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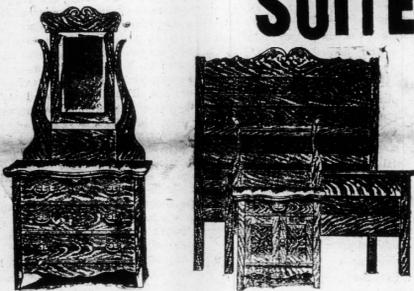
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More Marine Disclosures!

900 Per Cent. Profit on Diaphones.—Cost \$450 Sold to Government for \$4,500; Judge thinks \$25,000 Profit would Be Generous, and Would Have Saved \$125,000

CERTIFICATE HAS NO VALUE

Coming From High Marine Officials.—So Says Auditor-General Fraser; Assistant Commissioner Who Refuses to Make Bogus Certificates, and Suffered in Consequence.

HODGINS INQUIRY BURKED

Major Hodgins Accepts Advice of Majority.—Withdraws His Case to an Arbitration Board; All Right for the Major but No Good for Canadian Tax Payers; Messrs Barker and Lennox Wish to Follow It Up, but are Over Ruled.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT

Government Accepts Part of Conservative Civil Service Reform Policy.

DISASTROUS FINANCIAL SHOWING.

Ottawa, June 20, 1908.

Judge Cassels' inquiry into Marine Department scandal is adjourned to September.

The special committee to investigate charges of false classification and over-payment on the Transcontinental has given up the job.

Investigation into Quebec Bridge finance makes no headway.

The Public Accounts Committee finds that money voted for Dominion telegraphs in the lower St. Lawrence country is largely used in making roads and bridges throughout that country.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN FINISHED.

Judge and Commissioner Cassels, in giving his inquiry two months' rest, announced that he would have finished by this time if the Government had carried out its promise of appointing a substitute to do his Exchequer Court work. As it is, investigation of the Marwin accounts, of the astonishing payments to the Fog Signal Companies, and the other "lack of conscience" charges is suspended and the public will be left guessing all summer.

Paid to George T. Merwin and to Marwin's firm of F. L. Brooks & Co., from June 1903 to March 1907 \$726,417

Paid to the Canadian Fog Signal Co., in three years ending March 1907 587,221

Paid to T. L. Willson and his International Fog Signal Co., to March 1907 (for buoys alone) 691,000

Add to these the purchases from the three concerns in the last 15 months, and "carding" concern in the whole period, and we have over 2,500,000

OVER 900 PER CENT. PROFIT.

Judge Cassels, who had dealt last with Mr. Willson, and his astounding contracts, took up this week the Canadian Fog Signal Company, to which the Government has paid over half a million dollars. This concern has a Canadian patent for a Diaphone fog signal. The Secretary of the company testified that instruments sold to the Government for \$4,500 and \$5,000 cost the producer \$400 to \$450. Mr. Northey, the head of the company, admitted that he was selling diaphones at ten times their cost. The Government is his only customer, and he has a monopoly by reason of a Government patent. The contractor organized a company without putting up any capital, has his goods manufactured by contract, and has been gathering in over \$100,000 a year net profit for the concern. Mr. Northey could not say within \$250 what his personal gains were last year.

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THE JUDGE DRAWS THE LINE

Commissioner Cassels usually refrains from expressing opinions as the inquiry goes on, but this was too much. He pronounced the price indefensible, and could not understand why the Department paid it. The Judge's view was that if the Government gave the contractor a patent for diaphones of which it was the only purchaser, it should have limited his profits at least to \$25,000, instead of \$150,000, on certain orders given. The Government should have at least saved \$125,000 on this deal alone.

THE AUDITOR'S SUSPICIONS

In the early part of the inquiry, Col. Anderson, Chief Engineer of the Marine Department, testified to his opinion that Contractor Willson (\$300,000) influenced the appointment of the Commissioner of Lights, and that there was an improper understanding between certain officials of the Department and this favourite contractor. On Wednesday Auditor-General Fraser was on the stand and was closely questioned as to his observations. Mr. Fraser swore that he considered the certificates of "price fair and just" to be valueless, when they came from certain leading spending officials in the Marine Department. He was led to that conclusion by the Deputy Minister's acceptance of Goggin's bill for silverware for the ice-breaker Montcalm (on which a refund of over \$1,000 was afterwards made); by certificates of Commander Spain's travelling expenses (of which some \$800 had to be refunded in one year) and by the remarkable transactions with the two Fog Signal Companies.

