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MERCILESS COURT WITH BRIBERY STORY

ROBERT R. GAMEY TESTIFIES FOR SEVERAL HOURS AFTER SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION IS ARGUED AND DEFINED

MERCILESS CROSS-EXAMINATION FOLLOWS

Witness Used Booble Funds Until He Exposed Whole Plot

This is the Startling Admission Frankly Made by the Member For Manitoulin as He Explained in Detail Receipt of Bribe.

UNSHAKEN BY FIERCE ORDEAL

Robert Roswell Gamey stepped out of the witness box at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, having endured four hours' examination under Mr. H. Blake and one hour of cross-examination under E. F. B. Johnston. He stood the strain well. Questioned by Mr. Blake, the member for Manitoulin told a straightforward story of the alleged efforts to purchase his support for the Ross government. This story was not materially different from the statement which he made with sensational effect to the legislature, and which has since been amplified by the publication of the written indictment, the correspondence and the testimony of the stenographers who heard the conversation between Mr. Gamey and Frank Sullivan in the Crossin piano warehouse. There was some interesting detail that made his evidence something more than mere rehearsal, but the main facts developed in the direct examination were the substance of statements previously made in the House.

Splitted From the Start.
The cross-examination began in dead earnest, and at the hour of adjournment the spirit of the conflict had not flagged. E. F. B. Johnston tackled the witness with the evident object of making the government's accuser sweat blood. His tone was irritating, many of his questions carried glaring insinuations. If the counsel for the prosecution had deliberately set himself out to ruff the temper of R. R. Gamey he could not have been more successful. His tactics were no doubt the legitimate weapon of the cross-examiner. They were not unexpected, but Mr. Gamey's friends were surprised and disappointed that the star witness for the prosecution should even partially succumb to them.

Mr. Gamey, it was predicted, would remain calm and collected under his

PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSPECTS OF TO-DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS.

As a sequel of the charges of bribery filed by R. R. Gamey, Conservative member for Manitoulin, in the House on March 11, the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the same held its first, introductory session. The trial court is composed of Justices Boyd and Falconbridge. The array of legal talent includes Messrs. S. H. Blake, K.C., C. H. Ritchie, K.C., W. D. McPherson, K.C., and J. A. Macdonald, and for the defence Messrs. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C.; W. R. Riddell, K.C., and J. M. McEvoy. Hon. J. R. Stratton was the only member of the government present. Among the members of the legislature were Messrs. J. W. St. John and J. P. Dowry. The authority conferred indirectly came up with the objections urged by Senior Counsel Johnston to the breadth and vagueness of the charges. The commission manifested a disposition not to be hindered by hair-splitting objections, and the case progressed rapidly. The recital of the charges by R. R. Gamey is a detailed repetition of the report made with such tremendous effect in the House on March 11, when the government Ministers were formally accused of being the Conservative member with money and other valuable considerations to betray his constituents. It was on the cross-examination that the exciting features developed. The Mr. Johnston and the witness confronted each other less than an hour there were many sharp thrusts and parries. Gamey proved himself a worthy foe for the merciless tactics of the senior counsel, Mr. Johnston triumphantly securing from him admissions that he had made use in business of part of the funds he claimed to have received as a booble fund, in spite of the plausible explanations of Mr. Gamey. Another point brought out by the ingenious cross-examiner was that Mr. Gamey was not sure of the day on which he received the largest amount of bribe money. The witness candidly admitted that he might be mistaken within 24 hours, either way. To-day's thread will be taken up where it was dropped, and some rare morsels are promised in the way of developments before the member for Manitoulin is excused from the witness box. The court rose at 4 o'clock and will convene again at 10 o'clock to-day. Frank Sullivan's failure to respond when called in the court-room yesterday has occasioned much comment, but the counsel for the defence insists that he will be present this morning.

To The World the senior counsel for the prosecution said he was satisfied with the day's developments. Senior counsel for the government To The World would not say even so much, alluding to the wish of the court that no remarks be made on the outside. With this progress made the first day, appearances indicate that the trial may not consume more than three weeks.

