

ALL THE SHELL COMMITTEE VINDICATED

Pugsley's Insinuations Completely Refuted—Common Untruths in the Methods of the Grit Member Which Minister of Marine Promptly Unmasked—The Davidson Enquiry Into Submarine Purchases—How the Government is Providing Facilities for Shipment of Canada's Products to the Motherland.

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The ships which carried lumber from St. John and Halifax are given in the following table:

FROM ST. JOHN.

"Grantley Hall, August 31st, 1,765 standards, MacKean and Company.

"Killberrin, Sept. 11, 1,587 standards, MacKean and Company.

"Bliswick House, December 25th, 1,239 standards, MacKean and Company.

"Quantock, January 14th, 1,481 standards, Partington Pulp & Paper Company.

"Alton, January 17th, John E. Moore.

"Oceanic, now loading, John E. Moore.

"Rio Tiete, now loading.

"(Name not known), shortly due.

"Shipped to date, 12,000,000 feet, B. M.

FROM HALIFAX.

"King David, August 15th, 1,621 standards, Musgrave and Company.

"Spilaby, October 30th, 1,634 standards, John E. Moore.

"Demeterston, (due shortly).

"(Name not known), due shortly.

"Shipped to date, 6,500,000 feet, B. M.

"Box shoeks—Halifax and St. John in various ships, 400,000 boards, estimates, 1,000,000 feet, B. M. Estimated total from Eastern ports, 50,000,000 feet, B. M.

WHAT ST. JOHN LUMBERMANS SAY.

"If my honorable friend from Quebec was correct in his argument there would be very large stocks of lumber remaining in the Province of New Brunswick this year. In order to set exact facts with regard to it I communicated with a gentleman in the City of St. John, a friend of mine and Mr. Pugsley, and asked him to give the facts with regard to the shipment of lumber from St. John and the stocks that were being wintered over and other information concerning lumber shipments from the province and how it is being handicapped by lack of transport.

"In reply I received this letter under date January 20:

"My Dear Minister:

"I have your letter of the 19th instant. I will be very glad to give you the desired information, as nearly as I can. The Admiralty, so far, loaded at St. John seven transports carrying in round figures 20,000,000 superficial feet and there are two cargoes sold which will be shipped in the near future, about 6,000,000 more, making a total of 26,000,000 superficial feet.

"The regular liners will not lift as much stock this year as in former years, owing to the very large amount of other traffic which is offering, but as near as I can figure out the balance of the wintering stock here at St. John and these shipments will be complete the latter part of April.

MORE TRADE THAN EVER.

"The shipment from St. John in 1915 was approximately 130,000,000; 1914, approximately 85,000,000; 1913, approximately 85,000,000.

"So honorable members will see that the lumber shipments from the Port of St. John in 1915 were 43,000,000 superficial feet in excess of what they were in 1914.

"My correspondent, one of the best informed lumbermen in New Brunswick, goes on to say—and I shall give the whole letter to the House—not part of it:

"The wintering stock here at St. John this season is much less than in average years. The wintering stock on the Miramichi in round figures, is 50,000,000, and on the Restigouche 40,000,000. Nova Scotia has today, of last year's stock, unshipped, in round figures, 25,000,000.

"Regarding the log cut for this year, in my opinion it will be considerably less than the average of former years. The North Shore people say they will cut about two-thirds of their average cut and on the St. John River the cut will not exceed two-thirds of last year. Then the Nova Scotia products for this winter will be almost 50 per cent less than last winter.

BRITISH STOCKS.

"The combined stocks in Liverpool and Manchester, England, for the past five years were as follows:

"These figures are made up to the first of January:

"1911, 18,440 standards; 1912, 11,370 standards; 1913, 25,570 standards; 1914, 11,950 standards; 1915, 31,320 standards.

"The figures on the first of this month would seem to be very large, but I think a large portion

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"(Signed) JOHN E. MOORE."

