

# PREMIER NORRIS DENIES ALL THE CHARGES

**Tells Royal Commission he knew nothing of Chambers' negotiations—Heard rumors of a money transaction.**

Winnipeg, July 12.—When the Liberals resumed today the presentation of their case in answer to the charges of a "deal" between the political parties, Isaac Pitblado, chief Liberal counsel, called T. C. Norris, Premier of Manitoba, as the first witness.

Mr. Norris said he had known ex-Attorney-General Howden and Chambers for a good many years.

"Did you ever authorize Chambers to negotiate for you or the Liberal party with respect to the withdrawal of sawnoff of election protests?" asked Mr. Pitblado.

"No, I did not."

"Did you ever know Chambers was carrying on any such negotiations?"

"No, sir, I did not."

"Did he ever tell you he was carrying on such negotiations?"

"No."

"Did you know at any time that Chambers had any money in his possession in connection with election protests?"

"No."

"Or that he was expecting to get any money, or had the promise of any, or was offered any?"

"No."

"Were you a party to any such arrangement as is charged?"

"No."

"Nor had any knowledge of it?"

"No."

Mr. Norris was asked about his meeting with Howden, which was the result of a request from Chambers. Howden came to Winnipeg and saw Norris at the latter's hotel. The premier denied absolutely Howden's version of what took place. There was, he said, no mention of Chambers' name, no mention of a sum of money, and no talk of election protests, or their withdrawal. "Howden said," added the Premier, "that the commission seemed vindictive, and were after the government very hard, and asked what direction the inquiry would take. I told him that was entirely in the hands of the commissioners, that the commission must go on. We must make good our charges, and the law must take its course."

This interview was about April 26, he thought. The Premier said he was never in charge of election protests.

Mr. Norris received his first intimation of the probability that the government would resign on Friday, May 7, he said. It came from Mr. Hudson. By request he went to Hudson's office and found there Hudson, T. P. Johnston, Fowler and J. W. Datoe. Nothing was said of any arrangement with Phippen. Next day Hon. Dr. Montague called Norris to his room and gave him to understand the government was going to quit. Montague arranged for an interview with Sir Rodmond Roblin for the same evening at the latter's house. Sir Rodmond said he was going to quit, and wanted to know if Norris would like to be Premier. "I expressed," said Norris, "a desire that he should remain in office and straighten out things. He said he had decided to quit. He was going out of public life, and wanted me to get ready. He said, 'I am handing you a bad job, but you can clean it up and save the credit of the province when I can't. We are discredited.'"

"I told him I did not know if I could form a cabinet, but promised to come back Tuesday, as he wanted to resign Wednesday."

Roblin advised him against holding a general election, as there would be a landslide and the Liberal party would be too strong. Roblin said the cabinet ministers and some private members would resign.

"There was not the slightest agreement about anything, and I was free to hold an election or do anything I wished. There was no talk of money whatever," said Mr. Norris. Roblin told him he could resign his seat unless the election protests were dismissed, and Norris thought if the government decided to resign these protests were not of great importance. The commission was not discussed with Roblin.

Saturday night Hudson told him of the negotiations with Phippen regarding the suspension of the Royal Commission, and the institution of a civil suit against Kelly. On Monday night a Liberal caucus was held. On Tuesday Norris saw Roblin and told him he was ready to take office next day, but did not know if his cabinet was ready.

**Heard Rumors of Money Transaction.**

On Wednesday Roblin resigned, and Norris was sworn in as premier. Within the next week Kelly called on him and wanted a confidential talk.

Norris told him there could be no confidential talks between them, that he must discuss these things with his colleagues.

Kelly expressed a keen desire to have the work of finishing the present buildings. Kelly thought the commission should be stopped in some way. Norris told him the commission must go on.

"Kelly said," continued the premier, "that if anyone should be punished for this work hundreds should be punished for building the Grand Trunk Pacific."

He said if he had to fight he would fight hard, and use all the weapons at his disposal. I said that was his privilege. He said there were Liberals he could get at."

