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## McDIARMID FAILS TO PROVE HIS CASE AGAINST CHALMERS tracks on town work and after a Chalmers was practically inspector. Chalmers' resignation, and after a quarter of an hour they re-appeared that

Fizzled Out Early and Council Withdrew it From Court on the Advice of Town Solicitor Hopkins

## JUDGE SAID CHALMERS HAD DONE NO SERIOUS WRONG

And Hoped That the Town Would Always Have as Efficient a Com- go on with the evidence. missioner-He Had In One Case Offended Against the Proprieties-Mr. O'Leary's Able Defence

Diarmid's sensational charges against every opportunity for defence. Commissioner Chalmers, was held CLERK KNOWLSON TESTIFIED. before His Honor Judge Dean on Sattown material for outside purposes, tract form to be signed by him. were taken up. After having a little evidence by Town Clerk Knowlson, tract with him, and explanatory opened, however, till a week later, statements by Mr. Hugh O'Leary, K. C., solicitor for Mr. Chalmers, council retired for consultation, and the tenders, and both envelopes were upon returning announced through Town Solicitor Hcpkins that they wished to withdraw the investiga- ferred to the commissioner for his tion. This the judge permitted and report. He reported to council at the case ended. While council were deliberating the commissioner's resignation was placed in their hands. Council proved nothing against ment of their contents. Mr. Coombs the commissioner; the statements of was given the contract; his tender his solicitor explaining the incidents was the lower one; he got the speci- outside work. Now two barrels of nished by the results of the investiupon which the three charges taken up were based, were accepted by council, and upon them the case

The first of these statements was with regard to the charge of the He had taken his resignation to the take technical ground-hence, Mr. barrels of cement. meeting of council at which the Chalmers cannot be interested in it. Judge Dean-Is that an example of record, charges against him were made, and Moreover that is the ground taken what you mean by that charge of the charges were made.

O'Leary answered the charge that tract under the plea that the mayor like to answer that in such a brief Thos. Nelson, two miles south. Mr. Chalmers had done work on out- had not signed it. side jobs. He had by permission of Judge Dean-Oh, well, I shall hear Mr. O'Leary-Well, this is a serious an eye on Mr. Bogue's men in the taking time.

charge of using town material for would. by Mr. Chalmers for the hospital be interested in the contract. account. By an error the book- that before hand? up at the hospital.

Hopkins took council aside and ad- charges, which they agreed to do.

should have resigned before arrang- talking about. cement he was entirely blameless. mended council to accept. body in the court-room who knew He simply reported on its contents. (Laughter.) anything against Mr. Chalmers; if Judge Dean-I am prepared to reso he was to make his charge now, port to council that he did a grossly or hold his tongue hereafter. No improper thing. body had anything to say, and the Mr. O'Leary - Wait till I ge judge congratulated Mr. Chalmers on through. his work at the hospital, and hoped Judge Dean-I have. that the town would always have as Mr. O'Leary-No, you have not ceedings lasted about an hour, and on the walks last summer, Mr. had been subpoenaed.

The following is an outline of the Mr. O'Leary addressed the judge, and declared that he had asked the town solicitor for particulars of the not been able to get them. He and his client were thus placed at a disadvantage; they did not know what they were to be confronted by. It seemed as though council were out on a fishing expedition and did not know what would be found out. ing, "What do you know?"

"I shall ask Your Honor" continued nished with the particulars of the charges against my client; or else I do not see how the case can go on. He is charged here with neglect of duty. Now he was ill for two weeks in London last summer. I do not talk with the council. Will he reknow whether that is the time the c'arge refers to, or to some time

when he was in town. It would surely be a simple matter to give the particulars out of which the job till he gets another. Town Solicitor Hopkins-I told Mr. Chalmers-No, I will not stay. Mr. O'Leary that we would come here and furnish particulars. This Mr. Hopkins-Before I go out to is not like a suit. To some extent talk with the council, I will say that

investigation.

urday forenoon. The charges that Clerk Knowlson testified that the the commissioner was improperly in- specifications of certain walks to be terested in town contracts, had built next year, and been give to Mr. worked on outside jobs, and used Geo. Coombs, together with a con-Both Contractor Bogue and Mr Coombs had tendered for the work, Mr. Coombs' announcement that he These tenders had come before counwould not hold the town to the con- cil on Nov. 8th. They were not One envelope had been torn the first night, but council decided not to read sealed up in another till a week later. On the 15th they were opened and rethe next meeting. He did not recommend the acceptance of eithersimply made a comparative atatefications and contract form from the cement did go wrong. He ordered gation. It had ended without any-

Mr. Hopkins-You are sure Chalmers did not get them. Clerk Knowlson- Yes.

