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DISTRICT

BLENHEIM

March 22.—On Tuesday evening a meeting of those interested in lawn bowling met in Geo. Taylor's store for the purpose of electing officers and other general business. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—A. Denholm.
First Vice-President—W. H. Lugsden.
Second Vice-President — H. M. Winters.
Secretary-Treasurer — George M. Baird.

In addition to the above officers the necessary committees were appointed. Membership fee fixed at $1. Season's dues, $3. R. L. Gosnell was elected representative to Western Ontario Bowling Association.

Mr. J. B. English holds a sale of his household effects and farm stock at his farm on Friday, March 23rd. He and his family expect to leave for Winnipeg, Man., about April 1.

L. H. Edmonds was at Preston this week on business.

Rev. G. McQuillin conducted service at the Church of the Advent, Ridgetown, last evening.

Lorne Wedge and Fred. Clements expect to leave shortly for Moosejaw, Sas.

A farewell banquet is to be tendered to Mrs. T. S. Bell and her son, Mr. A. W. Bell, this evening.

Mr. Sparling, of Stratford, was in town on business yesterday.

CHARING CROSS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Robinson are very happy over the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Harry Weir gave a splendid entertainment with his phonograph at an oyster supper in the I. O. F. Hall last Friday evening.

Mr. James Graham is still very ill from injuries received at the sawing bee.

Revival services are still being held at Wesley.

Mr. Wm. Walker, of Berlin, spent Sunday with his parents, returning home Monday morning.

The contractors on the M. C. R. expect to be busy laying the double track through this vicinity within a week.

McKAY'S CORNERS.

On Tuesday the members of the Howard Rifle Club shot over the range for the oysters, captained by the two favorite Jims, viz., James Leatherdale and James McBrayne, ten men on a side. Captain Leatherdale's side won by a small margin of seven points. Host Fluellen provided a bounteous repast, which was enjoyed by all, after which the annual meeting was held and officers for the year elected, as follows:—

Hon. Pres.—Art. Alexander.
Pres.—L. Galbraith.
Captain—J. Leatherdale.
Sec'y-Treas.—L. A. Galbraith.
Official Scorer—T. L. McRitchie.

The losing side paid for the supper.

Mr. Geo. Hales was in London last week on business.

Mr. Julius Luck and family have moved into the village. They are to occupy one of Robt. McKay's houses.

Mr. Amasa Gage has been negotiating with Mrs. George for the purchase of one of her houses. Mr. Gage and family would be heartily welcomed to the village.

Miss L. Taylor, teacher of our school, is convalescing from an attack of diphtheria.

Miss Lizzie Campbell leaves to-day for Chatham to take a position as assistant milliner in Thos. Stone & Son's.

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WHO OWNS THE CO.

Phillips Swore He Was Owner of Liszt Piano Co.—Account Books Burned and No Originals.

Toronto, March 23.—Yesterday morning at the inquiry before Police Magistrate Denison into the conspiracy charge against Joseph Phillips, ex-president of the York County Loan Co., Mr. G. R. Burt, president of the Liszt Piano Co., admitted that he had instructed his wife to destroy two of the books used in his business. In another book produced there were pages torn out, and this, Mr. Burt said, had been done by the children.

Mr. Curry went on to tell the witness in very plain terms that one of the books which purported to have been in use since 1903 was a new one, and copied out from the original books at the same time.

This rather startling statement the witness denied.

After an hour's cross-fire, the Phillips' inquiry was adjourned until two o'clock in the afternoon.

Burt Says He Was Mistaken.

Burt procured other books for the afternoon sitting. Burt said he had been under the impression that they were the original books, but was mistaken.

Burt could not say where the books of original entry were. Mr. Curry had all the books now, excepting his registry at the factory, which he had not had time to get.

Other testimony tended to bring in the Liszt Piano Co. as an asset of the York Loan Co.

George R. Burt claims that the business is his own. Sworn declarations of President Phillips, procured by Crown Attorney Curry from the registrar's office, say that he (Phillips) intends to carry on the business.

If it can be shown that the business belongs to Phillips, then it also belongs to the York Loan Co. by virtue of the loan made to it by the latter company. This is the question to be decided.

Hanged For Murder.

Newark, N. J., March 23.—Guiseppe Marma, an Italian, was hanged here yesterday for the murder of his brother-in-law, Nunzic Marinana.

No Bill.

Toronto, March 23.—The sessions' grand jury yesterday returned "no bill" against Robert McHarrie, in the loan agency case.

Their Labors Done.

Fredericton, N. B., March 23.—The New Brunswick Legislature was prorogued last evening by Lieut.-Governor Snowball.

Irish System of Education.

London, March 23.—Irish education grievances was the subject of a long debate last night in the House of Commons.

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Great Northern Buys Wharfage.

Vancouver, B. C., March 23.—The sale is officially announced of the Vancouver engineering works land at the foot of Heatley avenue, Burrard Inlet, to the Great Northern. While not explicitly stated, it is understood that Mr. Hendry represents the Great Northern, which will utilize the property for wharfage and shipping facilities. The frontage secured is 430 feet. The price $128,000.

