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# M'CAUGHRIN PROBE TO CALL WITNESSES FOR FRIDAY SESSION

## Former Orillia Magistrate Not Among Those Subpoenaed

### DECLARATION IS SOUGHT

Opening investigation of ex-Magistrate Daniel McCaughrin's sensational charges, the Ontario Legislature's Committee on Legal Bills yesterday decided to summon before it:

W. G. Jaffray, President of The Globe.

A. A. McIntosh, Acting Managing Editor of The Globe.

W. G. Bingham of Orillia, who is said to have prepared the statutory declaration signed by Daniel McCaughrin.

Miss Cassidy of Orillia, who is said to have typed the declaration.

James Harvie of Orillia, in whose office, it is claimed, the declaration was sworn.

#### To Appear on Friday.

These witnesses will appear before the committee Friday morning at 11.30 o'clock. While he was not subpoenaed, Mr. McCaughrin probably will be present, according to Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Minister of Highways, and acting as Government counsel before the committee.

At the committee's organization meeting yesterday morning, efforts centred on locating the statutory declaration, which forms the basis of the investigation.

#### McCrea Is Chairman.

Fourteen members of the committee attended yesterday morning's meeting. At the outset Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines, was confirmed in the Chairmanship.

"We have met today," said Mr. McCrea, "for organization preliminary to dealing with the matter of the charges of Daniel McCaughrin, as set out in statutory declaration and published in The Globe of Friday, Dec. 22. I'd suggest that, in proceeding with our duties and dealing with the charges set forth in the statutory declaration, we should have that declaration before the committee.

"Does any one present know where this declaration is? Is it available? Can it be produced?"

#### Question Repeated.

Mr. Macaulay repeated: "Does any one present know where it is? We want to proceed with this inquiry as expeditiously as possible and report back to the House. All we know comes from the reports in The Globe."

Then, looking across the table at Dr. G. A. McQuibban, he asked: "Have any of my learned friends opposite been taken into the confidence of The Globe and told where the declaration is? Be frank—"

Mr. McCrea—With each other?

Dr. McQuibban—I submit, Mr. Macaulay, that I don't think you've noticed my name mentioned in any material the press has printed. I've read about the matter in the papers, that's all.

Hon. Harry Nixon—Whom is he calling his learned friends opposite?

Mr. McCrea—I think, then, that we can assume that the affidavit is not here, and that no one here knows where it is.

#### Subpoenas Ordered.

Mr. Macaulay then moved, seconded by W. A. Baird (Conservative, High Park), that the Clerk subpoena Mr. Jaffray and Mr. McIntosh. In making the motion Mr. Macaulay made graceful reference to the absence of H. W. Anderson, Managing Editor of The Globe, "whose illness is regretted by all of us."

When the motion had carried, C. A.

Seguin (Conservative, Russell) suggested that the name of the Commissioner before whom the declaration was made be added to the list of witnesses. "And why not the person who made the declaration?" added Wilfrid Heighington (Conservative, Toronto-St. David's).

Mr. Macaulay replied that he had a further list of witnesses, and gave an assurance that Mr. McCaughrin would be present at the committee's next meeting. He then moved to subpoena Mr. Bingham, Miss Cassidy and Mr. Harvie, and call on them to bring with them whatever documents they had relating to the case. On Mr. Baird's seconding, this motion was carried.

#### May Not Subpoena Magistrate.

Mr. Macaulay then said: "I don't know about subpoenaing Mr. McCaughrin. Apparently, neither Dr. McQuibban nor Mr. Nixon (Progressive Leader) is sponsoring the charges, and we don't know yet whether The Globe is. Certainly, Mr. McCaughrin ought to be here."

Mr. McCrea suggested that the committee wait until it had before it the original documents on which the charges were based. "Then, if more witnesses are wanted by anybody, we can have them here, too. We can assume that Mr. McCaughrin will be here at the next meeting; he is very interested in the charges. Any further witnesses touching the statutory declaration can be called then.

"We ought to dispose of this matter as quickly as possible, so I suggest that we hold our next meeting at 10 a.m. Friday."

It was suggested that the hour be advanced to accommodate witnesses arriving from Orillia on the morning train, and 11.30 a.m. was proposed. Before it was agreed to meet at this time, it was proposed that the committee adhere to the original time of 10 o'clock, and examine the Toronto witnesses in the intervening hour and a half, but Mr. McCrea said: "I think that we need only a very short time so far as Mr. Jaffray and Mr. McIntosh are concerned, so we shall call the committee for 11.30 Friday morning."