

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Official Irregularities.

THE TARTE-McGREGGIE CASE

Summary Report of the Evidence.

[Special Correspondence of The Examiner.]

In the Tarte-McGreggie inquest nothing of startling importance was elicited during the week. Mr. Nicholas Connolly reiterated his denial of Murphy's testimony that he (Connolly) had reported to the firm a payment of \$10,000 to Sir Hector Langevin and his son; and he also stated that, to his knowledge, not a dollar of the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co's money had been paid for corrupt purposes, either to Thomas McGreevy or any other person. He also stated his belief that Thomas McGreevy did not know that his brother Robert had any interest in the firm's contracts. Evidence was produced of the subscription by the firm of \$1,000 to the testimonial presented to Sir Hector Langevin in 1883. This fund, amounting to \$22,000, is on deposit in the Quebec Bank, and has never yet been touched by Sir Hector—neither principal nor interest. When Murphy testified to the present of jewelry to Mr. Perley, he stated that he had given \$100 to a clerk in the Public Works Department, whose name he could not recall. He afterwards named Mr. Lightfoot as the clerk in question. Mr. Lightfoot acknowledged Murphy's statement to be substantially correct, but denied that he asked Murphy for the money. He detailed the circumstances of receiving it somewhat as follows: On Metcalfe street he met Murphy, whom he knew personally. Murphy asked him to accompany him to the Russell House. Lightfoot excused himself, saying he had to go to borrow some money to pay a pressing bill. Murphy replied not to mind, that he would give him all the money he wanted, and immediately offered him a \$100 note. Lightfoot said he wanted only about half that amount, but Murphy had nothing smaller, so Lightfoot accepted it, telling Murphy to draw on him in a week's time and he would pay the draft. Murphy never did so. Lightfoot did not apply to Murphy for the money, as alleged by the latter. He knew Murphy was a contractor, but had never had any business with him in the office. Mr. Simon Peters, a gentleman of 76 years of age, but who, by a judicious application of hair dye, does not look more than 50, is a Quebec contractor with the grievance that he did not get contracts and Connolly did. He occupied most of one day's session telling his story and showing what had been lost by the rejection of his tender, and nearly the whole of the next day, contradicting his previous testimony and excusing himself by saying that he was only relating what he had heard, and that he had no personal knowledge of the facts. When figures were shown him that Connolly's prices were away below his, he collapsed, and was promptly ordered to stand aside. Mr. Verret, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Quebec Harbor Commission, testified as to the substitution of an uncertified cheque of Connolly's, for a deposit receipt as security for a contract. He said that Murphy asked him several times to be allowed to withdraw the deposit receipt, as the firm wanted the money, but that he refused to do so without the authority of Thomas McGreevy, Chairman of the Finance Committee. That Murphy finally brought a letter from McGreevy, purporting to agree to the substitution and that accordingly the deposit receipt was given up and the unaccepted cheque substituted. (Yet, now strange to say, when McGreevy's letter is produced from the records of the Harbor Commission, it is found to forbid the substitution, reading "I see objection to the substitution," which Mr. Verret had understood to read "I see no objection," and had acted accordingly. The letter was in the same handwriting and on the same kind of paper, but the little word "no" was not there, nor did it ever appear to have been there. There is an evident piece of crookedness connected with this letter that requires explanation, and Murphy might, if he chose, explain whether he had practised any sleight of hand business on Mr. Verret, but it is not probable that he will. Mr. Verret further stated that, although he declined to make the substitution on his own responsibility, he was satisfied at the time that the Commissioners ran no risk by the change, as they had abundant other security for the small unfinished portion in the shape of drawbacks and of plant on the works. Mr. P. V. Valin, ex-chairman of the Harbor Commissioners, was examined. This gentleman was at one time a Conservative M. P., but having been disappointed in obtaining a senatorship, his sympathies have been transferred to the other party and his antagonism to Sir Hector Langevin it was hard to conceal. In substance he deposed that Mr. McGreevy was Sir Hector's right hand man, and that Sir Hector had often told him when chairman of the Harbor Board to do whatever McGreevy said and that if they did not he would dissolve the Board. That Larkin, Connolly & Co. had subscribed largely to election funds, and that the money went to McGreevy, Sir Hector and Sir Adolphe Caron. He himself had also subscribed to election funds, and had used money very largely in his own elections. He was very voluble in his evidence, which was given in French and Mr. Tarte and his counsel had no difficulty in getting him to say just what they wanted. From currency talk here, Valin is a veritable Shylock and his character one that would not bear inspection. But there arises the question, if Valin is not reputable, why should he have been tolerated in the position of chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners. We shall probably learn later on.

