

ROBLIN FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD

Sweeping indictment of Royal Commission of Three Judges—Sir Rodmond and Colleagues Conspired With Thomas Kelly, Contractor, to Pad the Estimates on Parliament Buildings to Raise an Election Fund—Coldwell and Montague Were Participants and Attorney General Howden Had Guilty Knowledge of the Wholesale Steal.

Winnipeg, Aug. 25.—The report of the Mathers Royal Commission, published this afternoon, summarizes the findings of the commissioners as follows: 1.—That all the charges contained in the above in part recited amendment and memorial have been fully proven. 2.—That before the contract for the parliament buildings was entered into a fraudulent scheme or conspiracy was formed to obtain an election fund out of extras in connection therewith, and to effect contemplated changes until after the contract was let, for the purpose of creating large extras for this purpose; that the parties in said scheme or conspiracy in its inception were the premier, Sir Rodmond Roblin; Mr. Coldwell, the acting minister of public works, and Thomas Kelly, the senior member of Thomas Kelly & Sons.

3.—That Thomas Kelly & Sons were informed of the contemplated changes before tenders were due. 4.—That the tender put in by the Peter Loyal Company, being the only one received by the department of public works, on the 2nd of July, 1913, within the time advertised, was on that day either shown to Thomas Kelly, or its contents made known to him, and on the following day a tender was received from his firm for \$8,250 less than the Loyal tender. All the circumstances point to Sir Rodmond Roblin as the person through whom or whose authority Thomas Kelly obtained this advance knowledge of the Loyal tender. 5.—That the change from piling to caissons for the foundation was prudent, and although there is some doubt as to the wisdom of the change from concrete to steel we are satisfied that the stability of the building has not been impaired by such change.

SCHEME TO RAISE ELECTION FUND. 6.—That the fraudulent scheme or conspiracy formed before the contract was entered into to obtain from the extras an election fund, as afterwards continued and carried out. For this purpose Dr. R. M. Simpson, V. W. Horwood, the provincial architect, and at least some of the other members of Thomas Kelly & Sons, became parties to and active participants in carrying it out, in addition to those by whom the original conspiracy was formed. There is no direct evidence that J. H. Howden, the attorney-general, was a party to the conspiracy at its inception, but his subsequent conduct convinces us that he early became a party to it. We believe that Dr. Montague, for some time after he became minister of public works, did not become a party to the fraudulent scheme or conspiracy entered into by his colleagues, but that he was informed of its existence and purpose by Dr. Simpson in January or February, 1914, and that he then became a party to it.

7.—That in pursuance of this fraudulent scheme, or conspiracy very large sums of money belonging to the province were fraudulently paid out to the contractors, Thomas Kelly & Sons. 8.—That the contractors, Thomas Kelly & Sons, out of the monies so fraudulently obtained, paid large sums of money to Dr. R. M. Simpson for an election fund. PROVINCE ROBBED OF \$392,096.10. 9.—That in pursuance of this fraudulent scheme or conspiracy the contractors, Thomas Kelly & Sons, were paid by the government the following sums of money, to which they were not entitled: In respect of the caissons, \$680,704.50. In respect of the north wing steel, \$102,692.36. In respect of the south wing and girders, \$68,997.71. In respect of the brick rubble, \$17,968.73. In respect of the three feet of excavation dispensed with by the building being raised, but nevertheless paid for, \$21,734.50. Total, \$892,096.10.

10.—That in further pursuance of the said fraudulent scheme or conspiracy, the north wing steel contract was entered into by Sir Rodmond Roblin and Dr. Montague with the contractors for \$280,100, a price known to all of them to be inflated to the extent of over \$100,000 by the inclusion therein of a large sum for election fund. 11.—That in further pursuance of the said fraudulent scheme or conspiracy, Sir Rodmond Roblin entered into a contract with the contractors for the south wing giraffe for \$215,600, a price well known to all of them to be inflated to the extent of over \$100,000 by the inclusion therein of a large sum for election fund.

