I. O. F. BRIBERY CHARGE

Australian Commission Put the Blame on Montague.

Was Organizer For the Order — Dr. Oronhyatekha Says Scandal Injured the Foresters and Retarded Business — Insurance Commission Goes Into the Cost of the Foreign Business of the Order.

Toronto, Sept. 20.—The visit to Australia in the interests of the I. O. F. made by Hon. Dr. Montague and the incident of his "contribution" of $250 to a political party there were reviewed before the Royal Insurance Commission yesterday. It also developed that as a result of Supt. Fitzgerald's constant objections as to the way funds of the order were borrowed, changes by which expenditure was decreased were made.

The first item taken up when the examination resumed in the morning was the receipts in foreign countries. For five years in France and Belgium the mortuary receipts were $7,230, sick and funeral benefit $182 and general receipts $389. In all about $6,800. In Australia the receipts netted $121,442. In 1903 they began to fall off and when asked the reason Dr. Oronhyatekha told the commission that the check on the work in Australia was due chiefly to the Montague incident.

"I knew," said the witness, "for Dr. Montague informed me of it, that he had subscribed £50 to the Government party represented by Sir Alexander Peacock—to acknowledge Sir Alexander's kindness and consideration for Dr. Montague, which very largely helped our work by giving him introductions to prominent men in Australia and having him invited to state functions. When I arrived in Australia Dr. Montague straight away told me of this subscription. I informed the doctor that this could not be allowed to be done out of the funds of the order. He replied at once that he never intended to charge it against the order, but to pay it out of his own funds, because of the personal kindness of the Premier."

Mr. Shepley: "Tell me if this indicates that the Premier or members of the party had interested themselves in a Governmental way on behalf of the order?"

"Oh, no; I won't say that. A commission was asked for by a member of Parliament to enquire into the I. O. F." Sir Alexander, from his seat in the House, refused such commission for the reason that, after enquiry in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, the order was found all O. K., but the high commission was appointed.

Why Doctor Didn't Go.

Mr. Shepley read an article published in The Monetary Times saying that the royal commission appointed to investigate the bribery charge against Dr. Montague had concluded its inquiries, and the finding was all the more important because of its mildness. It looked as if the royal commission were trying to hush up things. During the enquiry Dr. Montague had not been called, as he did not go to Australia.

Mr. Shepley: "Dr. Montague, then, did not go to Australia."

Witness: "No."

"He didn't approve the allegations, then?"

"Affidavits were sent from here to Australia, I think."

"Was it owing to your advice that he stayed away?"

"No."

"Why, then?"

"Well, you know, that it costs something to go to Australia."

"Yes, but a man's character is worth something."

"Well, as far as I can remember, I tried to impress upon him that the charge that he had paid money to any party with bribery as an end in view couldn't possibly amount to anything."

"Dr. Montague intended to benefit the I. O. F. by any action he took?"

"Yes, that was his ulterior purposes."

"No, direct. Being a stranger in the colony he couldn't possibly be familiar with the different parties. The report found that Dr. Montague did offer money to Mr. Mitchell and also to Sir Alexander Peacock with the intent of bribery."

"Yes, but he didn't have a title of evidence to show that the I. O. F. was in any way connected with that."

"Except that Montague was their general agent, and at the head of affairs there, Dr. Montague was appointed to get a commission to help the I. O. F. to secure a foothold in Australia," said Mr. Shepley.

Mr. Shepley asked that the copies of all affidavits that were sent from here to Australia on Dr. Montague's behalf, and other correspondence be produced, and the witness acquiesced.

Contract Under Scrutiny.

The contract between Dr. Montague and the I. O. F. was dissected.

"It would not have been a far cry to show that Dr. Montague was acting for the order in Australia?"

"There is no denying that he represented us there. Nobody disputes that, but we do deny that he acted for the order in regard to the paying of that £50. If he stole sheep in Australia, surely you would not hold the I. O. F. responsible for that, and no more so for the paying of the £50."

