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MEMBER FOR MANITOULIN IS MISSING

Has Mr. Gamey Met With Foul Play at the Hands Of Some of His Traducers?

Mrs. Gamey is Confident that the Rumors that He Has Decamped are Without Foundation.

Evidence Taken By Commission Yesterday—Leaves Missing From Gamey's Cash Book.

Toronto, April 21.—Considerable excitement is occasioned by Mr. Gamey's mysterious absence. An ugly rumor is now afloat that the member for Manitoulin has met with foul play at the hands of some thugs in the employ of interested persons. It will be remembered that his room at the hotel was mysteriously entered at midnight shortly after his disclosures in the House and that his movements have since been dogged by watchers and spies.

Mrs. Gamey, when interviewed at an early hour this morning, said her husband left Saturday afternoon and would return Tuesday evening. She has no doubt that, unless he has met with foul play, he will return at once.

Toronto, April 21.—The fact that Mr. R. R. Gamey was not in the court room during any portion of yesterday's session of the enquiry, coupled with the evidence regarding the missing pages of the Crossin Co.'s cash book, and the loss of the deposit slip of the Ontario Bank, gave rise to a persistent rumor to the effect that Mr. Gamey had disappeared. The Stratton defence, as was to be expected, did not view with a disfavoring eye the rapidly with which this story spread through the city, but on the contrary, seemed to exhibit marked signs of pleasure at the apparent corroboration which it gave their prediction that Mr. Gamey's case would collapse before the close of the investigation.

On the other hand, counsel for the prosecution, while declining to state where Mr. Gamey was, were firm in their expression of opinion that he would be on hand when he was needed. They recalled the fact that the same rumors had been prevalent previous to the opening of the enquiry, but that when the time came for him to tell his story he was on hand. They intimated that when Mr. Gamey left the city on Saturday, he did so understanding that Sir Oliver Mowat's imminent death would result in a postponement of the enquiry on Monday. This is the first time that Mr. Gamey has absented himself from the enquiry for a whole day, but on one day last week he was not in attendance at the morning sitting, and did not put in an appearance at the afternoon session until it was well advanced toward adjournment.

At the Walker House, where Mr. Gamey has been staying, the Mail and Empire was informed that he left the city on Saturday with the intention of spending Sunday with his sister, who lives in the country north-west of the city. He did not give up his room at the hotel, said the clerk, and his baggage is still there. A guest at the hotel, who is in the city on business connected with the Stratton end of the enquiry, contradicted the latter portion of the clerk's statement, and said that Mr. Gamey had taken his personal belongings with him.

From still another source it was learned that the defence had men watching all outgoing trains on Saturday for the purpose of serving Mr. Gamey with a summons to appear at the enquiry for an examination by the defence.

Mr. Gamey was seen by a newspaper man at about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon on his way to the Walker House, whence he said he was going to the station to take the train for an out-of-town visit over Sunday. The fact that he apparently let the city without any attempt at concealment would seem to indicate that the emissaries of the defence were looking in the astuteness which is supposed to characterize the minions of the law. Another statement made around the hotel was that Mr. Gamey had not left the city at all, but was spending Sunday and Monday with his wife, who has been visiting friends in the outskirts of the city or the past three or four weeks. Mrs. Gamey has not been staying at the Walker House with her husband, but he has spent much of his spare time with her, and they have been frequent visitors to

the theatres.

Mrs. Gamey is a tall, handsome woman, quietly but elegantly attired. Attention was first called to Mr. Gamey's absence by one of Mr. Crossin's statements at yesterday's session. Replying to questions by Mr. Johnston, he said he had not seen Mr. Gamey since Saturday, and he did not know where he was.

Some of Mr. Gamey's friends from the island of Manitoulin openly expressed their amusement at the rumor that he had decamped. They said that it was more likely that he was out of the city looking up some fresh surprise for the defence. Gamey has more bombshells in reserve for the Government," said one of them, and he'll be here to throw it when the time comes.

Mr. Smyth is Hopeful.

Mr. W. R. Smyth, M.P.P. for Algoma, who has been closely identified with Mr. Gamey, and was his confidant at an early date in connection with this case, was seen at the Walker House at 10.30 last evening. "I have not seen Gamey since Saturday afternoon," he said. "At that time he told me he was going out of the city for a couple of days. He said he wanted a rest, he was worried and tired of hand-shaking. I believe he is out seeing some of his wife's friends, who live, I think, near Beeton. I have no doubt he will return almost immediately. I do not think his absence has any connection at all with the matters referred to by Mr. Crossin."

Gamey left the Walker House late Saturday afternoon, and part of his baggage is said to be there still.

Solicitors on a Search.

Mr. W. D. McPherson, also one of Mr. Gamey's counsel, was in his office very late last evening, where he conferred with several leading conservatives: Dr. Pyne, M.P.P., and Mr. W. J. Hanna, M.P., were among the members who called. During the evening Mr. Samuel Price and Mr. J. A. Macdonald, also concerned in the case as solicitors, made some investigation. They returned about 11 o'clock. Mr. Macdonald professed to believe Mr. Gamey would turn up all right, but he would give no reasons for that view. Mr. Price confessed to failure in his mission. Mr. McPherson announced shortly after 11 o'clock that he had nothing to communicate, and in reply to further questioning he said even if Gamey would be here when wanted.

