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word situation covers the same ground as the word intrigue.

A.—I regarded the whole thing as approximately contemporaneous. I regarded the two things as being quite interlocking. The word manipulation would suit my thought better.

COMMISSIONER—Do you mean by the word manipulation that it was open and above board, and not underground or underhand as the word intrigue might suggest?

A.—It was open in the sense that a member of the party stood up and made a statement.

COMMISSIONER—The attack was open in the sense that the Attorney General. . . . . .

WITNESS—The Attorney General did not make an attack upon me. I did not say an attack by the Attorney General, I said a public attack. A public attack was communicated to me in this way.

MR. WARREN—You did not call that manipulation or intrigue unless some one was using that to get rid of you.

WITNESS—In my opinion the manipulation was under the direction of the opposition.

Q.—You mean that your own party was being made the tool of the Opposition?

A.—No, but it is quite significant that it was the leader of the Opposition whom Meaney had consulted, and who was Meaney's lawyer.

Q.—And these discussions that you had with members of your party, did you regard those as political intrigue?

A.—That is a fact.

Q.—And you thought that this intrigue, or manipulation was being done in an underhand way by somebody to get rid of you?

A.—No, I do not think that Dr. Barnes had anything to do with it whatever.

Q.—Do you think that any of the members of your party were trying to get rid of you?

A.—I am not prepared to name any individual.

Q.—Are you prepared to say that any of them were trying to get rid of you? Did they suggest that they were trying to get rid of you. Do you mean to suggest that they were trying to get this thing cleared up they were trying to get rid of you?

A.—No, but the clearing up of this naturally turned into a political position.

COMMISSIONER—I should have thought that the first step for you to take would have been to assure them that there was nothing in it derogatory to you as a politician or as a man, but you voluntarily tendered your resignation after a little thought. That is why I said yesterday that I thought under the circumstances resignation was a very unwise course for you to have adopted, and I am afraid I still think so.

A.—Having regard to my Newfoundland knowledge I thought it was the right thing to do. I was subject to a charge, and my resignation gave an opportunity to those who came after me to take such steps as were necessary to clear the matter up.

COMMISSIONER—But I thought you resented this Commission?

A.—Oh no, it was rather the conduct of this Royal Commission that the commission itself that I resented.

A.—I am talking of the expression that you used the other day. You told us what you had done, and wound up by saying "and what did I get for it, a Royal Commission." Is not that what you said?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Surely you meant then that you were resenting a Royal Commission?

A.—No, I resented these charges being made against me. It was quite patent from the Prime Minister's statements in the House that there was going to be an investigation. I had a communication in due course informing me that the investigation would take place from the Prime Minister, and I referred him to my solicitor.

Q.—What did you mean me to understand when you said "what did I get for it, a Royal Commission"?

A.—My observation was made to the Attorney General who was cross-examining me.

Q.—I am afraid that it was one of those things that are not very relevant to this enquiry, but was it not meant for me to hear?

A.—The fact that I made the observation would have meant that it would have been heard by you.

Q.—I want you to explain what you meant by it?

A.—I certainly did not wish you to understand that I resented a Royal Commission, because a Royal Commission is the only thing that gives me an opportunity of giving a full explanation of these matters.

MR. WARREN—You mean these attacks?

A.—Yes.

COMMISSIONER—You did not mean that you resented the holding of a Royal Commission?

A.—No.

MR. WARREN—You just stated now that Dr. Barnes' name had been mentioned.

A.—I have no recollection of mentioning his name.

Q.—He was the person whom you had in mind, when you spoke of a member of the executive Government. I put it to you now that Dr. Barnes was the person who demanded Dr. Campbell's resignation?

A.—I think so.

Q.—Do you refer to Dr. Barnes as being one of the manipulators or as being manipulated by the opposition?

A.—When I mentioned Dr. Barnes name I said that I did not believe that he was a party to any scheme of the opposition.

Q.—So that when Dr. Barnes demanded Dr. Campbell's resignation he was not guilty of political intrigue?

