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DRAMATIC FINALE TO CROSS EXAMINATION

Laurier's Counsel Finding no Clue to Substantiate Charges Abruptly Ends Examination of Col. Carnegie.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 4.—With almost dramatic suddenness the cross-examination of Col. David Carnegie, technical expert for the Shell Committee, was ended by Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, just before noon today. It had been expected that this cross-examination by Sir Wilfred Laurier's nominee of the government counsel in the enquiry would have lasted for much longer in the manner in which Col. Carnegie had given every possible information and the evident desire of Mr. Hellmuth to bring out all the facts left little work for cross-examination. At the same time the frequent clashes between Mr. Johnston and Colonel Carnegie had worked out in such a manner as to leave little desire on the part of Mr. Johnston for more, since they did not tend to strengthen any case against the Shell Committee or Sir Sam Hughes.

With regard to Col. Allison it was stated by Col. Carnegie that his interest in the whole transaction had been dictated by friendship for General Hughes, and that Col. Allison had proven a most effective aid. Before he came into the business the lowest price they could get for fuses was \$4.90. Then Col. Allison had introduced Yeokum, Bassick and others, whose competition had brought about the surprising reduction in price to \$4.25. Col. Carnegie declared unequivocally that so far as he knew there had never been the slightest evidence of any commission or any other kind of profit to Col. Allison. There had been great urgency for the supply of these fuses, said Col. Carnegie, since the British war office wanted completed shells, and every fuse secured from

the United States meant another shell, at \$15. The whole idea, he asserted, was to get the fuses as cheaply as possible and to distribute as many shells as possible in Canada. Col. Carnegie declared with emphasis that in making any contracts or arrangements no influence had been exerted by either General Hughes or J. Wesley Allison. These direct statements and his inability to bring out anything to connect Col. Allison or any other person in connection with the Shell Committee with the late charges evidently discouraged Mr. Johnston, and he abruptly abandoned his cross-examination. General Sir Alexander Bertram was the main witness for the rest of the day and his evidence was just as strongly against anything that might go to support the charges as was that of Col. Carnegie. In fact, there being any question of allowing take-offs of any kind General Bertram showed that the Shell Committee had made a saving of \$34,597,587 on orders for which the war office had allowed \$345,222,874—an economy of about 10 per cent which was eventually handed over to the Imperial Munitions Board when the Shell Committee went out of existence. He was just as decided as Col. Carnegie that there had never been any question of commissions or graft of any kind, declaring that his only idea had been to make a good job of it for patriotic purposes. General Bertram will vote with the stand tomorrow, but it is likely that today's developments will tend to greatly shorten the work of the Commission.

DEBATE ON AUTO RESOLUTION IN HOUSE

The debate on the Automobile resolution in the Legislature on Friday night was listened to by a crowded audience. Mr. LEA in introducing the resolution said it was intended to repeal the present Motor Vehicles Act and re-introduce the act of 1908. He did not agree with those who said that those who did not agree with the running of automobiles were narrow minded. They had to look at the question from the country people's point of view as well as that of the city. Automobiles could be used for only about six months in the year, and would be largely used for pleasure. The country people on the other hand used horses, and those who were likely to use automobiles would be in the minority. There was a feeling among the country people that the effect of permitting autos to run would be to drive the women and children off the roads, and they knew that in the country very young children drive horses. Personally, he himself would not be a bit afraid to meet an automobile while he was in charge of the roads, but it was a different thing with women and children. He did not think motor trucks would ever displace horse haulage, and conditions here were not favorable to its introduction. He did not consider those who wished to run automobiles were to be blamed in anyway; they were quite entitled to their cars, but they had to consider the reasons which the farmers advanced against them.

