

2 AYLMER WOMEN AMONG INVESTORS

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Bought Securities of the
Union Life.

DIRECTORS ARE ON TRIAL

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—After many delays the two directors of the defunct Union Life Assurance Company who could be reached, Harry K. Symons and Dr. F. G. Hughes, were placed on trial today in the criminal cases on various counts of conspiring to defraud the public. Since the case was last tried, Dr. George B. Millican, one of the directors, died at the County sanatorium, and no trace has been found of H. Polman Evans, the president and chief moving spirit of the company. Two were allowed to leave the country, ostensibly for France.

An effort was made by counsel for the accused men, T. H. Lennox, K.C., to secure their release on bail, but this was denied by Mr. Justice Clute even for the luncheon interval. Both men will spend their nights in jail until the legal battle is over.

Bond Purchases Testify.
The evidence of the crown consisted of the stories told by those who had purchased bonds and debentures in the National Agency Co., a subsidiary company of the Union Life. Nearly all of the witnesses today were from Western Ontario towns, and included two aged ladies from Aylmer who were induced to invest in the securities. E. E. Du Vernet, K.C., was crown counsel, and at the instigation of the attorney-general of the province and on the instructions of the minister of justice of the Dominion C. A. Macdonald, K.C., was present to assist him in the prosecution, because of his knowledge of Union Life affairs, gained as liquidator of the company. T. Herbert Lennox, K.C., and Erle Armour, K.C., represented Symons, while A. J. Russell Snow, K.C., and J. H. Hancock, Galt, were counsel for Hughes.

Preston Man's Loss.
Anthony Oakes, of Preston, Ont., testified that on the advice of Mr. Evans he had bought fifty shares in the company at \$125 and lost the whole amount. Edmund Poole, of St. Catharines, said he regretted to state that he was the owner of ten shares of the National Agency. These shares were purchased in February, 1914, and he was told by Mr. DuVernet the witness said he was paid dividends by scrip. Part of the scrip was paid.

"When was this?" he was asked. "I got so sick of it I cannot tell," said Mr. Poole. "I attended several meetings of the shareholders, but came away with the information that the affairs of the company were being carried on in a generally unsatisfactory manner."

"How did you come to buy the stock?"
"Helping Mr. Evans."
"Mr. Evans was a young man, and I thought he would make a success of the company and I wanted to help him at all possible. I looked at his face, heard his statements, and bought the stock."

Mr. DuVernet said he did not know where the dividends he was being paid came from. George W. McAllister, of Galt, was an agent of the company for four or five years. On all sales of stock he was allowed ten per cent commission. He operated in the vicinity of Galt and Wellington County.

"There was not much demand for the stock," he said. "It was paying a ten per cent dividend. He could not tell the exact amount of the dividends he said."
The defence waived their cross-examination of the first two witnesses.

Mrs. J. Aikens, of Paris Junction, said that at first she had no intention of purchasing any stock. Through the efforts of Polman Evans she purchased \$1500 of bonds.
Said "Government" Was Mentioned.
"I have not much to say of what happened. Mr. Evans was brought to me by Mr. McAllister. He said the Government would look after us. We kept the securities looked in a vault. It was the fact that the Government was in it that attracted me."
After I met Dr. Hughes, who said that everything was all right, I seemed to be enthusiastic.

Mrs. Aikens said she had received a regular coupon of six per cent until a year ago.
Company Good As Bank.
Mrs. Calderwood, of Aylmer, an aged lady, was provided with a chair in the witness box. She told the crown prosecutor that she had given to the National Agency debentures. She had bought them from Dr. Hughes. Dr. Hughes, she said, knew of the company's money, and he told her it was as good in his company as in any bank. The first debenture she was given was for \$1500; the rest was made up by subsequent separate purchases; one for \$750; two for \$500; one for \$200;

Mr. Evans said that the National Agency owned 90 per cent of the stock in the Union Life Insurance Company, and declared the witness.

"He said the agency was got up for the purpose of or gaining other companies. He said the National Agency was paying a dividend of 10 per cent. The stock I sold was at \$125. He told us it was usually sold at \$120, and that the dividends would rise."

Mr. Brown was not cross-examined.
Brother and Sister.
John McNab, of Ayr, held two bonds and \$400 worth of stock in the National Agency Company. His sister also held a \$500 bond.
"How did you come to buy it?" he was asked.
"I thought it was good stock."
"Is your sister here?" asked Mr. DuVernet.
"No, she is dead."
"Then we won't call her."