A.—No, I do not believe he had any idea of politics in his mind at the moment.

Q.—Then who was guilty of political intrigue?

A.—I am not prepared to identify the name of any individual man.

Q.—Was there any suggestion at that meeting that you should resign?

A.—There was no discussion at that meeting other than of the Department of Agriculture and Mines.

Q.—Then your answer to my question is no?

A.—So far as I remember.

Q.—Prior to your resignation from the office of Prime Minister was the charge of Mr. Meaney brought to your attention at all?

A.—Yes. By members of the Government party and by political friends.

Q.—When?

A.—After the removal of Mr. Meaney as controller, and prior to my resignation, between the end of June and the end of July.

Q.—What matters were brought to your attention?

A.—That was one of the matters.

Q.—How do you mean by members of the Government party and political friends? To whom do you refer, might I ask?

A.—I do not know any particular man that I had in mind.

Q.—But you discussed the matter with me, and came to see me about it? You have also mentioned the name of Sir William Coaker. Can you give us any other names?

A.—I think I had conversations with practically all the leading members of the party at one time or another.

Q.—Never mind that, I want to find out who were the members of the Government party who drew your attention to this story of Meaney's prior to your resignation?

A.—The only person I remember calling upon me expressly for that purpose was yourself. Other people called to see me, but whether they came expressly for the purpose of discussing that I do not know.

Q.—Who were the friends, then, who brought you this information?

A.—Personal friends, men around town, who had heard the rumors and came to talk to me about the matter.

Q.—Did you discuss it with Dr. Campbell?

A.—My recollection is that he was out of town at the time.

Q.—You do not think then that Dr. Campbell brought to your attention these charges of Mr. Meaney's?

A.—Not in detail. I had conversations with him just before he went away in which we referred to political matters.

Q.—Did he refer to Meaney?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then he did mention the charges in reference to Meaney?

A.—He did mention that Meaney had been talking around town.

Q.—He mentioned that Meaney had been talking?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he ask what Meaney had been talking about?

A.—He had been circulating rumours that he had the goods on me in connection with the Controller's Department, and in connection with the British Empire Steel Corporation.

Q.—Did you enquire what that mean?

A.—Oh, I just laughed at it.

A.—He did not mention that the goods were cheques and I.O.U.'s?

A.—No, I merely laughed at the idea of Meaney having any power over me whatever. I told him that there was nothing in it.

Q.—Why did you not tell your party that there was nothing in it.

A.—That conversation with Dr. Campbell took place possibly a day or two before he left town. I think it was before Meaney's dismissal or suspension.

Q.—But I did not ask you when you spoke to Dr. Campbell, I asked you why you did not tell your party that there was nothing in it?

A.—Because at the time the situation arose, when I came to consider the whole political situation, I decided that the proper thing for me to do was what I did, and in that view I still concur.

Q.—Why do you mention Mr. Higgins' name and nobody else?

A.—Merely because I understood that he was Meaney's solicitor who interviewed you about the matter.

Q.—It was some political intrigue?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you consider me connected with that?

A.—I am not making that allegation.

A.—I insist on having an answer to that.

A.—I have no proof that you were connected with the political intrigue.

Q.—You can quite see that I took your position as Prime Minister and if there is any political intrigue you must remember that I came in for a certain amount of criticism. Now, I want you to clear that up. Who was guilty of political intrigue, that is who did you think at that time was guilty of political intrigue.

A.—I am not prepared to answer that question.

Q.—Do you not know that I have a reputation as well as you?

COMMISSIONER—Silence. I shall clear the gallery if that happens again. This is not a theatre. The public is admitted here on sufferance, and I can't have that sort of thing happen. If necessary this Commission can sit in private.

MR. WARREN—When this matter was brought to your attention you did not admit or deny it, but you preferred to resign. Who were you considering at that time, yourself or your party?

A.—I was considering both, but the party primarily.

Q.—But by the statements you make I take it that it was Mr. Higgins or Mr. Meaney or myself who were actuated in bringing these charges to your attention by political motives?

