawlor keep this matter private? By his own admission he did not, for he admits that he consulted certain close friends of mine. Was it he who "let the cat out of the bag"? Why not publish some of the letters he wrote to friends of mine asking them to use their influence with me to have me consider favorably the proposition he had placed before me? And at the same time publish the replies he received. I know what these replies were as Mr. Lawlor made them known to me. He states that I seemed to be not averse to consider his proposition. If this is the case why should he have appealed to me at least three times to "add some encouragement"? If he had no reason to believe that the premier meant business why did he want me to "meet the premier or his representative at Montreal or Ottawa" or "board his train and go with him on his visit to Sydney" which visit was on the programme just about that time? Having forced the production of the now famous and oft denied letter, and the public having been able to read it, I feel that I have substantially proved what I stated in my interview, and I

am prepared to let an impartial public decide whether or not Mr. Lawlor and Premier Meighen understood one another in their endeavor to ascertain my "attitude towards the government" as paving the way to a more direct invitation to enter the federal cabinet.

P. J. VENIOT.
Bathurst (N. B.), May 23, 1921.

YARMOUTH HAS NEW MYSTERY

Yarmouth, N. S., May 24.—Yarmouth is faced with another mystery through the disappearance of Harry Stephenson (Coe), a well-known figure to Yarmouth citizens. Coe was last seen on Saturday morning at about eleven o'clock, at the home of an acquaintance, Mrs. Shedd, Main street, when he said it was his intention to go up to Yarmouth North. The first that was really known of his disappearance was on Sunday morning, when church-goers began to arrive at Zion United Baptist church for the eleven o'clock service and found the church unopened, owing to the non-appearance of Coe, who is the caretaker. Inquiries were made at his rooming house, when it was ascertained that he had not returned there on Saturday night, and

search of his room disclosed the fact that everything was in good order. Coe, who was a man between forty and fifty years of age, was about five feet, six or seven inches tall, clean shaven, ruddy complexioned, blue eyes and walked very straight, with a soldierly carriage.

The missing man was formerly a native of Number 14, Holy Mount, Alexander Road, South Fort, Lancashire, England, but, since the war, in which he served in the English forces, came to Canada and after living a while in Halifax located in Yarmouth. No reason

whatever can be found for his sudden and mysterious disappearance and when seen on Saturday he seemed to be in his usual good health and happy humor. It is understood that Coe recently came into some property in England through the death of an aunt there.

CARSON HONORED
London, May 24.—Sir Edward Carson, who for many years has been the leader of the Ulster forces in parliament, has been appointed Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, in succession to Lord Moulton, who died in March.

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