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OTHER GRAFT CHARGES ON TRANSCONTINENTAL

Thirteen Dollar Hens at Experimental Farm-- Government Blockers at Work on Lumsden Charges--Liberals for Independence--Canadian Naval is Final Step--Politics on Intercolonial Railway--Liberal Paper States Facts--Testimonial to Slippery William--Sawdust Wharf Endorsed by Government Officials.

In a former letter two instances were given of the grafting on the Transcontinental as revealed by Mr. Lumsden. Two other instances may be given:

Case No. 3--The government engineers returned a certain piece of work as being rock 1142 cubic yards, loose rock, 1395 yards, common excavation 1372 yards, or 4999 yards in all. The contractors on those figures must have got \$4,198.62 on this piece of work. But Mr. Lumsden says that there was only 100 yards of loose rock. All the rest was common excavation. On this basis the cost should have been only \$1,059.89.

The contractors should have got \$1,059.89. The contractors actually got \$4,198.62.

Thus they got \$3,138.71 more than they should have got. The excess was 296 per cent. The work cost four times what it should have cost.

Case No. 4--In this instance the engineer returned 3000 yards rock, 2100 yards loose rock, 1455 yards common excavation; or 6555 yards, for which the contractors got \$5,857.65. Mr. Lumsden's figures are, no solid rock, 820 yards loose rock and 5745 yards earth; or \$1,616.45.

Thus the contractor should have got \$1,616.45.

But the contractor actually got \$5,857.65.

The over-payment was \$4,241.20; or 262 per cent. This work cost more than three and a half times as much as it should.

Thus our four cases so far examined work out as follows: No. 1--Proper cost, \$4,420; actual cost, \$14,636; over-payment, \$10,216; or 230 per cent.

No. 2--Proper cost, \$1,735; actual cost, \$7,711; over-payment, \$5,976; or 344 per cent.

No. 3--Proper cost, \$1,059; actual cost, \$4,198; over-payment, \$3,138; or 296 per cent.

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Thirteen Dollar Hens

Mr. W. H. Sharpe, of Lisgar, has brought out, by a question in Parliament, an extraordinary piece of wastefulness at the Central Experimental Farm. They have a poultry department there. There are 323 fowls there kept on a three-acre plot of land. Five men are employed to attend to these three hundred fowls, their salaries being \$1,500, \$1,300, \$500, \$605.31, and \$515.70; or \$4,421 altogether. The revenue received in 1908-9 was \$620.51, and for the first ten months of the present fiscal year, \$350.87. Thus the government pays in salaries alone for these fowls, \$13.68 per hen per year.

The Lumsden Case

The Government side has got caught in another attempt to manipulate the Lumsden inquiry. They tried to foist on the committee as counsel for the public a lawyer who had already been committed to the contractors side of the case, and against Mr. Lumsden. The protests of the Conservative members on the committee were unneeded and then resigned in a body from the investigation. In the end, the lawyer's own good sense prevailed, and he refused to act.

The situation was that the committee consisted of four Liberals and three Conservative lawyers; that the Transcontinental Commission was represented by an able lawyer, who represented the defence; and that it was necessary to appoint a lawyer to appear for the public, to press the charge made by Mr. Lumsden that there had been over-classification. First the lawyer of the Commission made the impudent claim that he represented the public. This was too absurd, and was rejected. Then the Conservative members claimed the right to appoint and instruct the counsel appointed to represent the public.

Everybody knows that it is the distinguishing virtue of a lawyer to represent his client. Everything about his attitude and course depends on who engages him. Now, the Liberals, on the committee, were desperately concerned to prove the charges false, to prove that where the contractors got \$14,000 for a piece of work which Mr. Lumsden says was worth only \$4,000, that \$14,000 was the proper price. The Conservatives, on the other hand, were concerned to have the whole matter proved to the bottom. Thus, if the Liberal members engaged a given lawyer, he would be commissioned by the defence; if the Conservatives engaged the same man, he would be commissioned by the prosecution.

ed to those who stand in with the powers that be. There is as much 'spoils' as ever, though it has been centralized somewhat.

In the Sun's case, it lost the government printing because it criticized the L.C.R., and was offered it back on condition that the criticisms cease.

A Feeble Testimonial

At the end of the Sawdust Wharf enquiry a testimonial was produced on behalf of Mr. Pugsley, signed by 32 citizens of Richibucto, declaring that the wharf was worth \$5,000 or more. It will be remembered that this wharf which had long been disused and was in a ruinous condition, was bought by a government beeler for \$700 and immediately sold again to the government for \$5,000.

