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THE DAILY EXAMINER

JUNE 18, 1900

THE PROHIBITION MATTER.

THE Guardian expresses its disapproval of THE EXAMINER'S criticism of the prohibitory law recently passed by the Farquharson administration, and reads us a lecture on the course that a party organ should pursue. The Guardian is fond of posing as an independent journal, but there are few who attach any importance to its declarations in this regard. Whenever an opportunity of helping the Liberals presents itself THE Guardian is not slow to take advantage of it. It apparently sees in the measure of Provincial Prohibition adopted by the Farquharson Government on the eve of its political dissolution a good scheme to capture votes, and with characteristic "discretion" raises its voice in approval of the measure and censures THE EXAMINER for pointing out its shortcomings.

But the trick is too transparent. The sensible people of the temperance party will not be hoodwinked by the scheme of political prohibition just enacted or the special pleading of the Guardian. The temperance people will not, we feel sure, become enthusiastic over a measure of prohibition under which the unrestricted sale of liquor is permitted in clubs, any number of which may be organized in Charlottetown. Besides, the measure is not to become law until next century—and in the meantime "blood money" is to be collected from the liquor sellers.

By the way, we have not observed that the Guardian, which claims "some right to speak for the prohibitionists," has a word of commendation for the Opposition which sought to make the prohibitory law applicable to clubs and made an effort to have it come into force in December next. An independent journal usually gives credit where credit is due.

THE EMERGENCY RATIONS SCANDAL

The Liberals at Ottawa are apparently no more anxious to hold a full enquiry into charges made by the Opposition than the Liberals of this province were to grant an investigation into the breaking open of Mr. Birch's desk or the statement of Proulx that an attempt had been made to purchase his vote against prohibition. One day last week, in the House of Commons, Mr. Monk made certain statements regarding the action of the Minister of Militia in connection with the food supplied to the Canadian soldiers in South Africa. He was challenged to make these charges formally and apply for a committee of enquiry, which challenge was promptly accepted. But when the charges were brought down they were objected to on a technicality and ordered to stand over. The charges as submitted were as follows:

1. That in October, 1898, Surgeon Lieut-Col. Neilson, director general medical staff of the Canadian militia, wrote to Henri Hatch, of Montreal, a manufacturer of concentrated foods, and the registered owner of "Hatch's Protose," a well-known food, produced in Montreal by the Hatch Protose company, and in use in hospitals throughout the country, informing the said Hatch that the minister of militia, the Hon. F. W. Borden, was interested in

Hatch's protein food, and impressed by the favorable results reported by the hospitals, and in consequence that the minister had instructed him (Neilson) to ask immediately for samples of the powder, and that from the laboratory of the Hatch Protose company in Montreal two samples of 80 per cent. and 50 per cent. proteid-strength were without delay sent by Hatch to the minister.

2. That in February, 1899, the Minister of Militia, the said Hon. F. W. Borden, then, as now a member of this House, promising Hatch a first trial order for the mounted police in the Yukon, asked him if at any time a sufficient quantity could be had of the powder on short notice, in order to avoid delay in delivery in view of difficulties in communication, so that depots might be established where Hatch's Protose might be stored for any emergency, to which the said Hatch replied that he had all the necessary machinery in his laboratory, and would keep ready for the department from half a ton to one ton of powder, over 60 per cent. proteid-strength, as per the average of the samples sent to Lieutenant Col. Neilson.

3. In March, 1899, the said Hatch employed and charged one, Dr. Devlin, of Montreal, to solicit the permission from the Department to make a military test of the said food, known as Hatch's Protose, as an exclusive diet in order to ascertain if soldiers on active service could live on it in perfect health, whereupon it was decided that the test would be applied to five soldiers of A battery, R. C. A., at Kingston, Ont., subject to stringent conditions, imposed by the minister of militia, namely:

(a) That the soldiers subjected to the test should answer satisfactorily a certain series of approved questions; (b) that the test should last for one month; (c) that the test should be stopped at once if any one of the five soldiers suffered uneasiness; (d) that the test should be controlled by Lieut.-Col's. Neilson and Drury, at Kingston.

4. That it resulted from the said test so made at Kingston upon five soldiers of A battery, R. C. A., that the food furnished for the experiment by the Hatch Protose company, of Montreal, and controlled as above, was an eminently suitable food to serve as an emergency ration, and it was so reported by the minister of militia to Mr. Hatch himself.

5. When the first contingent of Canadian troops were preparing for departure to South Africa, Mr. Hatch, proprietor of the food tested in Kingston, as above, wrote to the minister of militia, in reference to the supply of emergency rations to the said contingent, in the shape of food such as tested at Kingston, to which the minister replied, thanking Mr. Hatch, and expressing regret that under arrangements made with the home government, all supplies for the said contingent of Canadian troops were to be furnished by the war office in England.

6. That the minister of militia had several interviews, principally in Montreal but also elsewhere, with the said Henri Hatch, whom he knew to be the sole manufacturer of the food tested at Kingston.