THE FIRST CHARGE Colborne-st. sewer. He had men at kins? The second statement by Mr. work, but council cancelled the con- Mr. Hopkins-Yes; but I do not

hospital, and while there had kept anyway. Your argument is just honestly. absence of that contractor for three; Mr. O'Leary-If you will permit me ciple for the town to allow its em- angemen, Christmas for the Metho-It will save a good deal of time.

outside work. The fact was that Mr. O'Leary-Very well. I will in them. If an angel from heaven concert.

surely.

efficient a commissioner. The pro- when the work was about to begin it is said that 25 or 30 witnesses Chalmers asked the mayor to be allowed to resign on account of his THE PROCEEDINGS OUTLINED | health-he has been under the doctor's care ever since-but the mayor said "No, stay where you are; we proceedings: At the outset it was will relieve you of inspecting the found that the copy of the charges | walks." An inspector-Mr. Coombs supplied to Mr. O'Leary, differed warks. An inspector and cooling supplied to Mr. O'Leary, differed was put on. The mayor selected from the or ginal. It had one charge him at council's request. So then omitted and some minor differences Chalmers did not oversee the walks in phraseology in other places. Then last summer, nor would he have inspected Coombs' walks next summer and hence, by arranging to leave the town's employ and go into partnerbroad, vague charges contained in ship with Mr. Coombs, he was not the resolution of council, but had doing such a terrible thing as at first blush Your Honor thought. Briefly it is this: Here were two

tenders opened. At council's request he summarized for them the contents of these tenders. He did not say a word in his report in favor of either tender. There is no charge They appeared to have called wit- that he used any effort with council nesses for the purpose of merely ask- to get either one or the other tender accepted. If the Coomb's tender happened to be accepted by council, Mr. O'Leary "to order that I be fur- he was going to leave the town's employ and work with Coombs.

> That is allong and and a Mr. Hopkins-That is the first I have heard about the resignation, I would like to retire for a little to

Mr. O'Leary-Yes-or I don't know; if the contract is up in the air, he may as well hold on to his present

THE SECOND CHARGE. it is a fishing expedition; it is an Mr. Chalmers was certainly overseeing outside work. There was work made. I shall see to it that the individuals we have to drag the 

men and paid them at the hospital contract for the walks. Advised by Mr on Bogue's job at the hospital. At O'Leary, he said he would not. the same time Bogue had large con- Then council and solicitor withwant Mr. O'Leary. I will ge now and Mr. Hopkins announced that and talk with the council,

ikg between Bogue and Chalmers. Mr. Hopkins-I don't say that.

say it; that makes it necessary to said he.

Ald. Jackson-No. No.

the insinuation of the town solicitor. Have you anything, Mr. Hopkins? The investigation into Ald. Me and that Mr. Chalmers shall have If you will take my word, very well; Mr. Hopkins-No, nothing. if not I shall go into the evidence. Mr. Hopkins then talked at length Mr. Chalmers was given permission how the town clerk's office should by council, at the request of Mr. J. be equipped to prevent public access D. Flavelle, to oversee certain work to the books. As he cencluded, Mr. on the grounds of the hospital. Judge Dean-The grading?

> Mr. O'Leary-Yes. its being so well done.

and his ran into each other to some remonstrances that come with dinner. extent, and when Mr. Bogue had to hour besought him not to "keep at leave three or four days befor his it"; and warmly complimented the men were through, Mr. Chalmers commissioner on the appearance of superintended them as well as his the hospital grounds. In the own up there.

struction on the matter.

THE THIRD CHARGE.

they were also charged to the town, aldermen of the town. He hoped The town paid for them; then the the town would always have as good Rathbun people found that they had a council as this year's and as efficommissioner's being improperly in- Mr. O'Leary-It is charged that quen twice paid, and credited the cient a commissioner as Mr. Chalterested in the town contracts. The Mr. Chalmers is interested in a con- hospital account with one price ; and mers. fact was that he had arranged to re- tract. Now that contract has not not till the other day was it found sign from the service of the town to yet been signed by the mayor; hence, out that the hospital and not the go into partnership with Mr. Coombe there is no contract-if we want to town should have paid for the two

council overseen some work at the what there is under this charge charge and we want to investigate it

waterworks we put a stop to that not heard before will appear at each

The judge said that Mr. Chalmers Mr. O'Leary-I know what I am this investigation was ordered at all. cemetery, east of Millbrook, near th? I hope your Honor will make it clear, house he was born in. ing to go into partnership with Mr. Judge Dean-So he was interested to council that the town employes A very sudden death occurred here. Coomds; but, that in regard to the in a contract that he had recom- should not do work for other people. It was that of Francis Adams, bro-When the council gave up the case, Mr. O'Leary-Not at all; he did doing so, Your Honor will not desioner. The deceased had always liv-

