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MAKE BOARD RESPONSIBLE
BY RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL
FOR LOAN CO.'S RETURNS

Accountant Cross' Suggestion in Second Interim Report to Government—How York Loan Employes Played Double Game.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE CLOSING TO HAND OVER ALL ASSETS

The York County Loan troubles which are now being investigated by Magistrate Denison and Crown Attorney Curry may take a sudden turn before long, and Mr. Curry may not find it necessary to go to New York and Buffalo to procure the evidence of the women, Robb and Sauter.

On good authority, last night, it was stated that negotiations were in progress which would result in Phillips, the Toronto Life Insurance Company, and the other concerns turning over all assets to the York Loan liquidators.

If these negotiations go thru, the Phillips case, as far as the police court is concerned, will end early in the week.

Mr. Cross Reported.

W. H. Cross, the commissioner appointed by the Ontario government to examine the affairs of the York Loan Company, has made his second report to the attorney-general. He makes an important recommendation, to the effect that it should be required by law that returns made by officers of a company to the government should be sanctioned by a resolution of the board of directors, and that the resolution be verified and filed along with the return.

Mr. Cross says:

"In view of the large number of persons interested in this company, and of the confusion in the public mind existing from widely differing statements in the press and by speakers at public meetings; in view also of the varied proposals and suggestions made by local committees of shareholders in different parts of the Dominion, and in view of the possibility that speculators might take advantage of this situation to induce shareholders to sell their shares for less than value, I deemed it my first duty to obtain and make public at the earliest possible moment, reliable information regarding the actual situation of this company's affairs and the causes of its failure.

First Report Verified.

"The course of the public investigation then held by me and the conclusions arrived at, including a statement of the causes of the company's failure, are set forth in my interim report already made to you, dated the third day of January last. The results found in that report have been tested and verified by various investigations subsequently made, and I now confirm the conclusions therein given.

"At the time when the commission issued, and subsequently, there prevailed a general public belief that the failure was due largely, if not altogether, to gross irregularities, and improprieties committed by directors and servants of the company for their own personal benefit, and that the existing position of the company had arisen from this cause. Evidence supporting this belief did not transpire during the public investigation, and I had no information that warranted any such conclusion at the time of making my first interim report. In vew, however, of the specific and direct charges made from various quarters, I deemed it desirable that this question should be further investigated thru such avenues as remained open to me after the criminal proceedings had been instituted against Phillips.

Examination of Books.

"To this end an examination of the books of the company was made, more thoro than had been possible in the limited time preceding the issuance of the interim report, and other lines of enquiry outside the books and records of the company were pursued, including particularly the charge that had been made that much more was paid out of the York Loan funds for the land acquired by the company than the vendors actually received, and that there had been added to the outlays of the company in connection with their building and improvement operations, large sums which had been retained by officials of the company. The result of this examination and these enquiries have failed to disclose any evidence substantiating these charges.

"It is obvious from the extent and nature o ftris company's operations that my enquiries should not possibly be exhaustive, but so far as I have been able to ascertain the facts, the position is as above stated.

Withdrew Own Funds.

"I beg to report, as a fact additional to what is stated in my interim report, that in the later stages of the company's existence, and during the months immediately preceding the winding-up order, directors, officers, agents and employes of the company, while withdrawing their own funds, which

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York Springs Sarsaparilla—Superior to that imported from England.

There is a rich pictorial flavor of Easter in next Sunday's World.

Pure Food Show on Good Friday.

Friday and Saturday afternoon and evening will be the last two days of the Pure Food Show, and the crowded houses this week are the best indications that the public are delighted with the exhibition and the entertainment, which is excellent and which should be visited by all who have not seen it.

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LOWEST TENDERS WIN OUT AWARDED G.T.P. CONTRACTS

Western and Eastern Sections Are Now in Contractors' Hands—To Use Canadian Materials.

Ottawa, April 12.—(Special.)—When parliament reassembles next Tuesday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will anounce that the contracts for the two sections of the transcontinental railway have been awarded, and that in each case the work has been given to the firm which submitted the lowest offer. The western section, which has been let to J. D. MacArthur, begins at Winnipeg and ends at Peninsula, crossing near the junction point of the Fort William branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific, 245 miles. MacArthur's tender is $13,300,000, a quarter of a million dollars below the estimate of the government engineers.

The eastern section runs from the north end of the Quebec bridge, Quebec, to a point near La Tuque, on the St. Maurice River, 150 miles. The contract goes to Hogan and McDonald, at $5,750,000, the lowest of half a dozen bids, and about $750,000 below the cost estimated by the engineers.

