

BONGARD TOLD HIS STORY.

Sanducker Investigation Was Completed Last Night.

Committee Will Meet to Frame Report on Monday.

Dredge Seems to Have Been Badly Handled Here.

The poor old sanducker, which has been a target for malicious attack ever since it came into the city's possession, was under fire for three hours last night at the special meeting of the Fire and Water Committee to investigate the charge by Captain Bongard, commander-in-chief of that gallant ship up till the time it was burned to the water's edge. The captain was there, with his lawyer, George S. Kerr, who cross-examined several of the witnesses at length. The company that sold the city the dredge was represented, and an interested audience watched the proceedings. The committee closed the investigation and reserved judgment until Monday night.

Bongard's Charges.

Secretary James read the charges as published in the story told by Captain Bongard in his attack on the sanducker. Bongard denied these statements, which were attributed to him by the Spectator:

That the hull of the sanducker was formerly an old scow, and that it had been in the bottom of Toronto Bay for eight months.

That the boiler and machinery were second-hand and worn out when the city purchased it.

That Ald. Farrar was the only one who had made a minute examination of the work it was doing.

These are the statements that he affirmed:

That the pumps are practically worn out, and will have to be renewed before they are of any use.

That the sucker did not pump on an average of more than one per cent., and never more than five per cent., while it was supposed to pump 25 per cent.

That the sucker pumped out only muddy water and sand.

That the cutter head was worn out and would not cut work.

That the intake connections are such that the sucker will not work properly, and caused considerable loss of time.

A Lie, He Says.

"That is a lie," said Mr. McClelland, referring to the statement that the dredge had been at the bottom of the bay for eight months. After doing some work on the beach for Ross & McPhie in November, 1904, she got caught in the ice returning to Toronto and was later sunk by the ice in a ship. Part of her went through in eight feet of water on December 29, 1904, and on January 25, she was raised. An entire new hull was put on the sucker at a cost of \$1,672.22. When the sucker was raised it was found that not a single pipe had burst. For the work done on the dredge, he said, it had a competent man in charge, Capt. Gillespie, who was paid \$2,000 a year; not a \$1.75 a day man," he added.

Touching on the point that it should lift twenty-five per cent solids, Mr. McClelland said that no pump under any condition. The Hamilton sucker had a capacity of 4,500 gallons a minute of 25,000 gallons an hour. They had occasion before the sucker was sold to Hamilton to look into its lifting capacity and found that it would lift to a height of 100 feet every 200 feet from the water level.

The flow from the dredge was so fast that even carrying twelve per cent solids it would look just like dirty water.

As to the cutter not cutting the weeds this was something that engineers all over found difficult with. The city of Toronto kept a man in a pontoon near the end of their dredge to dislodge the weeds which choked it every fifteen or twenty minutes, although under certain conditions it might run a much longer time without doing this. The dredge Northumberland paid a royalty of \$4,000 for use of a cutter after which the one on the local sucker was fashioned. If the agitator was properly placed below the weeds it would get them out.

"To say that the shell is worn out is ridiculous, silly, preposterous and foolish," said Mr. McClelland. The company wished it had the dredge during the year. The sucker had been rigged by an expert, and "I think I could put a man in the basins who would clean them out in quick time," he added. "The man who says the dredge will not do it, if working properly, does not know what he is talking about."

Sharp Reparte.

Then Mr. Kerr, the captain's solicitor, and Mr. McClelland had several sharp duels.

"You are the secretary of the company," inquired Mr. Kerr.

"Yes," replied the secretary.

"And you never worked on a dredge?"

"No, but I am a pretty keen man. I am paid a good salary for running the business."

"What experience in handling weeds?"

"All a man can get in six years."

"But just from what you saw?"

"Yes, I can sometimes see as much in ten minutes as the average man can see in a day."

"Where did you get your experience?"

"I was chief clerk of the Toronto police department for some years, if you want to know."

"That is where you got your observational powers?" smilingly suggested Mr. Kerr.

Mr. McClelland admitted that with weeds the most favorable conditions for the sucker working did not exist.

"And still you dispute what the captain says?"

"Yes, I do."

"And you dispute it not knowing what you are talking about?"

"Yes, I dispute it."

Hemphill, he said, was the best man they had in view at the time the city purchased the dredge for taking charge of it. He should have had enough experience to handle it, although they did not get the best results.

"What about the pumps and shell being worn out?"

"I don't know anything about it."

"We may as well go home and go to bed," was the jesting comment of the lawyer.

"Yes, I think your time is lost, anyway," he apparently is, with you," was the rejoinder.

Another Bruin.

The hall, Mr. McClelland admitted,

Ald. Allen—And she cleaned that out all right?

Capt. Bongard—No, sir; I doubt if there was ten inches difference after we got through.

Stood in Bare Feet in Water.

It took ten days, said the captain, to get through from the lake to the basins, and this was with teams scraping off the surface. In good condition the sucker should have got through in three days at the most.

The dredge should have pumped 25 per cent. over 30 feet from the water level, and yet they could not pump fifteen feet, they being forced to dig ten or twelve trenches for the pipes.

