

MEREDITH-DUFF COMMISSION HAS RESUME INQUIRY, COL. ALLISON AGAIN ON STAND FOR EVIDENCE

Amounts Paid to Him by Others as Commission Were Purely Arbitrary and Fixed by Himself - Had Paid All His Own Expenses in the Shell Dealings Which Would Out-Weigh What He Had Made; Never Made any Commission on Canadian Business.

Ottawa, May 30.—The Meredith-Duff Commission yesterday afternoon resumed its enquiry into the Kytze fuse contract charges. Col. J. Wesley Allison, whose testimony had to be discontinued when the commission was last sitting, owing to physical weakness, was on the stand all afternoon, his examination-in-chief by Mr. I. F. Hellmuth, as Commission counsel, being completed, and his cross-examination by Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, as chief Opposition counsel, begun.

Both the direct and the cross-examination of Col. Allison centred largely on details connected with his division of the \$200,000 commission which he expected to realize as his share of Mr. B. F. Yoakum's portion of the total commission on the American Ammunition Company's fuse contract. It had been brought out, in previous evidence that Col. Allison had given orders on this \$200,000 to Major George Washington Stephens of Montreal; Col. McBain, Eugene Lignatt, and to Miss M. G. Edwards, and yesterday afternoon he was asked to explain his reasons for so doing.

HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CONTRACTS

His statement made it clear that none of the beneficiaries mentioned had figured in any way or had anything whatever to do with the two fuse contracts. They had simply been given orders on Col. Allison's share of the commission on the American Ammunition Company's fuse contract because of general working arrangements with him covering other munitions transactions with foreign Governments in which they were jointly interested.

Eugene Lignatt had received \$50,000 of Col. Allison's commission as a purely arbitrary sum fixed by Col. Allison himself. Lignatt was also to share in any profits Col. Allison was to make on the Edwards Valve Company contract, what were known as two Southern rifle deals, and contracts for picric acid and perchlorate powder.

Major Stephens had received \$10,000 out of Allison's commission on the fuse contract because of his general working arrangement with the witness on munitions contracts, and in particular because of his services in going to Europe to straighten out the matter of a \$10,000 commission which was owing to Col. Allison there.

The amount of \$30,000 given to Col. McBain had been fixed on as a general settlement of all deals with foreign Governments in which Col. McBain had been interested with Col. Allison. As for the payment of \$105,000 out of Col. Allison's commission to Miss Edwards, he explained that by the statement that Miss Edwards acted as his secretary for the last ten years, and that consequently when he was very ill last January he had made this provision for her.

Col. Allison was also questioned as to the commission of \$30,000 paid by

AT THE BRANT

Another excellent all-round bill is presented at the Brant for the first three days of the week. A picture of particular interest to all Brantfordites is that showing the recent military parade in Hamilton, in which the 84th and 125th battalions took part, the former being clearly visible in the picture, as are also Lieut.-Colonel Harry Cockshutt and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel W. F. Cockshutt on the platform with Sir John Hendrie, General Logie and others.

The thirteenth episode of the "Red Circle" is filled with stirring and dramatic incidents, the climax of the entire story being reached. Debonair John Barrymore is cleverer than ever in his interpretation of dual roles in "Nearly a King," and is surrounded by an exceptionally powerful and interesting one, teeming with dramatic and comic incidents.

GENERAL LOGIE ON OFFICERS' DUTY

Gives Advice as to Manner in Which Officers Should "Carry On."

Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 29.—"There are no bad battalions, only bad commanders," said Brig.-General Logie to an open-air conference of officers in the grounds of the headquarters last evening. "Punctuality, discipline and efficient administration are three essentials to a good officer. Be on time, do it now, should be your motto. Discipline is founded upon the faith of men in their officers. As to administration, I would advise commanders to organize a good orderly room as they would organize a business, and then leave it to their Adjutant and Junior Major to run it, while they should get out and look after the training of their men."

