

REVEALS

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was really opposing the requests of the others; that the Minister then said to Mr. MacArthur "Get Sinclair to wire me asking for the Mounted and I will send them" (or words to that effect).

That Senator MacArthur then wired to Mr. Saunders telling him that Mr. Sinclair must wire for the Mounted; that Mr. Saunders did get Mr. Sinclair to wire withdrawing his (Mr. Sinclair's) opposition, but that the Minister was not satisfied with Mr. Sinclair's telegram, stating that if Mr. Sinclair really wanted Mounted Police to be sent, it was necessary that he make a definite request to that effect; that Senator MacArthur accordingly had to leave Ottawa without obtaining a definite promise that the Mounted Police would be sent, by reason solely of Mr. Sinclair's failure to make the necessary request.

Excuse for Inaction

On 11th June (1927) Mr. A. E. McLean had written Rev. A. A. MacLeod stating "It appears that the Minister is perfectly willing to send the Mounted Police here, providing the Commissioner could spare the men but it appears that up to the present the Commissioner has not been able to do this."

The Alliance had been telegraphing the Minister to send the Police. A telegram sent on 6th June reads as follows:

"The Temperance Alliance of Prince Edward Island and Provincial Ministerial Association and other public organizations have been urging sending and maintenance in this Province of at least four members Royal Canadian Mounted Police to assist in enforcing Dominion laws against smuggling and illicit stills. Local Provincial candidates and Federal representatives urge compliance.

Temperance Alliance instructing us proceed Ottawa to stress importance granting request. Please telegraph whether Police will be sent and maintained here, and how soon they will arrive. Election date twelfth June. Urgent Police arrive immediately."

Understanding Among Politicians

In a letter from the Ministers



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Secretary to Mr. A. E. McLean on the 8th June, the Secretary, after referring to the Alliance's telegram, and after telling Mr. McLean that the men were not available for Prince Edward Island at that time, concludes his letter with the sentence: "The Minister explained the situation to the Honourable Sinclair a short time ago." Whether the explanation given by the Minister to Mr. Sinclair was the same explanation given by the Minister to Senator MacArthur a few days later, or whether a different explanation was given, may be left to conjecture.

If the explanation was the same, then, if Senator MacArthur's statement is correct, the reason given must have been that Mr. Sinclair himself had not asked for the police and the Minister would not send them without Mr. Sinclair's express invitation.

If this be a correct inference, then the other reasons that were given, namely that the Commissioner could not spare them, etc., were reasons which, while they may not have been untrue, were perhaps meant to hide Mr. Sinclair's omission.

Impossibilities Claimed

Even on the 13th June, almost on the eve of the departure of the two police who did arrive here, and, presumably before Mr. Sinclair's telegram was received by the Minister, his Private Secretary wired the Alliance, "Minister absent. Regret to say am advised Mounted Police not yet available for Prince Edward Island, impossible to take men from their present activities."

It would appear that the moment Mr. Sinclair's telegram reached Ottawa the "present activities" and the "impossibilities" were all dissolved; vanished into thin air, for the men did really arrive in Charlottetown on the evening of the 17th of June, and presented themselves for inspection at the Temperance Alliance office on the morning of the 18th.

A Tardy Revelation

The real reason for the delay in sending members of the Mounted Police to the Province is thus given by the Bulletin.

At the time when Mr. Higgs and Mr. Lepage were presumably remonstrating with Mr. Sinclair for his hardness of heart, a representative of the Alliance had an interview with Mr. R. H. Jenkins, M.P., upon the subject of the delay in forwarding the Mounted Police, (not the two that came but at least four) Mr. Jenkins then lifted the veil. It was a state secret, but he was willing to tell. There was nothing about it in the newspapers, but Mr. Jenkins, possibly as a prospective member of the Cabinet, as an embryo Privy Councillor, maybe—perhaps to try him out and see if he could really keep a State Secret—was given the real inside information.

Here it is, reader. It is now safe to tell you: There is no danger now of any further uprising: "There has been a strike among the six Maritime Indians, and every single man of the Mounted Police is wanted to put down the rising. You will see nothing about it in the newspapers. It is a State Secret." So there you are, Ladies and Gentlemen! Mr. Jenkins will surely not mind if you should know now. The Micmacs did not rise. The two constables fixed it all up, no doubt before they arrived. You are all safe, and Canada is safe. It is therefore no longer a State Secret.

A Faulty Memory

Mr. Jenkins also assured the Alliance representative that he himself had forwarded his telegram all right to the Minister, asking for the Police to be sent here. On inquiry as to

whether he had asked the Minister that the Police be sent here permanently, or only temporarily, Mr. Jenkins replied, "I do not remember."

The people may perhaps be able to judge what kind of a telegram even Mr. Jenkins had sent by reading a reply from the Minister. The Alliance had specially emphasized the request that the Police, when sent, should be maintained here. On the 13th June they wired the Minister's Private Secretary stating "Your telegram just received does not state whether Police will be sent here when available, nor whether they will be maintained here. Very important the Minister give immediately an assurance to that effect." This it will be noted was sent the same day the Alliance were told it was "impossible" to take the men from their present activities and send them to Prince Edward Island.

Till the Election:

Three days later, however, (presumably after Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Jenkins had both been heard from), came the answer from the Department to the Alliance: "Arrangements have been made for two Mounted Police for temporary service Prince Edward Island." Now guess, reader, what it was that Mr. Jenkins forgot. Did he ask for them permanently, or temporarily? He seems not to have remembered.

