

## CHARGE LOOSE ADMINISTRATION

Shortage of \$100,000 Alleged Against the Drury Administration.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Evening Telegram says in its news columns today:

Defalcations that may aggregate \$100,000 are expected to be revealed by officials of the Ontario Government as a result of inquiries now in progress into spending and collecting departments, attributed to following the loose administration of the Drury Government. Some of the irregularities already have been brought to light and others are soon to be made public.

"It was intimated today that in certain instances prosecutions may follow on an almost wholesale scale, as the result of the audit."

Criminal Proceedings?

It is intimated—although this specific information does not come from the head of the department—that the Provincial Treasurer is likely to institute criminal proceedings following revelations made in his department.

"Lands and forests department is stated to be involved in the scandal. The audit is now underway in that department, and some changes are anticipated to result."

"Slipshod methods of allowing certain expenditures to be made by department officials, a loose system that is now in the process of being remedied, is held to be largely responsible for the appointment and undoubted defalcations."

"Amongst the startling things that the Government audit is bringing to light, is the fact that several motor-car agents, appointed by the late Government for the issuance of motor licenses in 1923, have as yet failed to make complete returns to the Government of monies collected by them."

Premier Admits Charges.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—Hon. Manning Doherty in the Legislature today asked the Government about a newspaper article claiming that an audit had revealed defalcations in Government departments. The Premier said that unfortunately there had been defalcations and that several of the defendants had disappeared. He said that the House should get the information before the press. The Premier said that there had been a leak which had embarrassed the Government on at least one occasion. However, he thought that the main facts of the newspaper story were well known, as the Legislature had mentioned these facts in its report.

## LOCAL NEWS

**ACCIDENT**  
James McGirr met with a painful accident while employed at construction work in East St. John. He was assisting to lift a stone when it fell crushing some of his toes. He is at present confined to his home in St. Patrick street.

**TOOK ILL AT RACES**  
While John Brittain, tax collector, was sitting in the Arena last evening watching the races he collapsed. Fortunately Hon. Dr. Roberts, near by, attended to him and had him conveyed to his home in Charles St., Fairville, in the Ambulance. Dr. Davidson, the family physician, was then summoned. Today he was still unconscious.

**WILL BE REPEATED**  
At a special meeting of the Ladies' Society of the Assumption church reports of the recent bridge and social held in St. Patrick's Hall, West Side, with Mrs. Walter Morris as convener, showed such a success, socially and financially that several ladies present requested it repeated in the near future. The committee will be appointed.

**CASE GOES ON**  
The case of A. Sullivan vs. H. W. Schofield and the New France Lumber Co. was resumed yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice J. H. Barry in Supreme Court chambers and continued this morning. The case of the plaintiff was concluded yesterday afternoon and the case for the defendant began this morning, evidence being given by H. W. Schofield and Emilie Pahlvin of Weymouth, N. S. The case is being continued this afternoon.

**ST. JOHN LEFT OUT**  
A map of the C. N. R., a copy of which was received by Commissioner Bullock from a friend, shows the rails of the C. N. R. from Halifax, Sydney and Yarmouth to Prince Rupert and Vancouver and to Portland, Me., and New London, Conn. Moncton, Edmundston and Campbellton are shown in New Brunswick, but St. John is left out altogether, and there is no sign of rails from Moncton to this city. Written underneath the map by the sender were the words: "You see St. John is not on the map."

**MISSION CIRCLE MET**  
The Jesuit Mission Circle of the Portland Methodist church met last evening at the home of one of its members, Miss Mollie Linsley, 178 Bridge street. The president, Mrs. Fred Snider, was in the chair. Miss Ada Calhoun had charge of devotional exercises. A most interesting and instructive address on Japanese customs was given by Mrs. C. F. Sanford, and was greatly appreciated. A pleasing solo was rendered by Mrs. A. C. Powers. Dainty refreshments served by the hostess brought a pleasant evening to a close.

