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Mr. McLean of East York Accuses Minister of Railways of Being Interested in Bell Telephone Legislation, and Gets a Severe Winding Ledges Bill.

Ottawa, June 26 (Special)—On the rail way commission bill being taken up today W. F. McLean argued at length in favor of his amendment to the act giving the commission power to order any railway company to open up telephone lines to any telephone company which may apply for admission.

Thompson is a member of the telephone company and my honorable friend says that my colleague, the minister of railways and canals, as a member of the telephone company, that is the first intimation I have had of it, but I did not know that it is a crime for anyone to hold the stock of such a company as this.

My honorable friend says that the honorable minister of railways and canals ought to resign at once, and I should like to see him resign before he is connected with the telephone company.

My honorable friend said that he had not intended to bring this matter before the house, but he had given an opportunity for the government to accept his motion and it was only after he had seen that the government was not going to do so that he brought this matter up.

There was another peculiar thing about this government and that is the appointment of the Bell company, who were chosen by the first senatorial appointment of the government, that of Robert Mackay, who was a shareholder in the company.

My honorable friend said that Hon. Mr. Blair, who was evidently financially interested in the Bell Telephone Company, was about himself as the principal player in the interest of this company and that he used his cabinet position for that purpose.

My honorable friend was greeted with cheers on going to the chair. He said: My honorable friend must pardon me, Mr. Chairman, if I cannot take him seriously upon this subject.

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up slanderous and defamatory statements as they appear in the newspaper press, because I have felt that I would have very little else to do if a certain class of newspaper men thought they would be likely to receive attention that I am publishing statements that would have a scandalous and defamatory effect.

Only Honorary President. It is true that I have been the holder of stock in the N. B. Telephone Company. If this is a crime I have been guilty of the crime. It is true that I have been in the office of the organization of the company a good many years ago and a good many years before I came to Ottawa, the position of secretary of the company, for I have not received a dollar of salary from it.

Net a Bell Company Stockholder. I have not one dollar of stock in the Bell Telephone Company, I have never had and never expect to have. So far as the financial interests are concerned or so far as the interest in any way are concerned I am quite as indifferent to them as the honorable gentleman opposite, quite as indifferent.

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CROP OUTLOOK AND LABOR TROUBLES DISCOURAGING.

Business is Dull at Present, But Volume of Six Months' Trade Better Than Corresponding Period of Last Year—Iron and Steel Situation Greatly Improved—Canadian Trade Remains Generally Good.

New York, June 26.—Broadstreet tomorrow will see: Crop and labor conditions still present some irregularities, but six months' trade returns point to actual business having been better than a year ago and the situation as a whole shows favorable features.

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25 CENTS AN HOUR FOR CARPENTERS

THIS IN HALIFAX. The Question Was Referred to Arbitrators, With Rev. Dr. Forrest as Chairman, and They Have So Decided.

Halifax, June 26.—The following is the text of the decision of the board of arbitrators appointed to adjust the differences between the Master Builders' Association and the Carpenters' Union.

The Local Carpenters' Union (No. 83), having asked that the minimum rate of wages for carpenters should be increased from the present rate of twenty-two cents per hour to twenty-five cents, and the Master Builders' Association having declined to grant such demand, the question of the justice of granting such request was submitted to the undersigned arbitrators, who after hearing considerable evidence, have come to the following decision:

1.—The arbitrators are of the opinion that the increase of 25 cents per hour would be justifiable in regard to all members of the Carpenters' Union who are skilled and experienced mechanics.

2.—The arbitrators find from the evidence that there are a large number of carpenters in the said union who by reason of their skill and experience are entitled to be paid at the rate of at least 35 cents per hour.

3.—It has been alleged that there are some carpenters belonging to the union who are not so skilled and experienced as to entitle them to this higher rate of 25 cents per hour, and the arbitrators are of opinion that in such cases the question of the rate to be paid should be determined by the arbitrators.

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WELL-KNOWN ST. ANDREWS LADY DEAD.

Mrs. James Stevenson Passed Away Yesterday—The Algonquin Hotel Open—Lady Shagnessy and Other Notables Arrive.

St. Andrews, N. B., June 26.—(Special)—The death of Mrs. Parquharson, M. P., who, on account of ill-health, was not able to take that position in the house, which she had held for many years, was announced yesterday.

Mrs. Borden corroborated all that the premier said. The late Mr. Parquharson, she said, enjoyed the esteem and respect of every member of the house.

Dr. Russell introduced a bill to incorporate the Algonquin Hotel of Canada. The bill was passed by the house.

John Cowie withdrew the bill to incorporate the Winding Ledges Company. The bill was not passed.

There was a meeting of the redistribution committee tonight, when Ontario again was taken up, but no progress was made. The committee could not agree as to the redistribution of counties voted from municipal reports.

GENEROUS GIFTS TO SEAMEN'S MISSION.

Regret Expressed at H. C. Tilley's Inability to Serve Longer as President of the Board of Directors.

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