

OPPOSITION CHARGES SHATTERED IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Alleged Timber Berths' Scandal Gets Another Knockout Blow When A. W. Fraser, K. C., of Ottawa, is Placed on Stand—Some Opposition Inconsistency

OTTAWA, Mar. 17.—The alleged timber berths scandal got another knockout blow at the public accounts committee today when A. W. Fraser, K. C., of Ottawa, the man who put in the tenders and knew all about it, was examined, although Messrs. Ames, Bristol, Reid and Northrup strenuously resisted the taking of his evidence. No less than three subpoenas were sent to Mr. Fraser by Mr. Ames, yet Ames not only refused to call him, but objected to his being heard today. The system pursued by those using the microfilm is to pretend to be anxious to get material, while they refuse to call them when they put in an appearance. In other words they summon witnesses, refuse to call them, and block the process by rather than they should be heard. Mr. Turfitt has attended the committee for days and was anxious to be examined on oath, but the opposition will not hear him. When A. W. Fraser appeared on the witness stand and took the oath today, Mr. Ames objected to his being heard. Mr. MacDonald (Picot) pointed out that Mr. Fraser was Mr. Ames' own witness and not only did he (Ames) refuse to go on with his examination, but he would not say that he would recall Mr. Fraser's evidence which was postponed. Mr. Bristol, Mr. Reid and Mr. Northrup all joined in shutting out Mr. Fraser's evidence which compelled Mr. MacDonald to protest against the persistent obstruction practices of the opposition in excluding evidence. He (MacDonald) intended asking Mr. Fraser a few questions, seeing Mr. Ames would not examine his own witness, insinuations, not evidence, are what the opposition is after.

Mr. Fraser's Evidence

In reply to questions put by MacDonald, Mr. Fraser said that he had been representing clients since 1887 in the way of tendering for timber berths as he was familiar with that work. "Tell me generally what was your practice," said Mr. MacDonald, and it should be mentioned that Mr. Fraser (Donald) was only able to get out the evidence between the interruptions of Bristol, Ames and Reid, who talked of following the practice of the court. "This is not a court," retorted MacDonald. "What we want are the facts."

"Sometimes," went on Fraser in answer to MacDonald, "I took up the tenders to the department. Sometimes some of the members of the firm did so, and sometimes they were sent by a clerk. Sometimes tenders have been given to the clients to put in themselves. When I went with a tender I handed it to the clerk in the department, generally to the lady who was acting as secretary. There were two or three young ladies in the room, and I would not say to whom of them I handed it."

"Whoever happened to be there," said MacDonald.

"Yes," replied Fraser, "whoever happened to be there."

"Did you ever see a secluded officer where those tenders were said to be dealt with?"

"I never saw a secluded officer and was never present when tenders were dealt with."

"And of course you know nothing about that?"

"No, those who were present when the tenders were opened could tell you that if they were asked. I was not there."

Witness then went on to say that he had never received any information from any official of the department in regard to tenders; that he had never had any conversation with Turfitt upon the matter and that the practice he pursued was the same as was the custom in such matters.

Absolutely False, Says Fraser

"So that in regard to those who insinuate about secret chambers and about information being given out is entirely false?"

"Mr. Fraser," "Absolutely false."

"The witness went on to say that he had acted professionally on behalf of Mr. Burrows since 1901 or 1902. He was not sure which year. He had authority to use the name of W. H. Nolan in the tenders put in his name."

"Give me some explanation about there being more than one check used," said MacDonald, and again commenced the objections of Ames, Bristol and Reid. They did not want to have any explanation or to get any information. They wanted to examine some one else who knew nothing about it in the hope of diverting public attention from the great point and in this way circulate more insinuations and scandal. Mr. MacDonald scored the opposition for their obstruction, and plainly told them that it was not information they wanted. Having done so he repeated the question about the checks. "The question of double checks," said Fraser, "is not at all peculiar to this case. It is a common practice. It is followed in all kinds of tendering. It is a common practice. I follow it for one reason and some possibly for another. There seems to be no doubt that some one may get the amount of the check from the bank and in this way give the tender away so that someone else may benefit by it."