ollys were overborne, and they thereupon laid bare every book they could find, and since then their books have been thumbed backward and forward by every lawyer and member of the committee. But the other day, when Mr. Robert McGreevy refused to produce his books for the very same reason that the Connollys gave, he had the immediate sympathy of Col. Anstoy, who pleaded that it was unfair to ask him and that he was entitled to consideration. The fact is simply this, that with a very few honorable exceptions, the committee is first and last and all time Tory and Grit. It is not an impartial tribunal trying the case by the evidence laid before it. The Grits have really the Government on trial, and are working the case with a view of injuring the Administration, and of raking up everything, fair and unfair, to implicate members of the Cabinet and supporters of the Government. The Conservatives on the other hand, are on their defence, and being so, it is contrary to the nature of things that they can act impartially. That there has been some jobbery and that contractors have subscribed liberally to election funds, there is little doubt, but that there has been wholesale corruption, involving members of the Government, or that the country has been robbed, or paid more than value has been received for, there is as yet no evidence. Had a Royal Commission been appointed to investigate the charges, the enquiry would have been removed to an impartial tribunal, and time and money and honor saved. Parliament should have been prorogued by this time, but as it is the session will probably not close for six weeks yet. Hardly any business is being transacted in the House, the time being taken up, often wasted, in members delivering themselves of dreary speeches on the trade question to empty benches. Further investigation into the Department of the Interior methods has resulted in several more suspensions from office. One unfortunate victim was Mr. Frank McCabe, who had been an extra clerk, but is now a medical student, and was this summer employed during his holidays on the census staff. He testified that he had done extra work and shared the money with permanent clerks, one permanent named Nelson taking the whole of one payment of \$73, and never giving McCabe a cent. He had also shared with a permanent named Brough, who had got the bigger part of the money. Poor McCabe, for his indiscretion, has been summarily dismissed from his summer's work, and this, I think, is rather rough on him. He had only returned to Ottawa from college about a month, and was working hard to make a little money to pay his way, and because he had been a good-natured fool he was bounced. Nelson, the man who took the \$73, had the cheek to swear that he took the money, but thought McCabe was making him a present of it. Pretty nice story—McCabe at \$1.50 a day making a present of \$73 to Nelson at \$1400 a year! Mr. Alfred Ogden's name (ex-M. P. for Guysborough, N. S.) was mixed up in the revelations, but it turned out that at one time Ogden had borrowed some money from Nelson and that any payment Ogden made Nelson were in repayment of this loan, and that they had also swapped watches. Nothing was elicited to Mr. Ogden's discredit. Mr. Pereria, Assistant Secretary of the Department, admitted that he had received payment for extra work in his wife's maiden name, and also in a fictitious name—Ellen Berry—that he had made out accounts in these names, certified the accounts, received the money and signed the fictitious names in receipt. Mr. Burgess, Deputy Minister, submitted a long statement in writing, fully covering the whole case, and throwing considerable new light upon the irregularities. He explained that a great deal of additional work had been thrown upon the Department consequent upon the construction of the C. P. R., the organization of the North-west Half Breed Commission and the investigation of claims and issue of scrip in connection therewith, and the Northwest Rebellion, and that to relieve the pressure the staff had to work night and day. It would have been difficult to obtain outside assistance whenever and only for such periods as might be necessary, and even if obtained such assistance would be of little value without previous experience of the business methods of the Department. For various reasons, which he set forth, a very large amount of work had every year to be crowded into a short time, and could only be done, and could be better done, by regular employees. The work of compiling and copying returns called for by Parliament was immense, and since 1884 nearly \$13,000 had been paid therefor. Exclusive of the amount paid to Mr. Turner, the total sum paid to permanent clerks for extra work had been during the six years from 1881 to 1890, only \$1818, or about \$300 a year. The compiling of the Burr Index, which is extremely valuable, had been stopped, for it was found impossible to continue it during office hours. Regarding the payment made to his father-in-law, Mr. Anderson, it has been stated by some newspapers that at the time of the alleged payment Mr. Anderson was dead. That was untrue, as Mr. Anderson lived for more than a year afterward and, up to the time of his sudden death, was a temporary clerk in the department. Mr. Burgess admitted that the payments had been made in contravention of the law, but he unhesitatingly asserted that they had been invariably made, so far as he knew, for substantial service really rendered and actually necessary in the interest of the business of the department. He regretted that the same method had not been adopted to overtake the extra work as was applied in the Post Office and Finance Departments, but the circumstances were not similar. The foregoing is a fairly full summary of the developments that have come to light before the Public Accounts Committee. As I said last week, a number of wild rumors were flying about, and the Ottawa Liar put in a lot of careful work. Mr. Senecal, the Superintendent of the Printing Bureau, was absent on sick leave, and the O. L. sent it abroad that Senecal had slipped fearing an investigation into irregularities connected with the furnishing of the plant of that institution. All I have to say is that if there are any irregularities there they will be diligently enquired into, and Mr. Senecal's absence will not prevent investigation. I have no doubt that before these lines reach your readers' eyes, Mr. Senecal will be in Ottawa again. Mr. O. L. also circulated a report that Mr. John R. Hall, the secretary of the Interior Department, was missing. How true this was may be judged from the fact that within 24 hours of the report, Mr. Hall was appointed Acting Deputy Minister in succession to Mr. Burgess. That there have been irregularities in this department is quite evident—that there has been any fraud,