A.—In my opinion the action of Mr. Meaney was, certainly.

COMMISSIONER—But we are not now upon the action of Mr. Meaney, but those who brought it to your attention. Long before they brought this to your attention it was street corner gossip. Do you regard the bringing of this street corner gossip to your attention as political intrigue?

A.—Was there any intrigue in Mr. Warren bringing it to your attention?

A.—That was a statement by Mr. Warren to me and not intrigue.

Q.—If it is true that Mr. Higgins had waited upon Mr. Warren and told him that he was solicitor for Mr. Meaney, and that Mr. Meaney had instructed him that his arrest was contemplated, If that was true, was it political intrigue on Mr. Warren's part to come and see you about it?

A.—No, his call upon me I presume resulted from his interview with Mr. Higgins, as solicitor for Meaney.

Q.—Then his call upon you was only proper and right?

A.—Quite.

MR. WARREN—What would you expect me to do after hearing these charges made against you, would you not expect me to go straight to you and tell you what I had heard.

A.—Yes.

Q.—And ask you for an explanation?

A.—Yes, I think you explained to me that you had an interview with a certain party. . . . .

MR. WARREN—Name the party.

WITNESS—With Sir William Coaker, and that you and he had discussed it.

COMMISSIONER—The political atmosphere seems to be extremely suspicious. The right and proper thing to do was to come and tell you about it and seek an explanation, and when he comes and does that you regard it as political intrigue, and you decline to give any explanation whatever. It strikes one as curious.

MR. WARREN—Did I or did I not tell you that I had actually seen the I.O.U's. and cheques?

A.—I think you did.

Q.—Then you were incorrect when you stated that you knew nothing of these I.O.U's. until they were produced here?

COMMISSIONER—He said with the exception of rumours and information that he had got from some members of his party.

WITNESS—Plus also some notes of statements alleged to have been made by Meaney.

COMMISSIONER—But Mr. Warren told you that he had seen the cheques and I.O.U's.

A.—They had been shown to him by Mr. Higgins.

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Annual Meeting

R. S. C. NO 1.

The annual meeting of the above Chapter was held last night in Victoria Hall. F. G. Bradley, Grand Master, assisted by Past Worshipful Companion Wheeler and Past Companion Dawe conducted the election of officers which resulted as follows:—

W.C. in C.—Bro. J. Wiseman, elected.

E.C. in C.—Bro. J. Bonnell, elected.

Chaplain—Bro. Thos. Noseworthy, elected.

Scribe—Bro. M. Williams.

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Conductors—Bros. A. Courtney and A. R. Harris.

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The installation took place immediately after election of officers, followed by short and effective addresses.

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PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Jan. 21st.—Up betimes, and the weather grown mild again, and it such as I have never before seen in the month of January. Meeting Mr. Patten of Grand Bank, I to talk to him of the news from his place. Anon to the Enquiry, and hear the opening of the allegations against Sir Richard Squires, that he did take money from the Bell Island Steel Companies, while he conducted the business of the country with them. Mr. Lewis the American Attorney, conducts his case for him, and a mighty shrewd man he seems. Indeed, I think the next se'ennight will see many battles of wits so I shall miss none of it. J. Miller in the box, and tells his story, and Mr. Lewis cross questions him all the afternoon. A thing to note is how some of the women there show little respect for the Commissioner, and do not rise at his coming in. To trim myself, which I do badly, albeit I use a new blade in my razor, and my face cut in many places. To Water Street, and to drink at McMurdo's, where, meeting Mr. Carter and Mr. Meehan, to discourse of publick matters, and the means of remedying our present sad condition. So home, and to talk with my wife of the weather, which is pleasing to me, being that there is a great saving of coals, and God knows! coals at a very great price. Come Povey and his wife, so we to play at Bridge, but I do not know what comes over me, for I revoke, and the first time of my ever doing such a thing. Nor indeed could I give the reason of the old lady that was told she did revoke, and replied to it, that she had a reason for it.