It turns out with regard to this testimonial that it was got up by T. O. Murray, the man who got the \$5,000, and a man employed by A. and R. Loggie, the dredging contractors who tried to get Mr. Pugsley out of the scrape. These two persons worked very hard over the testimony, taking it to shops, saloons, the lobby of the post office, etc.

Of the 32 who signed, seven are in the pay of the Dominion government; three are employed by A. and R. Loggie; one is a tenant of this firm; five are employed by the Kent Northern Railway, of which the middlemen Murray is manager; one is a non-resident of one and one recent arrival in Richibucto; 14 of them own no real estate themselves, though passing an opinion upon values; and all of them together have only about \$5,000 assessed value in real estate.

Thus it is not a very impressive testimonial.

RAPID CITY TRAGEDY

The Little Children Burned to Death--Parents Absent from House when Tragedy Happened.

Rapid City, Man., March 13--A tragedy which blotted out three infant lives occurred three miles from here yesterday, when, in the destruction of a house on the farm of John Atchison, the three babies of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willis were burned to death.

About four o'clock, Mr. Willis, who has a lease of the farm, was working half a mile away with a hired boy drawing water from the hired river while Mrs. Willis had gone out to the barn to feed the chickens. On returning to the house, Mrs. Willis saw smoke issuing from the door, but was unable to enter as the building was in flames. She made desperate efforts to reach the youngest baby, which was in its cradle, but was unable to do so, on account of the heat.

Arrive Too Late

Mr. Willis and the boy had also noticed the fire, and just as they reached the house the roof fell in, sealing the fate of the helpless infants. The house was an old log building and burned fiercely. Dr. Cruickshanks, the district coroner, was notified immediately, and shortly after his arrival the body of the youngest victim was found, but the other two were not recovered until this morning. The ages of the children were two and a half and fourteen months, which the third was an infant in arms.

The eldest child had been in the habit of putting paper in the fire to watch it burn, and it is supposed this was the cause.

Mrs. Willis is completely prostrated at the loss of her children. It is not yet decided if an inquest will be held. Mr. and Mrs. Willis came to this district from England some time ago.

William Noble, of Orbow, was operated on at the general hospital on Saturday morning for appendicitis. He was taken ill at Moose Jaw last week while attending a meeting of the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

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CUSHING'S STATEMENT

Insurgent Leader Says Rutherford Wanted Him Back--Promised that Cross Would Resign.

Edmonton, March 9--Contrary to the expectations of a big crowd that thronged the legislature hall this afternoon, there was no formal announcement in connection with the resignation of Attorney-General Cross and Minister Without Portfolio Buchanan, the former of which was handed the Premier last night and the latter of which was tendered this morning.

The subject was discussed only incidentally, being brought up on a question of privilege by Hon. W. H. Cushing who took exception to a statement in a local newspaper in which he was accused of having "double-crossed" the Premier. The paper charged that he had at first consented to return to the cabinet on condition that Mr. Cross resign, and later that he refused to do so on the advice of those who opposed the government on the Waterways question.

Statement by Mr. Cushing

Mr. Cushing made a brief statement of the incidents of yesterday. "When I came up from the buildings yesterday," he said, "I found the Premier waiting for me at the hotel. He had something to say to me and we went to my room. He there made a proposal that if I would re-enter the cabinet, Mr. Cross would resign. I told him that whatever my feelings might be in regard to a matter of that kind, the matter had now gone too far for him and me to go into a room and settle it between ourselves. I told him that my opinion was that nothing would satisfy the men who had stood out against the government but a clean-up. I intimated that owing to my personal friendship for him, I would be willing to sacrifice myself in any way if that would save the situation, but that I could not see how the course he proposed would help matters. I told him I would tell the other members who had been opposing the agreement that he had said; that I had not tried to influence them in any way, and was not going to try to do so.

"He seemed to think that if I would go back, that would settle the whole trouble, but I told him I could not see it that way. I met him again in the evening in the office of the Lieutenant-Governor, where we discussed the matter again, with exactly the same result. I then said that in so far as I could see there was only one solution.

Opposed to Compromise

"I said that I would have a meeting of the members opposing the agreement and submit the matter to them. I did so, and they were unanimous in demanding that there be no compromise. I did not make any statement to the press last night and did not allow the other opposing gentlemen to make any, as I considered the communication between the Premier and myself as private.