Ald. Wright—Did you mention to any one else that it was out of order?"

Bongard—Mr. Bain once, in conversation.

He denied ever having spoken to the Mayor, and said he had only spoken to Chairman Clark once Sunday. Capt. Hemphill, he explained, had told him that the dredge was at the bottom of the bay in Toronto, and that he had helped raise her.

Questioned by Ald. Farrar, he said he had no way of knowing how much weeds the sucker took out of the basins.

"Men stood in the basin sometimes in rubber boots and sometimes in their bare feet raking out the weeds with sixteen foot poles," he said. "I suppose this was done under the direction of Myles Hunting, who was in charge. It would not have been necessary to do it if the sucker had been working right."

Some of the Sucker's History.

Secretary McClelland, of the Toronto Company, from which the city purchased the sucker, took up Capt. Bongard's story in sections. Dealing with the statement that the pumps were worn out, he said that the pumps were purchased from the Harris Machine Company in August, 1902. According to the company's record they had pumped 2,500,000 cubic yards that year. From April 1, 1903, to August the first of that year, 4,500,000 cubic yards were pumped. During 1904 and 1905 over 12,000 cubic yards. The shell of Toronto dredge No. 1 was through after 8 years and after pumping 600,000 cubic yards and yet the shell of Hamilton's dredge was supposed to have worn through after pumping 2,000 yards. Capt. Bongard, he said, had been employed by his company nine days at the rate of \$1.75 a day as a laborer.

The pump on the local sucker, he said, cost \$17,113.16. After using it one season on a boat it was found too powerful and was put on the Hamilton dredge, when it was built in 1904. Everything on the dredge from the pump to the cutter head was new. They had to get the history of the boiler before the Government inspector would pass on it. It had been purchased from the Bertram Engine Company and was traced back to a boat owned by the Lake of the Woods Lumber Company, which was burned.

James Bain, assistant engineer at the Beach pumping house, who examined the machinery and advised that it was all right, created his connection with a screw hammer to finish it. The shafting subsequently was broken and cost the city a good deal to repair. He said Bongard had told him the agitator was working fine, that the weeds were being cut up and cleaned out in great shape.

"I certainly think so," was the reply.

"A little more care was exercised here than the work could still be properly done."

"You think the greater part of the weeds have been taken out?" asked Ald. Farrar.

"Yes, because you could see them as high as the water level."

Ald. Farrar wanted to know if one of the basins could not be shut off and pumped dry. Mr. Bain said they could not although the water could be lowered until the pumps would suck air and it would be possible to see the bottom better.

"Would you recommend that that be done?" he was asked.

"No, I would not," was the reply.

"You don't want to see the bottom?"

Mr. Bain protested against this slur and Ald. Farrar withdrew it. His reason for not recommending what Ald. Farrar suggested was that there would only be the James street reservoir to depend on in case of a big fire. A good deal of the dirt taken out of the basins had been dumped into the creek and could not be seen. The shell, he said, was spoken of, was only cracked, and not worn.

City Engineer's View.

City Engineer Barrow said he had recommended the purchase of the pump to clean out the basins because he thought it was the only proper way of doing it. He had been down three times a week, while the operations were in progress, and found the sucker pouring out black stuff, which satisfied him it was doing good work. Bongard and Hunting had told him the sucker was doing good work, and Engineer McFarlane said the basins had never been cleaned so well before.

"Are you still satisfied that basin has been cleaned?" asked Ald. Farrar.

"There may have been parts of it missed, but it is my intention to go over it again." If there had been failure, Mr. Barrow said it was because the agitator did not get under the weeds.

Other Evidence.

Myles Hunting, caretaker of the basins, said he had seen stuff coming out of the pipes as black as a man's hat. Bongard had told him the sucker was doing good work, and chopping up the weeds, and he had likewise heard Engineer McFarlane speak of the good work being done. He had advised Bongard to put two or three boys along the sides of the basins with rakes to get any weeds that might fall.

James Miller, who was employed by the city on the roads that were being made down there, and who referred to Ald. Farrar as the "worthy clothier," said the sucker had done good work and poured out black mud.

John Bain, of the firm that has the contract for repairing the machinery, said it would be put in as good shape as before the fire. The sand pump was in first class condition, except that it required a new runner.

Engineer McFarlane wrote a letter in which he stated that he went to the basins two or three times, and found the sucker discharging very dirty water. He thought it was doing good work, although rather disappointed in the small quantity of weeds being taken out, and suggested to Myles Hunting that the basins be raked over, something that could be done at any time.

Richard Quinn, who is repairing the boiler, wrote to say that he found it well stayed and well built.

On motion of the Mayor, seconded by Ald. Allen, this closed the investigation, and the committee adjourned, to meet again on Monday night.

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Labelle and Nicolet Elections.

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In a letter to the Globe Mr. Frederic Nichols, of the Toronto Electric Light Company, thus presents the Hydro propositions:

If it is intended to supply light and power to the citizens generally I do not hesitate to say, in the most emphatic manner, that the estimate of \$5,200,000 will be found totally inadequate for the purpose, but, assuming that the citizens will be satisfied with a service provided by the amount estimated, let us see for a moment what the cost to the consumer in plain figures will amount to.