"These stocks are larger I believe, than the average stocks held over on the Miramichi and Restigouche, but that was not lost to the lumbermen. On Saturday, I had a conversation with one of the largest lumber operators in the northern part of New Brunswick, a man well known to us all in New Brunswick, who has been attending the meeting of the Commission of Conservation. He told me that these stocks, 50,000,000 feet on the Miramichi, and 40,000,000 feet on the Restigouche, were usually wintered over, but that while that was the case these stocks were sold at a productive price and that the lumbermen had been making a large amount of profit out of their operations. He further told me that the lumbermen had cut so much lumber during the present winter as during last winter but that the smaller operators were not able to cut so much as they had during last winter.

GOVERNMENT HAS DONE WELL.

"Anyone who has listened to these figures, who has heard the statement that came from the shipper, who has heard the letter of Mr. John Moore of St. John, one of the best informed lumbermen in the St. John district, will conclude that the government has done its part well and done it successfully in order to have proper arrangements made for the transportation of all lumber manufactured in the province to the other country. So successfully have they done it that the shipments this year from the winter ports of Canada, from St. John and Halifax, have been two hundred per cent in excess of what they were during any previous year, and my information is that a still more gratifying result will be shown by the shipments during January and February.

"At the present time transports are going with regularity from St. John and Halifax. According to the statement I received this morning there were several lying in St. John in addition to the ordinary commercial vessels, and in Halifax, so that the country has no great fear that goods will not be carried faithfully from Canada to the motherland and that our people will not have an outlet for their goods as long as England remains mistress of the seas and the navy guards the trade routes from Halifax and St. John to the British Isles and to Europe.

PUGSLEY'S SHELL CHARGE.

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PUGSLEY'S LIE NAILED.

"When he made the assertion that this commission was acting from partisan motives, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that unfortunately about 75 per cent of the orders went to Liberals and I followed up by stating that that was true in his own constituency, which is also part of my constituency, the City of St. John, Mr. Pugsley, seeing how that would weaken his charge that these things were being done for partisan purposes, at once, without a moment's hesitation, although living in the City of St. John he must have known the facts, stated that the contracts awarded to Messrs. McAvity were awarded to them from the Canada Car Company, and as part of the contract which the Canada Car Company had obtained for the manufacture of shells from the Russian government.

"On the following morning I sent over to the office of the shell committee and asked for an answer to these questions:

"Question One—Is it correct as stated by the Hon. Mr. Pugsley, that Messrs. McAvity received an order for shells as a sub order from the Canada Car Company, as part of an order which the Canada Car Company had obtained for the manufacture of shells for the Canadian government?

"Question Two—Were any orders given direct to Messrs. McAvity by the shell committee?

"The answer to the first question was:

"Nothing known of transaction by shell committee. It was awarded by Russian government direct to Canada Car and Foundry Company.

WHAT THE McAVITYS GOT.

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THE CUDLIP CONTRACT.

"A contract was given the York and Cornwall Cotton Company, of which J. B. Cudlip, of St. John is manager. About the time the talk of shell contracts became general the cotton company had been for some time running on short time. It occurred to Mr. Cudlip, who is a most expert mechanic and machinist, and who knows the cotton business from the ground up, that it might be a good thing, as keeping the company's help employed, to get a shell contract. Mr. Cudlip knew that a part of the plant of the mill might be available for the manufacture of shells. He came to Ottawa, saw the committee and obtained an order for twenty thousand 4.5 shells at \$6. This was in the month of May. Mr. Cudlip, as I understand it, had taken ill and found difficulty in connection with the manufacture of shells. He was given direct to Messrs. McAvity by the shell committee.

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C. W. ROBINSON'S FIRM.

"The Record Foundry of Moncton, is another concern for which orders were obtained; and obtained according to the honorable member for the City of St. John, by middlemen and on party grounds. I think the honorable member for Westmorland (Mr. Copp), will know the names of the directors and will be able to judge whether or not it was for party reasons that a contract was given to the company, which is under their control. The directors are Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, president, who was until recently the leader of the Liberal party in local politics in the Province of New Brunswick; Mr. F. C. Dennison, a local Liberal, is the secretary.

"Another Moncton company, one of the directors of which is Honorable James Barnes, of Buctouche, for years a member for the county of Kent, and a member of the government of which Mr. Pugsley was attorney-general; the F. J. Shroves Company, of which His Honor Josiah Woods, and the late Lieut.-Governor Graham Fraser were members. Would anybody say it was for political reasons these contracts were awarded? They were awarded to both Liberals and Conservatives, though Liberals seem to predominate.