The third contract, for a steel viaduct about 3000 feet long across Cap Rouge Valley, near Quebec, has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company, for $250,000.

A deposit of $400,000 was made with each tender for the Winnipeg section; a deposit of $225,000 for the Quebec section, and a deposit of $35,000 for the steel viaduct.

"Made in Canada."

The specifications call for the grading of the railway and construction of bridges, but not for the furnishing of the steel rails. Tenders for the supply of rails will doubtless be called for at once.

A clause provides that "the contractor shall in connection with the whole of the work, as far as practicable, use only material, machinery, plant supplies and rolling stock manufactured or produced in Canada, provided the same can be obtained as cheaply and upon as good terms in Canada as elsewhere, having regard to quality and price." The work is to be completed on or before September 1, 1907.

Between the ends of the two sections which have thus been placed under contract, there is a gap of 1000 miles. Construction of this section can scarcely be begun until the Fort William branch of the Grand Trunk has been built and the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario extended to Lake Abitibi.

DIG TRENCH; FILL IT UP.

Day's Work Performed for Two Contending Corporation Parties.

Winnipeg, April 12.—(Special.)—Two gangs of workmen faced each other all this afternoon on Sutherland-avenue, the one employed by the Northern Iron Works, endeavoring to dig a trench across the street for a foundation for a wall, and the other employed by the city to fill up the trench.

As fast as one gang dug a trench the other filled it up and thus they diligently labored until 6 o'clock.

It was feared there would be trouble, but the workmen all took it as a big joke, as did a big crowd of citizens.

The city had an award of $9000 by arbitration made against them for the property. The city claimed it was excessive, and have refused to recognize it, and are endeavoring to open up the street, while the Northern Iron Works are as strenuously opposing, and are trying now to run up a brick wall across the street to block all traffic.

The iron works say they will spend $10,000 to fight the matter. It was feared the wall might be run up by the iron works to-night and the police are watching.

LOSES MEMORY THRU DRINK MAY HAVE COMMITTED CRIME

Montreal, April 12.—(Special.)—Altho several people identified James Hackett as the man who was in the vicinity of Cote St. Paul on the day of the murder or little Edith May Ahern, the prisoner himself refused to speak, and Coroner McMahon to-day adjourned the inquest until Saturday, when everyone who saw the man and little girl together will be called to see whether they can identify the man.

Among the evidence placed before the coroner's jury was a statement signed by the prisoner Hackett, giving an account of his movements on the day of the murder, and each day since, up to the time of his arrest. His stateemnt of the events of that day differs frim that given by his wife, and also from the statements of Mrs. Mooney, who lived with the Hackett family.

An admission that may have importance in the Hackett case was made by the prisoner to a police officer when the latter brought him his breakfast this morning. He said: "I do not deserve to eat if I am guilty of that crime. To my knowledge I am not guilty, but I do not remember anything I did on Tuesday. Every time I drink I lose memory of things, places and acts."

In addition to his own confession the police have information that Hackett was drunk on Tuesday.

MINE WORKERS MAKE OFFER OPERATORS UNWILLING TO TAKE IT UP

Two Amendments to Original Demand and Request for Strike Commission Arbitration if Unsatisfactory.

New York, April 12.—At the meeting of the sub-committees of the anthracite mine workers and operators here to-day, the representatives of the employes offered the mine owners the choice of two propositions, and in reply the employers intimated they are not likely to accept either offer. The operators will make an official answer to the miners' latest propositions by letter, and there will be no further meetings until some further solution of the controversy. The meeting to-day did not bring the contending parties closer together; in fact, they appear to have almost reached the limit of their negotiations. If the operators should decline to entertain either of the propositions submitted by the miners to-day it is probable the convention of miners will be called, at which the delegates will declare that a strike exists.

The offer made by President Mitchell to-day was a re-submission of the miners' original demands, with two amendments, and in case they are not accepted he proposes that the controversy be placed before the strike commission.

Drops Union Demand.

In one of the amendments to the original demands, President Mitchell drops the request for the recognition of the union and provides that the proposed agreement be made between the operators and the anthracite mine workers, instead of the Union Mine Workers of America. The other amendment provides that only employes who are willing shall be assessed a certain sum each month to defray the expense of carrying out the proposed check-off agreement, instead of union and non-union men being called upon to contribute. If the operators will not accept the original demand, as amended, the miners propose that they (the original demands as amended) and the operators' first proposition, which provides for a renewal for three years of the award of the anthracite strike commission, be referred for arbitrament to the strike commission. Thus the miners drop their second offer, which provided for arbitration by the conciliation board, and ignore the operators' second proposition, with the exception of the strike commission feature, which they accept.