**EDDIE CONNOLLY BEREAVED**  
Word was received this morning by J. J. Connelly, 124 St. John street, of the death of his brother, Frank Connelly, at Plaster Rock. The deceased had been absent from the city for about two years, having been in the lumber business in Maine and at Plaster Rock. A short time ago he was injured while at work, but no serious result was feared. He was survived by two brothers, J. J. and Eddie, of New York, and two sisters, Mrs. James O'Leary of Boston and Miss Ellen of this city. The body will be brought here for burial.

**AUXILIARY MEETING**  
The Victoria Auxiliary of the True Blue Lodge, L. O. B. A., met at the home of Mrs. James Moore, Pitt street, for sewing and quilting. A social half hour was enjoyed. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Reid, 222 Brittain street. Mrs. Moore served delicious refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. A. Stackhouse, Mrs. C. Brigidon, Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. Charles Stevens, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. O. B. Ward, Mrs. A. Logan, Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. R. D. Jones, Mrs. Charlotte Sweet, Mrs. William Cummings and Mrs. Gildart.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Mrs. John Bain entertained twenty-five young people last evening at her home, 11 Sewell street from 5 to 8 in honor of her little daughter, Marjorie, on her eighth birthday. The table was very attractive with red, white and pink carnations. An attraction was a prettily decorated birthday cake. Miss Mary Cullinan cut and served the cake. Mrs. Bain was assisted by Mrs. T. Donovan and the Misses Nellie Barry and Margaret Cullinan in serving supper. After supper the little folk engaged in games. A thimble race was won by Joan Muller, and a button race by Master Barry Donovan. All enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Marjorie received many beautiful presents from her little friends, who all wished her many more happy birthdays.

Good tobogganing at Lily Lake tonight. 7997-2-27

**Only Three More Days**  
This Once a Year Furniture Sale will close Friday night. Housewives, you couples and other home owners have already purchased their furniture during this sale, and you have only three more days left to do the same. Come in tomorrow and buy all you need, and we will store free until June 1st by leaving a deposit.

A most unusual and opportune offering for the last three days on our Chesterfield Suites, which cannot be replaced again for the same money that we are now offering. This luxurious overstuffed three place Chesterfield Suite, upholstered in mohair, etc., \$365.00, reduced to \$270.00. \$500,000 Chesterfield Suites now \$398.00. No trouble to show where you can save money.

**GREEN'S DINING HALL**  
King Square  
BREAKFAST 60c  
DINNER 60c  
SUPPER 60c  
Noon, 12-2:30 P. M. 5-8  
12-27-1924

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## Cases Are Taken Up In Chancery

In the regular sittings of the Chancery Court this morning before Mr. Justice Grimmer a number of cases were dealt with.

In the case of Lawrence vs. McManus et al, this case was laid over until the next court by consent of all parties.

In the matter of the adoption of Ethel Lillian Stewart, an infant, J. H. A. L. Fairweather made an application for adoption and change of name. The order was made.

In the case of Manis Queen et al vs. Harry McDowell et al, M. N. Cockburn, St. Stephen, made a motion to dismiss the action. An order was made to dismiss the action with costs.

In the case of Jane Hayes vs. Lewis Stephen et al, S. A. M. Skinner moved for foreclosure and sale of the mortgage premises. The order was made to bid. The amount involved was \$4,030.95. Costs for all parties to be paid.

In the case of Henry Kirkpatrick vs. the estate of Selig Jacobson, an application was made for permission to foreclose and sell mortgaged premises. The assessed amount due on mortgage was placed at \$4,338.58. The matter was referred to a master for sale.

An application to continue an injunction in a Woodstock case was also granted. P. H. Harley and J. C. Jones, deceased, on the agreement of Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., for the plaintiff and A. N. Carter for the defendant, the case was allowed to go over to the next court.

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## DRESSED AS IN DAYS OF YORE

Lend a Hand Circle Ladies Have Very Pleasant Evening.

The Lend-a-Hand Circle of King's Daughters held a very successful social time at the home of Mrs. H. D. Everett, Prince Edward street, last evening. Most of the twenty or more ladies present were dressed in the fashions in vogue from 30 to 60 years ago, and some handsome costumes were worn. The prize for the quaintest was won by Mrs. Roberts, and the prize for the most beautiful by Mrs. Boyd. The hostess was gowning in one of her wedding dresses of garnet silk, and this was especially appropriate, as she had observed her wedding anniversary on last Sunday.

