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Construction Co. Payments To McLeod For "Legal Services"

Total of Some \$4,000 Reached At Time of Noon Adjournment

J. B. M. Baxter's Name Comes Into The Evidence Today—Scott's Partner Corroborates Testimony as to Conversations With McLeod Over Matter of Contract

While Hon. H. F. McLeod was a member of the legislature and of the government upon which the railway was dependent for favors he received generous treatment at the hands of the builders of the Valley Railway, according to evidence given at the inquiry into the Dougal charges this morning.

Vouchers of the construction company were produced to show the payments to Hon. Mr. McLeod for legal services. When recess was taken for lunch the total had reached the respectable sum of \$4,064.32, and there is more to come.

J. B. M. Baxter received \$231 for his legal services and later a retainer of \$500, which he afterwards returned. The check for \$500 was cashed by him on February 11, 1914, the same amount was deposited by Mr. Baxter to the credit of the company on March 25 and the voucher returned to him at his request on April 26.

This led to an inquiry regarding the time of the investigation of the books by the committee of the legislature and Accountant Hobbs told the court that the only evidence of such investigation that he had were two visits to the office by L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A.

A glimpse into the book-keeping methods of the road was given by Ralph D. Hobbs, accountant for the company. Among other statements Mr. Hobbs said that the construction company paid A. R. Gould, as president of the railway company, a salary of \$5,000 a year and expenses.

A bill of about \$400 for traveling expenses of F. J. Lisman and his lawyer was put through the books of the construction company and shown as part of the cost of the road. Other items appear in the same manner without payment of cash by the construction company.

Ernest L. Kelly, partner of John S. Scott in a Valley railway contract, was an interesting witness. He confirmed and practically repeated Mr. Scott's evidence regarding their conversation with Hon. H. F. McLeod and the payment of \$1,500.

"We paid the money for his influence in securing the contract, and for his protection afterwards," was the explanation given by this witness regarding the transaction. "I and my friends put up the capital and Mr. Scott furnished the political influence," was his explanation of the formation of the partnership.

Ernest L. Kelly was the first witness in railway construction work this morning. Examined by Mr. Carvell, he said he was a partner with John S. Scott on a contract under the Hibbard Company on the Valley Railway.

Mr. Scott and I looked over the part of the work we wanted to take. It was announced in the papers that we had had been given to some one else. I went to Mr. McLeod's office with Mr. Scott and we talked it over. Mr. McLeod said that the contract was left without his consent, and told us about another piece of work on which he thought we could get the same price, 20 cents and \$1.10. He said he thought there should be something in it for him, about \$100 a mile. Mr. Scott asked what I thought and I agreed to it.

Half His Way  
Mr. Scott and my father looked over the work on the section, Mr. McLeod spoke of. When we saw Mr. McLeod again Mr. Scott held out for 27 cents and \$1.10. The extra cent figured up to \$3,000, and Mr. McLeod said he thought half of it ought to come his way. I said that would be satisfactory.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Sturges, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The western disturbance has almost dispersed and the weather is now fair throughout the Dominion. During yesterday showers occurred generally in the maritime provinces and very locally in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Fair and Warm  
Maritime—West to northwest winds; fair; Thursday, westerly winds, fair and warm.

New England Forecasts—Fair tonight and Thursday, rising temperature, moderate winds.

Phelps and Ferdinand

Mr. Carvell—You know the old saying about a lawyer who has himself for a client.

Mr. McLeod—I just want to get at what this witness said.

Chairman—Naturally Mr. McLeod is interested in this matter.

The witness went on to say that Mr. Scott had said that the extra cent would amount to \$3,000, and that Mr. McLeod said this amount should be split.

This concluded his evidence.

Accountant Hobbs

Ralph D. Hobbs, accountant for the Quebec and St. John Construction Company, was next called. He said he had been with the company since the work started. He did not know of any books of the railway company as the books from the start had been kept in the name of the construction company.

The witness said the treasurer of the railway was William Goodman of New York. He had seen F. J. Lisman at the company's office in Fredericton. He did not know that Goodman and Lisman were partners but believed they were associated in some way in a brokerage business and occupied the same office.

KIKUYU MATTER TO BE REVIVED

London, July 22—The Kikuyu controversy which agitated the Church of England some months ago will be revived next week when the central committee of the church, created by the Lambeth Conference of 1897, will consider a complaint laid by Bishop Weston, of Zanzibar, against Bishops Fred of Mombasa, and Willis of Uganda, regarding their support given to the scheme for the federation of the Episcopal churches in East Africa.

The question to be submitted by the Archbishop of Canterbury after the statement of the case will be whether due consideration is being given to precedent and whether in other circumstances the action of the bishops, who admittedly arranged an abnormal series of such steps, so that the progress of the conference necessarily must be held secret.

John Redmond and John Dillon, as they left Buckingham Palace and passed along the sidewalk in front of Wellington Barracks were given a great reception by the men of the battalion of Irish guards stationed there. The soldiers cheered wildly and waving their caps.

NEXT CONVENTION TO BE IN LONDON, ONT.

Halifax, N. S., July 22—London, Ont. was chosen as the next place for the annual convention of The Grand International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at their session this morning.

SENSATIONAL CASE IN MONCTON COURT

Moncton, N. B., July 22—A sensational story was told the police court when George Dryden, of Wisener, was charged with pointing a loaded rifle and threatening to shoot George Henzap of the same place. The latter was, it is alleged, called by Dryden's son and daughter to protect their mother from a beating at Dryden's hands. The affair is alleged to have taken place on April 4. Dryden went to the United States, but returned and was arrested yesterday.

A HARD TASK

Chicago, Ill., July 22—While the federal board of mediation endeavoring to bring about a settlement of the wage dispute between the western railroads and their engineers is pledged to silence, it became known today that the task is the most difficult task of mediation that has ever confronted this committee.

DIED IN TEXAS.

Fred A. Taylor, formerly of Moncton, N. B., died recently in Sealy, Texas, of heart disease. For twenty-five years he was connected with the Colorado and Santa Fe railroad as conductor and superintendent. He was sixty-two years of age and leaves his wife, one son and one daughter. Mrs. R. A. Bray of West St. John is a sister.

JUNIOR BASEBALL

The E. D. boys' team defeated the Young Victorias last evening on the Barrack square by a score of 8 to 1. The E. D. C. team will play this evening on the Y. M. C. A. diamond. They have accepted the challenge of the Young Red Sox for Friday evening.

THE POLICE COURT

The police court room which has been newly painted, was ready for the regular session this morning, but there were no prisoners. The court room now presents a very bright and neat appearance. The ceiling has been white-washed, and the walls painted, and the woodwork and furniture varnished.

C. P. R. steamer Empress of Asia arrived at Yokohama on Monday afternoon.

BORDEN ASKS BRITAIN TO ALLOW NO MORE HINDUS TO COME HERE

Ottawa, Ont., July 22—Premier Borden has directed Hon. Geo. E. Peletz to ask the British government to forbid the departure of Hindus for Canada in future.

EDMONTON POLICE ADMINISTRATION IS SCORED BY JUDGE

Edmonton, Alb., July 22—The report of Mr. Justice Scott, as the result of the police investigation, is a strong arraignment of the police administration. It describes general conditions as "of the most serious possible character." The judge says he cannot avoid the conclusion that Commissioner Booth was in complete accord with the policy pursued by the police force of allowing houses of prostitution to run.

IN MEXICO

Laredo, Tex., July 22—General Carranza, enroute to Tamp