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Dorland Case Probe If Found Necessary, Says Price in House

**Additional Evidence Is
Now Being Read, Attor-
ney-General Replies to
Question Put by Nixon**

INTERIM REPORT WAS CONSIDERED

If it is found by reading the complete evidence taken by the Toronto Police Commission in the case of Albert Dorland, sentenced to five years in the Kingston Penitentiary in connection with an attempted hold-up of the Royal Bank at Church and Wellesley Streets, that the question of administration of justice is involved, then he will immediately order an official judicial investigation into the matter, Attorney-General W. H. Price informed the Legislature yesterday.

Evidence Now Being Read.

Replying to a question put by Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Progressive Leader, Colonel Price referred to complaints which had been made about alleged "framing" in connection with the case. The first transcription of evidence he had already read, he stated, but some 400-odd pages more had reached him only Wednesday, and was now being read in the department, he explained.

Mr. Nixon, at the opening of the House, remarked on editorials in Toronto papers concerning the case: "I would just like to ask the Attorney-General if the Government has been requested by the Police Commission to institute an investigation, and if so, what disposition has been made of the request," he said.

"Some two months ago there was a complaint made by letter to my department to the effect that there had been some framing in one or two cases that were disposed of in the Police Court. In looking into the matter, I thought that in face of it, it was a matter for the Police Commission, and I referred it on that account to the Police Commission," replied Colonel Price.

"Learned Through Press."

"They took evidence and some time ago sent an interim report of some 500 pages, but the Commission had not dealt with the matter then, and it was thought that it might dispose of it itself on further investigation. But I learned through the press the other day that they had taken further evidence, and that the majority of the Commission had requested that it be brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, asking for a public inquiry, on the ground that it extended further than police administration," he continued.

"Only yesterday I received some 400 or 500 additional pages of evidence. I had read the first that came to me, but have not yet had a chance to read this. It is being read in the department.

"If I find that it involves the question of administration of justice, which I did not know at first when it was referred to the Police Commission, then I will immediately have an official judicial investigation," concluded the Attorney-General.

LIBERAL ASKS COST OF GAME COMMITTEE

Other Questions in House Include Salaries of Teachers

Liberals in the Ontario Legislature inquired yesterday through Dr. L. J. Simpson (Bruce South) of the total cost of the special game committee which was appointed in 1931 under the chairmanship of Hon. W. D. Black. The committee's report will be tabled shortly. Other questions by the Liberal group included one asking information regarding the reported appointment of a Government employee in Belleville; whether the salaries of Normal School teachers have been reduced and, if so, what percentage; and if Government funds were used in the erection of the Midland artificial rink.

D. M. Ross (Progressive, Oxford North) tabled an inquiry seeking to know "what arrangements have been made with Colonel H. D. Lockhart-Gordon for remuneration for services on the Budget Committee," and, if so, "if on a per diem basis, what is the amount?"

Arthur Ellis (Ottawa South), introduced his bill proposing an amendment to the Judicature Act which would provide for trial by Judge only, in actions against municipal corporations, public utilities, Police Commissions, etc. The bill, for which notice of motion was previously given, received its first reading.

Tomorrow will be private members' day and several bills will be up for their second reading.