Mr. Gamey was ushered almost immediately into the box. He seemed keen for the fight, and during the earlier hours of the investigation there was no cooler man in the courtroom. To the left of the table around which his counsel were assembled sat J. R. Stratton. He sat far down in his chair, his face impassive, save for an occasional smile when Mr. Gamey's words laid an unusual load of accusation at his door. His counsel, too, seemed to have some difficulty in repressing their admiration. Mr. R. Riddell, as he has been called down notes, wore a happy smile, and the accused was frequently relaxed as if R. R. Gamey were a second Mr. Reame, making jokes for official consumption.

But it was the same Samuel Hume Blake. There was neither smile nor frown upon his countenance as he quietly informed their Lordships that the investigation might proceed. D. McPherson proved a ready and busy assistant, and the indefatigable Mr. Price was an attentive listener.

"Cap" Sullivan was there. "Cap" Sullivan, for one moment, stood out before the court room, a more answer to roll call. His countenance was not the available, but E. F. B. Johnston was able to furnish their Lordships with a satisfactory excuse for his absence.

The direct evidence furnished by R. R. Gamey surrounded his charges with a wealth of detail that appeared to make them practically irrefragable. So far the cross-examination had not directly attacked the charges. Mr. Johnston seemed to be more bent on damaging the bona fides of the member for Manitoulin than on overturning his main accusations. The latter, which will of course be the main attack, may be expected to-day. Mr. Johnston is believed to have followed up his busy tagging and whether R. R. Gamey will prove a susceptible to those tactics are eventualities that

seriously concern both sides of the enquiry.

Mr. Gamey made two important admissions to the cross-examiner. It developed that he had used for private purposes the \$1500 which he alleges was paid him as part compensation for his desertion to the Ross government. It also came out that Mr. Gamey was paid him as part compensation for his desertion to the Ross government. It also came out that Mr. Gamey was paid him as part compensation for his desertion to the Ross government. It also came out that Mr. Gamey was paid him as part compensation for his desertion to the Ross government.

Striking Features of Case Brought Out Early in Day

Counsel For the Ministers Argues in Favor of More Specific Allegations, But Commission Favors Broad Scope For Investigation.

ACCUSER WILL FINISH TO-DAY

ANIMATED FIGHT AT ONCE.
Scope of Commission and Breadth of Charges in Issue.

Sharp at 10 o'clock, their Lordships entered the courtroom and took their seats. After the formal question by the Chancellor, "Are you ready to proceed?" to which Mr. Blake replied that he was, Mr. Johnston arose to lodge his first objection. He had been served, he said, with what are called the formulated charges, and Chancellor Boyd said the best way was to proceed, and have the argument on the portion of the charges objected to afterwards.

Mr. Blake observed that he should have received notice of any objections to the charges. Mr. Johnston replied that he had not sent a copy to the Commission, as he did not think it was necessary.

