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COMMISSIONER GALT REPORTS

The second interim report of Commissioner Galt, appointed to investigate the Manitoba Agricultural College frauds was presented on May 25. It finds that the overcharges amounted to \$302,789.28, though this does not include damage to buildings through the use of inferior concrete or mortar.

The Commissioner also finds that Hon. Robert Rogers acquired 43 acres of land near the college but ordered the conveyance of it to be taken in the name of another. Hon. J. H. Howden and Hon. G. R. Coldwell took interests in other lands. Shortly after the site was chosen Hon. Robert Rogers entered into a fraudulent conspiracy with the Kelly firm and others for the purpose of providing money for Dominion and provincial campaign funds and for providing Kelly with funds out of the provincial treasury over and above what he might legitimately earn. The means adopted was that an air of laxity was to be created by Hon. Robert Rogers in his department of public works and that proper instructions were to be given to acting provincial architect Horwood and others so as to insure that the progress estimates of the contractors would go through without being rigidly checked up and verified. Contracts for extras were to be lavishly granted without competition and as soon as the various contractors realized the favorable treatment they were receiving they were to be visited and correspondingly favorable contributions to the conservative campaign fund collected. The conspirators employed as agents the various government inspectors in charge of the work, the various deputies in the department of public works, including the architect's office, and D. E. Sprague, collector for the campaign fund.

After Hon. Robert Rogers went to Ottawa the objects of the conspiracy and the means of carrying them out were continued under the regime of his successors. The total estimate of the cost of the agricultural college, compiled by Mr. Hooper in December, 1910, was \$957,000. During the year 1911 contracts were let under the regime of the Hon. Robert Rogers to the extent of \$1,167,238.98; but the total cost of the buildings was \$2,361,841.15, so that the larger half was paid after Mr Rogers left. During this second period, Dr. R. M. Simpson was treasurer of the Conservative Association, and he collected funds for the party.

Two elections occurred in the province in the year 1913. Dr. Simpson collected \$15,000 from the Carter firm alone during this period. His position as both president and treasurer of the Conservative Association and as collector and distributor of the campaign fund, satisfies the commissioner that he was well aware of the conspiracy in question and became a principal in it.

The Saskatchewan Non-Partisan League has four candidates already in the field for the provincial election. They are D. J. Sykes, Swift Current; J. Julian Cameron, Last Mountain; Edmond W. Granger, Morse, and W. S. Simpson, Notken. It is stated that the League will have at least four more candidates.

In Alberta the Non-partisan League has nominated Mrs. McKenney for Claresholm; J. E. Hillier for Pincher Creek; J. W. Leady for Gleichen and James Weir for Nanton.

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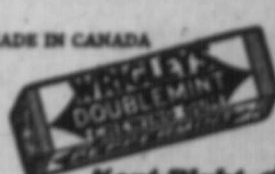


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