

MINISTERS DECLARE CHARGES ARE FALSE

Turgeon and McNab Deny They Made Deals With Liquor Men.

CAWTHORPE EMPHATIC

Allegation That He Received Money Is Termed Absolutely False.

REGINA, March 21.—Altho the royal commission appointed to investigate the charges brought in the legislature against members of the government and assembly in the matter of stilling, charges of prosecution against liquor licensees has been sitting only two days, a great mass of evidence has been adduced and no less than 28 witnesses have been examined.

Today the commission was concerned principally with the charges against Hon. A. P. McNab and Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, stilling prosecutions, and C. W. Cawthorpe, M.L.A., and Dr. Lochead, M.L.A., receiving money for stilling prosecutions.

Little New Evidence. Both Mr. Cawthorpe and Dr. Lochead gave evidence in their own behalf as well as the cabinet ministers. Their evidence consisted, in the main, of a flat denial of influence on their part to have prosecutions withdrawn, files from various departments being also produced.

Little new evidence to that brought out before the select committee of the house was adduced today, the main interesting features being the appearance on the stand of Cawthorpe and Lochead, neither of whom was available to the select committee.

At the morning sitting C. A. Mahoney, chief of provincial police, was questioned regarding the charges against Hon. A. P. McNab, of stilling the prosecution against Wm. Robertson, an Alaska hotel man.

Asked what led to the withdrawal of the charges against Robertson, he said he had no recollection, and could give no evidence other than telegrams on this case. These were addressed to the Royal Northwest Mounted Police officer at Alaska, and a justice of the peace there, and both said the charges had been withdrawn by order of the attorney-general.

Asked if he had any conversation with McNab regarding withdrawing the charges, he said he had met McNab in 1912, the latter being introduced to him by Hon. W. R. McPherson. He said nothing to McNab, and McNab said nothing to him. "Robertson said he was in trouble, charges having been laid, I told him I did not take any part in it, as we had no police to do that," said Turgeon.

"Did you at any time order the charges withdrawn?"

"I think I would in that case."

"Would you remember?"

"I think I would in that case."

Mr. McNab was then called. He said Robertson during the session of 1912-13, he said.

Robertson started to tell me his troubles. I did not know anything about even first charges. He said they were persecuting him, I never called him any name and did not say any of the things he said in his evidence yesterday. He always seemed in trouble, and I had known him for ten years. I called up Mahoney, or his department, and asked about the cases. They told me they understood the cases were to be dropped."

"Did you tell or ask them to drop the charges?"

"No, I never did."

Denies Interference. Counsel then took the witness over Robertson's evidence, statement by statement, and McNab denied it categorically.

In regard to prosecutions against liquor licensees, he said, he had once been told it was not his business to look after such matters.

Asked by whom, he said the attorney-general had said that. McNab denied he had ever said the hotelman had to support the government. He said Marking never offered him money at any time. He characterized Marking's evidence as absolutely false.

Chief Mahoney gave evidence regarding the charge against Attorney-

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GENERAL TURGEON AND DR. CAMERON LOCHHEAD, MEMBER FOR GULL LAKE, OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, APPEARED BEFORE MAGISTRATE HEFFERNAN ON TWO CHARGES, THAT HE STOLE \$45,000 FROM THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT BETWEEN MARCH 1, 1912, AND FEB. 12, 1915, HE OBTAINED BY FALSE PRETEXTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT A CHECK FOR \$10,000, DRAWN IN FAVOR OF W.C. CURRY. BROWN WAS REMANDED UNTIL MARCH 29.

BROWN IS REMANDED ON CHARGE OF THEFT

Former Chief Clerk in Saskatchewan Highways Department in Court.

REGINA, Sask., March 21.—J. P. Brown, former chief clerk in the highways department, appeared before Magistrate Heffernan on two charges, that he stole \$45,000 from the Saskatchewan Government between March 1, 1912, and Feb. 12, 1915, he obtained by false pretenses from the government a cheque for \$10,000, drawn in favor of W.C. Curry. Brown was remanded until March 29.

HAD SEEN PREVIOUS SERVICE. Pte. John Hamer, Who Had Long Service Medal, Dies of Wounds.

GALT, Ont., March 21.—Mrs. Hamer, 58 Oak street, was today advised that her husband, Pte. John Hamer of the 2nd Battalion, formerly of the 34th, had died from wounds. He was an old soldier, having served 21 years in a British volunteer regiment, 20 as sergeant cook, and received a long service medal from the late Queen Victoria, which is in the possession of his son, Pte. E. Hamer of the 11th Battalion.

CANADIAN HIGHLANDER REJECTED TROUSERS

Germans Imprisoned Soldier in Barracks for Refusing to Discard Kilts.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, March 21.—The American embassy report on the German prisoners' camp says that the men all said that their food was much better than a few months ago. None had any complaint of their treatment in the camp itself. Several spoke, however, of unsatisfactory conditions in different working camps. Many of the men spoke of their objection to do any work, on the grounds that it was giving assistance to the enemy.

Others said they did not like to receive any pay for their work, fearing that their pay might be stopped in England in consequence.

The inspector says: "I explained to them that on principle they would be compelled to work or must take punishment for their refusal to do so, but if they objected to any particular kind of work on conscientious grounds, they should make their objections known to the German officers."

One Canadian Highlander was in the arrest barracks with other prisoners because he refused to wear the trousers furnished to him, the rule being

that kilts should not be worn by men at working camps or when sent on fatigue parties.

