

Colonel Denison replied that complaints had been received from the Town of Orillia, from the "two Browns"—Mayor and Police Commissioner—and from the ordinary "razzing" of citizens about their Police Magistrate.

"As to my ability?"

"Yes."

"Can you cite one case?" Colonel Denison was silent.

"I have the confidence of the people of Orillia," affirmed Mr. McCaughrin.

Record in Office.

Mr. Humphries placed on record the Government papers concerning Mr. McCaughrin's record. These docu-

ments showed he had been appointed in 1927, with jurisdiction in Orillia and sections of Simcoe and Ontario Counties, at a salary of \$1,500 a year. Later he had asked for a \$200 annual allowance for clerical help and rent.

From the Town Council of Orillia had been received a complaint asking Magistrate McCaughrin's removal and replacement. A. N. Middleton of the department had reported that Mr. McCaughrin "was not what could be called a good Police Magistrate; he doesn't seem diplomatic, and representative citizens of the municipality are up in arms."

Further complaints were received in 1929. Next year the Magistrate's jurisdiction was reduced following Crown Attorney McGibbon's complaint. In 1933 his remaining jurisdiction in Ontario County was taken from him.

At the conclusion of Mr. Humphries's evidence Mr. McCaughrin again rose to question. "It looks to me," he said, "as if all this correspondence is irrelevant, as my charge is that Gover tried to buy me out for \$2,000."

This concluded the pre-lunch session.

Asks About Rumors.

At the outset, Mr. McCaughrin, in his evidence, referred to a meeting with Mr. Finlayson at the Y.M.C.A., in Orillia, on Nov. 11, 1933. "I went upstairs, side by side with Mr. Finlayson, and I said to him: 'What is all this nonsense that is going round the Department of the Attorney-General, regarding my being asked to resign?'" testified the ex-Magistrate. "I said, 'It has been whispered that such is the case.' Mr. Finlayson, in reply, said: 'They are trying to put in a system of economy.' But I said, as I remember it, 'Why don't you start with some of the leaders, and the higher-paid officials?'"

Mr. Macaulay—You do not mention that in the statement made on paper. You say Mr. Finlayson called you out of the room.

A.—Yes, but I can—

Mr. McCrea—I would suggest you let Mr. McCaughrin go on with his statement.

Mr. McCaughrin stated that Mr. Finlayson had said that he thought that he (McCaughrin) would get \$3,000. "Oh, no, I would want \$4,000. I said that jocularly," continued Mr. McCaughrin.

Mr. Macaulay—It was not enough.

Mr. McCrea—What did you think Mr. Finlayson was referring to?

Mr. McCaughrin—It began to dawn on me it might be some remuneration.

Mr. McCrea—For what? A.—For the small salary I had been receiving.

Letter From Minister.

Proceeding, he told of having received a letter from Mr. Finlayson, stating, "I think I have made some progress."

He then told of a meeting with Mr. Gover and Mr. Finlayson in Toronto. After a meeting at the City Hall in connection with the Magistrates' Association, Mr. McCaughrin related how he and Mr. Gover had gone to Parliament Buildings to see Mr. Finlayson. "It was there I got the shock of my life," exclaimed Mr. McCaughrin, amid laughter. "Mr. Finlayson not only dropped all reference to the \$3,000 that he thought he could get but said to Mr. Gover and myself, 'You fellows get together and come to some arrangement.' Mr. Gover said, 'I can give you \$1,500.' I said, 'Nothing doing.'"

Mr. Macaulay—Not enough.

Mr. McCaughrin—I was not serious. I could have said "No," but I didn't. I wanted to draw some more fire. Then Gover said, "I will give you \$2,000." Then, without further ado, Mr. Finlayson took one end of the table and Gover the opposite and I took the centre, and Mr. Finlayson, in his eloquent phraseology, dictated the terms of the bargain. That is the God's truth. That is the Irish way of putting it.

"You Fellows Get Together."

Continuing, Mr. McCaughrin reiterated the statement, "Mr. Finlayson absolutely said, 'You fellows get together and come to some conclusion.' That was the moment, I decided in my own mind, that Mr. Finlayson was dropping all responsibility of the Government and putting it on Mr. Gover, who was going to buy my position. So, after Mr. Gover had signed this agreement, I never read it over. He did not ask me to sign, but I observed this, that 'I won't have anything to do with this proposition unless the Attorney-General, Colonel Price, has looked it over,' and I was firmly of the belief and the conviction that Colonel Price would not endorse and put through an Order-in-Council covering a deal of that nature."

Mr. McCaughrin stated that he had been told he would get his copy of the agreement, but he had never received it. He also admitted, when questioned by Mr. Macaulay, that he had signed a resignation. He also admitted that the resignation had been signed the same day that the agreement had been drawn up—Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25.

"I recall it by an important meeting of the executive of the Magistrates of Ontario," declared the ex-Magistrate. "Well, then, when I went home that night I said: 'This is the most shocking proposition that was ever handed to me in my life,' and I wrote a pretty sarcastic letter to Mr. Price, dated the second day of December."