G. W. V. A. Annual Election

PADRE NANGLE, C.F., NEW DOMINION PRESIDENT.

The annual meeting of the G.W.V.A. took place last night in the C.C.C. Hall. Vice-President W. H. Crocker occupied the chair with a large gathering of War Vets in attendance. Before the general business of the evening was conducted, the gathering took occasion to observe a two minutes silence in memory of their comrades. Past President J. G. Higgins was moved to the chair and conducted the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

Dominion President—Lieut.-Col. T. Nangle, C.F., elected.

Dominion Vice President—W. H. Crocker, R.N.R., re-elected.

Dominion 2nd Vice-President—C. F. Garland, re-elected.

Dominion Assist. Secretary Treasurer—Chas. P. Parsons, elected.

Dominion Executive—Comrades W. A. Grace, J. McKinlay, Engineer-Commander R. W. Howley, R.N.R., Major J. W. March, M.C., C. de G., C. P. O. J.W. Kesley, R.N., W. Dawe R.N.R., Capt. W. J Long, Wilbur Chancey, J. A. Taylor, J. J. Dooley, Neil Patrick, M. A. Doody, Lt.-Col. Cluney Macpherson, C.M.G., Eric Robertson, and Capt. A. S. Newman. The new Executive were duly installed into office. Speeches were the order of the evening, and each and all pledged themselves to carry out their duties to the best interests of the Association. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. J. G. Higgins and others, who conducted the election, while a high tribute was paid the ladies for their unstinted support in helping the good cause during the past year. A vote of thanks was also tendered the Press for their many favors. During the course of the meeting a well merited meed of praise was extended Past President Capt. A. B. Baird, for his untiring efforts during the past year. Before the gathering dispersed a smoker was held, while the singing and songs from the Song Sheet ended a very enjoyable evening.

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Halifax City Official Given Two Years

Judge Mellish, Imposing Sentence, Said He Made it as Light as Possible.

Robert Theakston, ex-City Collector, was sentenced to two years in Dorchester Penitentiary by his Lordship Justice Mellish, in the Supreme Court yesterday morning. Mr. Theakston, looking pale and wan, but bearing himself remarkably well, appeared in court accompanied by his lawyer. Before sentence was imposed he was asked by his counsel whether he would like to say anything, and in a strong voice said that there was nothing he wished to say. "Whatever I might like to say," he said, "I am prevented from saying owing to my illness of the past few months. My physical condition prevents me from saying anything. I leave myself in your hands."

Justice Mellish, who appeared to feel the proceedings very keenly, told the aged ex-official that he had been found guilty on all the counts in the indictment under which he was charged, and that the sentence of the Court was that he serve two years in Dorchester Penitentiary on each count, sentences to run concurrently. His Lordship said he made the punishment as light as possible, in view of the circumstances, and consistent with his duty.

Mr. Theakston took the sentence very calmly. He conversed with his attorney for a few moments and then, after shaking hands with several friends who were present in Court, walked out of the court room into the jail in the custody of the jailor. His family physician was in Court when sentence was imposed; There were a very few spectators present.

The date set for the imposition of sentence was January 4th, but owing to the fact that Mr. Forsythe, counsel for Mr. Theakston, will not be in Halifax on that date, the Court was convened prior to the date originally scheduled. Both Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Theakston told the Court they would not take advantage of this fact.—Morning Chronicle, January 4.

Shoe Buckles!—Rhinestone Shoe Buckles at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec24,tf

Lawrence and Wallace

AGAIN MAKE A BIG HIT.

This talented team at the popular Star last evening again added to their already well established reputation, and were obliged to respond to encores, as the audience just had to have "more, more." Sandy, as the "beautiful dame," was a scream, his make-up being just wonderful and not a few doubted it was their favorite, he even changing his voice, as to leave one to think he was "just sweet," and when Billy placed his arms around them in that lovable way, and "Sandy" high kicking—A LA FAWNETTE—they were a scream. For Wednesday is a UNIVERSAL JEWEL PRODUCTION DE LUX, entitled "The Shock," featuring that eminent actor Lon Chaney assisted by Virginia Valli. It is a feature (in ten parts) which has been regarded as the most remarkable production of a decade, supported by a superb cast of favorite players, and a story in which you will smile in sympathy with the appealing romance; in a nut shell you have never seen a drama like it. Don't miss it Wednesday.