> At this point Mr. Coombs was cal- attack of heart trouble, but no one led and asked if he would hold coun- ever thought he would be called away cil to its resolution awarding him the so suddenly.

they had decided not to continue Mr. O'Leary-Don't go away Mr. the investigation any further. "I Hopkins. You have insinuated that think we should be given credit for there was some improper understand- having shown what is called 'rea-

sonable and probable cause' for this investigation. I cannot tell what Mr. O'Leary-Well, the don't in- the witnesses could say if they were sworn, but if anybody knows any-Judge Dean-He does not claim thing against Mr. Chalmers and wants it investigated, let him come Mr. O'Leary-Then he should not forward, and we will investigate it."

Judge Dean-Yes. If anybody has Judge Dean-If he is going to re- anything to say against Mr. Chalsign, why not stop the investigation mers, let him say it now under oath, or hereafter hold his peace. If there is nobody to do so, I shall assume Mr. O'Leary-No. I want to deny that there is nothing against him.

O'Leary remarked that Mr. Chalmers did not propose to reconstruct the town clerk's office. Mr. Hopkins Judge Dean-That may account for again proceeded to indicate certain possible cases of wrong-doing, but Mr. O'Leary-Mr. Bogue's work His Honor yielding doubtless to the ... Coomb's matter he had violated the Judge Dean-Had an eye on each proprieties; but it was easy, he gang? I am very glad of that ex- said, to see how he had fallen into planation. It puts a different con- that mistake. The judge was sorry Mr. Chalmers' health was not good, for in most respects he had done the town admirable service. ...

Mr. O'Leary-Mr. Chalmers is His Honor was glad that the good charged with using town material on name of the town had not been tarthem for the hospital and paid for thing serious having been shown. them; by an error of the Rathbun He was glad that no serious corrup-Company's bookkeeper-a new man- tion had ever been found among the

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There are a few cases of "lagrip." The Clancey family have quite a

Farmers are very busy brinbing had not presented it, only because by council with Mr. Pilkie on the misusing town material, Mr. Hop- out wood. The price has gone down. Robt. Bryans has put a gang of men into the woods purchased from Mr. Kennedy has purchased the saw

mill from Mr. Nichol. The preparations for our holiday entertainments are something im, Mr. Hopkins-It is a wrong prin- mense. Christmas Eve by the Orployes to do work for other people, dists and New Years tea and con-The third statement related to the Judge Dean-Well, I wish you When Mr. Flavelle and I got the cert by the Presbyterians. Talent

two barrels of cement had been admit that if the contract is signed was hired by the town and did out. The funeral of the late William ordered from the Rathbun Company as it has been let, Mr. Chalmers will side work, he would sure be charg- Graham who died at the residence of ed with using town material. I his son-in-law, Richard Grandy, at and paid for by him on the hospital Judge Dean-And had arranged will ask Your Honor to so advise the advanced age of 90 years, was council on that point. And then largely attended last Sunday. The keeper had charged these two barrels Mr. O'Leary-Yes, and had further when orders for goods are telephon- deceased had the respect and conto the town as well, and hence, arranged to resign from the service ed in, a proper order should follow fidence of all with whom he came in council were led to believe that the of the town and become a partner of in every case. One reason we put contact during his career at Omemee. commissioner had used town cement Mr. Coombs. Mr. Chalmers had his in that charge was to get directions He was a Conservative in politics, a resignation at the meeting the night for the council from Your Honor. life long Orangeman and a member It was upon hearing these explana- these charges were made, and would I am willing to say that Mr. Chal- of the Anglican church. He leaves a tory statements that Town Solicitor have tendered it then but for the mers was not to blame in the case, family of five sons and one daughter, for I saw myself that the Rathbun Mrs. Grandy, to mourn the loss of vised them to abandon the case Judge Dean-You will save time Company had credited the hospital a kind and affectionate father. His with the cost of the cement, before remains were interred in the Cavan

Mr. O'Leary-And I hope that in ther of Mr. Wm, Adams, commis-His Honor asked if there was any- not recommend them to no anything. prive the town of good solicitor, ed a quiet, inoffensive life and was

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Judge Dean-But there are charges at the hospital and jobs for private Sele Lecal Agent for the Slater Shoe, Lindsay