12.—That in further pursuance of said fraudulent scheme or conspiracy, Sir Rodmond Roblin on July 4, 1914 entered into a contract with the contractors for the superstructural steel for the south wing central portion and dome for \$802,650, and the contractors well knowing that said price was inflated by the inclusion therein of a large sum for election fund, and that had been no plans prepared for the dome, and at that time no honest estimate of the steel required could be made.

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17.—That the steel plans for the dome prepared by E. C. Shankland are overloaded to the extent of 467 tons, representing a possible overpayment of the contractors of upwards of \$80,000. 18.—That the government agreed to pay E. C. Shankland five per cent. on the contract price of the dome to be erected for the loss they sustained in the destruction of the destroyed contract, and he sent Mr. Horwood to Chicago in company with Thomas Kelly to arrange with E. C. Shankland to increase the weight of steel in the dome plans, then being prepared by him to the extent necessary to accomplish this purpose; that Mr. Horwood did so arrange with Mr. Shankland, who did increase the weight of the steel as required.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Louise McNichol. Tuesday, August 24. The death of Mrs. Mary Louise McNichol occurred yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robert I. Robertson, 74 Elliot row. The deceased lady, who was 79 years of age, was before her marriage, Miss McCoy, of Brockton. She was an only daughter, and her only surviving relative is Mrs. Robertson. Mrs. McNichol had a large circle of friends who will hear of her death with sincere regret.

Arthur G. Brown. St. George, Aug. 23.—Arthur G. Brown, aged twenty-eight, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, died at the home of his parents at an early hour Sunday morning. Some months ago he came from St. John, where he had been employed, with the hope that the change would benefit him, but in vain. He died of a leakage of the heart. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Jennie McGee, of St. John, and one young son. During his illness his wife was in constant attendance and everything possible was done for him. Besides his wife, son and parents, a large family of brothers and sisters survive him. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock from St. Mark's church, and will be conducted by the Rev. J. Spencer, and the members of Court Mistletoe, I. O. Foresters, of which order the deceased was a member.

Douglas H. Scott. Douglas H. Scott, accountant of the Regina branch of the Canadian Oil Company, Limited, and for several years a resident of St. John, was drowned on Sunday afternoon while canoeing in Wassana Lake, at Regina.

Hugh McManus. In Cambridge, Mass., on August 16, Hugh McManus, who formerly resided at Lakewood, St. John county, passed away. His death, which resulted from heat prostration, came as a great shock to his family and friends. He leaves to mourn his wife and five children, one son, William, and four daughters, Mrs. Wm. C. Carey and Miss Edith, Miss Elizabeth and Annie, all residing in Cambridge; also four sisters, Mrs. C. Daley of West Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. T. Coughlin of New York City; Mrs. M. Horgan of Lakewood, and Miss A. McManus of this city. The funeral took place on Thursday morning, August 19, at St. John's church for solemn high mass of requiem at 9 o'clock.

Martin Butler. Frederick, N. B., Aug. 24.—Martin Butler, poet and newspaperman, died in the Victoria hospital this morning, after an illness of several weeks. He was a native of the Grand Falls, and the greater part of his life had been spent in this province. When a boy he worked in a tannery and lost his right arm. He began his newspaper career by contributing to the St. Croix Courier, and about thirty years ago he founded Butler's Journal, a monthly paper which he continued to edit and publish up to the time of his death.

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WEDDINGS

Olive Cunningham. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cunningham, 34 Autumn street, on Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, their daughter, Greta May, was united in marriage to Frederick William Olive of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson of St. John Presbyterian church. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily gowned in white with veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and swansonia. The wedding march was played by Mrs. T. Beaudin. Following the ceremony a luncheon was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Olive left on the Calvin Austin for a short trip to Boston and vicinity. On their return they will reside at 34 Autumn street. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, among the most valuable a remembrance from J. A. Davidson, with whom she has been employed. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a pearl ring.

Everett Johnson. A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Johnson, Wolfville (N. S.), on Wednesday evening, Aug. 11, at 8 o'clock, when their eldest daughter, Evelyn May, was united in marriage to Rev. Herbert Percy Everett of St. John. Miss Gertrude Everett, in a beautiful manner, officiated at the ceremony. The wedding march was played by the groom's sister, Miss Etta Savidant, who wore a pink crepe de chine dress. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Edward C. Johnson, who carried a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet peas. The groom was supported by his brother, Arthur Everett, of St. John. Dr. Byron C. Borden, of Sackville, performed the ceremony. After refreshments were served, the bride and groom, accompanied by the bridesmaids, left for their home at Springhill, where Mr. Everett has the pastorate of the Baptist church, after three weeks spent in New Brunswick.