OTHER CONTRACTS.

"So far as shell contracts placed in New Brunswick are concerned, a contract has been placed in Chatham with a foundry company called 'The Maritime Foundry Company'. I do not know who are the stock holders or directors. Contracts have been placed in Campbellton with the McLellan Foundry Company. I do not think that anybody from Campbellton would suggest that the gentleman in the concern have been actual supporters of the Conservative party in the past. A contract has been placed in Fredericton with the Smith Foundry Company, the members of which, all of them, I think, are supporters of the Conservative party.

"Mr. Carvell: 'Come to Sackville now.'

"Mr. Hazen: 'Messrs. Fawcett are supporters of the Conservative party. I do not know whether there are any stockholders outside the Fawcett family or not, but Messrs. Horace and Charles Fawcett, I presume, their brother-in-law, Mr. Ryan, now in B. C., are members of the concern.'

"Mr. Marcell: 'Have any contracts been awarded in Campbellton?'

"Mr. Hazen: 'I understand that a twelve thousand shells contract has been awarded to the McLellan Foundry Co. With regard to contracts the following is a list of some of the firms to which contracts have been awarded: The Wilson Bros. Co., of St. John, Sussex Mfg. Co., Hillsboro Mfg. Co., of Hillsboro, W. H. Farnham Co., of St. Stephen. I do not know what Mr. Farnham's politics are, but I presume that stockholders representing both sides of parliament are to be found in the Sussex Mfg. Co. I think that the leading man in this company, as well as in the Hillsboro Company, is Mr. White.

"I think I have shown enough so far as my province is concerned, and I presume the same is true of the other provinces of Canada.

"So much for contracts which have been awarded in my province. I presume the same is true of those that have been let in the other provinces of Canada. In doing what they did, the shell committee were guided solely by the desire to advance the public interest and the public good. They were not influenced by narrow considerations of petty party politics; they placed the contracts with those who they thought would properly carry them out in a manner satisfactory to the British Government and would provide shells Continued on page 9.

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government to release ships that had been requisitioned for other ports. In a number of cases they have requisitioned that the ships after reaching the ports of the United States should proceed to ports in Canada. Under these circumstances I felt I could not make that requisition to the Admiralty because the British Admiralty and the British Government must supply with the ships that are necessary for the purpose of carrying the products of this country across to Great Britain. Under the circumstances I felt it would be a most foolish thing for me to make that requisition. The men whose ships are requisitioned are paid according to a scale prepared by a committee of ship owners and a committee of the Admiralty. It may be that they can get more while engaging in private work than they might be paid by the Admiralty but during this time of war we must all be prepared to make sacrifices. Ship owners cannot be any exception to the general rule."

TRADE THROUGH ST. JOHN.

Mr. Knowles—"Did the commander-in-chief go over in vessels or in ordinary transport vessels?"

Mr. Hazen—"I speak entirely subject to correction, but I presume it goes over in the ordinary transport vessels. In the case of the House—and I am sorry Mr. Pugsley is not here, because one would gather from his remarks that business on the ocean between Canada and the Motherland was not so great as formerly—I should have liked to point out to him, taking the port of St. John for example, what the effect of the action of the government in regard to that trade has been. I hold in my hand a letter written by Mr. Harris, the acting director of overseas transportation, dated Montreal, Jan. 6. It is to the effect:

"Dear Mr. Hazen:

"In the memorandum to which you referred at our interview yesterday afternoon I stated that the overseas department would put an average of about 50,000 tons per month of Imperial supplies through West St. John this season and that this added to Canadian Pacific estimates would probably mean the handling on an average of about 800 carloads per day at that port.

"During the month of December the following Imperial transports cleared from West St. John: Peshawar, Dunedon, Thomps, Hunstrik, Trelawny, Westfar, Egor, Pascal, Royal Transport, Bliswick House and Lord Strathcona, with 67,484 tons of cargo as compared with five transports containing 14,294 tons of cargo for the corresponding period 1914, an increase of four hundred per cent.

"During December 1915, eight (Continued on page 3)

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