Premier Rutherford said he had made no statement to the press. Any statement he would have made would be made on the floor of the house. He had nothing to say at present.

Later in session when asked by Mr. Bennett as to the reported resignations, he said that he had no statement to make at the present time. There was little business transacted, the house going over a few minor bills only. Hon. Mr. Cross was not in his seat in the house today.

Statement by Mr. Cross

To the press Mr. Cross made the following statement: "In view of the fact that the Premier informed me that he had asked the Hon. W. H. Cushing to become a member of his cabinet and that Mr. Cushing had accepted, I could not under any circumstances remain a member of the Alberta government."

Hon. Mr. Buchanan was not in his seat this afternoon. He has nothing to say, other than to confirm his resignation. Deputy Attorney General Woods, who has also resigned, has been offered a \$10,000 salary as a corporation lawyer.

No one can forecast the next development. A large number of members look for the resignation of the Premier and a new election. At present there seems no other solution of the question. Mr. Cushing refuses to re-enter the cabinet and this is the only way of reconciling the opponents at present. Reports were circulated this afternoon that the Premier had tendered his resignation to the Lieutenant-Governor, but he gave no information in the house and refuses to discuss the report.

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CUDAHAY INCIDENT

Lillis is Recovering from Assault--Will Remain in Kansas City--Will not Prosecute.

Kansas City, Mo., March 13--Jere S. Lillis, the banker and clubman, who was attacked last Sunday morning by a butcher knife and injured with a butcher knife by Jack Cudahay in the Cudahay home, will not resign from the presidency of the Western Exchange bank, will not leave Kansas City, will not contest the action of the Country Club in dropping him, and will take up his daily life in Kansas City just as before the episode a week ago that projected him into the limelight.

These statements were made by Mr. Lillis last night in an interview. Mr. Lillis received the reporters in his home at Eleventh-street and Forest-avenue, for the purpose of showing that his wounds were healing rapidly and that in a few days he would be out again, as sound a man in every way as before the encounter with Cudahay.

W. T. Johnson, vice-president of the Western Exchange bank, had invited the newspaper men to go with him and call on Mr. Lillis. Dr. Samuel Ayres accompanied the party and dressed the injured man's wounds while the reporters looked on.

They were met at the door by a negro butler who ran up the stairs to inform his master that his visitors had arrived. "Come on up," the banker shouted cheerily from his bedroom on the second floor, and the reporters went in the midst of luxurious surroundings. Jere S. Lillis rested at ease on a big brass bed. He gave each called a cheerful greeting and smiled as much as his injured mouth would allow.

He shook hands with all present. But it was not the well-known and dapper Jere Lillis that this "jury" saw last night, not the bon vivant, not the smiling and debonair club man that Kansas City knows so well. It was a man out and scared almost from head to foot, his legs swathed in bandages and adhesive plaster. Both eyes were blackened and discolored and the lips were swollen and black where they had been bruised.

Dr. Ayres threw back the covers over the man and disclosed a lavender-striped night robe fastened with lavender frogs. The physician uncovered the body and showed all the cuts on the legs. These wounds were just the same as described in these columns early last week. There are many knife cuts on both legs and two slight ones on the right hand. All of them are healing rapidly and some were nearly so well yesterday that Dr. Ayres left off the dressing saying that the air would make them heal faster.

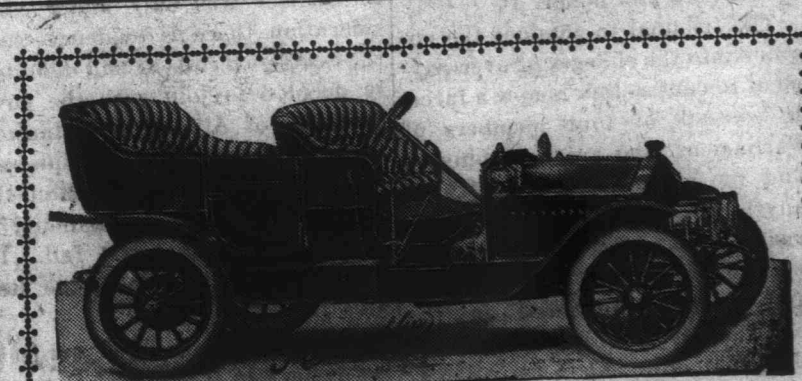
"See," said Dr. Ayres, "Mr. Lillis is almost a well man now and the soon will be as sound as before his unpleasant experience."

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