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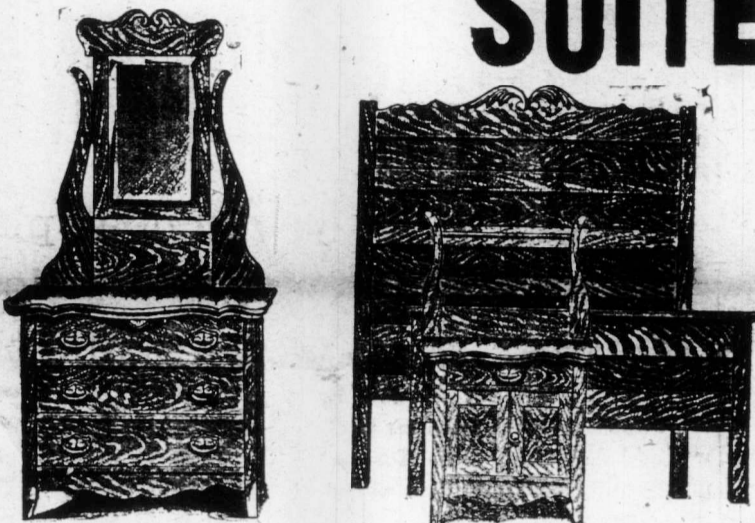
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Federal Interference To Be Abandoned.—This is the Present Expectation.—If it Proves Wrong Dead lock Will Come Again.

AGAINST TIMER GRABBING

Liberal Majority Vote in Favour of the Deals Whereby Brother-in-law Burrows and His Friends Are Getting Rich Quickly and Easily Out Of the Public Domain.

ROSS RIFLE DEAL

Discussed For Two Days in the House; and Endorsed by the Usual Government Following.

Padded Transcontinental Accounts

Major Hodgins Tells a Plain But Sensational Story.—Dismissed From Service Because He Refused To Say Sand was Rock.—A Matter of Three or Four Millions.

Another Turiff Transaction

MORE SUPPRESSED PAPERS.

Ottawa, May 23rd, 1908.
At the time of writing the crisis seems to be passing. Sir Wilfrid is not dissolving Parliament, and the Opposition is preparing to vote supply as occasion offers. The Premier of Manitoba and one of his Ministers have been at Ottawa, and have gone home satisfied that the obnoxious and insulting legislation against that province will be withdrawn. Though there is no official announcement of the abandonment of Clause One, business is proceeding on the assumption that the Premier will cut it out. If this view proves wrong, the vote of supply will soon cease and deadlock will come again.

A WISER SECOND THOUGHT.
Premier Roblin had a long talk with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He received from the Federal Premier such assurances that he went away satisfied that the Manitoba lists would be let alone. There is to be no meddling on or striking off by Federal officers. All that is to be left of Clause One is the power to allocate the registered voters to their proper polls in those ridings where federal and provincial districts do not coincide. This mechanical work is to be done by judges, and all those districts where the boundaries are not out are to be left severely alone. That is what the Opposition demanded at the start. It is what will have to be done if supply is to be voted and business proceed in the usual way. While it is too soon to say that the Government has abandoned all the rest, that is believed to be the situation.

TIMBER LIMITS.
With this understanding, two or three pages of estimates have been voted. Meanwhile two resolutions of condemnation have been debated and voted down with the regular majority. The first was the motion of Mr. Lake concerning timber limits, which sets forth that:

"This House regrets that the present Government has permitted the improvident alienation of immense areas of valuable timber limits, which are now held for speculative purposes to the detriment of the people, and records its opinion that such full and unrestricted investigation should be made and such available proceedings taken as may be necessary to revert in the Crown any timber lands in respect to which fraud or imposition has been practised."

In the discussion Mr. Lake, Mr. Ames and Mr. Bristol set forth the facts affecting these limits which have been brought out in the Committee and elsewhere, with the help of the long suppressed "original documents." Neither the Minister of the Interior nor any of his colleagues attempted a reply. This was left to Mr. Burrows, the operator and speculator, who, in his own name, and in the name of the Imperial Pulp Company and divers other names, has acquired the most valuable limits in the Western

country, and to Mr. McDonald of Pictou, the vigorous and sleepless obstructor of the investigation in the committee. The discussion dealt with the following:

SOME ELEMENTS IN THE CASE
The immense holdings of Mr. Burrows, and without effective competition in a few years while his brother-in-law was head of the department.

The mysterious system of tenders, under which the Burrows connection always managed to succeed, and always by a very small margin; the arrangement of double and treble cheques producing a series of coincidences, all happy ones for Burrows, with the chance several millions to one against their accidental occurrence.

The solitary instance, formerly much quoted by the Government, where an immensely valuable limit went for a low price to a conservative bidder, which transaction turned out to have had Mr. Burrows in the background to push the thing through, and to have returned him \$80,000 in immediate cash for his share of a property sold by the Government for \$9,000.

