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Coming to the rescue of his opponent for the reeveship of Nottawasaga township, Reeve D. A. Vancise on Wednesday last week put up a $500 bond, along with Ben Thompson of Collingwood, to save W. J. Holden, former mayor of Collingwood, from going to jail after Crown Attorney Evans refused to let him go on his own bail as the suggestion of Judge Dudley Holmes, who adjourned Holden's trial on charge of conversion and theft until May 31.

Mr. Archie Turney, of West Luther has a flock of sheep that has made a real effort to lift the depression, so far, at least, as the Turney farm is concerned. Of the flock nineteen ewes have given birth to two lambs each, thirty-eight in all, while the four remaining have brought forth three lambs each. With the twenty-three sheep is to be seen fifty of the finest lambkins one could wish to see. Here is a record that is probably unequalled in the province.—Confederate.

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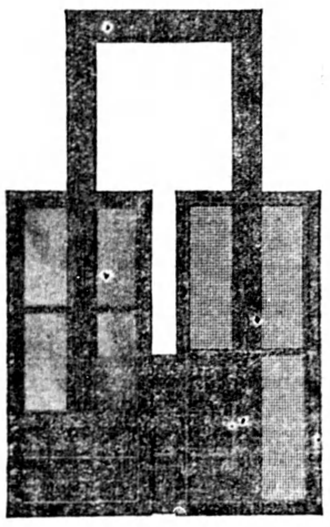

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Details Of Senate Scrap At Ottawa

The extroardinary has occurred. The Senate attracts full galleries, a large and formidable press representation and the headlines in the daily press. It has become the Uupper Chamber in truth. And the cause? Beauharnois! A Senate Committee has been studying the great power scandal, seeking to find to what degree the three Senators, McDougald, Haydon and Raymond, were responsible for the looting of the public purse, or, to be more accurate, to what extent they used their high positions as Senators of the Dominion of Canada to assist in the giving to private interests the valuable power resources of the St. Lawrence, which should have been retained for the people of Canada as a whole; they being part of the private concern which benefited at the people's expense.

Even Beauharnois might not have made the Senate the centre of interest had not the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen been the prosecutor. He is presumably the Crown Attorney, but actually the gleeful Tory partisan, exulting in his traditional enemies' downfall.

After a tedious presentation of the Committee's report by Senator Tanner, the Rt. Hon. George P. Graham upheld his three colleagues in an impassioned speech. With his eloquence and wit sought to defend his friends from the deadly attack of the enemy Senator Graham objected to an investigation into the conduct of any member of the Senate on a charge by a member of the House of Commons; he sought thus to rally all the Senators to the defense of their own members. He condemned any self-righteous attitude of any party on the question of campaign funds, stating that they were legitimate and necessary and all parties needed them and collected them. It was then, he said, only hypocrisy to deny the fact. Particularly in his defense of Senator Haydon, Mr. Graham pleaded with his heart; this was his associate for long years, the custodian of the party funds, his friend. "By birth, instinct, training, education and practise, he is a gentleman," he said

Senator Graham resented the insinuation made by Senator Tanner that Andrew Haydon was not as sick as he pretended to be. So sick was he that Senator Graham felt ashamed, he said, to be one of the Committee who went to his house to examine him under oath. The charity and sympathy of all Senators should surround their colleague. He concluded with the words: "I reiterate my belief that I am as much a custodian of the honor and integrity of this House as any member in it, but I cannot condone the condemning of my colleagues who, I think, are guilty under the Act."

And then Meighen arose; the same Meighen we had known in the Commons. Not quite so slight, not quite so bitter, but as able; Meighen the inimitable, the incomparable. With all dates and figures accurate (though without notes) and with just the right matter around each date and figure, clearing up perfectly as he went, never having to retrace, he relentlessly pursued the condemned Senators, not the three, Senator Raymond being from Quebec, was handled with gloves on, but the other two. At the conclusion of three hours of perfect public speaking, they were as worms in the dust, and it would be a brave listener, indeed, who would rise and say, "These are my friends."