"An officer should have a sense of humor and high ideals. An officer and a gentleman should be synonymous." The general urged them to observe the ordinary manners and conversation of their own homes while at the table and in their quarters and to show a healthy example to their men in all such things. He asked them to exercise their authority with fairness and good-humor. Not to make a personal matter out of an official rebuke. They should disabuse their minds of the idea that a business man should have authority. They should regard themselves as the servants of all. He commended them upon their soldierly appearance, and said that he had found the battalions now at the camp were much further advanced in training than those of last year at the same time.

HOMESEEKERS' SPECIAL TRAIN.

Tuesday, Commencing For the accommodation of home-seekers and general tourist traffic to Western Canada, through train carrying tourist sleepers and colonist cars, will commence Tuesday May 30th, leaving Toronto at 10.40 p.m. each Tuesday, and returning to Toronto through Winnipeg, Attention is directed to the remarkably low round trip fares in connection with home-seekers' excursions to Western Canada via Canadian Pacific Railway. Tickets are on sale each Tuesday until October 31st inclusive, and are good to return within two months from date of sale. Apply to any C. P. R. Agent for full particulars. W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

To the Grave

MRS. HORNING The funeral of the late Mrs. Horning took place yesterday morning to Galt. Service was conducted at the home of the deceased by Rev. Mr. Baker, Sunday afternoon.

Rome Also.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, May 29.—The daylight saving scheme has been adopted in Rome. An official decree just published orders that the clock be advanced one hour beginning at midnight on June 3.

COURIER AGENTS

- STEDMAN'S BOOK STORE, 100 Colborne Street.
- ASHTON, GEORGE, 52 Dalhousie Street.
- JOLLY, D. J., Dalhousie Street.
- PICKLES NEWS STORE, 72 Colborne St.
- STEWART'S BOOK STORE, 72 Market St.
- SIMON, W., 311 Market St.
- WICKHAM, W. W., cor. Dalhousie and Queen Streets.
- HARTMAN, J., 100 Colborne St.
- BOORADIAN, N. G., 181 Dalhousie St.
- EAST WARD
- SHEARD, A., 433 Colborne St.
- VULPIE, H. B., 230 Colborne St.
- BICKELL, GEORGE, corner Arthur and Murray Sts.
- PREBBORN, A. A., 100 Elgin St.
- HIGGINSBOTHAM & CAMERON, 678 Colborne St.
- LUNDY, J. B., 270 Darling St.
- MILBURN, J., 100 Colborne St.
- NORTH WARD
- HARRIS, MAX, 31 Pearl St.
- SLANKHAMMER, L. J., 138 Aldon St.
- LISTER, A. A., 73 William St.
- McGREGOR, J., corner Pearl and Richmond Sts.
- PAGE, J., corner Pearl and West Sts.
- TOWNSEND, G. E., 100 William St.
- WEST BRANT
- MORPHEW, F. E., 122 Oxford St.
- WAINWRIGHT, E., 121 Oxford St.
- TERRACE HILL
- McCANN BROS., corner Grand and St. George Sts.
- MALENDIN, C., corner Grand and St. George Sts.
- PICKERARD, St., 120 Terrace Hill.

LISTENING TO WIRELESS MESSAGES IS A FASCINATING DIVERSION

Wireless Operator on a British Man-of-War in the North Sea Listens to Press Despatches to Atlantic Vessels From British Sources, But Also to German Despatches and Messages From Commanders of Allied Units.

The complexity of the wireless traffic over the North Sea, says the Wireless Age for May, is well illustrated by the story of a correspondent who visited the radio room of a battleship of the British fleet. Not only could he pick up Poldhu, the German press sent out from Nordeich, and the Eiffel Tower, but communication from Madrid, the Russian commander in the Baltic, the Mediterranean fleet, the admiral of the British Grand Fleet, and the German headquarters were all plainly audible. This, of course, was accomplished by adjusting the apparatus to accommodate the varying wave lengths.