Mr. Macaulay—That was a week after.

Mr. McCrea—You got home that night—Saturday, Nov. 25—and that night thought it was a shocking affair. You wrote to Mr. Price. What was the letter you wrote to Mr. Price dated? A.—The second of December.

Mr. Macaulay—You did not write after you got home that day? A.—No.

Questioned About "Shock."

Mr. McCaughrin was closely questioned by several members of the committee concerning "the shock" he had experienced, and the fact that he had not written for a week.

"It grew worse each day," warmly returned Mr. McCaughrin, referring to "the shock."

Mr. Macaulay—It did not get to a height until the second of December.

In the letter, which was read by Mr. McCrea, reference was made to the "\$3,000 for my giving up my position as Magistrate." "I can truthfully say," the letter read at another point, "that I have never received money that I have not honestly earned. I have never violated my citizenship, politically or otherwise." According to the letter, Mr. McCaughrin had also asked for the return of his resignation, and expressed a desire to retain the office for a time.

Making a correction in his testimony, Mr. McCaughrin stated that he had written to Mr. Price and a copy of the letter had been sent to Mr. Finlayson. He told of Mr. Finlayson phoning him the following day and saying: "What the --- is the matter with you?" or words to that effect. Mr. Finlayson had also asked him if he would like to meet Mr. Price, and Mr. McCaughrin stated that he would appreciate an interview.

Mr. McCaughrin—I went down to see Mr. Price. I went in.

Mr. Macaulay—What was the date? A.—I am not sure, but one of the letters will be here.

Mr. McCaughrin—However, Mr. Price seemed very displeased with this letter—very, very displeased. "Now," he said, "this letter would be damaging for the department," for I used very caustic language. Would

you like to have what Colonel Price said to me?

Mr. Macaulay—Yes, if you can remember it.

Mr. McCaughrin—Mr. Price said to me: "I want you to destroy that letter and I will destroy my copy, and I will ask Mr. Finlayson to destroy his." That is what he said to me on that occasion. Of course, I did not destroy my letter.

At another point, Mr. McCaughrin asked if he could refer to the late Mr. Bayly, former Deputy Attorney-General of Ontario.

Mr. McCaulay pointed out that Mr. Bayly was dead and could not give evidence for himself.

Mr. Heighington also objected to Mr. Bayly's name being introduced, and Mr. McCrea pointed out the need of having corroborative evidence.

Finally, Mr. McCrea asked Mr. McCaughrin what he had said to Mr. Bayly.

The former Magistrate told of having a discussion with Mr. Bayly concerning the \$2,000, the resignation and the possibility of being allowed to carry on his duties as Magistrate for six months longer. While he could not promise anything definite, Mr. Bayly, according to Mr. McCaughrin, had thought he could promise the six months' proposition and the return of the resignation. "There was nothing definite about Mr. Bayly, and I concluded he had the idea I had this declaration (the affidavit) in my pocket," stated Mr. McCaughrin. "I did not have a scrap of paper except my card case and watch."

Permission to Release.

Mr. McCaughrin told of leaving Mr. Bayly and then notifying Mr. Harry Johnson that he had his permission to release his declaration.

Mr. McCrea—The declaration was in existence at that time? A.—Yes. In the safe of The Globe office.

Mr. McCrea—They had to get your o.k. to release before publishing? A.—Absolutely.

Mr. Macaulay—When you were in Mr. Bayly's office you did not have the declaration with you. Where was it? A.—It was in the safe at The Globe office.

Mr. Macaulay—When did you go to The Globe? A.—That afternoon.

To Fortify Himself.

Questioned further, Mr. McCaughrin declared, "I wanted to fortify myself with this declaration if I did not get a fair deal with the Attorney-General's office. I would go back and let the public know exactly what transpired."

Replying to another question, he stated that he had met Mr. Harry Johnson at George McLean's office in Orillia the night the declaration was drawn up. I gave the details, and left it to Mr. Johnson to make up these contents," stated Mr. McCaughrin.

"Who took the affidavit, in the first place, to The Globe office, you or Harry Johnson? A.—Well, I brought it down, and left it with Harry Johnson, and I went up to see Mr. Bayly.

Q.—How did you know it was in The Globe office? A.—Because I went in with Harry Johnson to The Globe that morning.

Q.—Whom did you see that morning? A.—The only one I recall was the Business Manager of The Globe, who is ill.

Mr. McCrea—Harry Anderson. Did you tell him the story. A.—Well, in a way. Harry Johnson read that declaration. I talked it over with him."

Mr. McCaughrin admitted that Mr. Roebuck had come into the office while they were talking, but that he remained only a short time.

He denied the suggestion made by Mr. Murphy that Mr. Johnson had promised him (McCaughrin) a permanent appointment if the Liberal Party got into power.

Asked if he had anything further to add, Mr. McCaughrin said: "Nothing more than that I firmly believe that this offer of \$2,000 was a bribe to get my position."

At one point Mr. McCrea injected, "It was really a question of terms." "No," retorted Mr. McCaughrin, "if they had offered me \$10,000 I would have absolutely refused."