

AFRICANS TURNED DOWN NAIROBI, Kenya, (Reuters)—Oliver Lyttelton, British colonial secretary, Tuesday rejected an African proposal for increased representation on the council of min-

isters in the new multi-racial government of Kenya. He said he is "convinced there is no basis for common agreement" along the lines suggested by African political leaders.

Answers Tabled In Legislature

The following questions and answers were tabled Tuesday in the Legislature:

Question—Mr. J. W. Don Campbell: 1. How many dump trucks are owned by the Department of Public Works and Highways? 2. From whom were they purchased? 3. When were they purchased? 4. What was the cost of each truck?

Answer: 1. Eleven. 2. J. & A. W. G. Barbour Ltd. in June, 1953, at \$2,919.00. Willard McDonald Ltd., in June, 1953, at \$3,438.46 (\$425 allowance on trade-in). W. G. Barbour Ltd. in June, 1951, at \$3,330.55. W. G. Barbour Ltd. in May, 1949, at \$3,780.65. W. G. Barbour Ltd. in Feb., 1949, at \$3,530.10. W. R. Jenkins in June, 1953, at \$5,633.90 (\$230.00 allowance on trade-in). Willard McDonald Ltd. in Feb., 1949, at \$3,330.30. W. G. Barbour Ltd. in June, 1950, at \$1,630.25 (\$1,000 allowance on trade-in). W. G. Barbour Ltd. in March, 1949, at \$3,330.30. McFarlane Produce Co. in Nov., 1944, at \$3,404.02. Lee Taylor in July, 1952, at \$1,500.00.

Question—Mr. John A. MacDonald: 1. Was an issue of Prince Edward Island bonds of \$2,500,000 recently sold by the Government? 2. If so, what was the net return to the Province? 3. Was the issue open to competitive bidding or sold privately? 4. If privately, through what firm?

Answer: 1. Yes. 2. \$2,331,416.23. 3. Sold privately. 4. Credit Interprovincial Limited of Montreal. Question—Mr. Hubert Gaudet: 1. In the item of \$164,214.49 in Public Accounts for loans to druggers, give a break down of same as to borrowers and amount of each loan. 2. What is the amount of loans at this date? Answer: 1. James O. Gallant, \$17,793.32. Roland & Francis McDonald, \$26,843.95. Francis & Harold Doucette, \$23,727.10. Harris Bros. (James, George, Will & Fred), \$28,191.58.

Dark Lightning

By Helen Topping Miller

CHAPTER XXIX (Continued)

Far below, there was a rumble and a hiss—and after that a thin, bubbling confusion as if a million devils had been disturbed in their subterranean cave, as if savage forces had been unloosed. And then Hickey's yell cut the air like a flash of flame. "We got her! She's down there! Listen at her! Pressure—gas—we got her!"

Hickey and Gary danced a mad dance, beating each other on the back while, on the derrick floor, the roughnecks worked frantically. In the truck Mona Lee and Adelaide were shrieking, and Adelaide came running, screaming questions that needed no answers. The excitement around the well was answer enough. Then Mona Lee came stumbling up, and tears were running down her face. "Oh, Gary! Oh, Gary!" Gary lifted her off her feet and swung her in a circle. "We've got oil!"

The miracle had happened. It was there. Oil! They had oil. How much, no man knew. Experts would determine that. But now Harvey Mason could hire eyes that needed no answers. The excitement around the well was answer enough. Then Mona Lee came stumbling up, and tears were running down her face. "Oh, Gary! Oh, Gary!" Gary lifted her off her feet and swung her in a circle. "We've got oil!"

They went back to the house after a little, walking crookedly, stumbling, laughing, and Gary kept drawing deep breaths to force air into his taut chest, because for some time he had been too tense to breathe. He saw, Maria was putting the kettle on in the kitchen when they went in, and she gave a little shriek at the sight of them. Gary caught a glimpse of himself in the kitchen mirror. He was grimy from head to foot, and his eyes looked like fiery holes in the grayish mass of grease! His grin split a face so haggard that he looked like a man rescued from a black and oily grave. Adelaide's eyes, he saw, were blazing with triumph. "Oh, Maria!" she cried. "We're rich! We've got oil! We've got oil!"

Maria dropped the egg beater and it rolled, spewing yellow ruin on the floor. "Oh, Mother," Adelaide exclaimed. "Wire Dad. Wire him quick." "The telegraph office won't be open till eight o'clock."

"Oh, I think Hickey's an old angel! I'd like to hug him. I'm going to call Grace right now—I'm going to gloat. Oh, Mother, isn't it beautiful to be rich?" She flew away without waiting for anyone to answer and Gary and Mona Lee stood looking at each other a bit numbly. Mona Lee said, "Gary, you've got a dirty face. Gary—I just knew somehow that you'd bring us luck."

"Don't give me any credit, Mrs. Mason. I had given up. It was Hickey who hung on. And you had the courage to let him try this." "It didn't take any courage, Maria, you run quick and tell Mr. Hickey and all those men out there to come straight in here and get some breakfast." Gary scrubbed the black grease from his hands and face in the sink. "No use going out there, Maria—Hickey won't stir off that derrick floor till he gets oil up and in his hands—not till he smells it and tastes it and rubs it on his hair—and knows he's got pressure—and how much. He's an old-timer."

"God bless him," said Mona Lee fervently. Within an hour the mysterious grapevine that follows oil had communicated the news. Before nine o'clock cars came tearing in at the drive. Men who sold tanks, men who sold pumping equipment, insurance men, curiosity seekers, men who came to gloat and men who came to sneer, Hickey stayed on the job, beaming and strutting. His grotesque grin had never left his oil-smear'd face. Mona Lee sent out buckets of coffee and a dishpan full of hot biscuits with bacon between, and the crowd around the derrick grew and grew. Harvey's wire came at noon. TAKING NIGHT PLANE TO-

MORROW, HOME SUNDAY. Gary tried to sleep that afternoon, but his mind was a whirling dynamo, spinning out wretchedness like a leaden thread. Sunday he would go. He had to go. He'd go out to the Pecos country where Bill was. He'd work like the devil and maybe he'd forget. But he knew wearily, before he slept, that he would not forget. (Continued)

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