The annual charge for interest and depreciation, when the city would have to invest upon an outlay of \$5,200,000 would be \$2,200,000 at 4 per cent. equals \$208,000. Depreciation, 6 per cent. \$312,000.

Total \$520,000

allegedly, exclusive of the first cost of power at the city limits and the cost of operation and maintenance.

The maximum demand, under any circumstances, that will be available for the city to supply would not exceed 10,000 horsepower, and consequently the interest and depreciation charge on 10,000 horsepower would be \$62 per horsepower per annum, to provide for the fixed charges upon the \$2,200,000.

As the facts are, that the load factor will not exceed 20 per cent. of the maximum load, it is obvious to anyone that this amount of \$62 per horsepower must be multiplied by four, making a total charge of \$248 per horsepower. This has to be met before a single horsepower can be delivered to the consumer.

After having provided the \$208 per horsepower for interest and depreciation, we have to consider the cost of the current itself, delivered at the city limits, horsepower, but as the commission offers this only at the rate of 2 1/2 cents an hour and the consumer will only be willing to pay on a meter basis for his actual consumption this figure must also be multiplied by four to bring it to the meter basis of ordinary consumption, making the total cost of power on a meter basis amount to \$808 per horsepower at the city limits.

If we add these two sums together the amount of \$208 for interest and depreciation and the cost of power at the city limits, \$808, we have a total of \$276 per horsepower, entirely exclusive of any staff whatever for operating, which would, of course, be very considerable, and I have not given any figures for this as it depends upon a variety of conditions, and I desire this explanation to be accurate and clear and free from any doubt or misapprehension.

The public will sooner or later understand that the figures as submitted by those who are termed "interested parties" have been absolutely accurate, and I do not hesitate to say that what has misled the public in their estimate of cost has been the fact that figures submitted to them have been entirely on the flat rate basis, as against the meter basis.

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COBALT STABBING.

North Bay, Nov. 13.—At the General Sessions, before Judge Leask, was in progress, J. H. Campbell, committed for trial from Cobalt, charged with stabbing Mary Crawford, was discharged, and jury finding no bill.

Campbell and his wife kept a disorderly house, and in a general row, caused by jealousy among the women, Campbell was struck over the head with a bottle of wine by his wife and nearly killed. In the same disturbance Mary Crawford, an inmate, claimed to have been stabbed with a saw in the hands of Campbell.

From the evidence adduced for the defence by Attorney McCaughey it seemed that Campbell received the worst punishment of any in the brawl.

GETTING MONEY EASILY.

Crown Authorities Think They Have Found Fraud.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—The Crown authorities believe they have unearthed a scheme by which money was obtained from persons unacquainted with the ways of the law. Crown Attorney Corley has had a case brought to his notice by a young lady received a letter from the "Whitney Law Association" to the effect that some case against her had been in court. The letter further stated "the court had ordered the money paid, while, as a matter of fact, the case had never been in court. The Crown Attorney has reported the matter to the postoffice authorities.

The authorities believe that the "Whitney Law Association" is R. W. Dunham, for whom a summons has been issued for alleged failure to account for \$7 said to have been collected.

C. P. R. Trainman Accquitted.

Port Arthur, Nov. 13.—Frank McCarthy and Oscar Anderson, C. P. R. trainmen, charged with criminal neglect, which resulted in the wreck at Kam, were acquitted by the district court.

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DIED AT AN AT-HOME.

Sad Ending to Festivities in a Toronto Hall.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—While attending an at-home at Annesley Hall, Mrs. Tilly Clark-Rundle, aged 40, fell down in what her friends believed to be a faint, but which Dr. Temple, who arrived not ten minutes later, declared to be a fatal seizure. She was talking to friends at about half-past 5, when she suddenly collapsed and died before medical assistance could be obtained. Mrs. Tilly Clark-Rundle was the widow of the late Mr. Arthur L. Rundle, of Peterboro.

Honors for Carrie.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Carrie Xantus was today made a life member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Commissioner of Industries estimates that 3,000 men are at present out of a job in Toronto.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST Homestead Regulations

ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 20, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency. Entry by proxy, however, is made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or cancellation may be personally at any Sub-agency office made by the applicant, or by the Sub-agent, in the presence of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "persecution" or fraud the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim or if entry has been granted it will be summarily cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

Where an entry is cancelled subsequent to institution of the approval of Department, applicant for cancellation will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Particular for cancellation must state in what particular the homesteader is in default.

A homesteader whose entry is not the subject of cancellation proceedings, may, subject to the approval of Department, relinquish it in favour of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

DUTIES—A settler is required to perform the duties under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the settler is unable to perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of his homestead, joint ownership in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity of the homestead, or if the homesteader entered for him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than five miles from the homestead, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to perform the required residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for a term of years, not exceeding 21 years, at an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ—A person eighteen years of age, or over, who has discovered a mineable place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim within one year of the date of recording in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. on the value of the placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entrance fees, \$5; renewable vertically.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

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