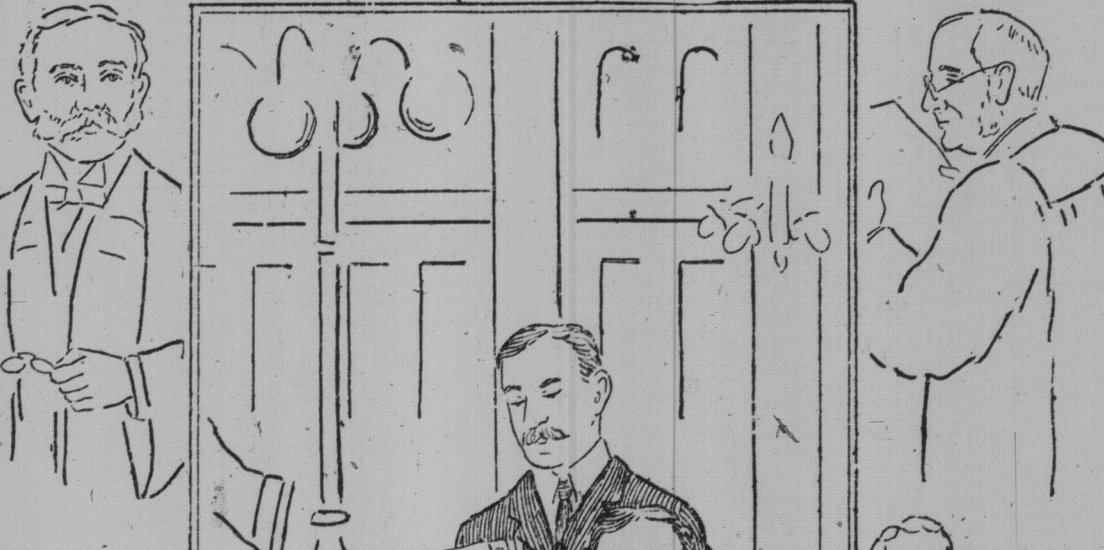
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Debate at Ottawa 10-Day On Redistribution Bill

Ottawa, April 13.—(Special to The World)—The actual business for to-morrow in the Commons is the second reading of the redistribution bill, the debate on which is expected to continue for some days. The fact that there is little else than the broad principle itself to discuss, there being no bill really before the House. What is the redistribution bill? It is a bill to give to the representative of the government and to the representatives of the opposition, the right of a special privilege on the bill, the government's representatives on the bill, the opposition's representatives on the bill, and the redistribution act of 1902.

How Will the Bill be Handled.
The bill has now had its second



COLONIES AND NAVAL DEFENCE

Gen. Laurier, M.P., Has Something Favorable to Say.

London, April 13.—(News Cable.)—General Sir J. Wintour Laurier, M.P. for Pembroke, and formerly member of the Canadian House of Commons for Shelburne, N. S., in a letter to The Times to-day, defends the colonial refusal to contribute to the navy.

He says: "They are justified in refusing to contribute, firstly, because the investments of colonial capital in vessels carrying the commerce of the empire are a benefit to the Mother Land; secondly, because they are guarding and supplying naval bases abroad, and thus making an important contribution to the naval defence of the empire; thirdly, because the disappearance of colonial shipping would not reduce England's naval expenditure, a shilling, fourthly, because the benefits accruing from colonial shipping are not such as to justify a charge against the colonies of receiving benefits at the expense of the home taxpayers, for which they are not giving an equivalent."

Straight Talk This.
The Morning Post, in an editorial on Canada and Imperial Defence, says: "The ordinary Canadian never having had to fight for an existence, cannot grasp the necessity of a coherent system of self-defence, and still less capable of appreciating his duty as to Imperial defence. The time has come when it should no longer be possible to say that the richest man in Canada pays less for the protection of Canadian commerce than the poorest English workman."

BIG RAILROAD SYNDICATE HIT HARD BY THE U. S. COURT KNOCK-OUT

New York, April 13.—Jacob H. Schiff of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and director in the Northern Securities Company, and the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in an interview in The Evening Post to-day, on the Northern Securities action, said: "The result of the decision, if it is confirmed upon appeal, must necessarily be a teaching. The decision practically establishes that anything done which will injure the public interest is illegal. It is a great blow to the syndicate which had hitherto been in a position to do as it pleased, and to control the destinies of the country's industry and trade. It is a logical consequence of the power the Pennsylvania possession of the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other corporations, management, all the power the New York Central possesses in the Northern and Western Coal Companies, and the Nickel Plate companies management, or the New York, New Haven and

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U. S. TURNS TOWARD CANADA

Washington, April 13.—Commissioner-General of Immigration Sargent will leave this week for Montreal, where he will look up to the methods of Chinese inspection. He will then go to the Northern Pacific coast to inspect the service. During the trip he will visit Salt Lake City, St. Paul, and

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