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EASTER NOVELTIES

EASTER is the season when everyone must wear something new, you must be one of the well-dressed many who will don new raiment that day. In order to procure such necessities as are requisite for you, we have gone to a great deal of trouble and have been successful in our selections.

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THAT YOKUN CONCESSION BEING BROUGHT TO TIME

Trying in the last few days of Lent to bring the Grafters to Repentance—Several Offenders convicted.

Ottawa, April 14, 1906.

On Wednesday afternoon last the House of Commons adjourned for the Easter holidays, so that the proceedings of the week occupied only three days.

But the sittings of the House and the meetings of the Committees were not without interest to the House and the country.

A record was disclosed on Tuesday damaging the reputation of one department of the Laurier administration, and illustrating a class of transactions in which ministerial members of Parliament are able to make gain out of their position and influence at the expense of public interests.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

When the Orders of the Day were called, Mr. Foster rose in his place and gave the history of a remarkable transaction in which the Department of the Interior, a member of Parliament, who was formerly Speaker of the House, and a group of speculators in Yukon gold mines were the chief actors. The case, as calmly presented by Mr. Foster, and explained further by Mr. Bennett, of Simcoe, rests upon the positive evidence of documents filed in the courts. There is no mistaking the purport of this correspondence, or the negotiation and agreements of which it is evidence.

In 1898 Messrs. Ray and Bronson of Ottawa, and Mr. Tyrrell, of Dawson, obtained a hydraulic mining concession in the Yukon, which gave them exclusive privileges over a large and much coveted area. They held their franchise for four years without fulfilling the conditions. Finding their concession about to be cancelled as the law required, and unable to persuade the authorities to continue the privilege, the Ottawa members of the party turned in desperation to N. A. Belcourt, M.P. for Ottawa city, a politician of much influence, who shortly afterwards was made Speaker of the House and a member of the Privy Council. They found themselves able to secure his help, but the price was high.

THE VALUE OF AN M. P.

It was arranged at Ottawa that Mr. Belcourt should be taken into the concern, and that \$100,000 of stock paid up or one-fifth interest should be assigned to him. He also was to have a proportionate share in treasury stock to the amount of \$500,000 which was to be placed on the market. Mr. Belcourt is the head of the law firm of Belcourt & McDougall. It is fair to say that Mr. Belcourt's defence in the House was that he received this allotment of stock in return for legal services.

Concerning this it is only necessary to say that the claim of the firm for legal services at the time the deal was arranged was \$400. But if Mr. Belcourt's services as a lawyer were not sufficient to justify such a gift of stock in this hydraulic mining company it cannot be said that he gave no value for this \$100,000. The fact is that the concession was not cancelled, but has continued from 1902, when Mr. Belcourt made the partnership arrangement, until this day.

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE IT. The papers read by Mr. Foster and Mr. Bennett included letters from Mr. Bronson and Mr. Ray to Mr. Tyrrell mentioning more or less plainly the character of Mr. Belcourt's services; from Mr. Tyrrell to his Ottawa partners; from Mr. Belcourt to his law partner, at Dawson, and to Mr. Tyrrell. Mr. Ray, justifying the large transfer of Dawson member of the firm, "If we hold the concession we can thank our solicitor who is moving heaven and earth to save it." Mr. Ray was president of the reorganized company and his letter expressed the hope that the deal with Belcourt would meet Mr. Tyrrell's approval, adding: "It seemed the only thing to do if we are to save the concession." Bronson wrote from Ottawa the same time saying: "We saw that prompt action must be taken if we were to save the concession, and decided to interest Belcourt and McDougall with us." And Belcourt himself writing to McDougall, "Both Dawson law partners said, 'Both Mr. Ray and Mr. Bronson are very much exercised over the matter and have asked me to try and straighten it out with the minister which I am trying to do.'" In further explanation to his partner, Mr. Belcourt stated that \$100,000 of stock was assigned them, was placed in the name of another man who represented the capital city and having the ear of cabinet ministers. It was not a question of law but a matter of favor to retain this concession. And so Mr. Belcourt did not confine his attention to the law department. It was with "the Minister" that he "straightened it out." There are in the record letters from Mr. Sifton to "My Dear Speaker." There is

mention of meetings and interviews with Mr. Congdon. The latter did not then hold any position which made it necessary to see him, but one of the parties wrote to another that "among ourselves," Congdon was to be appointed chief Yukon commissioner. The concessionaires thus had the advantage of advance information.