PECULIAR DEAL IN THE C. P. R.

Interesting Details Furnished the Insurance Commission

HYPOTHECATED STOCK

Ottawa, March 23.—The examination of Mr. Fitzgerald, the superintendent of insurance, was resumed at the Insurance Commission yesterday. The witness stated that about nineteen years ago there was an instance of premium notes being entered as cash. It was a solitary case. Mr. Shepley, the Government counsel, remarked that it was somewhat stale and they might pass over it.

Overdraft of Half a Million.

In 1890 the Canada Life and Mr. Fitzgerald had some correspondence. On Dec. 31, 1889, there was a sale shown of the company's bonds to the extent of $468,000 to meet an overdraft. On Jan. 1, the sale was reversed. There was no real sale and the transaction was made to prevent the overdraft being shown. The cash book in January showed the bank book to be overdrawn to the extent of over half a million. Mr. Fitzgerald took this matter up with the company. A reply was received stating that the company got an opportunity during the year to make some good investments and purchased more than they had cash to meet. The transaction referred to took place with the approval and consent of the directors.

They did not want their opponents to use the overdraft against them. The securities which were used to offset the overdraft were not among those which were returned to the Government as being held by the company.

Foreign Investments.

Correspondence with Mr. L. Goldman of the North American Life and B. MacAulay of the Sun Life and D. Burke of the Royal Victoria Co., was submitted, in reference to their companies having invested a larger amount than permitted by law in foreign securities. The North American Life had two and a half times the amount authorized so invested, and Mr. MacAulay contended that his company had been unable to find sufficient Canadian securities in which to invest, and if not allowed to invest in foreign securities would have a large amount of uninvested funds at the end of the year.

No Power to Enforce Requests.

Mr. Fitzgerald said that he did not consider the act gave him any power to enforce any request he might make to the insurance companies. A letter from him was sent to Mr. MacAulay of the Sun Life, in which it was claimed the company were $1,295,000 in excess of the amount which they were entitled to invest in foreign securities. Mr. MacAulay, in reply, gave details purporting to show that the company was $46,000 within the amount authorized by the act. With this contention Mr. Fitzgerald did not agree. The Royal Victoria, when their attention was called to an unauthorized investment in shares of the Detroit Railway Co., substituted other securities for them.

The correspondence and legal opinion in regard to the investment powers of the Canada Life were next read, the view of the Department of Justice apparently being that the company was limited by its original act of incorporation to investments in stocks of banks and other charters deriving their corporate powers from the Provinces of Canada. From this view the company's counsel strongly dissented.

The discussion which has taken place over the right of the Canadian companies to invest in Sao Paulo bonds was next referred to. The company was incorporated here, but does business outside of Canada.

Were These Investments Legal?

The last hour of the forenoon session was occupied by Mr. Shepley in reading correspondence regarding the legality of investments in the Sao Paulo Tramway, Light & Power and in Mexican Light & Power stocks. The Deputy Minister of Justice pronounced both to be unauthorized investments. In the former the Canada Life, Federal Life, North American, Manufacturers' and Imperial had investments, which they had since disposed of at the department's request. The Sun Life had investments in the Mexican Light & Power Co., which they still hold, notwithstanding the opinion of the Deputy Minister of Justice.

A Deal In C. P. R.

In the afternoon these points were elicited from Mr. Fitzgerald:

That $132,000 was paid by the Manufacturers' Life in instalments to Pellatt & Pellatt, brokers, (Col. Sir H. M. Pellatt being vice-president of the Manufacturers' Life) for the purchase of 1,000 shares of C. P. R. stock.

That when delivery was sought, it was found the brokers had hypothecated the stock for $101,000.

That the Manufacturers' Life paid that additional amount though C. P. R. had decreased from 132 to 119; and also $25,000 for shares hypothecated by Col. Pellatt, which he pledged as security.

That Sir H. M. Pellatt still owes the company $100,000, secured on an unrecorded mortgage on land which Mr. Fitzgerald declare worth $46,000.

That a bank balance of $386,000 was created Dec. 28, 1903, and dissipated shortly thereafter, apparently to make a showing in the annual report.

That the "loose-leaf ledgers" showed many sheets abstracted.

That the active directors of the Manufacturers' Life formed the Prudential Securities Co. to take over the insurance company's stock-holdings.

That employes of Mackenzie & Mann form the directors of other similar organizations.

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LANCASTER'S TWO BILLS

Amendments to Railway Act and Mariners' Act Endorsed

QUERIES ARE ANSWERED

Ottawa, March 23.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Zimmerman (Hamilton West) introduced a bill respecting certain loan companies, designed to give these companies wider powers in respect of the method of conducting their affairs. Mr. Zimmerman explained that this measure was put through all its stages in both Houses during the session of 1903, but by some mischance it failed to receive royal assent.