no one has the temerity to assert. Whether we shall witness any more serious developments in the other departments, than have been already exposed in the Interior, time alone will show. I have already said that the Patriot's despatches are not to be relied on, and, indeed, they bear the Ottawa liar's earmarks. It would take too long to go through each day's issue and expose the falsehoods; but I shall give a few instances. The Patriot's issue of the 14th inst. stated that as evidence of the desperate straits to which ministers were reduced, it was reported that Mr. Dewdney had approached several liberal members and urged them to introduce a resolution that Deputy Minister Burgess should be retained in office, but that the overtures were rejected. This was a straight lie, and Mr. Dewdney nailed it as such in the House on the 15th. Yet the Patriot never telegraphed Mr. Dewdney's contradiction of its lie. The Patriot of the 16th inst. in its Ottawa despatches that Lightfoot, the Public Works employe, admitted the accuracy of Murphy's statement, saying that he was hard pressed and had asked Murphy for a loan. Lightfoot swore directly the contrary, as I have already mentioned in this letter, and the Patriot's Ottawa correspondent simply lied. W. C. D.

Sad Railway Accident.

A CHILD KILLED. About three o'clock yesterday, No. 10 engine, in command of driver Nicholas Watson and foreman Joseph Millman, left Souris Station, bound west. It had not gone more than four or five hundred yards when it ran over and killed a little child, aged 17 months, belonging to Lawrence and Christiana Cheverie, of Souris. The child was sitting on the track, where it had strayed unknown to the mother. It was seen by the driver who slowed up his engine, but not in time to save the child. An inquest is being held before Dr. Muttart, coroner, and the following jury: M. J. Foley, foreman; Alex. Paquet, R. St. John, C. C. Carlton, jr.; C. S. Sterns, J. D. Lavie, Timothy Cheverie. After examination of several witnesses last evening, Court adjourned till Friday at 8 p. m.

The Rifle.

THE regular annual meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association opened at Kensington Range this morning. There is a large attendance. The weather, though fine, is not very favorable for good shooting. Following is the score in

THE NURSERY MATCH. 400 yards—5 rounds—highest possible score, 25. Pts. Gunr McAree, No. 1 Battery G A, \$8. ... 22 Corp Wallace Smith, No 3 C, 82d, \$6. ... 22 Pte John Macdonald, No 4 Co 82d, \$5. ... 21 Pte Geo Pippy, No 3 Co 82d, \$4. ... 20 Gunr Wm Johnson, No 4, G A, \$3. ... 18 Gunr L J Santner, No 2, G A, \$3. ... 18 Pte G Cooke, No 4 Co, 82nd, \$3. ... 16 Pte B McMillan, No 6 Co, 82nd, \$3. ... 15 Pte Wood, No 3 Co, 82nd, \$2. ... 14 Capt Brennan, No 5, G A, \$2. ... 14 Gunr S A Macdonald, No 2 G A, \$2. ... 14 Sergt Kennedy, No 1 Co, 82nd, \$2. ... 14 Gunr P W Carver, No 2, G A, \$2. ... 13 Gunr L Macdonald, No 1, G A, \$2. ... 12 Gunr Landrigan, No 5, G A, \$1. ... 12 Pte John McMillan, No 6 Co, 82nd, \$1. ... 11

HAY SALE.