"I have known a man have these checks and I have known a man come to me and ask me to add a certain amount of cash along with his check. Then there may be three or four parties interested and they put in their individual checks. The question of double checks is common and as to their tendering upon regular forms, he never received any special form and did not pay any attention to them."

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WILLIAM PRIEST SEVERELY INJURED

Fell Down Athenia's Hold
Breaking Both Legs
and an Arm.

William Priest, a stevedore who lives in the North End, fell from the top deck into the hold of the Athenia last night and was picked up seriously hurt and in an unconscious condition. At the time of the accident he was fixing a grain chute for the purpose of loading grain into the Donaldson boat, and it is thought someone accidentally shoved against him, causing him to fall forward. The distance of the fall was so great that both his legs and an arm were broken, and it is thought he received internal injuries as well. A number of the longshoremen lifted him up and Dr. Kenny was summoned. He was taken to the emergency hospital and later removed to the General Public Hospital, where he was in a critical condition.

WAS AN OLD SOLDIER

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 18.—It is learned that Russell Riley, artist, who died here Monday after being forty years a recluse, was assistant secretary of the Confederate navy during the Civil War. He was at one time an assistant of General Robert E. Lee, who is said to have given him one of his swords at the end of the war. He is also credited with several paintings showing military scenes, was undisciplined, and as a soldier, a search will be made for his relatives.

Provincial News

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 18.—Dr. Tidswell, the Commonwealth Government bacteriologist, who has been engaged for months on Broughton Island in testing the claim of Dr. Danysz, to have discovered a means of ridding Australia of the rabbit pest, has issued his report on the experiments, and the pastoralists are very far from pleased with his conclusions. Dr. Danysz was invited to Australia by the pastoralists at considerable expense to himself, and that when he arrived at Sydney with the virus which he claimed would set up a fatal epidemic among the rabbits without creating the slightest danger to other animals he was at once banished to Broughton Island until the harem of his microbe was proved, and Dr. Tidswell was commissioned by the government to undertake experiments on their behalf. That was a good deal more than a year ago, and Dr. Tidswell has now declared his opinion:

(1) That the efficacy of the virus as a destroyer of rabbits has not been demonstrated.

(2) That although the microbe could be made to infect certain animals, there is no reason to apprehend danger from its practical use.

The experiments on which these conclusions are based were made in cages and in pens of half an acre in extent, and under those conditions the virus was undoubtedly most effective, but the government does not consider it proved that the disease generated by the Danysz microbe is as contagious in the open air as in the cages, and in the cages it is not contagious in the open air. Contaminated rabbits introduced into the warren on the western side of the island were able to infect an outbreak, but did not produce the disease previously witnessed among the rabbits in confinement. Some 600 rabbits were liberated, while nearly 400 were afterwards shot or captured.

"There has never," says Dr. Tidswell, "been the slightest sign of disease in any of them, nor were rabbits found coming by culture, and I have never seen such individuals nor heard of them being sent outside the yards."

It has been observed that the pastoralists, among whose grass lands the rabbits make such mischief, are far from satisfied with Dr. Tidswell's findings, and they have quizzed N. B. Danysz, daughter of the late Charles Stubbing, assistant store keeper in H. M. Dockyard under the Admiralty. The couple are well known in social circles. Rev. V. Lemoine officiated. The couple left on the 9.25 train en route for Florida.

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CLARA MCGUIGGAN
Burned to Death

Her Companion, Margaret Hayes, Now Lies at Death's Door at Hospital

The demon rum chafed up two more victims yesterday. First another grim and sordid tragedy was added to the sickening annals of Sheffield street, that infamous district, which is the city's crowning disgrace.

