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## COMBINE WAS REAL CAUSE

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were seeking to get away from the competition of other concerns, and were endeavoring to procure a protective contract for themselves with a view to meeting any emergency that might arise in the commercial field."

Well, I wouldn't say that exactly. You were doing your best, were you not, to have the admiralty rates reduced?

Yes. To the extent of two shillings on every 100 pounds.

The market was going up by leaps and bounds, was it not?

It was going up.

Well, in the cable dated June 27, you say: "The Canadian market price has gone up to record heights. The Matthews-Blackwell people are forcing the price."

Mr. Fox: I think that from time to time one packer or another forces prices upward. He must often necessarily do so in the process of buying heavily. That was my idea when I wrote that cable.

Then, on another occasion, too, you would say, would you not, that the Matthews-Blackwell Co. was the aggressor?

Yes.

And, reasoning a step further, you

## Everyone Should Drink Hot Water in the Morning

Wash away all the stomach, liver, and bowel poisons before breakfast.

To feed your best day in and day out, to feel clean inside; no sour bile to coat your tongue and sicken your breath or dull your head; no constipation, bilious attacks, sick headache, colds, rheumatism or gassy, acid stomach, you must bathe on the inside like you bathe outside. This is vastly more important, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do, says a well-known physician.

To keep these poisons and toxins well flushed from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, drink before breakfast each day a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This will cleanse, purify and freshen the entire alimentary tract, before putting more food into the stomach.

Get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from your pharmacist. It is inexpensive and almost tasteless, except a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant. Drink phosphated hot water every morning to rid your system of these vile poisons and toxins; also to prevent their formation.

To feel like young folks feel; like you felt before your blood, nerves and muscles became saturated with an accumulation of body poisons, begin this treatment and above all, keep it up! As soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and purifying, so limestone phosphate and hot water before breakfast act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

could equally well say the same of the Davies Co?

Well, yes.

And one of the real causes of the inflated values in bogs in 1916 was the combined operations of the Matthews, Blackwell and the William Davies Co.?

Perhaps.

Had Advantage in Shipping.

In answer to further questions, the witness stated that some packets were paying 80 cents a cubic foot for shipping space. His company was able to put the bacon over to Britain at \$1.25 and \$1.40 a 100 pounds. This did work out to some advantage for themselves.

Mr. Bain read from a number of cables sent to the local offices of the Wm. Davies Co., showing that in or about August and September, 1916, Dennys, of London, acting as the British war office, guaranteed the Toronto firm a minimum price on all consignments received by the war office, this price being based on the local Davies Co.'s estimate, or anticipated estimate, of the cost price of their commodity. The term "anticipated cost price" was explained by Mr. Fox to mean the cost price estimated for bogs not yet bought. The company was to export 1,000 boxes of Canadian bacon to the United Kingdom for a minimum price of 100 shillings. Eight days after this contract guaranteeing a minimum price for Canadian bacon was made, a similar contract was agreed upon for the Davies Co.'s American export consignments.

Mr. Bain now read a cable from the information that the war office, through the Dennys Co., was very favorably inclined toward the Wm. Davies Co.

Mr. Bain now read a cable from the witness to his London agents, Sheed and Thompson, pointing out that he noted the Dennys Co. was in need of larger consignments. He did not want to force the market, if, on the other hand, the increased trade was transferred to his company.

Mr. Bain: What was meant by this reference, Mr. Fox? Are we to infer that your company wished to draw the products of other companies over to your companies?

Mr. Fox: I don't want any unnatural interpretation of my motives brought up here, Mr. Bain. I was engaged in pure business.

Great Stroke of Business.

It was further brought out that if at any period the Davies Company consignments were short of the required stipulated amount, say 1500 boxes a week, the Dennys Company granted the privilege of making up the loss in the succeeding shipment, and selling these at the prices current during the period of the later consignments. A cablegram was read, alleged to have been written by the London agents of the Davies Company, which said in substance: "The establishment of a minimum cost price contract, with the many other privileges accorded by the war office, is one of the greatest strokes of business your company has ever managed."

One other privilege accorded to the William Davies Company was the acceptance by the Dennys Company of the "seconds," or purely commercial consignments, which were sent over along with those for the war office. These Mr. Fox pointed out, amounted to only four per cent. of the total consignments received by the British firm. Late in the year 1915 the war office consignments had increased in number to more than 7000 boxes. The entire contract period covered 29 weeks.

Mr. Bain now touched upon the reasons for the cancellation of the war office contract. The witness stated his emphatic opinion that the real reason

was that of pure finance and nothing else.

Mr. Bain: You are sure, Mr. Fox, that the real reason did not lie in fact of the high prices prevailing?

It did not. It was common talk at the time in Chicago that an embargo was being placed against American sides.

Yes, yes. But the Americans did blame the two Canadian companies for the rise in prices, didn't they?

Yes, I admit that.

Now, is it not a fact that Herbert C. Hoover called the American packers together with a view to discovering the underlying cause of the inflated prices, and if necessary placing a complaint before the British war office?

No. I may say that at the seven principal packing points in the United States—Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph—the number of hogs bought by Canadians amounted to only two per cent. of the total bought at those yards.

Yes, but the suggestion is that you influenced the Chicago market in the main.

Only to a very small degree.

Mr. Henderson: Can you give us a statement showing the exact percentage of your buys on the Chicago market?

I think so. If you will permit me I shall work it out tonight and produce the statement tomorrow.

Mr. Bain continued his examination on this point until the chairman, G. F. Henderson, intervened.

"I have been told by those who know that the real reason for the cancellation of these contracts was financial, and none other," said the chairman. "Do you think it should be suggested that Lord Reading should be called to give evidence in the matter?"