Operators' Reply.

After President Mitchell had finished reading the answer, the operators withdrew and discussed the communication. Upon their return, President Baer, as the chairman of the operators' committee, made this reply:

"We regret that you have not accepted our propositions. We do not feel that we can modify them. We will hereafter answer your communications of this date by letter, or if you desire a further meeting the time can be arranged or be hereafter fixed by the respective chairmen."

Then an informal talk followed, during which it was agreed that if any further meeting of the joint committee was desired by the miners, arrangements for it could be made by President Baer and Mitchell. After the conference had adjourned, none of the participants would discuss the situation.

GOT 'EM GUESSING.

Montrealers Puzzled as to Identity of Certain Journalist.

Montreal, April 12.—(Special.)—People are asking if the La Presse correspondent at Ottawa refers to Hon. Mr. Tarte when he states that the journalist who supported Sir Wilfrid Laurier last session in the school question is reported as being about to address an open letter to the premier, asking him to resign, as he is surrounded by thieves.

TORONTO FIRM IN TROUBLE.

Buffalo Authorities Would Confiscate a Shipment of Rags.

Buffalo, April 12.—(Special.)—United States Attorney Charles H. Brown has started an action in the United States court here to confiscate and sell 22,200 pounds of woolen rags and 3500 pounds of cotton rags of the value of $3855 and upwards.

Mr. Brown alleges that these rags were imported into this country by Helpert Bros. of Toronto, the owners, and that they then, thru Thomas Hay, as attorney for John J. Beck, agent for the importers, made a false entry of the merchandise, swearing that the consignment consisted of cotton rags only. The duty upon the rags seized in this consignment is $2220.

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NEW SCHOOL FOR RIVERDALE.

There is to be a new school in Riverdale to cost $80,000. This, it is understood, was the conclusion of the board of control at a private session during which estimates of the board of education were under discussion yesterday afternoon.

Don't miss the Dog Show, St. Andrew's Hall, to-day and to-morrow. Admission 10 cents.

DOWIE DEFIANT.

Chicago, April 12.—John Alexander Dowie will not give up his leadership of the Christian Catholic Church, and will return to Mexico. He will wage a vigorous legal war to retain control of Zion City, and later will go to Zion City and proclaim himself the only "First Apostle."

This statement was authorized tonight by Dowie himself.

Empress Hotel, Yonge and Gould Sts. R. Dissette, Prop. $1.50 and $2.00 per day.

HIS OASIS

OLD MAN ONTARIO (about to drink): It's the Shadder of a Great Rock in a Weary Land—that's what it is.

UNIFORMITY IS AIMED AT
DECENTRALIZATION OF ADMINISTRATION
IN COCHRANE MINES BILL

Protection of Prospector and Security of Titles Main Points of New Legislation—Taxation and Bounties to Be Covered by Subsequent Measure.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of lands and mines, has given to the press a summary of his new mines bill, which he formally presented a couple of weeks ago in the legislature, but which was not then in complete shape.

The bill makes a complete revision of the existing legislation. The mining industry of Ontario is growing rapidly in importance. The aggregate output of minerals and mineral products, which for several years has been about $11,000,000 or $12,000,000, rose in 1905 to about $19,000,000, or if the refined values of nickel and copper are used as a basis of computation, instead of the value in the matte, the total would amount to $22,000,000 or $23,000,000. This large advance is due to the increased output of nickel, silver, copper and pig iron.

Anomalies of Old Act.

Many anomalies and weak places have been brought to light in the present mining laws. For instance, there are at least four methods of taking up mining lands from the crown—(1) by purchase; (2) by lease; (3) by staking out in a mining division; (4) by staking out outside of a mining division. The amount of work to be done on purchased or leased lands is different from the amount required to be done on lands in mining divisions, and different again from the amount required to be done on lands outside mining divisions. The purchase price of land varies according to distance from a railway, and whether in surveyed or unsurveyed territory. So much variety is confusing, and prospectors are often at a loss to know how to proceed.

A second defect is the encouragement which the law holds out to the taking up of lands for speculation as against actual mining purposes. This is shown by the fact that from first to last about 1,300,000 acres of mining lands have been disposed of by the crown in Ontario, while anyone acquainted with the mineral industry knows that a very small proportion indeed of this large area is being actually worked. Another proof is the fact that some thousands of mining leases are at present being canceled by the department of lands and mines, covering some 200,000 acres, chiefly because of non-payment of rental. These lands were taken up during the time of boom for gold, silver, nickel, copper or iron, and the holders, instead of working them, have simply sat down and waited for someone to buy them out at a high price. They did not even pay the small annual rent due the crown.

