THE FORMER VALLEY RAILWAY **DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF** MURRAY GOV'T VINDICATED

Commissioner Stevens in Exhaustive Report on St. John and Quebec Railway Enquiry Unable to Find that Any Public Money Was Wrongfully Diverted by Old Government—Sees No Ground on Which to Base Suits Under Criminal Code.

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Evidence Examined

Fredericton, March 12. - Having stated the material facts, giving propdictions regarding them, and having

I also find the tender of said company was made up without any assistance or suggestion from Mr. Tennant, and without taking into consideration to any material extent that Mr. Tennant would have to share in half the profits. It is my opinion, from the evidence, that had the tender of this company on the mileage basis been accepted, the profits would not have been of much value.

The change from mileage basis to the unit basis of building the railway was adopted not with any view of favoring the Nova Scotta Construction Co., Ltd., but because of the change in route and also because it was felt, and peraps rigity so, that the construction of the railway on the mileage basis uses not a satisfactory or economical way to build the said railway. The most of the manner of the government in collusion with the Nova Scotta Construction Co., Ltd., but because of the change in route and also because it was felt, and peraps rigity so, that the construction of the railway on the mileage basis in competition with other independent, reputable and responsible railway contractors, was the lowest, is evidence to my mind that no provision was made or extra prices on account of the arrangement made with Mr. Tennant. The Unit Basis.

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The Final Report.

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unit basis was made, there is the same if not greater evidence of zeal and manipulation of behalf of the Nova Scotia Construction Co., Ltd., to see that the tender of this company would be the lowest. The impression was reated and spread around on behalf f this company, that this company and s regarding them, and having this company only could secure the at certain conclusions herein contract, but there is not sufficient set forth, I now come to that evidence to justify me in arriving at my duty which requires me the conclusion that any member of the part of my duty which requires me to examine the evidence so far given for the purpose of ascertaining in the words of the commission directed to me, whether or not the public money under the control of the said directors, officials, contractors and sub-contractors have been properly and honestly expended, and I find with reference to the \$120,000 and the \$20,000 paid by the Nova Scotia Construction Company, Ltd., to W. B. Tennant as follows:

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in the case of one of two counties and it was not considered necessary in the public interest that the money should be followed further.

"With reference to the disposition by the said William B. Tennant of \$40,000 withdrawn by him upon a cheque payable to cash on or about the day on which he cashed or deposited a cheque of the Nova Scotia Construction Company, Ltd. for \$100-000 as mentioned in the amended commission directed to me, I find that the said William B. Tennant according to his testimony and there is no evidence to justify me in finding otherwise, disposed of this sum in his business.

Not improperly Expended.

During the term of office of the board of directors of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, of which Irvin R. Todd and Fred W. Sumner were presidents, the one succeeding the other, there was no evidence submitted in this inquiry to just'fy me in finding, and I do not find that any of the public monies of the province under control of the said board of directors were improperly or alshonestly expended; and the same may be said of all officials, contractors and subcontractors thereunder.

"Regarding Mr. Todd's resignation, the commissioner found that it partly was due to ill-health, partly because he can defend that it was used to evade the results of fair competition or with any intention of defrauding the construction Company, and there is no evidence in public comment, perhaps to evidence submitted does not warsh in the subcontract at agreed results of fair competition or with any intention of defrauding the tribe results of fair competition or with any intention of defrauding the results of fair competition or with any intention of defrauding the there was a problem to any person. He says, "I think its use an abortive atempt to device the results of fair competition where, finally none was expected and possibly also in furtherance of the agreement where the cause of the subcontract at agreed for or demanded to a subcontract at agreed for the conclusion that any or the subcontract and the as well as some of the statements made by Mr. Lindsay were not at all convincing.

this connection, however, I desire to state that the evidence of Hon. Mr. Baxter, ex-attorney-general, who appeared voluntarily on my invitation because of some evidence which, i allowed to go unchallenged, migh have seemed unfair to him, in an investigation of this kind, exonerate him in my opinion, from any improper connection with the subject matter of this inquiry, and while there was no evidence to warrant or justify me in issuing subpoenas and causing them to be served on other ex-mem-bers of the late government, yet in view of the nature of the inquiry, the evidence adduced, the public interest taken therein and the criticisms of the press based on such evidence, it would have been more satisfactory to me and to the public, I think, and

perhaps have entirely allayed all sus-picions had the invitation extended them by me through the ex-attorney-general been resignated to by their appearance voluntarily and giving evidence disclaiming all improper browslets. knowledge."
The commissioner finds that the directors of the St. John and Quebec Railway Co. were not justified in awarding the contract of February 8, 1917, at increased prices, and that the present government was justified in causing this contract to be cancnowledge.

A Recommendation.

The commissioner concludes his report as follows:

"The impropriety of George B. Jones while a member of the legislature in being concerned with campaign funds in the manner disclosed by the evidence, he having signed a note for \$20,000 with Mr. Tennant which was for the purpose of raising campaign funds for use in the election of February, 1917, and of Mr. John D. Paimer, in handling campaign funds while a director of the St. John and Quebech Railway Co. is apparent without further comment.