The three counsel were dubious on this point.

Mr. Henderson: Gentlemen, once again let me say it is not in the interests of the public that rumors should be allowed to counter the official reasons given for the cancellation of these war office contracts.

The two counsel for the government and private interests reiterated their absolute sincerity in the matter, and Mr. Bain stated that he had examined Mr. Fox on the subject because he felt the general manager of the Wm. Davies Co. was one of the few men who could explain away the disturbing rumors.



FLIGHT-LIEUT. CONN SMYTHE, M.C.

Word was received yesterday by Mr. A. E. Smythe, of The World, that his son was missing since last Sunday.

### LIEUT CONN SMYTHE REPORTED MISSING

Young Soldier Was Well-Known Athlete and Student at Varsity.

Flight-Lieut. Conn Smythe, M.C., is officially reported as missing since last Sunday, according to a cable received by his father, Albert E. Smythe, of The World editorial staff, yesterday morning.

Lieut. Smythe was a well-known Toronto boy and a distinguished athlete, having played on football and hockey teams of the university. (Up-Canada College, Jarvis Collegiate Institute and the Y.M.C.A. He was captain of the champion junior O.H.A. team of the university, 1914-15, and his 4000 battery team was prominent in the winter prior to its departure overseas. He played on the champion junior school Mulock cup rugby team and also on the senior team during his third and fourth year at the faculty of applied science at the university. As an individual athlete, he was prominent in swimming, diving, boat- and running. At the Aldershot garrison military competitions last year his section defeated France, and in the brigade and division in handling guns and horses under active service conditions, winning a silver trophy, which the men presented to him.

Lieut. Smythe was 22 years of age and left the university in his fourth year to enlist as a gunner in March, 1915. He won his commission the following July and went overseas early in 1916. He was awarded the Military Cross for valor on Feb. 13 last, when he volunteered to go as observation officer with an infantry raiding party, the officers of which became casualties. He took charge of the party, and after successfully coming thru an encounter with half a dozen enemy bombers he extricated the party, and was himself unhurt.

He was put to rout four Germans who had been bombing two Canadian camps.

Transferring from the artillery to the Royal Flying Corps on May 3 last, he trained both as an observer and as a pilot. He crossed to France on Sept. 24, and his appointment was officially gazetted about two weeks ago.

In a letter home under date of Sept. 27, he said he was going up the line and hoped to be attached to the line with the Canadian artillery. The official report of his disappearance said two British machines were missing.

While training with the artillery in England, Lieut. Smythe was a 17th fractured while moving guns and was a slightly wounded while in France.

Mr. Henderson: I don't for a moment doubt the sincerity of your motives, gentlemen. I simply do not wish the impression to gain ground that the war office was affected by rumors. It is scarcely policy for us to suggest that the chancellor of the exchequer does not know his business.

Mr. Bain now touched upon the possible influence of Sir Joseph Flavelle on the rise of prices.

Did Sir Joseph ever discuss with you this minimum rate agreed upon in your contract with the war office?

Not to my knowledge. I manage these matters myself.

Did you ever show him the cables touching the agreement?

I never do so. I take full responsibility for all we have accomplished these past four years.

Mr. Bain: Did Sir Joseph ever get the monthly statements of the companies' profits?

No.

Did he never discuss anything with you?

Never until the accomplishment of the company's intentions.

Oh, when then?

Well, he used to come in for an hour's chat at the week-end when he visited me.

Did you never ask Sir Joseph Flavelle to take up the matter with the admiralty?

No.

Contract Was Common.

W. N. T. Taylor, counsel for the pack-

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The medical officers on the new travelling boards will be selected from ten of the boards already established in the large cities and towns.

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Brampton—Weston, Oct. 24 and 25; Woodbridge, Oct. 26 and 27.

Oshawa—Exbridge, Oct. 22, 23 and 24; Cannington, Oct. 25; Beaverton, Oct. 26 and 27.

Orangeville—Shelburne, Oct. 24 and 25; Durham, Oct. 26 and 27; Hanover, Oct. 29 and 30.

Barrie—Penstang, Oct. 25, 26 and 27; Orillia—Midland, Oct. 24, 25, 26 and 27; Gravenhurst, Oct. 29, 30 and 31.

Bracebridge—Huntsville, Oct. 24, 25 and 27; South Porcupine, Oct. 29 and 30; Cochrane, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Perry Sound—Byng Inlet, Oct. 26 and 27.

Halifax—Timmins, Oct. 25, 26 and 27; Sudbury, Oct. 29 and 30; Hespeler, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

NEW LIST OF HONORS TO APPEAR SHORTLY

Dominions Will Share in Empire Decorations Next—Migration of Soldiers.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Oct. 18.—Replying to a question of Mr. McMaster in the British house of commons today as to why the first list of the empire honors was confined to the United Kingdom, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the consultations with the Dominions had not been completed in time for the issue of the list in August. Regarding a further issue he said that lists including the names of those entered in the service of the Dominions and India were now receiving consideration.

Asked whether the government was prepared to co-operate with the overseas governments in assisting the migration of ex-soldiers, Mr. Law said the proposals for the establishment of a central emigration authority were under consideration. The question of new legislation was under consideration and the government hoped to announce its policy in a few weeks.

BISHOP'S GRANDSON KILLED.

London, Oct. 18.—Lieut. Raymond Thicknesse, Lancashire Fusiliers, grandson of Bishop Thicknesse, born in Canada, where his widowed mother lived, has been killed. Lieut. James Burleigh, Argyll and Sutherland, killed, was the third son of the late Bennett Burleigh, the famous war correspondent, well known in Canada. Lieut. T. E. Robinson, York-shires, killed, had many Canadian connections.

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