The Manager of the Toronto branch of the Ontario Bank, Mr. W. H. Smith, and the teller, Mr. F. R. Howarth, have been subpoenaed for today, before the commissioners, and some interesting sidelights were thrown on the subject. The contributors to the petition against Mr. Gamey's return will have the satisfaction of knowing what was done with their \$1,000. Then an expert in what he called "questioned documents" was called with regard to the X. Y. Z. letter and other anonymous documents, but his evidence after all was unnecessary, for the defence finally admitted the identity sought to be proved.

The Investigation

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The Death of Sir Oliver.

The death of Sir Oliver Mowat was referred to in eloquent and sympathetic language at the opening in the morning by Chancellor Boyd for himself and Chief Justice Falconbridge. The announcement was made that, out of respect and to allow those who wished to attend the funeral, the proceedings would be partly suspended on Wednesday.

Hon. S. H. Blake, on behalf of the Bar, briefly expressed his concurrence in the words of the Chancellor.

Did Not Want to Know.

Miss Cecilia O'Grady, clerk of files and typewriter, in the Public Works Department, said that she was summoned as a witness on Friday, and Frank Sullivan, who is in the same office, tried on Saturday to speak to her. She replied:—"Don't talk. I don't want to know anything." The day before the House met Frank Sullivan and Gamey were in the office for a short time. She never did any work for Sullivan and failed to recognize the signature of Frank Sullivan or his writing, although of the same office. Mr. Edward Crossin was called several times, but did not put in an appearance, though the court waited fifteen minutes. As the commissioners were becoming uneasy, Mr. Blake said

that the prosecution had done their best, and were told that Mr. Crossin had left at 8.30 for the court.

Chancellor Boyd remarked, with a smile: "He must be lost on the way."

Mr. R. A. Grant Called.

Mr. R. A. Grant, solicitor of the Ontario Reform Association and agent for the petitioners in the Gamey protest, said that the \$1,000 deposit was given him by Mr. Crossin. There was no general fund for protests, nor was there any general election fund, as far as he knew. He said that he received \$17,000 in this way from seventeen petitioners and cross-petitioners. These deposits he put to his own credit in the bank and kept no record of where the money came from. "It is a very safe way," inquired Mr. Blake.

"Careless," corrected Mr. Grant. "Careless, but safe," smiled Mr. Blake and he promised to return to this subject.

Questioned about Mr. Alexander Smith's connection, he said he did not know what Mr. Smith had to do with money matters for elections. He had the Walker House interview with Mr. Gamey at Mr. Frank Sullivan's request about a timber transaction. Up to this time he knew nothing about Gamey, except that he was a Conservative politician.

He gave to Mr. Alex. Smith's assistance, James Vance, the instructions as to the filing of the petition. It was Mr. Stanton of Hamilton, and not Mr. Vance, who worked up the evidence. He could not remember whether he received Stanton's first letter of Aug. 5 about the progress of his work before the Walker House interview. The report of Mr. Gamey's story shows he is mistaken in some respects. He said on entering that he understood Gamey and Sullivan were considering timber deals, and Gamey replied "Yes," but in his evidence said "stock" by way of correction. He questioned Gamey who said he was prepared to put up \$4,000 or \$5,000, but the proposition was not ready. He understood he was to get a client to take an interest.

His Suspicion Not Aroused.

The interview lasted less than three minutes, and he never saw Sullivan again. There was nothing in the interview to arouse his suspicions. He did not know what employment Sullivan had in the elections, and did not know of him going into constituencies. Asked about Capt. Sullivan, he smiled, and Mr. Blake remarked, "I see West Huron mapped on your face." Mr. Blake referred to the Captain as a "hanger-on" or a "parasite," but Mr. Grant's only knowledge of him in West Huron was that Sullivan was very drunk. He had business transactions with Capt. Sullivan about the purchase and sale of timber limits. In November, 1901, Capt. Sullivan saw him about timber in Rutherford which Shannon would buy. He offered the department \$250 for the lots, and a couple of months later Shannon came in and said that as the timber was no good he would not take the lots. In April the department wrote accepting the offer, and he paid the department \$250, and got the license in Shannon's name. In May he drew a transfer to the Traders' Bank, which was completed in July. He understood it was sold to Mr. John Charlton, but did not know the price. He was not aware that it was sold immediately after to J. and T. Charlton for \$9,000.

The Manitoulin Protest.

Before the Manitoulin protest was filed there was a joint meeting of both sides about the end of September, at which were present Hon. Richard Harcourt, Hon. R. Stratton and himself and Messrs. J. J. Foy, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt and Edmund Bristol, to see whether the number could not be lessened. He thought the Manitoulin protest was really filed by the Government, and he, as the agent for the Government, could deal with it as he saw fit, without consulting the petitioner, Mr. Fraser, the defeated candidate. Out of the \$1,000 deposit were paid \$150 to Stanton, \$100 to Fraser and \$100 to A. G. Murray local solicitor. The \$100 was paid to Mr. Fraser, because he said he was to considerable expense in connection with the protest.