Savidant-Stephens. (Montreal Star.) The marriage of Miss Ethel Gertrude, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Stephens, to James William Savidant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Savidant, of Campbellton (N. B.), was quietly solemnized on August 18, at the home of the bride's mother, Notre Dame de Grace, Rev. A. Montgomery, R. A. officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Henry Stephens, and wore an embroidered white crepe de chine dress, and was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Etta Savidant, who wore a pink crepe de chine dress. Miss Iris Overing acted as flower girl. The best man was Mr. Jack Labrie.

Heans-Holder. A quiet wedding took place yesterday morning at the Bungalow, Holderville, when Rev. A. Holder and Arnold W. Heans, of St. John, were united in marriage by Rev. Gordon Dickie, of St. John. The ceremony took place on the veranda of the cottage under an arch of maple leaves, trimmed with the national flag. The bride was nicely attired in a gown of white embroidered with voile and she wore a large and elaborate hat, given by her uncle, Mr. Henry Stephens, and was served. Mr. and Mrs. Heans then left for a canoeing trip along the St. John river.

Germany Meets American View on Sea Warfare. (Continued from page 1.) graphs and films of Fort Monroe and of the new fort site at Cape Henry. "Kopsch has been living at a boarding house here and had acquired a reputation among his fellow boarders as being mysterious. Several of the boarders had been so worried by their suspicions that they snatched him to the government officials."

Many Under Suspicion. Washington, Aug. 26.—Secretary Garrison revealed today that for months the secret service has been receiving letters from all sections of the country reporting alleged German activities, such as the making of big gun foundations, in tennis courts and building foundations. No evidence had been discovered, the secretary said, to substantiate any of the reports.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the navy department, wrote today to John R. Rathon, editor of the Providence Journal, urging a reply to Secretary Garrison's letter last week, asking the editor to submit any evidence he might have to support a published statement that a civil employe of the navy department was in the pay of the German government.

Brest-Litovsk Gone But Russian Retreat Not Yet Endangered. (Continued from page 1.) court, north of Luneville, by a German aviator right in front of the French lines. Afterwards it was destroyed by our artillery. The fourth landed within range of our anti-aircraft guns near Moevrons, south of Nomeny, behind the enemy front when it comes to New York as well as the boys."

Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, West St. John, announces the engagement of her daughter, Gladys Elizabeth, to E. Clarence Givens, of this city. The wedding will take place early in September.

"She can't be as progressive as you say if she's taking up embroidery," said a woman yesterday. "Because that seldom gets beyond the initial stage."—Baltimore American.

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GROCERIES. Choice seed, raisins, 1.00 to 1.05. Fancy, do, 1.05 to 1.10. Currants, cleaned, 1.00 to 1.05. Cheese, per lb. 0.15 to 0.18. Rice, 0.00 to 0.04. Beans, per lb. 0.05 to 0.08. Baked beans, 0.00 to 0.05. Spits, yellow eye, 0.80 to 0.85. Split peas, bags, 0.00 to 0.20. Pot barley, blbl, 0.45 to 0.50. Cornmeal, per bag, 1.90 to 1.95. Granulated, 0.75 to 0.80. Liverpool salt, per sack, 0.00 to 0.05.

CANNED GOODS. The following are the wholesale quotations per case: Salmon, pinks, 4.50 to 5.00. Salmon, red spring, 7.75 to 8.25. Finnan haddies, 4.50 to 4.80. Kipper herring, 4.50 to 4.80. Oysters, 2.00 to 2.15. Oysters, 2.00 to 2.15. Corned beef, 18, 2.75 to 3.40. Peaches, 2s, 1.85 to 1.90. Pineapple, sliced, 2.00 to 2.05. Pineapple, whole, 1.15 to 1.20. Raspberries, 0.07 1/2 to 0.10. Corn, per doz, 1.00 to 1.05. Peas, 1.00 to 1.05. Strawberries, 2.00 to 2.15. Tomatoes, 0.07 1/2 to 0.08. Pumpkins, 0.07 1/2 to 0.08. String beans, 1.00 to 1.05. Baked beans, 2s, 1.00 to 1.05. Baked beans, 3s, 1.45 to 1.50.