The wireless officer in charge on the vessel which the writer visited had described it as a "wonderful night for wireless," though the night was muggy and cold. But there was something in the atmospheric conditions which responded exactly to the requirements of the wireless.

The operator had just finished taking the daily news message from Poldhu, the Welsh station of the English Marconi Co's station at Cape Cod, which sends press despatches to Atlantic passenger vessels, and remarked that it ought to be possible in a moment to hear Nordeich, the high power German station which sends out the German press despatches to ships at sea. The operator had his eye on the clock, whose minute hand was approaching the hour of nine. "He is very punctual, sir, is Nordeich; you can set your watch by him. I dare say he is just knocking out his pipe now, he will start in a minute. If you take the receiver over my ears," the correspondent continued, "A black volcanic disc which regulates and times the wave-length to synchronize with one of the many voices in the air, was set to a certain number. I listened; there was a very faint, ghostly chorus of indistinct whines and buzzes, like that coming from a colony of insects disturbed in some affair."

"Punctually, as the minute hand rested on 12, a strong, clear and distinct note broke forth into the burning. 'There he is,' said the operator, who had a duplicate set at his ear. Nordeich began, as everyone begins, by making his call sign, advertising to all who might concern that he was about to begin his daily recital of the German version of the war."

"Now listen to Poldhu," said the operator, adjusting the apparatus. The set broke forth into the burning, and in their place, a deep, gruff muttering dominated the air, when I was listening to Nordeich, Poldhu had been among the night chorus of whines and buzzes; when the dial change was made Nordeich sank to join its voice in the background of soft songs, and the rough voice took up the solo. Another adjustment, and the gruff voice finished and in its place came a musical note, small and bell-like took up the tale.

"That is the Eiffel Tower," said the operator, and by imagination, which had been fixed on that tall group of masts that rises above the heather and gorse on the downs beyond Mullion, transported itself to the night streets of Paris and that busy network of steel girders among whose interstices a little living, breathing human figure was sitting and pressing a key.

"Again there was an adjustment to reach another wave-length. 'Ah, you have got the Commander-in-Chief,' said the operator. "But those were not all the wonders shown to me in the wireless office that winter night in the Northern seas. It was indeed a 'wonderful night for wireless,' almost unique in the experience of those to whom I was speaking."

"We heard all kinds of things on that night which are seldom heard together and under the same conditions. We heard the Russian Commander-in-Chief in the Baltic, we heard Madrid and we heard the German Commander-in-Chief from his fastness across the North Sea."

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Brantford Clearing House Association NOTICE

As a War measure, all the Banks in Brantford will conform to the practice in other large cities, and on and after the 10th of June, 1916, until further notice, announce the following:

Office hours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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COL. CUTCLIFFE TO NIAGARA

Is Going There Next Week to Attend Conference of O.C. S.

Lieut.-Colonel Cutcliffe of the 125th will attend the conference of commanding officers in Niagara on June 5. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and formulate methods of systematic recruiting in this military district.

The Paris company arrived in the city this morning, and is engaged at musketry practice with the Brantford ranges to-day. The work of filling in the trenches dug at the ranges was completed yesterday.

A lecture on First Aid will be delivered to the officers of the battalion to-night.

Dr. A. Lovett of Paris has been detailed as civilian practitioner to attend to all enlisted men in Paris. It is notified for the information of all concerned that no man can be re-enlisted as long as he is borne on the

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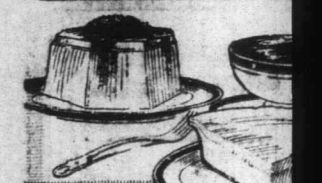
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- 3—All coal carried up flights of steps, three per cwt.
- 4—All coal, 500 lbs. or over, carried, five cents.
- 5—All high sidewalk curbs to be bridged, open, and snow shoveled. Winter, or to be charged carried.
- 6—No cellar windows cannot be hooked up, by age at owner's risk.
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