

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR DYNAMITING IN MONTREAL.

For the past three months newspapers throughout Canada have contained the story of the arrangements made in Montreal by a gang of dynamiters. The facts as brought out in the Court are that these dynamiters were mostly ticket-of-leave men released from the Penitentiaries by the present government. The significant point is that the leader of this dynamiting squad, Mr. Desjardins, was an employee of the Federal Police.

On November 21st, when Desjardins was being tried, Mr. Justice Pelletier who was for some time the Postmaster General in the Borden Government stated:

"The Federal police gave \$25 to Desjardins and knew for what purpose it was intended, that is, to commit crime: or Desjardins asked \$25 from the Federal police on false pretences. There is nothing else to think. In the first instance, it would be infamy."

At the trial it was proven that Desjardins had given to a member of the Constitutional Club of Montreal \$25.00 and that Desjardins had also given this member a revolver. Mr. Justice Pelletier stated:

"The \$25.00 that Desjardins was said to have given to the Club was significant, particularly when the membership fee was only \$1.00. What did he intend should be done with the \$24.00? He gave that money to people who had known at the time when they were endeavouring to commit crime. "It might be called imprudence," said his Lordship, though he thought it was something else.

A very important point was that Desjardins had subscribed money to set fire to the town of Three Rivers and he did so at a time of public excitement and at a moment when the Province of Quebec was about to be placed in a bad light before the whole world.

We quote Mr. Justice Pelletier's words and if they mean anything they mean that the Government are responsible for sending this man Desjardins to Quebec to incite this trouble for the express purpose of having Quebec placed in a bad light with the rest of the Dominion.

## ARE OUR NEWSPAPERS SUPPRESSING INFORMATION UNFAVORABLE TO THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT? WE BELIEVE SO.

That some newspapers throughout Canada are suppressing information that is unfavourable to the Borden Government was proven on Monday, December 3rd, when a statement sent out from Vancouver, B. C., has to all appearances been deliberately withheld by many of the newspapers throughout Canada.

The facts are that a representative of the Great War Veterans, a few returned soldiers, a so-called Unionist government candidate, and some Government supporters made an organized attempt on

Saturday night, December 1st, to break up a Liberal meeting which was being held in the Horse Show Building in Vancouver. A full and complete story of how these gentlemen attempted to break up the meeting and do personal harm to the Liberal speakers was received by Canadian newspapers on the evening of Monday, December 3rd, yet very few of these papers made any reference to this disorderly conduct on the part of the so-called Unionist Government.

On former occasions the press throughout Canada appeared to have made a special effort to advertise the trouble which occurred at Kitchener and Sherbrooke. On this occasion there seems to have been an organized effort to suppress the information.

## FROM A SOLDIER BOY IN THE TRENCHES.

"How is conscription going to work do you think? Have they started to gather the fellows up yet. I don't think it is the right thing to do myself. They have more men over here now, than they can feed and there are damn few men in Canada that haven't done as much for his country this last year as I have. We have been ready for France about a year and why are we held back. The boys in this Division are getting discouraged hanging around here. I think we will move out sometime this winter, I hope so, anyway. I am going to try and send you some cards, Christmas, if I am not too busy. You know I am no good to write letters."

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of Nova Scotia.