On the 18th, however, two policemen appeared at the Temperance Alliance Office, in the flesh! Two real live policemen. They said they were Mounted Police, but one would infer they had left their horses behind them, possibly for the use of the Indians during their absence. They were evidently Dark Horse themselves, for though the Alliance arranged to secure a boarding house for them where they would be less conspicuous than at the public hotel where they registered, and though it arranged for the communication of information to them regarding law violations when received, they disappeared, and were never seen again. If the two members of the Alliance had not been gifted with fairly good memories—for some things—it might be hard to tell they ever were here. But the truth must be told: As Chadband would say, "it is the light of Terewth," they did really appear! Comet-like, they had their perihelion just before the election, and then went off on the parabolic orbit—not to appear perhaps until another election. It is a way comets have, and perhaps even some Mounted Policemen.

Their Operations

The tale of their passing was that they were last seen or heard of in Kings County, putting spurs to one of Henry Ford's four-lunged, rubber-tired equines, with a local enforcement officer sitting on the crupper or in the back seat, steering or directing operations. As Kings County is regarded as a law-abiding county, out having the advantage of a representative of the Sinclair-Jenkins-McLean stripe, it was probably considered that if anything happened it would serve Kings County right, they had deserved it. They appear to have made their getaway safely, however. From personal knowledge the Bulletin could not convict them of having been here more than an hour.

The End of the Farce

And so ended six months' effort of our three Liberal Federal Representatives, our thirty "lined-up" Liberal Candidates, the Temperance Alliance, the Ministerial Association, the Sons of Temperance, etc. Truly the mountain laboured and brought forth a very small mouse indeed. The Bulletin has since learned the two policemen had no writ of Assistance themselves, and so were quite harmless except under the direction of a local official who might himself have one.

Thus ends the highly amusing spectacle and experiment of helping to enforce the Customs and Inland Revenue Acts in this Province, and incidentally win the election, through the instrumentality of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the most highly qualified and efficient police force in the world.

Western Guardian

CARPENTERS WANTED At once, apply to W. R. Warren, Summerside, telephone 287. 4114-5-21

THE STANLEY BRIDGE Rink Players will present their play "My Dixie Rôté" in Malpeque Hall on Monday evening June 2nd. It will be on Tuesday evening. 4081-5-30-31.

CONGRATULATIONS—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown, of Summerside are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival in the Prince County Hospital on Friday, morning of a bonnie baby boy.—S.

RADIO CASES ADJOURNED—The cases against Summerside parties, in connection with non-payment of radio licenses, which were adjourned until Friday last by Stipendiary Magistrate, came before Judge Inman, in the absence of the Magistrate, and were further adjourned until next week on the same day.—S.

PLAY AT HUNTER RIVER—The Tyne Valley Dramatic Players will present their 4-act comedy "Wedding Bells" in the Hunter River Hall Tuesday evening, June 3rd (if fine). Doors open at 7.15 p. m. curtain rises at 8.15 p. m. Proceeds in aid of Tyne Valley rink. 4108-5-31-21.

BIG DANCE AT KENSINGTON.—In Kensington Rink, Tuesday evening, June 3rd, commencing at 8 P. M. Music furnished by Dixon's Orchestra, Charlottetown. Refreshments served by the ladies of the Kensington Improvement Society. Splendid accommodation for dancing. Come and enjoy a good time. Admission 50 cents. Refreshments extra. 4067-5-31-21.

PLAY ENJOYED—The Stanley Bridge Dramatic Club put on an excellent play in St. Eleanora Hall last Thursday evening. The hall was filled with an audience who thoroughly appreciated the splendid performance given by the people of Stanley Bridge and hope to see them again in the near future. The funds were in aid of a new rink for the young folks of Stanley Bridge.—S.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER—A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss May Arsenault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip V. Arsenault, of Summerside, last week at her home. The bride-to-be was the recipient of many lovely gifts. Daily refreshments were served at the close of a very pleasant evening. On Thursday evening the friends of the bride and groom, Mr. Jack Arsenault, gathered at the latter's home and tendered them a shower of beautiful gifts.—S.

SPLENDID PERFORMANCE—The young people of Wellington put on a very successful play entitled "The Poor Married Men" in their hall on Wednesday evening. Each player did his or her part splendidly and the large audience enjoyed every minute from the rise of the curtain until the closing scene. The specialties between the acts, which were heartily applauded, were as follows: "Little Pal," Guy Houghton, Summerside; "Little Glowworm," Miss Bernice Gaudet; "What I Would Do For You," Emanuel Gaudet and his daughter in old fashioned costume. The band played selections before the performance. There was a sale of candy and a handsome sum was realized.—S.

Mrs. Vernon Graves, of Summerside, was a visitor to St. John, N. B., last week. She was the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) Littlejohns.—S.

Miss Florence Pope, of Charlottetown, is the guest this week of Miss Sarah Green, of Summerside.—S.

ALBANY AND VICINITY

Miss Esther Noonan and Mr. Lorne Noonan, were visitors to Ferriswood Sunday, while there they were the guests of Miss Doris McKenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel MacLure, Lower Beauceque, were recent visitors to Albany Village, the guests of Mrs. Delaney.

There was a large attendance at the service in Beartown United

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Church, Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of North Beauceque United Church gave a very impressive address.

Our genial mail carrier, Mr. Roy MacDonald, performs his duty on the long route with excellent satisfaction to his many patrons.

Miss Winnie Ross and Mary Garland were visitors to Victoria recently.

On Thursday afternoon the children of the surrounding districts received the second treatment of toxoids for immunization from diphtheria at Carleton School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howatt, Augustine Cove and Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Beauceque were recent visitors to Summerside.

Miss Pearl Burns left last Wednesday morning for Enniskillen, N. B. where she is spending some time, the guest of her sister Mrs. Leo Kelly.—H.

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—By George McManus

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