Mr. HUGHES, in seconding, did not think it necessary to go into the merits of the question which had been discussed for eight years. He argued that the people had given their decision against autos at the school meetings. The roads were in charge of the responsible Government were being destroyed by forcing the autos on the province. In conclusion he said the resolution embodied the pledge of the Anti-Automobile Association and everyone who signed the pledge should support the resolution. Hon. Mr. ARSENAULT said he did not wish to occupy the attention of the House for any length of time, but he did not think it would be fair to the House or the country to let the resolution pass without saying a few words in defence of the stand that the Government had taken in the matter. When the Act was passed it was true that the Leader of the Government, in his place in the House, said it was not the intention of the Government to force the act on the people, and he was very sorry to hear the last Speaker say that they were trying to force the act on the people of this province. That gentleman went so far as to compare the present case with the fight that was going on in Europe. He thought the comparison was far-fetched and the allusion uncalled for altogether.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE PROROGUED YESTERDAY

Usual Military Honours Attend Closing of House. Guard of Honour from 105th. His Honour Lieutenant Governor McDonald Assents to Legislative Acts of Session and Formally Prorogues the Assembly.

Yesterday afternoon the Legislature was prorogued with the usual ceremony. The House had been in session for five weeks and probably it has been the most strenuous five weeks the majority of the members have ever put in. At half-past two His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor arrived and took his seat in the Speaker's chair which was vacated by Mr. Speaker Martin. There was a large attendance of the general public including many ladies. The officers of the 105th Regiment formed a guard of honour within the circle, and his honour was attended by Lieut.-Col. Jenkins and Major Bartlett as A. D. C., The Guard of Honour which received His Honour consisted of men from A and B Coy's under Captain Cook, the band of the regiment being in attendance and rendering a programme of music.

The Clerk, (Mr. Dawson) presented His Honour with the following acts for his assent which was given: "The Drainage Act 1915." "An Act to incorporate Patons Ltd." "An Act to incorporate the Savage Harbour Packing Company Ltd." "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate Auld Bros. Limited." "An Act to incorporate J. R. Gillis Limited." "An Act to incorporate Crescent Lodge No. 24, Knights of Pythias." "An Act to incorporate Morell Hall Company." "An Act to further amend the Charlottetown Waterworks Act 1887 and the Charlottetown Sewerage Act." "An Act to authorize Wm. A. Muttart to change his name to Fred. Muttart."

"An Act to incorporate Egmont Bay and Mont Carmel Telephone Co., Ltd." "An Act to incorporate the P. E. I. Brick and Tile Company Ltd." "An Act to amend an Act for the incorporation of Sherwood Cemetery Co." "An Act to amend Act 5 George V. Cap. 12, Re Lady Wood Estate." "An Act to amend the Election Act 1913." "An Act to incorporate Annandale Public Hall Company Ltd." "An Act to empower the Methodist Conference of New Brunswick and P. E. I. to sell certain lands." "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Town of Kensington." "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of Hillsborough School." "An Act to vest certain lands in the P. E. I. Brick and Tile Co. Ltd." "An Act for the introduction of Medical Inspection in the Public Schools of the City of Charlottetown." "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the P. E. I. Dairy Association." "An Act further amending the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act." "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of Springfield Baptist Church." "An Act to further amend the Summerside Incorporation Act 1903." "An Act to further amend the Fish and Game Protection Act." "An Act to further amend an Act relating to Landlord and Tenant." "An Act regarding the Adoption of Children." "An Act to amend the Companies' Tax Act." "An Act to amend the Fox Tax Act." "The Appropriation Act '1916." "An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Union Co-operative Society."

THE ADDRESS THAT WAS NOT PRESENTED

The Tribute of the Rank and File to the Leader of the Opposition on Closing of Legislature.

During the dying hours of the Legislature yesterday morning, certain good natured souls of the rank and file of the Liberal party held a sort of mutual-consolation levee for the purpose of taking to their silence, and to forget, and the general public not to remember. A significant feature of the levee was that only the militant members of the combination, Messrs Bell, Johnston and Hughes were reported to have taken part, the silent partners, who take to their silence, assumed the form of an address, or more correctly, a last will and testament to Mr. Bell. The following is not an exact copy of the document but may be assumed to express the opinions of the estimators more nearly than that which appeared in yesterday's Patriot:

ADDRESS. J. H. Bell, Esq., Leader of His Majesty's Perplexed Opposition. Honourable Sir:— On behalf of the Liberals of the Province of Prince Edward Island, and particularly of Charlottetown, its capital, we, as the House is proroguing this afternoon, desire to express our sympathy towards you in view of the things that have befallen during the session, and in view of the manner in which you have led the 105th entrusted to your guidance. In electing you, Sir, as their leader in local politics, the Liberals of the province made the only choice open to them under the circumstances. From the four men available they selected you, Sir, after prayerful consideration on your part and for which they are now humbly praying to be forgiven. Ever since the opening of the Legislature, upwards of five weeks ago, you have been indefatigable and untiring in your chase after things that were not worth anything even if you had caught them. The worthlessness of the quarry, however, we do not lay to your charge; that we desire to commend our opinion about is the reputation you have established for yourself as a mighty hunter, whose glory is to be found not in the things he captured but in the fact that he hunted indefatigably in season and out of season. Your speeches on the various questions that occupied the attention of the House during the session have marked you as one of the most voluble parliamentary speakers in the province, in fact in the Dominion of Canada, an orator of interminable possibilities and a debater without a peer (or political truthfulness and integrity this side of Germany). Besides your capacity as a speaker, debater and public man, Sir, your attitude on the moral questions of the day, notably the temperance question, has been such as to command the highest legal fees per foolscap page of brief in the history of the profession. In your private life your character and habits have been irreproachable and we voice the sentiments of the great majority of the Liberal party in the province when we express the sincere hope that a beneficent providence will at a not distant date open up a way by which you may be enabled to resume your place in those private walks of life which you have so long adorned before assuming the onerous duties of leadership. Therefore, honourable Sir, we request you to accept this unceremonious check as the measure of our esteem and these expressions of our profound feeling, symbolizing as we believe they do, the feelings of all true Liberals and the great majority of the electors of the Province of Prince Edward Island. The address was not signed, an evidence of its cosmopolitan character, nor are the remarks which followed its presentation recorded.

Proceedings In Provincial Legislature

FRIDAY, APRIL 28. The House resumed at 11.40 a. m.— Mr. Speaker Martin in the chair. Mr. MCKINNON presented a petition from J. H. Myrick, Tignish, C. Lyons & Co., Charlottetown, Benj. Cunniff, Murray Harbour North and other places, praying that the Legislature pass a resolution requesting the Federal Government to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into certain grievances in connection with shipping. He gave notice that he would introduce a resolution on the subject. Mr. MCKINNON introduced a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Hillsborough school which was read a first time. The PREMIER intimated that the Government's programme of business was about completed and asked the House if it desired to fix a date for rising. Mr. BELL said the suggestion was a good one and would have his consideration. He would do all in his power to facilitate an early rising. Mr. DEWAR suggested Wednesday as a suitable day. Mr. BELL said he would consult his colleagues and let the House know tomorrow. A number of questions were asked and answered, or intimation made that the answer was in the course of preparation. Mr. MCKINNON moved the third reading of the Election Amendment Bill. (Continued on page three.)

ALL GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY ALLIES

Fierce Fighting Continues in Verdun Section and Germans Repulsed in Every Attack.

PARIS, May 4.—An official communication issued by the war office tonight says: In Argonne our artillery shelled enemy organizations in Cheppy Wood. At La Fille Mort mine fighting was to our advantage. West of the Meuse bombardment was very violent in the region of hill 304. At Le Mort Homme a small German attack on one of the trenches recently captured by us was stopped by our barrier of fire. East of the Meuse and in

Verdun the activity of our artillery was intermittent. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front except the usual cannonading. A Belgian communication reads: bombardment on both sides was resumed with force in the sector of Dixmude and to the north. Our artillery took under its fire German batteries and bomb throwers as well as barges which were observed in Handzaeml Canal.

500 REBELS KILLED 1,500 WOUNDED IN DUBLIN RIOTS

DUBLIN, May 4.—Many women were killed in the fighting between the rebels and troops in the streets of Dublin. The bodies of fourteen women have been discovered in the ruins of shell-shattered buildings. Normal conditions are being restored here although the central part of the city is a mass of fire-blackened ruins, and the streets are scarred by artillery projectiles. The havoc in the business district or the Irish capital is appalling. First reports were wholly inadequate in describing the desolation and destruction. Many bodies still lie beneath the ruins. Instead of a few buildings being destroyed by fire, whole blocks were wiped out. Many streets were impassable for mounds of wreckage. The last shot was fired on Monday morning by a lone sniper at Ball's Bridge, on the outskirts of the city, who held his position in spite of furious fusillades directed against his barricade by the troops. Finally when his ammunition was gone, he tied a handkerchief to the bayonet on his rifle and raised it as a token of surrender. On his cap were the words "Dublin regiment."