Going back to the published criticism from Australia, Mr. Shepley went on to say:

"It states that the order's business was almost paralyzed, if not destroyed, by this affair. Is that true?"

"It certainly had a bad effect."

"Probably it would not be a very wild prophecy to say that the order in Australia will never recover," said the counsel.

"Yes, that would be wild."

Policy of Retrenchment.

Mr. Shepley read a statement of disbursements for mortuary claims in Australia from 1900 to 1905. The total was $28,474.

"Would these figures, taken by themselves, bear out your views on special medical selection?"

"I think so. They are not disastrous."

"The total is $441,000 odd. It took," remarked Mr. Shepley, "about $470,000 to get $140,000."

The witness pointed out that a retrenchment is now being made.

Mr. Shepley read from the minutes to show that expenditure was curtailed in foreign fields on recommendation of Dr. Oronhyatekha, heartily endorsed by the executive. He had thought the work would be dropped in France, but otherwise had not agreed with the others.

Upon the resuming of the examination at the afternoon session Mr. Shepley put in the drafts of the reports of the Australian high commissioner in reference to the Montague "bribery" case, as exhibits.

The encroachment into the mortuary fund by the general expenses was examined closely. Since 1893 there has been a deficit in the general fund, and each year was larger than the year before. The insurance department pressure on this feature commenced in 1896.

Wiping Out Deficits.

The attitude of the department was outlined by Mr. Shepley from the blue book of 1904. The total receipts for that year were $464,909, net expense $523,543, excess of expense over receipts $58,684. The deficit in 1903 was $348,947, making a total deficit of $407,582. The mortuary fund income was $8,315,612 and $218,514 was derived from the sick benefit and funeral fund, which after the $407,582 was taken left a net balance on hand of $8,126,504. The $407,582 was treated as a loss from the mortuary and sick and funeral funds.

Witness said, at this point, that this year they would be no deficit and next year the deficits up to date would commence to be wiped out.

The executive resolved to curtail expenses, in accordance with the wish of the superintendent.

What Fitzgerald Asked.

Mr. Shepley asked witness to put in a nutshell what Mr. Fitzgerald wanted.

"He wanted the lapses to be part of the mortuary fund, and that the mortuary funds be undisturbed, and I don't know but what Mr. Fitzgerald was right, although I think it would have been better for the order to allow us to go on as before."

Three new bank accounts were established for the mortuary fund, the sick and funeral fund, and the general fund, on the recommendation of the superintendent of insurance.

As to Salaries.

The subject of salaries was the most important item.

Oronhyatekha's salary is now $15,000 per year. For several years after 1896 he received $10,000 per annum. Last year at Atlantic City it was raised to $15,000. For ten years he refused a raise, until the general fund became in the present first-class condition.

Supreme Secretary McGillivray got $6,000 a year up to last year, when it was made $7,000 per annum. Harry Collins commenced with $2,000 a year in 1896-7. In 1898, $2,249.94; in 1899, $2,500, which remained until 1904; but in 1905 it was raised to $7,000. Witness said he now gave the position his whole time.

Dr. Millman received in 1896, $3,000; in 1897, $6,500, up to the Atlantic City meeting, when he was raised to $7,000.

The English actuary, Mr. Ray, was to receive $5,000 per year. He had charge for some time of the London head office.

Large sums were paid out for actuarial work. One year ran up to $2,000. This work was done in England.

For ten years, 1896 to 1905, the total officers' salaries amounted to $300,223; wages of office employes, $600,504; organizing staff, $945,549; organization expenses, $771,496.

THE MANUFACTURERS.

Close Annual Meeting With Banquet —New Officers.

Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—The big manufacturers' convention was brought to a close last night by a banquet in the Alexandra Hotel, at which over 500 were present. Premier Roblin was the leading speaker.

Harry Cockshutt of Brantford, the new president, was the chairman, and dealt in a general way with the advance of science and invention, and what it meant for manufacturing.