ALL-COMERS' MATCH. 200 yards, kneeling—7 rounds—highest possible score, 35. Pts. Corp Baird, Engineers, \$10. ... 32 Asst-Surg Gillis, G A, \$8. ... 31 Sergt Connolly, No 1 G A, \$6. ... 30 Sergt Davison, Engineers, \$5. ... 29 Capt Weeks, Engineers, \$5. ... 29 Supter S C Moore, Engineers, \$4. ... 29 Gunr Landrigan, No 5, G A, \$3. ... 29 Sergt-Maj Grey, Eng, \$3. ... 29 Gunr McIntyre, No 1, G A, \$3. ... 29 Capt L'ngworth, No 2, G A, \$3. ... 28 Sergt Prowse, No 3, 82nd, \$3. ... 28 Capt Stewart, No 3, 82nd, \$2. ... 28 Staff Sgt Allen, 82nd, \$2. ... 28 Sergt R H Ramsay, No 2, G A, \$2. ... 27 Gunr McNavin, No 2, G A, \$2. ... 27 Corp C Murley, No 1, G A, \$2. ... 27 Corp Smith, No 3, 82nd, \$2. ... 27 Pte S Wood, No 3, 82nd, \$1. ... 27 Capt Henderson, R L, \$1. ... 27

Personal.

Senator Montgomery has returned from Ottawa. William Campbell, M. L. C., Millview, was registered at the Hotel Davies, yesterday. Mr. A. W. Dingwell (brother of C. Howard Dingwell, P. E. I. R.) and wife, of East Boston, are visiting friends at Charlottetown, Bay Fortune, and L'Anse Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of Bermuda, who arrived last evening, are guests at Government House. Mr. Frith, who accompanied them, is also visiting Charlottetown. The first section of the Raymond Excursion party, in charge of Carroll Hutchings, of Boston, arrived here last evening, and are quartered at the Hotel Davies. The following ladies and gentlemen make up the party: Miss M. Shaw, Chester, Pa; Miss H. Shaw, do; Hugh Shaw, do; Mrs Samuel Crowther, do; Helena Clauders, Pa; Mrs Enoch Gerrish, Concord, N H; Miss G E Sutton, Aaron, Ind; A W Butler, Philadelphia; Wm Ruth, Salem, Mass; B N Deany, Northampton, Mass; C E Lovegrove, do; J T Smith, New York; H W Berry, Boston. The party will leave here for St John to-morrow morning. The second section will arrive here in the steamer from Pictou on Friday evening. Registered at the Osborne House yesterday were: John H Welsh, St John; Wm Minto, Cardigan; Mr and Mrs J B Snell, Chicag. Ill; Mrs Cairns and family, Scotsburn, Pictou; J D McGilveray, Boston; P McLaren, Halifax; G W Beace, M D, Southwick, Me; E R Cooley, Springfield, Mass. It is said that a Paris laundryman has discarded all soaps, sodas and bleaching powders. He merely uses plenty of water and boiled potatoes, and can cleanse, without employing any alkali, the worst soiled of linens, cottons or woollens. The French Government was yesterday sustained in a vote of confidence by 319 to 103. K. D. C. Cures Dyspepsia.

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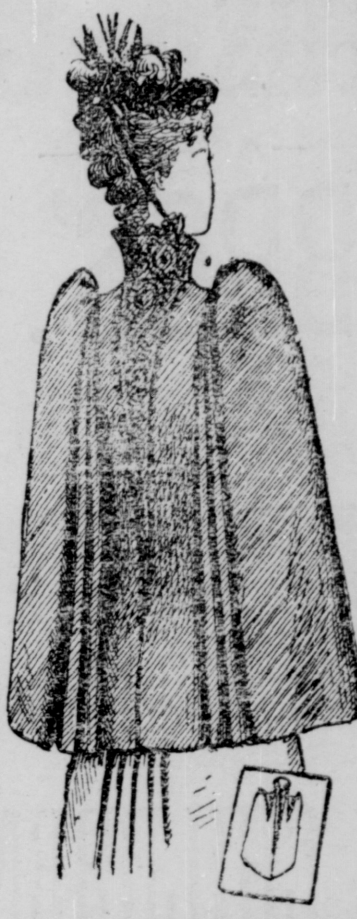
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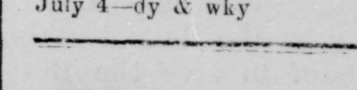
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