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Majestic Theatre

HAVE ENGAGED NEW ARTISTS.

The Majestic Theatre have booked two high class Vaudville Artists to open an engagement at the above Theatre, in the person of Ravin and Kelly, direct from Keith's Circuit, and they will arrive on Thursday by S. S. Rosalind, and will be seen and heard in songs dancing and musical monologues. The two feature pictures showing are high class comedies, "The Shriek of Araby", and "One Glorious Day", which will be repeated to-night. Special announcement tomorrow.

Whole holiday cancelled but not the Star Card Party and Dance, it takes place on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1924. Another big time eve of whole holiday.
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Marshall Neilan is at once one of the youngest motion picture producers and one of the best that the industry has yet developed. His keen feeling for action that can be represented pictorially, his genius in devising situations and scenes that the camera can record with authentic reality bear their finest fruit in this film version of Donn Byrne's novel concerning a great American shipyard, "The Stranger's Banquet" his first production in association with Goldwyn Pictures Corporation which was shown last night at the Nickel Theatre.

"The Strangers' Banquet" is without a doubt the greatest picture that Mr. Neilan has yet made. He acquired the motion picture rights to Mr. Byrne's novel several years ago, but waited to produce it until he had such backing as his association with Goldwyn has given him in order to produce it on the tremendous scale which its story called for.

It has been magnificently produced. One of the biggest shipyards on the Pacific Coast was enlisted to give accuracy and character to its setting. The story concerns the children of old Shane Butler Keogh who built up a fortune with his shipyard. The son, John, marries a beautiful woman of doubtful past whose only interest is his millions—one of the strangers who wishes to feast on old Keogh's money. Upon the daughter, Derith, falls the burden of managing the shipyard and the workers. Titled strangers from Europe would banquet upon her fortune, but she is saved from them by the love and loyalty of the superintendent of the yards.

Last night's musical programme by Misses Drury and Harrison was of such an attractive nature that won the unanimous approval of the audience. The individual singing was nothing short of beautiful whilst the duet numbers were excellently delivered. To-night this programme will be repeated, and all who love good music should make a special effort to attend.

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Local Vaudeville Artists to Perform

AT THE CRESCENT THEATRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

It is now a recognized fact that Newfoundland has many vaudeville artists, and last Wednesday night's show at the Crescent proved the above assertion, and on to-morrow night patrons of this house will have the opportunity of witnessing another such wonderful programme. Five big acts of local vaudeville will be run with the usual show and there will be no change in admission.

Keen approval of the little star's efforts and the excellent story in which she appears was well manifested at the Crescent Theatre yesterday when "Glass Houses," Viola Dana's newest production released by Metro was presented for the first time in this theatre.

Miss Dana appears as Joy Duval who loses the money she has inherited and is faced with the necessity of going to work. After making herself up as a caricature office type in "sensible" clothes and horn-rimmed glasses she lands a job as companion to Billy Norton's Aunt Harriet. Returning home late one night she goes to the garage to sleep. Upon awakening she finds that Billy has also been sleeping in the garage. To save her reputation Billy marries Joy. The latter then appears in a chic frock much to the delight of her husband. And, by the way, the lady patrons were heard frequently to "Oh" and "Ah" at the exquisite display of the latest styles by Miss Dana, and they attracted no less attention from the male portion of the audience.

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G. W. V. A. Point Competition

The G. W. V. A. Point Competition for cups and medals is being competed for by the lady and gentlemen curlers at the St. John's Curling Rink at all three sessions to-day. The ice is in excellent condition after last night's frost and an interesting series is being looked forward to.