Robert McGregor, a retired manufacturer of Galt, through the recommendations of Dr. Hughes, who is also a native of Galt, purchased \$15,000 of the preferred stock in the National Agency.
"I told him I was depending upon him and as I had known Dr. Hughes for 25 or 30 years and had heard nothing against his integrity, I was fool enough to buy," said the witness bitterly. "He said it was absolutely safe and highly recommended. He said he was selling it to his wife's side." "On his wife's side," inquired Mr. DuVernet sarcastically.
"Yes."

Mr. Snow had said he had at the time \$200,000 to invest. The stock was bought for his daughters.
"Where did you meet Dr. Hughes?" "At the Galt golf links."
"I was making two or three months."

"Didn't you make any inquiries?" "No, I had, I wouldn't have touched it with a ten-foot pole."

GERMAN RESIGNS.
Adelaide, Australia, via London, Jan. 18.—Hermann Homburg, attorney-general of South Australia since 1909, has resigned his position because of the anti-German feeling existing among the public.



Mr. and Mrs. James Donaldson, of Bayfield, who celebrated their golden wedding on January 12.

one for \$125, and a seventh, now lost, for \$200.
"What the question of a certain mortgage owned by the witness was taken up Mrs. Calderwood said Dr. Hughes had told her the mortgage was 'riding pretty fast'—had an automobile and had sold out his business."

Gave Them the Mortgage.
"I turned the mortgage over to him," she said.
In reply to Mr. Snow, witness said she could not remember when her first conversation with Dr. Hughes had taken place. She knew him, however, because it was from him that she rented her house.

"How much money had you at that time?" asked Mr. Snow. By suggesting steadily decreasing amounts, he elicited the information that the lady had had about five thousand dollars. Her several purchases amounted to \$3,785.

"The doctor seems to be a kindly man," suggested Mr. Snow.
"Yes," replied Mrs. Calderwood. "He was too kind. He was thinking of himself."

Another Elderly Lady.
Mrs. Nancy Copeland, of Aylmer, another elderly lady, said that \$4,000 of her money had gone into the National Agency in November, 1907. Through the friendliness of Dr. Hughes, Dr. Hughes, she said, had told her that any sum she chose would be as safe in that company as any bank of the Dominion. She had obtained two debentures, one for \$3,000 and the second for \$1,000.
"What did she get for it?" asked the court.

"What did you get for your money?" asked Mr. DuVernet.
"The interest," ventured the lady.
"But you got some papers? Yes, of course, you got some of these papers," responded the crown counsel sarcastically, as a bunch of debenture folders appeared on the edge of the stand.

An Old Friend.
Examined by Mr. Snow, Mrs. Copeland said that a Mr. Campbell had accompanied her to Dr. Hughes when he visited her to sell the debentures. He was an "old friend," and "very trustworthy."

"Has anyone tried to refresh your memory as to what occurred?"
"No."
Witness declared that the money was paid to the purchase of the \$3,000 debenture was already invested in the "Sun" Company in Hastings. Dr. Hughes and Mr. Campbell had been concerned in the purchase of the debentures and in the unfortunate National Agency.

"Company Was First-Class."
In June, 1909, Mr. Hughes came to me and wanted me to secure money for the National Agency Company," said Mr. James Campbell, of Belmont. "I gave about half a dozen people, and Mr. Hughes was present at all sales. Mr. Hughes represented that the company was first-class and a good security. He said the National Agency were the stockholders of the Union Life Company. I understood the agency company were managers of the Union Life, and that the latter were making lots of money. I understood that the money being collected was used for Government security."

To Mr. Snow, he said it was the first stock he ever sold, and that he was paid five per cent commission from the company for his efforts. Some of the people to whom stock was sold had known for thirty or forty years.

Also Met Hughes.
The witness met Mr. McAllister when the latter called at his business shop. About a year later he met Dr. Hughes. From him came the proposal of the commission.
J. B. Brown, of Goderich, was a former agent of the Agency Company. For two years he sold stock and debentures of the company.
"I only sold \$4,000 worth myself," was his modest statement.

He said he was paid a commission of one per cent a year on the life of debentures. During the years he was agent, he disposed of about \$25,000 worth.

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German Commander Admits
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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH GERMAN ARMY, 13, POLAND, Dec. 21.—(By courier to Berlin and mail to London, Jan. 10).—Short days, miserable roads, and stubbornly resisting enemy are the three difficulties preventing rapid progress in the eastern campaign, according to General Von Mackensen, commander of the Ninth German Army, with whom the correspondent of the Associated Press dined this evening.