The papers show how the Government officer at Dawson had reported that no work had been done on the concession, and no start made at hydraulic mining during the four years, though the claim was held on to contract that hydraulic machinery would be put in, and \$5,000 a year expended in operating the plant.

Mr. Belcourt, by "moving heaven and earth," got the privilege continued in spite of these reports, in spite of the law and of indignant protests of the mining population. Dr. Thompson, Independent member from the Yukon, who spoke in the debate, had nothing to say about Belcourt but declared the concession to be the most iniquitous of all the outrageous arrangements of that kind in the history of the country. If under these circumstances Hon. N. Belcourt was able to give the privilege extended the company could afford to give him \$100,000 of stock. The question is whether the country can afford to have its representatives in Parliament involved in this way.

NEVER ASHAMED.

Mr. Belcourt has declared that he is not ashamed of his share in the transaction. He said the same thing five years ago when it came out that he was the paid solicitor of a firm, which had a canal contract with the Government, and which was allowed large payments over the protests of the auditor general. Mr. Belcourt had supported the claim before the minister of railways and defended it in Parliament.

The question of an open and public increase of \$1,000 in the indemnity of members of Parliament is of small importance compared with that of the secret use of a member's influence for the promotion of his own financial interests and the interests of his clients. Mr. Borden began the session with a motion that he proposed to take steps to have this class of parliamentary offences brought to an end, and the exposure of the Ray and Bronson concession case will assist a reformation that is urgently needed.

Meanwhile the Minister of Justice admits the necessity of some action and is now moving in the matter in the direction of Mr. Borden's proposition. But if his colleagues had not in the past assisted their supporters in the house in these transactions the efforts of the public "grafters" would have been vain. It is commonly believed that no other members have made so much money for themselves and their friends out of their political opportunities as some of the active and retired members of Sir Wilfrid's cabinet. Astonishing and sudden accumulations of fortunes by ministers who were obviously living beyond their official income are not otherwise easily explained.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC MYSTERY. In this connection it may be appropriate to mention that it has not yet been possible to discover the members of the North Atlantic Trading Company. It was mentioned in previous letters that this mysterious concern has a beautiful contract with many years to run, under which it gets a large percentage for continental immigrants arriving in this country. Once more let it be understood that this bonus is paid to the company whether it has anything to do with the settlers or not. A count is made of those who come in transatlantic ships, and whether they have a common "thrift" account, or have been driven to our coasts by persecution, or obtained by other agencies, or sent for by friends who were here before them, credit at the contract price is given to the company.

A return brought down shows that from the first of July to the last of December, 1905, the Government paid no less than \$59,776 to the account of this company. That is to say some person on behalf of the contractors has received \$10,000 a month. Yet the Government still refuses to say who gets the money, and all the efforts which the Conservative members of two committees have been able to make to trace these payments has been fruitless. It was discovered with some difficulty that Mr. Smart, the deputy minister who made the extraordinary bargain, and afterwards resigned his office is now the Canadian agent of the company. After the superintendent of immigration had been forbidden by his minister, to cable for information, as related last week, Mr. Smart was summoned on Tuesday. He differed from the other witness in that he knew, but this was of no advantage as he refused to tell. The only reason he gave for refusing to let the Government of Canada know who was getting this money was the plea that some European countries did not allow immigration agents to work within their borders and that it was necessary to conceal the operations of the contractors.

The value of this explanation may be judged in the light of a clause of the bargain which provides that "the company is to do nothing in contravention of the law" in the countries where the immigrants are obtained. Even if there were no such agreement it is not to be supposed that the Government of Canada would pay men to carry on in the domain of a friendly nation an enterprise contrary to the law of that nation. After Easter the House of Commons will be asked to pronounce on this suppression of information concerning the beneficiaries of the extraordinary contract. The situation is that every liberal member of the committee on agriculture, twenty-four in all, supported Mr. Smart in keeping back the names. It is not surprising that there should be conjectures as to the number and name of ministers or ex-ministers, and of members who might be silent partners in this indefensible transaction. Mr. Monk, has shown great ability and persistence in pressing this enquiry in Committee and he is not likely to drop it without compelling all members to place themselves on record for or against the policy of concealment.

Laxton, Digby and Longford Council Proceedings

A special meeting of the municipal council of the corporation of Laxton, Digby and Longford townships, met in the township hall, Head Lake, on April 7, by the call of the reeve; all members being present. The following business was transacted:

Moved by Wm. Armstrong, seconded by Jas. McCaughey, that Mr. Matthew Greer, jr., treasurer of the municipality, shall receive in addition to his salary the sum of \$4, as long as he furnishes satisfactory guarantee bonds to the amount of \$2,000, as security for the funds handled by him belonging to the municipality.—Carried.