Clara McGuiggan, better known as "English Clara," was burned to death in the dive of which she was the proprietress, and Margaret Hayes, one of the women who lived with her, last night hovered between life and death, and has slim chances of living through today.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known.

About half-past one o'clock yesterday a multi-colored crowd of men and women who lived with the others, went out to get some coal, and on returning to the house saw the Hayes woman standing at the top of the stairs with her clothes in a blaze. She was fully dressed when the fire started, and from what can be learned from the neighbors she lay down on the bed to talk to her friend Clara McGuiggan only a short time previous to the alarm.

One of them lit a cigarette and the flame caught the bed clothes and enveloped the unfortunate women. Clara ran for the stairs and managed to reach the kitchen on the ground floor before she fell, crying in her agony.

Several people arrived at this time, and water was thrown over her and a sheet wrapped around her to smother the flames. The clothes were entirely burned off and her life was quite extinct.

Dr. Scammell was summoned and Margaret Hayes was taken to the hospital.

On the way in the ambulance she recovered from her drunken stupor, but at the hospital it was found she was beyond medical aid.

The body of the McGuiggan woman was ordered by Coroner Berryman to be left in the house and an inquest will be held today.

Margaret Hayes is the sister of Elizabeth Hayes, who met her death at the barracks gate three years ago by fire along with her husband, Margaret at that time was in the jail.

Do not try to force yourself into the confidence of others. If they give their confidence, never betray it. Do not interpose your conversation for its objects that her children might always deem it a cherished honor to be born of St. Patrick, to be true

IRISHMEN HONOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Fine Parade of Hibernians to Cathedral
Eloquent Sermon by Father O'Brien—Many Dramatic Entertainments

Beautiful weather and comparatively dry streets greeted members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the society first to begin the observance of St. Patrick's Day. In the early forenoon the members of the order assembled at their hall on King street at half-past nine o'clock headed by the City Cornet Band, the procession started, and during the march through the streets many complimentary remarks were passed on the appearance of the society.

The Hibernian Knights were under command of Captain James McLaughlin and Sergeant John Daley, the cadets under Major Thomas Kichham and Sergeant James McCarthy, and were followed by members of Division No. 1.

The indefatigable announced her arrival by three cannon shots and her detonations almost terrorized the people. Surprised by the sudden alarm, the officers and soldiers alike rushed precipitately to their posts; women and children ran about hither and thither, in seeming despair, crying hysterically, and it was some little time before they could be reassured and calm restored.

General Dorencon, chief of the harbor forces, said that the commander of the indefatigable, after he learned of the panic he had caused evidenced the greatest surprise and begged the general to express to President Alessi his regrets at having been the involuntary cause of so regrettable an incident.

Positive denial is made by the Haytian officials of reports that other executions have taken place than those on Sunday morning, when ten or twelve conspirators found, according to the government's statement, with arms and munitions for revolutionary purposes in their possession, were shot to death.

Under a decision taken by the committee, Mr. Landry, the organist, played a selection of Irish airs.

High mass was celebrated by Rev. M. J. O'Brien, who took for his text, "The just shall be everlasting remembered." The speaker first gave an account of St. Patrick's life. In his sixteenth year, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland, where he spent the time in solitude and prayer, and shepherding on the mountains the flocks of his Irish master. At length, after six years, by mediation of Divine Providence, he escaped from his Irish captors and was permitted to return to his own country. In his freedom

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PEOPLE AT PORT AU PRINCE TERRORIZED BY BOOMING OF GUN ON WARSHIP

City is Quiet Still, But Inhabitants Are Showing Great Anxiety—Reports That More Executions Have Taken Place Are Desied by Haytian Officials.

PORT AU PRINCE, March 17.—The British cruiser Indefatigable and the German cruiser Bremen have arrived here under orders from their governments to give full protection to any foreign residents in Port au Prince, in case their lives or interests are threatened. An American warship is expected to arrive here at any moment. At present the city is quiet, but there is an underlying current of anxiety, as evidenced by the fact that a veritable panic was caused by the booming of a heavy gun on the British cruiser when she came to anchor in the port last evening.

