

Buffalo Saturday night or Sunday." Glassco was the man interested in the charter.

Apparently nothing resulted from the trip, witness told Mr. Elliott. He understood the price that Glassco was asking was not acceptable to Browne.

#### The Meeting at Buffalo.

Mr. White stated that at the meeting in Buffalo Glassco and Browne were talking and afterwards Browne asked about the Devonshire track, and he (witness) told him that that was under litigation.

Mr. Elliott—Did you know whether as a matter of fact Browne had bought that Devonshire charter?

Mr. White—No. I do not know.

#### Denies Any Gifts.

Mr. Elliott—Have you any stock or personal interest in this?

Mr. White—I have no stock in any racetrack.

Mr. Elliott—Who paid your expenses to Buffalo?

Mr. White—Myself personally.

In reply to Mr. Sinclair (South Oxford) witness said he had received nothing from Browne or Dr. Reaume. No expenses of any kind relating to the matters mentioned had been charged to the department. Mr. Browne had asked him to go to Detroit, but he said he was through. He did not want anything out of the business or any promises of anything.

#### Increasing Tax on Tracks.

Mr. White was also questioned as to the increased tax on the racetracks in the Province. He thought the Ontario Jockey Club had invited him down to find how much the jockey clubs could stand in the way of taxation. That information was confidential. He thought it was Mr. W. N. Ferguson who told him he could go and see the books. Mr. Ferguson then belonged to the firm of Millar, Ferguson & Hunter. Mr. Elliott said Mr. Ferguson was a member of the firm Mr. White formerly belonged to, but Chairman McCrea ruled a question on this point out of order.

Mr. Elliott—As a result of your investigations a rate was fixed for the racetracks?

Mr. White—A rate was fixed for the racetracks. I do not know how it was arrived at.

#### Dr. Reaume's Interest.

Dr. Reaume, former Minister of Public Works, in the course of his evidence, said, "Mr. Glassco had some doubts as to the validity of his charter and consulted me. I did not know whether his charter was alive or not. I told him when I went to Toronto I would find out. I called on Mr. Hanna, but he was out of the buildings. I then went to Mr. Armstrong, who thought as far as he knew that it was all right."

Mr. Elliott—Which charter are you referring to?

#### Getting a Purchaser.

Dr. Reaume—To the Glassco charter, the Windsor Athletic and Racing Club. Mr. Armstrong advised me to call on Mr. White of the Treasury Department. Mr. White told me there were some parties in New York looking for a charter. I do not think he told me who it was. I said: If you let us know I will communicate with Mr. Glassco and as a fellow-townsmen of mine, give him an opportunity of dealing with this gentleman at New York. Shortly afterwards I think I got some communication to go and meet Mr. Browne some place in New York. I took that communication and handed it over to Mr. Glassco and said, "Here's a prospective purchaser for your charter, and a request to go and meet him in New York." He (Dr. Reaume) had made it clear he was not going. Afterwards he got some correspondence as to the value of the charter. He consulted Mr. Glassco as to what he wanted. Some days he wanted \$50,000, and then he made it \$75,000.

#### Holds Stock in Track.

In reply to Mr. Sinclair, Dr. Reaume stated he had interests to the extent of \$1,000 in the Devonshire track, for which he paid. There was no bonus or present. He never received any bonus or commission. He had \$1,000 in the Windsor Driving Park. "I admit I am a little fond of a horse race," said the former Minister of Public Works, "and manifest my interest in taking a little stock."

## White's Connection With Windsor Deal

Among the letters filed in the Public Accounts Committee yesterday in connection with the relation of J. T. White, Solicitor, to the Treasury, to the Windsor race track transactions, were the following:—

Toronto, March 8, 1916.

My dear Mr. Reaume,—I have a letter from the party in New York and he wished me to ascertain your best price and to go down to New York and see him. It seems he is laid up with a broken arm and cannot come up here. If the price is reasonable I have no doubt but that he will do business. You might put a figure on the charter for all cash or for part cash and part stock in the company, retaining, of course, for the present owners the interest in the charter which they desire. Yours very truly,

Solicitor to the Treasury.

J. O. Reaume, Esq., M. D.,  
Registrar,  
Sandwich, Ont.

Toronto, March 30, 1916.

Dear Sir,—When you are ready to fix a price on the charter it might save time for you to communicate with Mr. Grant Hugh Browne, 115 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Browne would probably have been up to see you about this matter, but that he has been unable to travel for the past month. Yours very truly,

Hon. Dr. Reaume,  
Registrar,  
Sandwich.

Toronto, May 16.

Dr. J. O. Reaume,  
Registrar, Sandwich, Ont.:

Brown wires us to come to New York or he will meet us in Buffalo.

J. T. White.

## PAID \$1,100 FOR RUG AND YET ASK THRIFT

### Mr. McDonald Scores Government House Cost

#### SOME EXAMPLES CITED

Minister Spent \$1,000 in Trip to Europe for Ideas—Conservatives Reject Resolution of Censure for Extravagance.

"Imagine the inconsistency of this Government telling people to boil potatoes with the skins on and then going out and spending \$1,184 for a dancing floor for the ballroom of Government House!" exclaimed Mr. William McDonald (North Bruce) in the course of a diverting hour spent in the Legislature last evening on some of the items of expenditure on Government House.

"Eleven hundred dollars," commented the North Bruce Highlander, "on a dancing floor for the upper ten of Toronto, and not a nickel for roads in my riding! Eleven hundred dollars for the 'social butterflies' of Toronto, to go to Government House to do the Tango, the Bunny Hug and the Fox Trot, and not a cent to help the hard-working farmers of Bruce county!"

"In my town (Chesley)," said Mr. McDonald, "the young folk have decided to cut out dancing during war time."

#### Has Cost Over Million.

The member for North Bruce showed that Government House to date has cost \$1,098,104, an increase of 175 per cent. on the original esti-