"Consolation stakes," suggested Mr. Blake.

Saw-offs Arranged.

The balance of \$1,000 was still in the hands of the firm. He made no report to his clients in connection with the withdrawal of the protest. This was the first negotiation he and Mr. Bristol had, and he may have made a verbal report to Hon. Mr. Ross, but to no one else. This might have been before the dismissal of the protest on October 25. He saw Mr. Ross frequently, but he could not remember the date. No mention of the petition was made by Gamey or Sullivan at the Walker House interview.

In cross-examination he said Mr. Gamey's evidence was not true that in the Walker House interview he said anything about a "stock" transaction in which Gamey and Sullivan could make \$3,000 and \$2,000 later on. He explained that it was Mr. Fraser who was his client, and not the Government and he never charged the Government anything. He also explained how he and Mr. Bristol went over the list of election protests to arrange "saw-offs," and when they came to South Westworth set Manitoulin against it, without any instruction from the Government, Mr. Smith, or anyone.

To Chancellor Boyd he said the treatment of the Manitoulin protest in the "saw-off" was in no way exceptional. Mr. F. J. Gackmeyer, Sergeant-at-Arms, said that Gamey and Sullivan came to him the day before the opening for tickets, but said nothing about a seat in the House, and he had nothing to do with the arrangement of seats.

Cash Book Pages Torn Out.

In the afternoon Mr. Crossin of the piano factory in cross-examination by

Mr. Johnston said that at the beginning of April Mr. Gamey paid him \$200, \$63 and \$100. On September 11 he deposited \$900, which he received from Mr. Gamey. He was sent then to his office for the book showing the entries in reference to it.

Mr. Crossin, having returned with his cash book, stated that the page referring to the transaction with Mr. Gamey on September 10 or 11 were torn out. He first saw it was missing on Saturday. He did not tear it out. Mr. Gamey is the only other man who has a key to the desk. The next entry after the torn page is March 26, 1903. This cash book is in daily use. He did not know until Saturday last that pages were torn out. He had no record of the cash business of the Crossin Piano Company, except that book. He made this discovery because he was looking over it in a general way. He thought the leaves were there on Friday. At least they were in the book the early part of the week. The book showed the following receipts from Gamey:—March 26, \$100; March 28, \$50; April 3, \$200; April 17, \$25; April 17, \$30. But it also showed the following payments to Gamey:—March 28, \$100; March 31, \$65; April 3, \$200. On September 11 \$900 was deposited to the credit of the company by Gamey.

Gamey was in his office Saturday morning when he arrived there, and was there twice afterwards. The first time he noticed the mutilation of the cash-book was late on Saturday afternoon. He had not seen Gamey since then, and did not know where he was. He saw Gamey make the \$900 deposit slip in the bank on Sept. 11, but could not tell the denomination. That was in the morning. A messenger from the bank asked Gamey in the office Saturday morning for that \$900 deposit slip. The messenger produced a paper and said, "That is not the slip." He did not hear Gamey's reply. He went to the bank with the messenger, and the receiving teller, Howarth, came back with them. He did not ask for an explanation, and did not know what took place. He had no further conversation with Gamey about the matter. Howarth and Gamey were together about fifteen minutes, and then Howarth went out, followed by Gamey, and "I have not seen him yet," said Mr. Crossin, and he added that he knew nothing more about the slip, except that on the way back to the office they followed Gamey's route, looking for a lost paper. Gamey searched his pockets in the bank for the deposit slip.

The commission, at Mr. Johnston's request, took possession of Mr. Crossin's cash book and sealed it up for a few days. Except September 11, the only other deposit slip made out by Gamey was about two years ago. This \$900 was the balance which Gamey owed the company to be used in the business. The company was incorporated January 13th last with 300 shares of \$100 each, of which Gamey now holds 55. Gamey is now the largest holder of outstanding stock, and holds the majority. There was no transfer of those shares in Gamey's name.

At this point a discussion arose as to the procedure about this deposit slip that was missing. The Chancellor pointed out that it had arisen out of the cross-examination, and Mr. Blake said it was the first he knew about it. Mr. Osborne, the typewriting expert, who had testified at intervals during the day, was recalled, but his evidence was no longer required, owing to the admission of identity made by the defence. The court then adjourned until to-day.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

A Wreck on the Erie Railroad With Several Fatalities.

Jamestown, N.Y., April 20.—Five passengers and a brakeman are known to have lost their lives in a wreck which occurred early to-day on the Erie Railroad, near Redhouse, N.Y., about eight miles from Salamanca. A freight train had taken a siding to allow the vestibuled limited express, which left Chicago yesterday, and was due at New York this afternoon, to pass. Through an accident to a coupling, the freight failed to clear the main track. The result was a rear-end collision. The bodies of two women and a little girl, two men passengers and a brakeman of the freight train have been taken from the wreckage. They were badly burned in a fire which destroyed three sleepers and two coaches. So far their names have not been learned. Express Messenger Gahler of Marion, Ohio, was probably fatally hurt.

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