W. K. George, president for 1904-1905, was presented with an illuminated address by C. C. Ballantyne, the retiring president.

"Canada and the Empire" was responded to by Hon. Clifford Sifton.

The manufacturers left at the close of the banquet for the west.

The New Officers.

The officers elected yesterday are:

President: Harry Cockshutt, Brantford.

First vice-president: Hon. J. D. Rolland, Montreal.

Provincial vice-presidents—Ontario: Lloyd Harris, Brantford; Quebec: G. A. Vandry, Quebec; Nova Scotia: T. M. Cutter, Halifax; British Columbia: John Hendry, Vancouver; Manitoba: L. C. McIntyre, Winnipeg; New Brunswick, Charles A. McDonald, St. John's; Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown; Alberta, A. E. Cross, Calgary; Saskatchewan, E. J. Brooks, Regina.

Treasurer: George Booth, Toronto.

Auditor: W. C. Eddis, Toronto.

Tariff Committee Reports.

The report of the tariff committee presented by W. K. McNaught, chairman, claimed that present prosperity was not due to the tariff, but to the general world-wide prosperity, and to the fact that a normal activity in the United States did away with the necessity of its exploiting foreign markets at slaughter prices. A tariff, to be effective, must be up-to-date.

The time to give Canada a tariff to aid in its development was during its prosperity. At present some Canadian companies were struggling against foreign competition.

The committee viewed with regret the great increase in the importation of dutiable goods during the past year, and the continuance of the excess of imports over exports, which this year amounted to $35,000,000.

Farmer Barr Arrested.

Peterboro, Sept. 20.—Oliver Barr, a young famer of Galway, was arrested yesterday on the charge of attempted criminal assault on Mrs. Florence Peters, wife of a neighbor. He appeared yesterday afternoon before Magistrate Edison and was remanded for a week.

Drinks Acid In Depot.

London, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Drake, who came to this city from Dutton, drank carbolic acid while in the ladies' waiting-room of the Grand Trunk station yesterday afternoon. She is in a critical condition.

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BINDING OF BOOKS POOR.

Text Book Commission Begins the Taking of Testimony.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—The text-book commission appointed by the Ontrario Government heard testimony yesterday. The original agreements between this Government and the W. J. Gage Co., the Canada Publishing Co., and the Copp Clark Co., respecting the price and character of the school books were read.

Richard Southam, president of the Mail Job Printing Company, testified that he could produce the same books under similar conditions if the plates were supplied as was now done, for from 33 1-3 to 60 per cent. less than their present cost. He offered to furnish for $20,000 wholesale, or $32,000 retail, the number of books as estimated by the department and which cost $46,000.

Other witnesses testified to the poor quality of the books furnished.

Dr. Allen of Toronto University made a chemical anaylsis of the paper used. He thought that the use of mechanical wood pulp should be forbidden.

The enquiry resumes next Tuesday.

SENATOR LOVITT GUILTY.

Sentence on Bank President Postponed Pending Appeal.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 20.—Hon. Senator Lovitt, president of the defunct Bank of Yarmouth, who was charged with signing monthly bank statements wilfully, knowing them to be false, was found guilty in the supreme court at Tusket yesterday.

Mr. Polton, K. C., moved that sentence be postponed pending an appeal to the full bench, on the grounds that the verdict was not in accordance with the evidence given. This motion was readily granted by Justice Longley.

The case of S. A. Crowell, the vice-president of the bank, against whom a similar charge is made, will be heard in June.

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(Signed) WILLIAM CUMPSTONE.

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Crabs have been shipped all the way from the Chesapeake to Canada, arriving at their destination in good condition. In summer, of course, ice is used.

But where soft crabs are concerned it is necessary that they shall reach the market quickly, because their new shells harden with great rapidity. At the end of twelve hours the shells are like parchment, and in three or four days the crab is as hard as ever—hence unfit for use in the form most highly approved by epicures.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

IF THE FATES WERE KIND.