Effective shelling of the enemy's position without which no infantry attack against an entrenched enemy is possible in these days of modern, rapid firing rifles and machine guns, can be carried on only during five or six hours of daylight. Infantry attacks cannot be pressed home in the same short period.

The Russians, although at times suffering reverses with huge losses, in wounded and prisoners, show no sign of breaking, and are fighting hard for possession of each yard of ground between the German army and Warsaw. Even after the Russian army had been forced from one strong line, as at Kutno by Lodz, effective pursuit by the Germans is impossible. The long nights give the Russians abundant time to take off their troops and trains practically unharmed, and to occupy any other position equally as strong as the one from which they have been ejected at such expenditures of effort. For these reasons General Von Mackensen expects that progress in the Polish campaign will be slow.

LAUNDRY ON FIRE.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Strathroy, Jan. 18.—About 9 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the laundry of the laundry shop owned by Chung. The blaze started by a gas lamp exploding, which spread rapidly. Immediately an alarm was sent in and the fire department extinguished the blaze by the use of the chemicals. The damage done amounted to about \$500, with no insurance.

**HE WANTS ALL THE
WORLD TO KNOW IT**
Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured
Jean Baptiste Tapp.

Quebec Man Who Suffered From Kidney Disease for Years Is Again a Robust, Healthy Man.
L'Arche-Val, Gaspé Co., Que., Jan. 18.—(Special).—I am happy to tell you Dodd's Kidney Pills made me well. So says Jean Baptiste Tapp, a well known and highly respected resident of this place. And so thankful is Mr. Tapp for the benefits he has received from Dodd's Kidney Pills that he wants the whole world to know it. He wants others who suffer as he did to know the cure.

"For many years I suffered from kidney disease," Mr. Tapp says. "It started from a cold, and gradually grew worse. My skin had a harsh, dry feeling, my appetite was fitful and I perspired freely with the slightest exertion. I had flashes of light before my eyes and I was always tired and nervous."

"Finally rheumatism was added to my troubles, while attacks of sciatica and neuralgia followed. The doctor who attended me and the medicines I tried, failed to help me till I decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I took four boxes in all, and today I am a robust man in excellent health."

Mr. Tapp's troubles came from sick kidneys. That is why Dodd's Kidney Pills cured them.

**Ends Dry, Hoarse or
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A Simple, Home-Made Remedy.
Inexpensive but Unequaled.

The prompt and positive results given by this pleasant-tasting, home-made cough syrup has caused it to be used in more homes than any other remedy. It gives almost instant relief, and will usually overcome the average cough in 24 hours.

Get 25 ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) from any drug store, pour it into a 16-ounce bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. This is the most effective cough remedy at a cost of only 51 cents, or less. You couldn't buy as much ready-made cough medicine for \$2.50. Easily prepared and never spoils. Full directions with Pinex.

The promptness, certainty and ease with which this Pinex Syrup overcomes a bad cough, chest or throat cold is truly remarkable. It quickly loosens a rich, golden, and is famous for the world over for its splendid effect in bronchitis, whooping cough, bronchial asthma and winter coughs.

To avoid disappointment in making this, ask your druggist for "25 ounces Pinex," and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Company, Toronto, Ont.

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Oriental Rugs In Our Stock Inventory Sale This Week

Every Oriental Rug in our stock will be included in this stock-taking clearance. About 100 Turkish Rugs, some of which were not included at the beginning of the sale, and several of which have been exhibited in the furnished cottage. Every rug guaranteed.

The reduction of about a THIRD on these rugs is of more than ordinary significance—being bought and imported when conditions were normal in the east and prices the most favorable in years—and you will, therefore, realize the double advantage in anticipating your needs now for some time ahead, particularly in Oriental products. The following are a few exclusive designs and colorings taken from the assortment, showing the price-advantage during this sale on each.

1 only, Serapi Rug. Ivory, Blue and Nile Green. Size 10 x 13.5. \$175.00, for

1 only, Anatolian Rug. Rich Red, Cream and Green. Size 8.3 x 9.8. \$150.00, for

1 only, Borlou Rug. Cream and Light Blue. Size 8.5 x 11.6. \$115.00, for

1 only, Anatolian Rug. Nile Green and Cream. Size 8.11 x 12. \$195.00, for

1 only, Mirzapore Rug. Ivory and Green. Size 8.5 x 11.4. \$35.00, for

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