On motions of Messrs. Armstrong and McCaughey, by-law No. 234 was read the first, second and third time and passed.

Southern—Davey—That the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Joseph Wakelin, caretaker of the Oddfellows' hall, Cobocook, that this council refuses to entertain the late bill demanding rent for the Oddfellows' hall while the respective cases were tried by the police magistrate throughout the last year.—Carried.

Southern—Davey—That the clerk be instructed to write Mr. Wm. Ward, caretaker of the Norland cemetery, asking him to hand over all utensils and documents in his possession belonging to the cemetery to his successor in office, and to request a report of last year's attendance, after which he will receive an order for the balance due; and also that Mr. Wm. Armstrong be appointed to employ another suitable caretaker.—Carried.

Armstrong—McCaughey—That this council pass a resolution accepting Mr. Stephen Ryan's statement of work performed by him in the year 1905 on the 5th concession of Laxton, for which he received timbers belonging to the old town hall valued at \$16.—Carried.

Davey—Southern—That the reeve issue his order in favor of Mr. John McInnes, treasurer of S. S. No. 2, Digby, for \$1.68, due him from collector's rolls of 1902, 1903 and 1904 on lots No. 33 and 34 in the 3rd concession of Digby.—Carried.

Southern—Davey—That the reeve issue an order in favor of Matthew Greer, jr., for \$3 as payment for three trips to Cobocook at one dollar each during the smallpox scare at Norland.—Carried.

Davey—Southern—That this council send an order to the Municipal World for two dozen road commissioner's pay sheet blanks and one municipal order book.

Armstrong—McCaughey—That the clerk be instructed to write Mr. Geo. Staples notifying him to have his subway passing through the 3rd concession of Laxton, between his farms, completed according to the provisions laid down in the by-law regarding subways of this municipality.—Carried.

Southern—Davey—That this council authorize Mr. William Armstrong to repair a washout in the Cameron road north of Norland.—Carried.

Armstrong—McCaughey—that Mr. Thomas Davey be appointed to repair a culvert on the south boundary between Victoria Road and first concession of Laxton and that Bexley township be liable for half the expense.—Carried.

H. R. SOUTHERN, Tp. Clerk.

SPRING ADVICE

DO NOT DOSE WITH PURGATIVES AND WEAKENING MEDICINES—WHAT PEOPLE NEED AT THIS SEASON IS A TONIC.

Not exactly sick—but not feeling quite well. That's the spring feeling. You are easily tired, appetite variable, sometimes headaches and a feeling of depression. Or perhaps pimples and eruptions appear on the face, or you have twinges of rheumatism or neuralgia. All of these indicate that the blood is out of order, that the indoor life of winter has left its mark upon you and may easily develop into more serious trouble. Don't dose yourself with purgative medicines in the hope that you can put the blood right. Purgatives gallop through the system and weaken instead of giving strength. What you do need is a tonic medicine that will make new, rich, red blood, build up the weakened nerves and thus give you new health and strength. And the one medicine to do this speedily and surely is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Everly dose of this medicine makes new, rich blood which makes weak, easily tired and ailing men and women feel bright, active and strong. If you need a medicine this spring try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will never regret it. This medicine has cured thousands and thousands in every part of the world, and what it has done for others it can easily do for you. Medicine dealers everywhere sell these pills or you can get them direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

S. S. No. 13, Mariposa

Report of S. S. No. 13, Mariposa, for March.

Sr. Fourth—Allie Weldon, Jr. Fourth—Earnest Lillio 735. James Anderson 611. Katie Anderson 597. Bertha Short 565. Lorne McPhadden 448. Clinton Cann 93. Elma Cann 92. Sr. Third—Jennie Nicholson 649. Herbert Weldon 637. Francis Kieville 605. Emma Kieville 586. Arta Rich 457. Stella Rich. Jr. Third—Margie McPhadden 701. Milton Weldon 628. Mabel Campbell 516. Russell Hancock, George Brown 435. Sr. Second—Clarence Lillio 497. Margaret Brown 412. Jr. Second—Howard Lillio 524. John Kieville 491. Russell Kieville 479. Neil McPhadden 465. Willie Brown 450. Wilfred Lillio 497. Millie Kieville 419. Part II—Bessie Lambert, Louise Morton, Birdie Cory. Part I—Gordon Lillio, Palmer Kieville, Russell Mark, Carl Rich. IDA THURSTON, Teacher