PROVISIONS. Pork, Canadian mess, 23.00 to 28.50. Pork, American clear, 28.00 to 28.00. American clear, 28.00 to 28.00. Lard, compound, tub, 0.11 1/2 to 0.13 1/2. Lard, pure, tub, 0.12 to 0.13. Molasses, fancy Barbados, 0.80 to 0.81.

SUGAR. Standard granulated, 6.80 to 6.90. United Empire, gran., 6.70 to 6.80. Bright yellow, 6.60 to 6.70. No. 1 yellow, 6.80 to 6.80. Paris lumps, 7.60 to 7.75.

FLOUR, ETC. Roller oatmeal, 0.00 to 7.50. Standard oatmeal, 0.00 to 8.25. Manitoba high grade, 0.00 to 7.75. Ontario full patent, 6.90 to 6.90.

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COUNTRY MARKET. New potatoes, per bush 0.70 to 0.75. Beef, western, 0.12 1/2 to 0.13 1/2. Beef, country, 0.10 to 0.11. Mutton, per lb. 0.08 to 0.10. Pork, per lb. 0.09 to 0.12. Veal, per lb. 0.07 to 0.11. Eggs, care, per doz. 0.23 to 0.24. Tab butter, per lb. 0.23 to 0.27. Creamery butter, per lb. 0.29 to 0.30. Fowls, fresh killed, per lb. 0.17 to 0.18. Spring chicken, 0.25 to 0.28. Bacon, 0.00 to 0.22. Ham, 0.00 to 0.19. Turkey, 0.00 to 0.20. Cabbage, 0.00 to 0.03. Squash, 0.00 to 0.03. Turnips, blbl, 0.00 to 0.15.

GROCERIES. Choice seed, raisins, 1.00 to 1.05. Fancy, do, 1.05 to 1.10. Currants, cleaned, 1.00 to 1.05. Cheese, per lb. 0.15 to 0.18. Rice, 0.00 to 0.04. Beans, per lb. 0.05 to 0.08. Baked beans, 0.00 to 0.05. Spits, yellow eye, 0.80 to 0.85. Split peas, bags, 0.00 to 0.20. Pot barley, blbl, 0.45 to 0.50. Cornmeal, per bag, 1.90 to 1.95. Granulated, 0.75 to 0.80. Liverpool salt, per sack, 0.00 to 0.05.

CANNED GOODS. The following are the wholesale quotations per case: Salmon, pinks, 4.50 to 5.00. Salmon, red spring, 7.75 to 8.25. Finnan haddies, 4.50 to 4.80. Kipper herring, 4.50 to 4.80. Oysters, 2.00 to 2.15. Oysters, 2.00 to 2.15. Corned beef, 18, 2.75 to 3.40. Peaches, 2s, 1.85 to 1.90. Pineapple, sliced, 2.00 to 2.05. Pineapple, whole, 1.15 to 1.20. Raspberries, 0.07 1/2 to 0.10. Corn, per doz, 1.00 to 1.05. Peas, 1.00 to 1.05. Strawberries, 2.00 to 2.15. Tomatoes, 0.07 1/2 to 0.08. Pumpkins, 0.07 1/2 to 0.08. String beans, 1.00 to 1.05. Baked beans, 2s, 1.00 to 1.05. Baked beans, 3s, 1.45 to 1.50.

PROVISIONS. Pork, Canadian mess, 23.00 to 28.50. Pork, American clear, 28.00 to 28.00. American clear, 28.00 to 28.00. Lard, compound, tub, 0.11 1/2 to 0.13 1/2. Lard, pure, tub, 0.12 to 0.13. Molasses, fancy Barbados, 0.80 to 0.81.

SUGAR. Standard granulated, 6.80 to 6.90. United Empire, gran., 6.70 to 6.80. Bright yellow