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SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN IS DANGEROUSLY ILL AT HIS HOME IN LONDON

LONDON, Mar. 17.—The general anxiety aroused by the news filtering out from the sick room of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman the premier, is evidenced by the constant stream of inquiries to his home in Dorset street, the fact that Queen Alexandra, and the Dowager Empress of Russia called personally this afternoon at the premier's residence to inquire as to his condition shows that the illness of the patient is more critical than the bulletins given to the public indicate. Up to the present time the Queen has sent an equestrian to inquire concerning Sir Henry's condition.

Late tonight the condition of the premier making the news, but on account of disquieting symptoms, the physicians decided to remain in attendance throughout the night.

There was much speculation in the lobby of parliament this evening with regard to the coming cabinet changes. It is understood that with the accession of Herbert H. Asquith to the premiership there will be a reconstruction, the Marquis of Ripon, and Sir Henry Fowler both retiring on account of advanced age and Winston Churchill, under-secretary for the colonies, and Sir Walter Runciman, financial secretary to the treasury, being proposed to carry on.

It is still undecided how the portfolio will be redistributed, much depending upon whether Mr. Asquith elects to retain the chancellorship of the exchequer until he has piloted his old age pension scheme through parliament. The income tax collections already point to a bigger surplus than Mr. Asquith had anticipated in the last budget estimates. This surplus, it is thought, will be marked for pensions.

to the ideals of our ancestors and ever prove worthy of their noble father.

After Mass, the procession reformed and marched by way of Richmond, Brussels, Union Dock and King to the hall where it disbanded.

The committee in charge of the arrangements yesterday morning were: J. C. Ferguson, Thos. Kichham, John McDermott, E. J. McLaughlin, John Daley and W. L. Williams.

One of M. R. A.'s large windows was prettily decorated in honor of the day.

Services were held in honor of the day in the Catholic churches throughout the city.

Many comments on the fine appearance of the parade were heard. Special mention should be made on the splendid showing of the Hibernian Cadets, who though lately organized are rapidly coming into prominence. The City Cornet Band played popular Irish airs and assisted greatly in making the parade so splendid a success.

Shamrocks were distributed free by Oak Hall.

The sermon of Father O'Brien was a very eloquent one, the comment having been made that it was the finest heard in that pulpit since the days of Father Delaney.

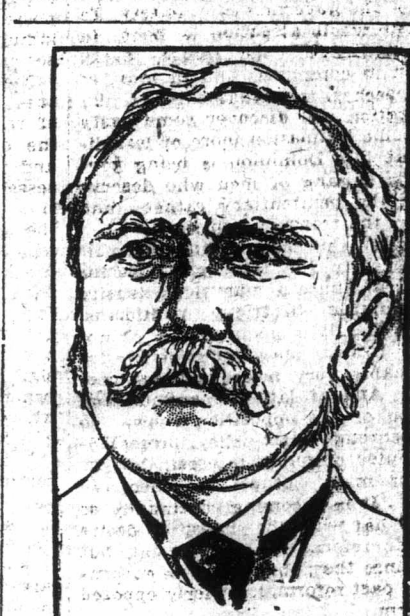
In the evening many of the Catholic societies of the city and vicinity held dramatic entertainments which were largely attended.

At the Opera House the Father Mathew Association presented the play "More Sinned Against than Sinning," to a crowded house. The play was very well staged and acted.

"Cast Up by the Sea," was what was played by St. Rose's Dramatic Club. A matinee and evening performance were given. At both the performances the attendance was good.

St. Peter's Y. M. A. hall in the North End was crowded by those who attended the performance of Coon-nag-Gopple in aid of the Catholic Orphan Institution. The entertainment was a success in every way.

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