Norris heard rumors of the payment of money, and Chambers' name mentioned. He summoned Chambers to his office. Norris was not permitted to tell of this interview, but stated that at no time had Chambers ever told him he got any money. Chambers never suggested he had been acting as Norris' agent. Norris said he only had one interview with Howden. He had known Chambers for over twenty years. Chambers had no office in the Liberal party, and no authority to represent himself as agent of the Liberal party. Chambers had talked to him in a general way of election protests, but he had no reason to believe Chambers had any particular motive.

The Premier said he never made any attempt to have the election protests withdrawn. He did not receive any money from Chambers and was willing to produce all bank books, etc., if desired, nor did he ever learn that any Liberal got any money in connection with this deal. He was not a party to the withdrawal of the election protests, nor did he know anything about the charge that certain conditions were attached to taking office.

This concluded Mr. Norris' direct examination and C. P. Fullerton then cross-examined the Premier.

Fullerton questioned the Premier in regard to relations with Chambers and Howden. On April 24, witness stated, he was telephoned to in Griswold by Chambers, who asked when he was coming to Winnipeg. Norris said he was coming next day, and after his arrival Chambers said Howden would like to have a chat with him. He had no recollection of two other long-distance conversations with Chambers about which Fullerton asked him.

This concluded the examination of Premier Norris and he left the stand.

J. S. Ashdown, a Winnipeg merchant, was called and denied he knew anything of any suggested arrangement for calling off election protests, or of any money payment.

"I had no need for any such money," he said. He was one of a committee which had charge of the Liberal protests, and who jointly signed a note for several thousand dollars to cover the expense of these protests. Only one thousand dollars had been paid, and the balance was still outstanding. A. B. Hudson was acting on behalf of the committee.

Hon. Edwin Brown told the commission that Chambers had no authority to speak on behalf of the Liberal party. He said he never knew of any arrangement for sawing-off of the election protests. He never got any money, and was never offered any. Evidence that he was to get six thousand dollars in connection with the Lakeside protest was a "fair tale."

There was no authority from the committee in charge of the protests for any saw-offs, and the correspondence between Valentine Winkler and Roblin regarding the saw-off of eight protests caused indignation.

"I have no further evidence," said Mr. Pitblado. Fullerton wanted to introduce some routine evidence, but it was agreed this might be arranged by counsel.

Fullerton asked for an adjournment to give an opportunity to read evidence, of which over one thousand pages were taken.

The commission adjourned until Friday morning, when counsel will present the argument.

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## POLICE COURT

Some further evidence in the case of Fred Mahoney, charged with stealing two racoon skins from the Colonial Hide Co., was given yesterday morning and the prisoner was remanded.

James McIntyre, charged with drunkenness and interfering with pedestrians, was sentenced to a term of nine months in jail, the first six months in jail with the usual option, and the last three months with the option of a fine of \$50.

Jerry Murphy, charged with drunkenness and interfering with the street traffic and also impeding pedestrians, was given a sentence of nine months in jail with the usual option, and the last three months with the option of a fine of \$50.

Michael Donovan, charged with drunkenness and resisting the police, was sentenced to a fine of \$8 on the first charge, and \$80 on the second charge. Officer Hopkins, who testified against the prisoner, said that he believed Donovan was a pocket peddler, and that "he consumed some of his own poison."

One other drunk was sentenced to a fine of \$8 and was allowed to go, while a fifth drunk was allowed to go on paying two dollars.

## PROBATE COURT.

Administration of the estate of James A. Speight, late of this city, laborer, was granted to his widow, Mrs. Ruth A. Speight on Saturday. The real estate consists of a farm in Simonds and a leasehold property in Thorne Avenue. Urban J. Sweeney is executor.

The will of Anthony J. Perlick, late of this city, laborer, has been proved and letters testamentary granted to Dr. Francis P. Fleming, the executor named in the will. The principal part of the estate is a leasehold property on the eastern corner of Brunswick and Elm streets. The beneficiaries are the testator's brother, Thomas S. Perlick, and his sister, Mrs. John J. Lee. The executor is Thomas P. Regan.

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