GRAND RIVER CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

E. F. Seagram is Chosen President for Ensuing Year at the Inaugural Meeting.

BERLIN, Ont., March 21.—The inaugural meeting of the Grand River Country Club was held this afternoon and considerable business was transacted. Chief among this was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, E. F. Seagram; vice-president, Chas. Ruby; secretary-treasurer, Jas. A. Law; house committee, W. H. Brethaupt and R. H. Einhold Lang; grounds committee, J. J. A. Weil, Chas. Ruby and T. A. Witzel.

MENINGITIS OUTBREAK AMONG THE SOLDIERS

Pte. R. L. Pierie Said to Have Died from Disease at Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, March 21.—An outbreak of spinal meningitis is reported among the soldiers of B company of the 18th Battalion stationed at Ingersoll. Lieut.-Col. McMullen, officer commanding the battalion, stated yesterday that the death of Pte. Lawrence R. Pierie, 18 years of age, which occurred Saturday, was said to have been due to the disease, but there was no cause for alarm. One civilian is also reported to be a victim.

BUSINESS TAX DEBATE OPENED UP IN HOUSE

Opposition Members Renewed Charge That Inequalities Will Be Result.

WHITE'S REPLIES READY

Middlemen's Activities Much Exaggerated in Opinion of Finance Minister.

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desired to know whether cost of organization would be included in capital, and he also enquired as to whether dividends earned but now paid should be considered as liabilities of a corporation. He pointed out that some corporations had accumulative preferred stock dividends due stockholders that ought to be paid before any net profits could be available for taxation.

Sir Thomas White said that dividends were not liabilities of a corporation. The tax on profits was upon the profits earned during the accounting period. Except in exceptional cases he did not think that organization expense should be counted as capital.

Turris Makes Comparison. Mr. Turris (Assiniboia) told of two corporations recently organized in the west each issuing \$1,000,000 of stock. The first sold all the stock at par, charging up nothing for organization expense. The second sold its stock at \$135 per share, but the premium was practically absorbed in paying commissions and other selling expenses. He contended that the first company would, under the proposed legislation, be restricted to a return of 7 per cent. on \$1,000,000, while the second company would be upon an excess of \$135,000,000.

What of Middlemen? Then followed a discussion as to the liability of the middleman, who had made large profits by obtaining orders for war munitions and turning them over at a profit without doing any work. It was argued that many of these manufacturers had no office, no visible capital and probably did not live in the country. One or two members were disposed to comment upon the alleged profligacy of Col. J. Wesley Allison as a case in point, but Deputy Speaker Rhodes ruled their expressions out of order.

Sir Thomas said, in reply, that the only taxation that could absolutely be a tax on land. If we had an income tax, for example, the assessor might do his work, but when the collector went round to get the money he might find that some people subjected to the tax had removed from the country. In reply to another question, the minister stated that it would not be feasible to credit corporations with their contributions made to the patriotic fund of the Red Cross, as part payment of their taxation under the bill.

Ability and Thrift Taxed. Mr. McCree (Sherbrooke) said that the government should not let big contracts to men who had no offices, or settled places of abode. It struck him that the budget was an attempt to tax ability and thrift.

Sir Thomas said every tax fell upon ability and thrift. As to the middleman, who had taken big war profits, about whom he heard so much, he was inclined to think that a bogy had been conjured up that did not exist. No evidence had been presented to justify the insinuations so often heard on the subject.

E. M. Macdonald thought the statute


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Provision for Appeals. This led to a discussion of the provisions in the budget legislation providing for an appeal from the decision of the minister of finance. The first appeal will be to a tribunal called the board of referees. Several such boards will be established throughout the country. They will consist of three members to be named by the government. These boards will perform somewhat the same office as the boards of revision under the Ontario Assessment Act. From the decision of the board of referees an appeal will lie to the exchequer court of Canada.

Asked as to the administration and enforcement of the act, Sir Thomas White said the staff of finance department at Ottawa would have to be enlarged. Agents would also be appointed in various parts of the country, whose duty it would be to advise the department as to persons, firms and corporations liable to be assessed.

Mr. Robb (Huntingdon) suggested that the department might utilize the chartered banks to obtain all necessary information.

White thought the banks would be unwilling to give the government information respecting the financial affairs of the assessed. Mr. Macdonald (Picton) thought the banks should be required to give such information.

Some discussion followed as to the advisability of taxing incomes, the earnings of professional men, and the unearned increment of real estate.

A Temporary Measure. Sir Thomas White said that the measure before the house was a temporary measure. It did not profess to be a comprehensive scheme of taxation intended to be permanent. If it became necessary to provide for a permanent revenue from sources other than those relied upon before the war the government would have to consider the advisability of various taxes not included in the present budget.

Mr. Pardee (West Lambton) said he could not understand this talk about the measure being a measure of temporary taxation. No one could say when the war would be over, and even after the war a great deal of money would have to be raised by the government.

The resolutions were agreed to and reported to the house.

A bill founded upon them will be introduced tomorrow.

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BRANTFORD, Ont., March 21.—Brantford is soon to lose another member of its police force in the desk clerk, P.C. William Rutherford, who is leaving to take promotion as chief of police of the Ingersoll department. He came here in November, 1910.

The latest industry to choose this city as its headquarters is the Waddell Preserving Company, Limited, notices of incorporation of which appears in this week's Canada Gazette. This company will purchase or build a factory here at once for the manufacture of jams, jellies, marmalades, etc. Officers elected are: Fred W. Ryerson, president; W. Waddell, managing director and secretary; Thos. E. Ryerson, Dufferin T. Williamson, Treasurers.

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