The fact that practically all the available timber is locked up by speculators who are holding it for an advance.

These and other matters seem to call for an investigation where there shall be no professional obstruction, and where the whole truth can be learned, and the country put in a position to recover any timber properly lost by fraud. But the majority has decided otherwise, and the timber grabbers hold their own—or rather the people's own.

THE ROSS RIFLE.
The other motion, moved by Col. Worthington, "condemns the conduct of the Militia Department in the Ross Rifle deal. This business is pretty well understood in the country. It is known that the Ross Company has made, or is making, 62,000 rifles at \$25 each, with bayonets at \$5 25 each, and various other extras, bringing up the weapons when inspected to a cost \$33 each, or something near double the price paid for those Lee Enfields bought from the War Office twelve years ago. It is also known that the Government made the contractor a present of 19 acres of land on the Heights of Abraham, and admits free of duty all his material and such of finished or partly finished portions of the rifle as he may choose to import; that he brings it from the States waddy parts, and that he could not make a rifle in his shops if foreign source of supply were closed to him. It is further known that the Government has financed his operations by paying him in advance on progress estimates. Lastly it is best known of all, because it is a matter of personal observation of the Militia, that after several years delivery of these rifles the militia do not use them. If they can help it. The marksmen at the

rifle ranges do not use them at all. The mounted Police, which absolutely requires an effective weapon, sent them back two or three years ago and has never taken them again. A long list of accidents has been reported as the result of experiments with these rifles. These facts were brought out in the debate by Dr. Worthington, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Fowler and the Opposition Leader. The Minister of Militia defended the Ross rifle and the contract. Col. Sam Hughes commended the rifle but did not undertake to justify the terms of the contract.

THE HODGINS CHARGES
The committee of five appointed to investigate the charge of padding the accounts on the Transcontinental Railway contracts has heard the testimony of the accuser, Major Hodgins. He testifies that he was appointed District Engineer at a salary of \$4,000 a year on his return from South Africa, where he served during the Boer War and remained as Chief of the railway constructing staff, under Sir Percy Girouard. His experience on the Transcontinental, according to his sworn testimony, was briefly this:

He was placed in charge of Section F, one of the heaviest on the road, extending from Winnipeg, eastward, with headquarters at Kenora. Contractor McArthur was considered to have a hard contract, and has not always made satisfactory progress. Contracts are at schedule prices for solid rock, boulders, gravel, sand and other substances. It was the business of subordinate engineers under Major Hodgins, to classify the matter taken out, subject to his orders and correction. Major Hodgins was advised by Government Commissioner Young to apply the Quebec classification, and so visited the Quebec end to study that system. He found there matter classed as 86 per cent solid rock where the rock was not solid and where he and a Grand T. & P. Pacific Engineer considered 30 to 40 per cent rock a high classification.

WHERE HODGINS OBJECTED
In his own district Major Hodgins was requested by two Transcontinental Commissioners, Young and Reid, to give a "liberal" classification, as the contractor was having a hard time. But Major Hodgins could not see his way clear to certify to solid rock where there was no rock, and suggested to the Chief Engineer that the principle of "force classification" be adopted instead. This technical term means the payment to the contractor of the actual cost of work done at particular places, plus 10 per cent for equipment and incidentals. The method is commonly applied where exact classification is impossible on account of disagreement, or because quantity cannot be measured or the substance is not included in the schedules. Major Hodgins held that if concession were to be made to benefit the work, it should be done openly and above board in this way rather than by certifying rock where none existed, according to the Quebec method.

PARLIAMENT MISLED.
Chief Engineer Lumsden seemed willing to resort to "force" provided the Commissioners consented. Major Hodgins referred it to them and they refused consent. Thereupon he continued to follow the conditions of the contract. This contradicts the statement which Mr. Parent, Chairman of the Commission, presented to Parliament, that Major Hodgins was dismissed because he undertook to favour the contractor by applying "force classification" to their work. He says he only asked leave to apply it, and moreover he was continued in his position long after that, and only dismissed when he refused to over-classify.

WHEN HE WAS DISMISSED
At length the Commission sent an "inspecting engineer" over Major Hodgins' district. This officer talked with the subordinate engineers on the works, after which they began to send in reports showing enormously increased percentages of rock. There was a jump from 31,000 to 67,000 cubic yards in the next monthly return, while the cheaper material decreased. Major Hodgins made examination, found the quantity of rock excessive, cut down the statement to the right figure and sent in his return. After that the crisis arrived and he was dismissed. He was retired because he would not certify that sand was rock.

THE COUNTRY PAYS.
If the false classification shall increase by \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 the amount of certain contracts the people of Canada will pay the difference. The contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific provides that

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