Armed guards are still patrolling the city and surrounded houses are being searched for arm, ammunition and seditious literature. At the night soldiers worked clearing away the wreckage of battle and removing the bodies. Some of the corpses had lain in the streets since the day the fighting opened on Monday, April 24th. It was a sickening sight. At least 500 rebels were killed and 1500 wounded in seven days fighting in the streets. This is the estimate of soldiers who have completed a canvass of the city. This estimate is conservative, the officers said. Rebel bodies were found beneath the ruins of the general post office wrecked by shell fire, in Derby here and numerous other buildings demolished by artillery or burned.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents. WANTED—FOREMAN FOR SAW mill, sash and door factory. A first class mill and a good chance for right man. Apply at once to A.L.C., c/o Guardian. 812-5-3M31. WANTED GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Guardian Office. 827-5-15M1. WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply Mrs J. D. Stewart, Georgetown. 9318-4-19M121. TO LET—BRIGHT COMFORTABLE rooms centrally located in private family. Gentleman preferred. Phone 314. 9567-5-M31. WANTED—A BOY TO LEARN barber trade. Apply to Revere Barber shop, Kent St., next to Guardian Office. 9500-4-4M41. WANTED—SEVERAL YOUNG MEN to learn a good paying business from country preferred. Address in own hand writing Box 363 Charlottetown. 9580-5-M31. TO LET—A LARGE BEDROOM ON main floor, in private family. All modern conveniences. Apply 84 Hillsboro Street, or Phone 234L. 8204-4-12M1. WANTED—EXPERIENCED BOOK-keeper, young man preferred. Apply stating references and experience to Jas. Kennedy & Co., Kingston. 8323-4-19M1. FOR SALE—1 PURE BRED AYRSHIRE bull 16 months old. Also small quantity O. A. C., No. 72 oats. Apply to McLeod Bros, New Wiltshire, R. R. No. 4. 9562-5-4M2E11. BARGAINS—MISS MALONE is offering her stock of flowers, feathers, silks, ribbons, malines, fancy braids at clearing out prices. Corner of Prince and Grafton Sts. 9550-5-3-M31pd. PUPIL NURSES.—MALE AND female, wanted at the Taunton State Hospital Training School for Nurses. For particulars, address Dr Arthur V. Goss, Supt., Taunton State Hospital, Taunton, Mass. 8191-4-11M1. START A FLOWER AND VEGETABLE Garden.—We have a good line of reliable seeds MacKie & Nelson, Grafton Street East, opposite Davies & Frasers. 9556-5-4-M31. AGENTS WANTED TO SELL FOR the old reliable Fonthill Nurseries. We teach one man to sell. Experience unnecessary; highest commissions paid; handsome free equipment. Stone & Wellington, Toronto. 9493-5-1M&E till May 31st. HORSES WANTED.—W. S. NEWSON will be in Summerside, S. tuesday May 6th, from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. Kensington in afternoon. Horses required 1400 lbs. mares preferred, also trappy clean trim express horses, about 1100 lbs. each. 9551-11. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE MOON ETC.

TORONTO, May 5.—Maritime moderate winds fair and rather warm. THE WEATHER Yesterday was fine and warm. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 54 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 44 above; at nine last night 43 above. The coldest the previous night was 39 degrees above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:02 and tomorrow at 12:32; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1:40 and Sunday at 2:22. The sun sets this evening at 7:14 and tomorrow at 7:15; it rises tomorrow morning at 4:39 and Sunday at 4:38. The moon rises tonight at 11:09. The first quarter of the moon will be on Wednesday, May 10th, at 4:47 a. m. The length of today will be fourteen hours and thirty-four minutes. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria. Minard's Liniment cures Diphtheria.