Did you ever idly wonder,
Though you knew it quite absurd,
If an uncle in Australia,
One of whom you'd never heard,
But who would, if he existed,
Be in every way a trump,
Wouldn't die some day and leave you
Half a million in a lump?

Though your mother had no brother
And your father was as shy
On that sort of a relation,
Is that any reason why
In that far and distant country
Some one should not pass away
Who was every inch an uncle,
With the records clear as day?

Did you ever spend the money
That was coming on a boat,
With your uncle's last fond wishes
In a brief and business note?
Did you build with it a castle
On the borders of the Rhine,
Or endow a modern playhouse,
Or invest it in a mine?

Yes; I guess some hunch has led you
Out of nothing to believe
That you had a wealthy uncle
Somewhere—maybe up your sleeve.
But the trouble with that uncle
If he lives—as live he may—
Is that he's so very healthy
He will never pass away.

Evening Up.

"I'll have revenge on him yet."

"Sell him life insurance?"

"Worse than that. I know a little boy who speaks pieces."

One Pure Being.

In these days when there is so much talk about the meat supply that is disconcerting to the stomachs of particular people we turn with confidence to the American hen, knowing that the corrupting influence of commerce has never touched her and that we may partake of the soft yellow egg without the least fear that adulterants of any kind have been squirted into it.

To be sure, in some boarding houses they may lay it around in a hot place until it is overripe and not what might be called an ideal food, but that is not the fault of the hen who originally turned it out.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the hen in these days when we have learned to distrust every one. She is never seen sneaking in the back way to a drug store to get a can of yellow paint to increase her output. She is always content to do the best she can with such material as she can find in the neighbors' gardens. The move to make her the great American bird in place of the eagle deserves the boosting along of all who eat.

Source of Inspiration.

"How did you like my article in the Joykillers' Review?"

"Very fine indeed. You must have been talking with Tommy before you wrote it."

"No, indeed; it was original. Tommy who?"

"Tommyrot."

Usual Place.

"I am searching for a lost gold mine."

"Where have you been looking?"

"So far where it isn't."

Choice of Varieties.

"Is she his only daughter?"

"Yes, and she is the apple of his eye."

"Looks to me more like a peach."

Goes It One Better.

"'Tis money makes the mare go,
But more of the long green
It takes to keep the auto in
Repairs and gasoline.

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

That a man's word is as good as his bond may not make the bond marketable.

You never heard of a mortgage taking a vacation.

A noisy brand of disinterested kindness fills the sophisticated mind with suspicion.

The hardest part of holding a snap job is dodging the inspector.

The sense of humor refuses to work smoothly when the hardship of the situation is your own.

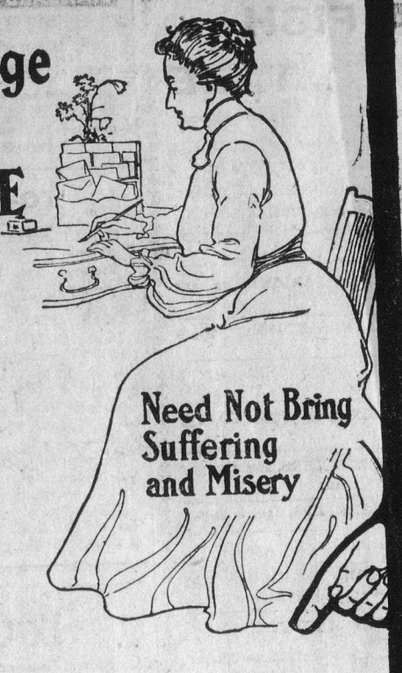
There are some people who are below suspicion.

A lazy man is a joke on the hustlers.

When you find a frigid lady, try thawing her out with ice cream sodas.

Nothing is such sweet music to some people as sound waves of their own making.

Change of LIFE



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