A third defect is the provision for issuing a title subject to working conditions. That is requiring the work to be done after the patent or lease has been granted. True, the crown may

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"CORNERS" SPOIL MARKET.

Otherwise Canadian Wheat Would Be in Demand.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, April 12.—Interviewed at Glasgow, Mackintosh, the accountant of the Scottish Wholesale Co-operative Society, said the announcement that the society is acquiring 100,000 acres in Canada is premature, and inaccurate. The society sent a deputation to investigate the question, and as a result have an option until May on 100,000 acres held by the Saskatchewan Land Co. The society grinds 72,000 bushels per week. At least 50,000 could be Canadian, but owing to "corners" by speculators it is not always available when wanted.

After Easter recess a resolution will be moved in the house of lords declaring it is injurious to the agricultural interests of Britain and Ireland that the country should be kept in doubt as to the future policy of the government on the question of removing the restrictions on Canadian cattle.

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There is without doubt the finest display of Easter delicacies at Chas. A. Dunning's butcher store, corner Yonge and Wood-streets. Spring lambs, spring chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, saddle of mutton, crown of lamb, fillet of beef (larded), smoked tongues, numerous varieties of home cooked meats and sausages, chipped beef, mushrooms, fresh tomatoes, asparagus, cauliflower, new potatoes, garden cress, water cress, cucumbers, spinach, new carrots and beets, new cabbage, celery, spiced and corned rounds of beef, sweetbreads and other luxuries too numerous to mention.

A page of "Dogs of High Degree" will be a feature of The Sunday World.

Dog Show, Ontario Kennel Club, St. Andrew's Hall, to-day and to-morrow—10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Admission 10c.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Good Friday.
Pure Food Show, Massey Hall.
Auto Show, Mutual-street Rink.
Dog Show, St. Andrew's Hall.
C. L. A. Convention, Labor Temple, 10 a.m.
Whist Congress, Temple Building, 10.
Christian Workers' Convention, West End Y.M.C.A., 10.
Retail Hardware Dealers, Rossin House, 10.30.
Races, Dufferin Park, 3.
Baseball, Torontos v. Professionals, Diamond Park, 3.
Concert, Association Hall, 8.
Princess, "The Fascinating Mr. Vanderveldt, 2—8.
Grand, "The Grafter," 2—8.
Majestic, "My Tomboy Girl," 2—8.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2—8.
Star, Sam Devere's Co., 2—8

BRINGING IN U. S. LAMBS FEWER CULLS AMONG THEM

Local Dealers Explain Importations by Saying Farmers Are to Blame.

There has been a little consternation in custom house circles during the past few days finding out the duty on lambs.

From the United States the Harris Co. and Wesley Dunn have received carloads of new lambs that come in at a 20 per cent. duty. The difficulty in discovering the duty was due to the fact that lambs have not been on our visiting list in the days gone by, and when a lamb comes in the custom officials have to look out to see where Mary is.

"We don't understand the position of our farmers, but we do understand our own position," said one of the consignees. "From Canada shipments we find many culls. In our American shipment to-day, and there will be another to-morrow, the little barnyard lambs are the best, and we can't find a cull in 200 of them. Our Canadian lambs lack any kind of uniformity and we are too busy in our own business now to try to encourage it when our neighbors across the line are helping as they are, and if they can't find a market commensurate with their production, we can find a good market for it, and it is up to our farmers to do as good as the United States are doing."

The United States lamb costs only half cent a pound more than the Canadian.

Another authority said the same condition existed regarding hogs. He said Canada was getting too tired to raise them. It occurs with regard to calves, too.

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The Nicholls motor boat is easy to run. Costs little to buy. Nicholls Brothers, Limited, foot York St. bridge.

MARRIAGES.

WILKINSON—PEARCE—At the residence of the bride's father, Mitchell, Ont., on Wednesday, April 11, 1906, by the Rev. Wm. G. Houton, Jean, only daughter of Charles Pearce, Esq., to Christopher W., only son of W. C. Wilkinson, Esq., secretary-treasurer board of education, Toronto.

DEATHS.

CUSTALOE—On April 20, 1906, at 30 Charlotte-street, Emma, beloved wife of Reuben Custaloe.

Funeral from above address Saturday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

MOORE—On April 12, 1906, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. A. Hiller, 168 Strachan-avenue, Sophia Moore, in her 31st year.