The Premier to Mr. Kemp said that during the fiscal year 1904-5 there were killed on Canadian steam railways 25 passenger, 192 employes and 178 other persons. On electric railways 10 passengers, 3 employes and 10 others.

The voyageurs who served in the Red River expedition of 1870 will not receive any recognition from the Government, either in money or scrip. Mr. Hyman said these men were in precisely the same position as teamsters. They had been paid and that was the end of it.

Mr. Walsh of Huntingdon asked several questions with regard to outside occupations of civil servants at Ottawa. The Premier told him that they are not supposed to carry on any business of work outside of their official duties, and the Government does not know of any who do so.

Lancaster's Success.

Mr. Lancaster (Lincoln) got the surprise of his life during the afternoon. The Government accepted two legislative measures proposed by him.

His bill in amendment of the Railway Act deals with procedure when a railway takes land by arbitration. Now the railway company may offer a man a price. If not accepted the company may pay into court such sum as the judge deems proper and take immediate possession. The company may then wait until it sees fit to ask the court to appoint arbitrators, the land owner being left helpless because the court can appoint arbitrators only on application of the company. Mr. Lancaster's bill allows the court to appoint arbitrators on application of either party.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the commission on the modification of the statues had already called attention to this defect, and the Government had intended to remedy it, but Mr. Lancaster had been diligent and was entitled to the credit.

To Benefit Mariners.

The other bill provides that masters and mates of ships on the inland waters of Canada must be British subjects.

The Government did not look favorably on this proposal last session.

Mr. Pardee (West Lambton) remarked that there were many mariners in his constituency, and before reaching a decision he would like an opportunity to learn their views. In committee the bill was considered in detail, and several changes suggested. Several Mr. Lancaster was willing to accept, but none were definitely agreed upon. Mr. Fitzpatrick intimated that the fundamental idea, as to mates and masters being British subjects, would not be eliminated.

Another bill on the order paper in Mr. Lancaster's name concerns the safeguarding of level crossings.

The Minister of Justice a few days ago described it as the "hardy annual." The Government expressed a desire to adjourn at 6 o'clock, and he consented to postpone it.

BONUSES FOR IMMIGRANTS.

Scale On Which Government Will Reward Booking Agents.

Ottawa, March 23.—The bonuses to be paid to booking agents in the old country on tickets sold to Canada after April 1 will be as follows:

Upon persons whose occupation in the old country is and has been for at least one year one of the following: farmers, farm laborers, gardeners, stablemen, carters, railway sectionmen, navvies, or miners, and who have signified their intention of following farming in Canada, and to female domestic servants, the bonus will be £1 on each person 18 years of age or over, 10 shillings on those between 1 and 18 years of age.

No bonus will be paid on infants, tourists, returning Canadians, saloon passengers, persons using prepaid tickets, nor persons of other occupations than one of the above named, or on persons mentally or physically unfit.

HILL NOT GUILTY.

Judge Garrow Charged In Favor of Indian Accused of Murder.

Brantford, March 23.—At a late hour yesterday afternoon the jury in the Hill murder case returned a verdict of "Not guilty." Hill, accordingly was given his discharge. The verdict was partially due to the charge of Justice Garrow, who summed up strongly in favor of the prisoner.

The surface drainage bylaw voted upon yesterday was snowed under, the majority against being over 400.

British M. P.'s Coming.

London, March 23.—(C. A. P.)—The Canadian Associated Press has heard that another parliamentary party intend visiting Canada during the coming autumn. The Eighty Club, the Canadian Associated Press believes, is endeavoring to solicit the interest of leading M.P.'s in the proposed visit.

Murdered by Hired Man.

Winnipeg, March 23.—An enraged hired man, a foreigner, who had been refused pay by D. J. Campbell, a prominent farmer of Frobisher, near Oxbon, Sask., till his time was up, seized a loaded gun and discharged the contents into Campbell's stomach. A fatal wound is the probable result.

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Canadian Girl in South Africa — Graham.
Duck Lake—Young.
Donelda—MacLeod.
Fair Maid of Graustones—Dix.
Givers—Freeman.
Gospel of Life—Wagner.
House of a Thousand Candles — Nicholson.
Household of Peter—Carey.
In Old Bellaire—Dillon.
Irish History and the Irish Question—Smith.
In Search of a Siberian Klondike—Hulbert.
Knight of St. John—Brerton.
Lonely O'Malley—Stringer.
Makers of English Fiction — Dawson.
My Friend the Chauffeur—Williamson.
Northern Trails—Long.
Pam—Von Hutten.
Prophet of the Poor—Coates.
Protection and Prices—Griffin.
Red Fox—Roberts.
Skipper Parson—Lumsden.
Sharks—Thorne.
Specimen Spinister—Yeigh.
Tales of the Road—Crewdson.
Truth of Christianity—Turton.
Tree Book—Rogers.
Voyage of the 'Discovery'—Scott.
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"	3.00	"	1.49
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