Senator Meighen said that Senator Graham had not dealt with the essence of the report, but only with the externals, "the fleas and insects surrounding the problem." He then gave a minute resume of the financial history of Beauharnois, from its original syndicate stage to the present. Its charter was secured from the Quebec Legislature, but its plans necessitated approval by the Dominion "The efforts of Mr. Sweezey and his associates," proceeded Senator Meighen, "in securing approval of these plans constitute hte main chapter in the drama.

"This is the crux of the question: Did Sweezey, or did he not, induce others to take money for what could be nothing else than their political influence?" Since Mr. Sweezey, the Beauharnois President, engaged lawyers to create a proper atmosphere, "they were not so much lawyers as perfumers." However, they were successful; the much desired Order in- Council being passed in 1929.

After gently disposing of Raymond, Mr. Meighen devoted himself to Senator Haydon. He was not, he said, going to compete with Senator Graham in eulogizing Senator Haydon. Senator Graham had placed about the condemned one's head "a halo as big as a spare tire." He then proceeded to show that Senator Haydon had received a retaining fee of $50,000 from Mr. Sweezey, contingent on the approval of Mr. Sweezey's application to the Government for ratification of his St. Lawrence plan. Not only did the firm of McGiverin, Haydon and Ebbs, receive the $50,000, but also $15,000 a year for three years. They were being paid for getting the Order-in-Council through, Senator Meighen charged, since the legal work would have been well paid with $5,000. "This kind if legal work is the cheapest kind. To say that they would get for it this $50,000 retainer and $15,000 for three years, is to affront the common sense of Parliament. The inherent facts tell us—and they are more powerful than opiniins or statements of witnesses—the basic outstanding, protruding facts," said Mr. Meighen, "scream against Senator Haydon."

In April 1928, Senator McDougald had said in the Senate that he was not interested in Beauharnois. Senator Meighen took some time to establish the apparent fact that Senaor McDougald was, in all probability the owner of what is called the Sifton shares, on that date. He did not hold the shares himself. The late Winfield Sifton, acting for Mr. Sweezey, asked Clare Moyer, a lawyer in Ottawa, to act as trustee for 800 shares of the Beauharnois syndicate. He wanted Moyer to go to New York with him. This he did and in New York Sifton gave Moyer $15,000 in bills, which were placed on deposit in the Wall Street branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Five days later, Mr. Meighen pointed out, Clare Moyer issued his cheque in Montreal for the entire deposit. Mr. Meighen stressed the secrecy that surrounded these transactions, the trip to New York, the payment in bills instead of cheques. There was still another trip to New York when the remaining price of the shares was paid over, this time in drafts, which were so fashioned that the payer could not be identified. "Why were all the shades down and all the light out?" Senator Meighen asked.

He then proceeded to deal with the value of the Sterling Industrial Corporation; this, you wil remember, was organized by McDougald and Henry which Sweezey bought out for a million dollars, simply to get it out of the way and win the goodwill of McDougald and Henry. "It was the nuisance value of Sterling—and nothing else—that Sweezey wanted," Mr. Meighen stated. McDougald, a Senator of Canada, used his nuisance value to enrich himself. Has any member of Parliament any right to capitalize himself by being a nuisance?

"No one had ever given an explanation of why there had been ssch constant concealment in the transactions of Senator McDougald. Why was he constantly covering up his tracks? His actions showed that Senator McDougald knew his conduct to be unworthy of a public man. It was unfitting for it to appear in the light," said Mr. Meighen. In conclusion he called on the Senators to vote on the merits of the question and no partisan bias should be allowed to influence any member of the Senate. Nevertheless the vote will be taken on strict party lines and I will be surprised if every Liberal Senator does not vote in defense of their colleagues and every Conservative Senator in condemnation of them.

If we had as high a regard for the honor of our public people as Great Britain has, not only these three Senators, but all members of either House who seek personal gain at the expense of the country, would quivkly be put out of public life.

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