HOW CERTIFICATES ARE MADE.

Mr. Noble, who has been Assistant Commissioner of Lights at Prescott, gave evidence showing that the Auditor might well be suspicious of himself. He swore that he had himself been required to certify prices to be "fair and just," when he knew nothing about them. His Chief at Ottawa arranged with Merwin and other contractors the prices for supplies delivered at Prescott, and requested Noble to certify them. The witness had strong reasons for not doing so, and on the advice of the Auditor-General certified that the goods were received at Ottawa. This brought down on him the wrath of the Deputy Minister and Chief Commissioner, who told him that if he continued to "antagonize" the Department he had better send in his resignation. Noble says he defied them and continued his course, but suffered heavily in consequence, and finally found a young man promoted over his head. He had made many protests against extravagance at Prescott

NOTE THIS TESTIMONY.

The following are among the statements made by Asst. Chief Engineer Woods of the Grand Trunk Pacific to Chief Engineer Lumsden of Transcontinental. They were written in October of last year about the time Major Hodgins was dismissed. He refers here to section "B" in Quebec, which he had personally examined for some thirty miles.

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IT WOULD BE WRONG.

Commissioner Fraser denies having received any financial consideration from contractors or obtaining promotion through their influence. He excuses the payments of fifty to two hundred per cent. profits to Merwin by stating that the bills were paid under orders of the former Minister of Marine. As to his course respecting Noble's certificates, he swore that he would take the same stand if it should be done again.

"Then you would take a wrong stand," observed Judge Cassels.

THE HODGINS' CHARGES.

Major Hodgins has not withdrawn his charges of over-classification and over-payment on the Transcontinental. He has simply declined to go further with the investigation before the committee. The Government majority on the committee has tired him out. He found himself likely to be kept all summer without having a chance to bring a witness from the works, while, so far as he knew, he was paying his own lawyer and losing his own time. Then he was assured that he could take his case before a board of engineers, and asked by Mr. Macdonald whether he would not prefer such a court. Major Hodgins replied that as the question was one for engineers he would prefer the tribunal of experts, as more competent, more fair and much less expensive for him. It is in this sense only that he has withdrawn the charges. Nor is it surprising that he should seek a fair tribunal, when the majority of the committee before the inquiry began pronounced his charges to be slanders, and declared that the Government would be vindicated.

THE CHARGES REMAIN.

The Liberal majority of the committee has now ruled that it will hear no more evidence. The two Conservative members do not agree with that. They say that the withdrawal of Major Hodgins from the inquiry does not close the question. Abundant proof of over-classification has been furnished. It did not come from Major Hodgins alone, but from engineers in a still higher position. Mr. Woods, the Engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, has made stronger charges than the accuser. He says that "specifications have been ignored" and "excessive allowances" made, not through mistake of local engineers but from arbitrary orders of their superiors. As his company is expected to repay to the Government the cost of the road, he has made strong protest against a classification "increasing the cost to such an alarming extent."

WHAT ABOUT THE TAX-PAYERS?

The contract with the G. T. P. provides for arbitration between the Company and the Government on these disputed accounts. If there are over-payments, the company will not be chargeable. The taxpayers of the country will bear the loss. So it is not merely a question between Major Hodgins and the Commissioner. Therefore, Mr. Barker and Mr. Lennox, the Conservative minority in the committee, desired to go on with the inquiry, and ascertain whether there was over-payment, and if so to have it stopped. If Major Hodgins has been wronged, he may get his vindication from a Board of Engineers. But if the country has been wronged, the Board of Engineers cannot get the money back.

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"What sort of a chance?"

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The only thing for which I sigh And wish with all my might Is just to see simonians sigh And feel them coming right, To feel the price is safely mine Without a stop or hitch, To make the matter plain, in fine I'd like to be "new rich."

Mrs. Fred. Lane, St. George, Ont., writes:—"My little girl would cough so at night that neither she nor I could get any rest. I gave her Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and am thankful to say it cured her cough quickly."

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