

I, Major General, the Honourable S. Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada, in accordance with authority duly conferred upon me by His Britannic Majesty's Government, hereby ratify and confirm on its behalf the foregoing agreement between the American Ammunition Company, Incorporated, and the Shell Committee.

Dated at Ottawa, Canada, this 19th day of June, A.D., 1915.

SAM HUGHES, Major General,

Minister of Militia and Defence.

Witness: John F. Orde.

AND THE DIVISION OF A MILLION DOLLAR RAKE-OFF

The outstanding feature of Mr. Kyte's charge was the reading of an agreement dated the 10th day of June, 1915, whereby a million dollar commission was divided between Mr. B. F. Yoakum, Mr. E. W. Bassick and Mr. E. B. Cadwell. The length of this agreement precludes reproduction but the following paragraphs of the agreement which was placed on the records of the Royal Commission are given:

"Whereas, The Shell Committee of Canada acting by Brigadier-General Alexander Bertram, as Chairman and agent, has agreed to purchase 2,500,000 fuses (of which 1,666,666 were to be graze fuses) from a manufacturer to be designated by E. B. Cadwell & Co., Inc., and

"Whereas, said E. B. Cadwell & Co., Inc., and said Yoakum and said Bassick were together instrumental in negotiating and effecting said contract for the purchase and sale of said 2,500,000 fuses, which contract is presently to be reduced to writing and executed, and

"Whereas, said E. B. Cadwell & Co., Inc., and said Bassick are together entitled to receive as their total and aggregate commission for negotiating and effecting said contract the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in the whole, being at the rate of forty cents per fuse: and,

"Whereas, of the total amount of said commission of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to be received said Yoakum is to be entitled to Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousandths, 475/1000 or eventually a total of \$475,000, being at the rate of 19 cents per fuse; and said Bassick is entitled to Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousandths, 275/1000, or eventually a total of \$275,000, being at the rate of 11 cents per fuse; and said E. B. Cadwell & Co., Inc., is entitled to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousandths, 250/1000 or eventually a total of \$250,000, being at the rate of ten cents per fuse.

From the above it will be seen that the Million Dollar Rake-Off was to be divided as follows:

Benjamin Franklin Yoakum	\$475,000
E. B. Cadwell & Co.	250,000
E. W. Bassick	275,000

Total \$1,000,000

ALLISON'S COMMISSION WAS \$225,875

Before the Royal Commission, Mr. Benjamin F. Yoakum testified that out of his commission, namely \$475,000, J. Wesley