"I would recommend as a result of this enquiry that publication in the future of all election funds and extended by each, and the taking of the subscribers, and the amount subscribed by each, and the taking of proper vouchers for every disbursement, and that the New Brunswick Elections Act be amended to include more of the provisions similar to those to be found in the Dominion Elections Act relating to corrupt practices and to the which provides that the amount of the comment of the C. P. R. staff, F. street. The funeral will take place the relating to corrupt practices and to the vision similar to those to be found in the Dominion Elections Act relating to corrupt practices and to the vision similar to those to be found in the Dominion Elections Act."

Accompanying the report, which is dated February 21, 1918, are 699 type-written pages of evidence.

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The house then went into committee with Mr. Hetherington in the chair and took up the consideration of the bill to enable cities, towns and municipalities to contribute aeroplanes for His Majesty's government.

Mr. Tilley on consideration of the first section said that he was not opposed to the principle of the bill, but he thought it might be advisable to place some limit on the amount of bonds to be issued.

Hon. Mr. Foster said that the bill was being prompted by the committee on the Canadian aviation fund, and he understood similar legislation was being enacted in other provinces.

Mr. Burchill said that municipalities were usually very conservative in re-

gates at Opening Session -St. John Ably Represent

Fredericton, Mar. 12-The annua eration of Labor, which always syn slature began today. It will continue voted to the appoinment of commit

attendance from the various sections of the province.

The programmee follows:—Address of welcome, His Worship Mayor Hanson, on behalf of the City of Fredericton; address, W. C. Kierstead, representative in New Brunswick of the Pood Controller; address, Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture; address, Rev. G. M. Young, James L. Sugrue, of St. John, president of te federation, replied.

Tonight, the visiting delegates were guest of the Labor Council at a smoker which was in the Labor Hall, where the sessions are being held.

The delegates from St. John are; John Kemp. George Melvin, J. E. Tighe, F. W. Daley, S. Bradshaw, ira Terrie, F. Campbell, C. E. Harrison, W. H. McDonald T. Taylor, J. Brittain, R. McCann, J. Henneberry, J. Macaulay, W. Trecartin, H. T. Campbell, W. Lawson, Hugh Beck, and Thomas Tracey.

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MURDERER SENTENCED

Goderich, Ont., Mar. 12-Justice McCracken, a young morris township farmer, to fifteen years in Kingston penitentiary for the shooting of his

McCracken shot his wife during a dispute, following a ride she had taken with relatives and to which her husband is said to have objected. He was tried on a murder charge last fall but

o be expended for the purchase of eroplanes shall be fixed by the lieu-

IN N. S. CAPITAL

Merchant Sailor in Jail Charge ed with Offense-Robbery

Halifax, Mar. 12-A merchant sailo named Darling is in jail here charge with theft of \$40 and administering drugs, and Mrs. Mary Baird of Marke street, who laid the charge agains street, who laid the charge against him, is in tht Victoria Hospital dased and speechless. Yesterday the landlord of the house in which Mrs. Baird lives found her lying on her bed conscious but speechless. The woman told the police by writing that Darling who was in the same house, had gone out for some food on Saturday night. She partook of it and almost at once became ill and was unable to speak. She charges Darling and an accomplice with having then stolen some of her money. At the hospital this morning her condition was considered serious.

J. H. Rogers, New Glasgow, N. S. MOUNTED RIFLES. Presumed to Have Died: Sapper R. W. Anderson, St. John

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ALEXANDER SIGNS UP.

Chicago, March 12.—Grover Cleveland Alexander, star pitcher with the Chicago Nationals, who has been holding out for \$10,000 as a bonus for his transfer from Philadelphia, advised President Weeghman, of the club today that he would join the flate W. F. Butt. Funeral from Union Depot on the arfornia, training camp at Kansas City tomorrow.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh winds, mostly south and southeast; mild with some light snowfalls or rain, but partly fair. Washington, Mar. 12—Northern Ne England—Fair Wednesday, except snow in Maine; somewhat colder in New Hampshire and Vermont; Thursday fair. Fresh west to southwest winds.

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Toronto, Mar. 12—Light snowfalls have occured over Lake Superior and from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces. In the peninsula of Ontario the weather has been fair and

very mild.	Min.	Max
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Vancouver	. 34	44
Calgary	4	36
Edmonton		32
Battleford		14
Medicine Hat	*10	38
Moosejaw	*8	25
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Port Arthur	20	36
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Toronto	30	50
Ottawa	12	16
Montreal	12	24
Quebec	2	. 20
St. John	6	28
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JESS WILLARD SIGNED.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 12.—Col. J. C. Miller, a retired ranchman and oil magnate of Oklahoma, announced last night that he had closed a contract with Jess Willard for a fight to be promoted by Miller on July 4.
Willard's opponent has not yet been selected, and Colonel Miller did not announce the terms of the contract. He said he would go to Kansas City for a conference with Fred Fulton's manager, but if he could not arrange a match between Willard and Fulton, he would open negotiations with Jack Dempsey.

DEATHS.

WILLIAMS—At her residence, 241
Douglas Avenue, on the 12th instant,
Charlotte Elizabeth Williams, widow

St. John Standard "Heart Songs" Story No. 9

The Opera from which this Chorus is

to you remember how mother would cuddle you up close to herself in the rocking chair, or tuck you in one of those dear old cradles of the time when it wasn't a crime to have rockers on the cradle? And as she rocked and sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye,"

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," or "Twinkle, Twinkle," you just felt yourself slipping away into dreamland until you never could remember the last words she sang. And these old lullables are better to

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