

COMPLETION OF SUBSIDY INQUIRY

CLOSE OF MR. DUFF'S ADDRESS ON THE CASE

Counsel Unfolds What He Believes to be the Story of the Negotiations.

On Saturday afternoon the committee inquiring into the Columbia & Western subsidy completed their work up to the stage of deciding and preparing among themselves the report to be presented to the House. Mr. Duff at 5 o'clock completed his presentation of the case.

In continuing his address Mr. Duff said that in stating that cancellation was justified, he could not know whether the rescinding order would have effect or not. If the government could take action against the company in the courts he did not know how it would be benefited by the cancelling order.

There was no doubt that the action of the government, in view of the grants having been registered and the government agent notified of what showed the change of front in throwing open the books to applicants for staking. That action threw the government open to the charge laid against it by Mr. Brown.

There was a fraud on the Subsidy Act in which the statute was deliberately violated, and this was concurred in by the railway company. The legislation, therefore, had the right to step in and put a stop to it.

Assuming that the government had the option, according to the act, of deviating from taking blocks contiguous to the line of railroad, and in view of the change of policy on the part of the government, the administration could not get away from its being a charge of repudiation.

The only explanation which allowed of repudiation not being charged upon the government and the legislature was that the railroad company, working with the concurrence of some members of the government, deliberately deviated from the terms of the Subsidy Act.

The committee, he thought, should seriously consider whether the conditions at the time of the rescinding of the order were not the same as before Mr. Wells went to Montreal. Was it not then really a question of political expediency which led to the cancelling order?

Mr. Dunsuir, though he thought they had gone outside the act, yet agreed to give the grants. Mr. Dunsuir and Mr. Eberts wanted the grants, Mr. Wells did not want to do it—why? Because he knew it would mean the defeat of the government.

He, therefore, thought of this which happened at Montreal, and revealing this, knowing that its result would be with Mr. Dunsuir. The government allowed the representative of the C.P.R. to bring about without proper caution the execution of these grants. They found they had gone outside the Subsidy Act.

Mr. Brown contended that Mr. Wells had no right to agree to in the first place. Mr. Brown contended that Mr. Wells, the day after the cancelling order, promised him that he would use his personal endeavors to see that the company got these blocks. Mr. Brown urged that this assurance was given in a letter of the 22nd March.

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The railroad company would claim these lands. Mr. Eberts could not avoid taking his responsibility for that bill. Repeatedly the question of the Subsidy Act had been upon. Upon several occasions the question of the grants going outside the Subsidy Act had been brought up.

There was a peculiar matter to explain in connection with Mr. Wells and Col. Prior respecting this bill. Col. Prior, in opposition to the opinion of Mr. Eberts held that the government had gone outside of the Subsidy Act in granting these blocks if it had been moved to agree to the cancellation order of 18th March.

But that design could not have been carried out without the privity of the directors of the C. P. R., and in view of the fact that the cancellation order would be carried out without the privity of the officials. It was a difficult thing to believe that such an organized thing had been carried out without Sir Thomas knowing it.

The committee thanked the counsel for the assistance they had rendered the inquiry before the formal close of the public proceedings. OFFICER WEDDED.

Marriage of Lieut. T. Thorpe-Douglas and Miss Blanche Postler. Col. Prior was apparently innocent of this construction, but there were points in his conduct which required attention.

On Saturday afternoon at Christ Church cathedral, by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, Lieut. T. Thorpe-Douglas, of the 4th Artillery, eldest surviving son of the late T. Doublet of Kensington, and Mrs. Doublet, of East Molesley, Surrey, was united in marriage to Blanche Brettingham, younger daughter of Mr. P. N. Postler, of Victoria.

The bride wore white liberty satin, trimmed with Honiton lace, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, and wore real orange blossoms in her hair. They, followed by the good wishes of all. EX-GOVERNOR MARRIED.

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As far back as last January, 1900, Sir Thomas had in view taking up 4,500 acres of deficiency lands. It was quite clear that they were working for that. They got a refusal from Brown, wise as usual.

On the 21st March a letter from Mr. Wells is sent to Brown stating that a bill would be introduced to give the subsidy to section 4. This had been preceded by the promise on the 19th of March of Mr. Wells to see that the company got these two blocks.

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carrying on coal mining. It was reasonable to believe that the railroad company intended that with lands in hands of an independent company it could bring the coal company to any terms necessary.

These grants to the B. C. Southern were never claimed. Mr. Wells said that in June Mr. Eberts showed him a telegram from Taylor asking whether the grant of the lands could be made from the B. C. Southern to the Columbia & Western.

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PRESIDENT AND VICTORIA'S MAYOR IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS BRITISH COLUMBIA

Roosevelt Would Have Been Pleased to Visit This City if Possible—Seattle's Reception.

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by-day. The decorations were not as good as I expected to see, but the reception and general display at Seattle was certainly, to say the least, imposing.

YUKON ACCIDENTS. Several Men Have Lost Their Lives With the Opening of Navigation.

A dispatch from Dawson, under date of May 23rd, to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "Upper Yukon waters claim three more victims, making the total nine within the last week, breaking the record. The three victims reported to-day are: Lut-dock Cameron, reported from Vancouver, B. C., and thought probably formerly from Inverness county, N. S.; John McCormell, from Vancouver, B. C., to Dawson; Charles Lesigatos, a Greek, Cameron and Lesigatos were drowned together in Pelly river, seventeen miles below the mouth of Ross river, May 17th.

"The police have just received news that the men were prospecting and exploring, McCormell was en route down the Yukon with Mat. Ogilvin and R. McMillan on a raft. An ice foe broke the raft. McCormell landed on a large cake of ice and pulled the other two men out. A moment later the cake broke. Police, Inmenen and a White Pass man rescued two, but were unable to get McCormell. McCormell formerly worked in the Treadwell mines. None of the last three bodies were recovered.

"The first steamer from the upper river is expected at Dawson Saturday, waiting the breaking of the last jam at Selkirk. Steamers are covering local runs."

NEILSON NOTES. Crow's Nest Pass Miners Withdraw From the Western Federation. "The miners' unions of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co's collieries have withdrawn their allegiance from the Western Federation of Miners, and have affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America.

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Tyee Copper Co. SMELTING WORKS AT LADYSMITH Prepared to purchase ores as from August 1st. Convenient to E. & N. or Sea. CLERMONT LIVINGSTON, MANAGER.

Grocery Excellence The health-giving, nourishing result of food depends largely on its purity and freshness. Wholesale Dry Goods, J. Piercy & Co., Victoria, B. C.

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Spruce Bark Moth Proof Bags Protect Your Furs GYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST. 98 Government St., Near Yates St.

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AGENTS wanting first-class permanent position, which will bring them a good yearly income, should apply to the largest growers of nursery stock in Canada. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S FISCAL POLICY

PREMIER BALFOUR ENDORSES

The Colonial Secretary Necessary to Ensure Nations With Col

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