7. That nevertheless, by tender made on the 4th day of January last, and accepted on the same day, an agreement was arrived at between the minister of militia and the said Dr. Devlin (herein mentioned,) at Ottawa, by which the latter undertook to supply the department of militia and defence with 2,333 pounds of Vegetable Proteid Powder, in 7,000 tins for the sum of \$4,669.

8. That upon information received by him, that the said agreement was being executed under circumstances calculated to excite grave suspicions, the said Henri Hatch, on the 25th day of January, 1900, wrote the minister or militia a letter, which was by him duly registered, in the following terms:

"Your Excellency: I just happened to hear of a large purchase of proteid food from Messrs. Devlin & Lyons, of this city, for the Canadian contingent. If such is the case, I consider it to be my right and my duty to inform you that such a supply can only rest upon a poor and fraudulent adulteration of my "Protose," as it is done without my knowledge, and has nothing in common with the product tested in Kingston last spring. It is well to be easily detected by the analysis of the food supplied, to which end I intend to take the necessary steps in order to protect my interests. A sample of mine could, of course, have easily been

obtained from any druggist, but the articles, if already supplied, are not mine, and cannot be identical with those used at the military test. This I thought it advisable to bring to Your Excellency's knowledge, for any emergency. Your humble servant, (Signed) H. HATCH.

9. That the minister of militia and defence failed to acknowledge the receipt of this letter; and did not promptly communicate with the troops of the Canadian contingent, nor take any steps to verify the truth of the information conveyed to him by the letter referred to, of the 25th January, 1900, received from the person whose food he had as above stated caused to be tested at Kingston.

10. That as a matter of fact the food or emergency rations supplied to the Canadian troops was not identical with the food tested at Kingston, known as "Hatch's Protose," but was a totally different article of a very inferior quality, containing scarcely 17 per cent. of nutriment, whereas the food tested contained over 60 per cent. of nutritive substance.

11. The said food so supplied under said agreement was never made in Canada at all, but was brought in from New York or some place in the United States of America, by the parties interested, packed in a certain number of large Saratoga trunks, containing each two large rough bags filled with a substance closely resembling broken biscuit. It was then ground in Montreal by ordinary milling process, to a fine powder and placed hurriedly in small tins, neither sterilized nor hermetically sealed, and must have deteriorated even if it had been suitable food, which it was not.

12. That the said tins bore a label indicating that the emergency ration contained in them was the product of the Vitaleine company, corner Craig and Bleury streets, Montreal, said company having no legal existence and being irresponsible and having neither manufactory nor known office in the said city of Montreal.

13. That the value of the said food so brought in from the United States does not exceed \$300.

14. That a sample of the food so packed in the tins aforesaid, was obtained from the drug store where it had been packed and was subsequently tested by Milton L. Hersey, M. A. Sc., (McGill.) of Montreal, and found to contain only 17 per cent. of nutritive substance, and said analysis was confirmed elsewhere.

15. Said tins were shipped to Halifax in large wooden cases, bearing a large label stating that upon the food contained in them Canadian soldiers had lived thirty days in perfect health.

16. The usual precautions as to inspection were not adopted by the militia department, in regard to this shipment of emergency rations.

17. The substance brought in from the United States as above stated, in Saratoga trunks, was detained by the customs officers for duty thereon, but under direction of the government it was allowed to pass without payment of customs dues.

18. The amount due under the agreement of the 4th of January, 1900, that is \$4,669, was paid to the contractor before the goods were actually delivered.

19. That under all the circumstances above set forth the Minister of Militia and Defence, the said Hon. Frederick William Borden was guilty of gross and culpable negligence (a) in making with undue haste the agreement hereinabove referred to on the 4th of January, 1900, for the supply of emergency rations to the Canadian troops in South Africa with irresponsible parties; (b) in not having the preparation of said rations controlled by competent men and the supply furnished to the troops carefully and rigidly inspected and tested; (c) in neglecting after he had received said letter of the 25th January last, to take steps commanded by the ordinary rule of prudence to ensure the protection of the troops; and (d) in paying the amount of the said contract, \$4,669, in a case where he must have known that any recovery of the same was impossible, and without any investigation.

When the charges were next brought up objection was raised to the nineteenth clause and its removal was demanded upon the ground that it was too direct and prejudged the Minister of Militia. The Opposition objected to having the clause eliminated, pointing out that the Premier, Mr. Borden, Mr. Fitzpatrick and others promised a full enquiry. Subsequently the Opposition, seeing that the Government had no intention of keeping their promise in this regard, and with a view to meeting the objection raised, proposed an amendment to clause nineteen as follows:—

"And the said F. D. Monk also believes that he can establish by satisfactory evidence that the said Hon. Frederick William Borden was guilty of gross and culpable negligence, etc."

But Sir Wilfrid would not accept the amendment and called upon his supporters to vote it down, which was done. The charges as submitted minus the nineteenth clause, were then adopted and a committee named.

The Law Society.

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