Funeral from the above address on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WICKETT—On Thursday, April 12, 1906, Aubrey, youngest son of James A. and Grace Wickett, aged 10 months.

Funeral to St. James' Cemetery Saturday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

The F. W. Matthews Co. Undertakers

KING TOURS STRICKEN AREA REPROVES PRIEST WHO FLED FOR SAFETY

Description of Weird Scenes in Devastated Districts—Royalty Taking Prominent Part in Relief Work.

Naples, April 12.—While the news from Mount Vesuvius to-day is reassuring, the conditions here in Naples are such as make it difficult to realize that conditions are actually better. The wind is blowing from the volcano in the direction of Naples, carrying the ashes in this direction. Towards evening the fall of ashes and cinders here was worse than at any time since the eruption began.

The scenic effects vary from hour to hour. Now in the north the sky is chocolate colored, lowering and heavy, under which men and women, with their hair and clothing covered with ashes, move about like gray ghosts. One of the French men-of-war, which arrived in the Bay of Naples to-day, is so placed as to be half in the glow and half obscured by the belt of falling ashes. From the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, where Director Matteucci continues his work in behalf of science and humanity, the scene is one of great impressiveness. To reach the observatory one must walk for miles over hardened, but hot, lava covered with sand until he comes to a point from whence nothing can be seen but vast grey reaches, sometimes flat and sometimes gathered into huge mounds, which take on semblances of human faces. Above, the heavens are grey like the earth beneath, and seem just as hard and immovable. In all this lonely waste there is no sign of life or vegetation, and no sound is heard except the low mutterings of the volcano. One seems almost impelled to scream aloud to break the horrible stillness of a land seemingly forgotten, both by God and man.

King in Danger.

To-day's visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Ottajano revealed new tragedies. At a certain point his majesty was obliged to abandon his motor-car and went forward on horseback, amid constant danger, his horse floundering thru four feet of ashes, stumbling into holes, blinded by the fall of large cinders, and the target for falling basaltic masses. In the presence of the king, 139 more bodies were extricated from the ruins, while ashes and red sand were falling as tho they were determined not to relinquish their victims. The dead at Ottajano are said to number 550.

The king was deathly pale. To a parish priest who came to him he said: "How did you escape?"

"I put myself in safety," replied the priest.

"What do you mean?" asked the king.

"Realizing the danger," was the priest's reply. "I had left for Nola."

The king flushed with anger.

"What?" he cried. "You, a minister of God, were not here to share the danger of your people and administer the last sacraments? You did very wrong."

Queen Helene was with the king when he started for Ottajano, but she was obliged to turn back, as the task was one not suitable for a woman. Her majesty spent the most of the day in visiting injured persons in Naples hospitals and inspecting the housing provided for refugees.

Princess' Long Walk.

The Princess of Schleswig-Holstein set out in her automobile to-day to visit the hospitals in the desolated towns, but the motor-car became disabled, and she was forced to return on foot a distance of twelve miles, walking the distance thru three feet of ashes. The princess' endurance surprised the Neapolitans, some of whom declared that she must have been aided by the saints.

There have been many robberies of deserted houses, in spite of the efforts of the authorities to protect property. In the excited condition of the populace there is difficulty in preserving order. The closing of a church at Torre Annunziata, which was considered to ben unsafe, precipitated a riot.

Provisions are being made for the feeding and sheltering of persons who have remained in their own towns.

It is estimated that 5000 houses have been destroyed or rendered uninhabitable.

The collapsed tower of the new wing of the Federal Parliament Buildings will be pictured in the Sunday World.

For "Better Tailoring," MacLeod, Yonge and College Street.

Dineen's Easter Millinery.

The display of ladies' hats, rain coats and cloth coats at Dineen's is particularly attractive. There is no new feature in style, or harmony in seasonable coloring that is not displayed in Dineen's showrooms. Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

All lovers of dogs will be at the Dog Show to-day and to-morrow, St. Andrew's Hall. Admission 10 cents.

FINE AND MILDER.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly winds; fair with a little higher temperature.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

April 12	At	From
Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Ivernia	Boston	Liverpool
Corinthian	Halifax	Glasgow
Caledonian	Liverpool	Boston
Friesland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Pretoria	Dover	New York
Empress India	Hong Kong	Vancouver

Baseball fans will be interested in a couple of snapshots of the opening of the season at Galt.

A fine picture of Vesuvius, which has menaced its surroundings for 2000 years, and an interesting and historical review are of timely interest. See next Sunday's World.