Mrs. Hoar had a dress of 50 years ago; Mrs. Belyea some 60 years ago; Mrs. Edith Stevens wore one of the old-time gowns and had her hair done in Martha Washington style, and Mrs. W. H. Belding also wore a quaint old-time dress. Mrs. J. S. Frost, president of the circle, was gowning in modern style, but she wore jewelry that was 200 years old, heirlooms in her family. This evening the Circle will entertain the boys of the East End Boys' Club.

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## PERSONALS

Mr. Justice J. H. Barry, of Fredericton, is registered at the Royal Hotel. M. N. Cockburn, K. C., of St. Stephen, is a guest at the Royal Hotel. R. P. Hartley, K. C., of Woodstock, is a guest at the Royal Hotel. C. J. Jones, of Woodstock, was registered at the Royal Hotel yesterday. Senator T. J. Burke, of Richibucto, is a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Mrs. George A. Vincent has returned from Sheldale, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert DeWitt. Mrs. Vincent intends making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Percy Moore, 220 Sydney street.

Edward Akerley of St. John, who was graduated from the U. N. B. last year, has accepted a position at St. Francis as engineer on construction work. G. Fred Pearson, proprietor of the Halifax Chronicle, passed through Moncton on his way to Montreal. Col. J. L. Ralston, K. C., of Halifax, went to Boston and New York on legal business on Saturday.

Mrs. Julia McCarthy left Moncton on Saturday for New York, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. E. G. Collier. Miss Evelyn May of Miller & Company, North Sydney, C. B., is in St. John on a buying trip and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. May, of Main street, Fairville.

Arthur M. May of the C. P. R., who has been spending some time in Detroit, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. May, Main street, Fairville, and left for McAdam where he will resume his duties.

Suppers—Convener, Mrs. M. Atkinson; assistants, Mesdames Cyril Cormier, A. Beckwith, J. Graham, J. A. Sheehan, J. Hann, T. Callaghan, T. F. Foley, J. McRae, Chas. Peters, James Boyle, H. G. Enslow, Henry Comeau, J. B. Stevens, Thos. Barrett, Michael Barrett, F. L. Doherty, Arthur Goddard, A. L. Gaudet, Lawrence Donovan, A. J. O'Connor and the Misses H. McNamara, Taylor, Conlon, O'Ryan, Margaret Richards, Lee, Josie Donovan, Gussie McGrath, Alice Bowes, Mary Campbell, Josephine Jenkins, Joan Lawlor, Margaret Brennan and Annie Jennings.

Candy booth—Convener, Miss M. Chaisson; assistants, Misses B. Mooney, Rita McDade, Kathleen Lundy, Mary Brennan, Madelon Dwyer, Beatrice Knowles, Florence Nugent, Mary Conlon, Gertrude Vermand and Eleanor Chaisson.

Children's ware—Convener, Miss M. McGrath; assisted by Mrs. F. Mullin, A. J. O'Connor, Misses B. McGaffigan, G. O'Neill and E. O'Neill.

Fancy work—Convener, Mrs. H. M. Neales; assisted by Misses Florence McHugh, Katherine Hann, Mary O'Brien, Gertrude McNamara, Mrs. Geo. Flood, Miss Mary Lunnery and Anna McCarthy.

Household—In charge Thos. Kilgallon, assisted by Helen Corkner, M. Crossin, Jean Holmes, Evelyn McCarthy, Rita Lane, K. Flood, K. Carter, L. McCloskey, Frances Conolly, Winifred Connelly, Carmelita Higgins, Florence Connelly.

Church model booth in charge of Miss N. McGrath, assisted by Misses Kathleen Foley, M. Beckwith, D. Enslow and Miss LeBlanc.

Fortune telling—Mrs. T. R. Culley and Mrs. Sullivan.

Grab bag—Miss Mary Colley, Bagatelle—Miss Lillian Flood.

Variety show—Geo. Flood, Maurice Foley, Thos. Hann and Harry Flood.

Cashier—Vincent MacNeil. Tickets—H. G. Enslow, Paul Atkinson and Robert Hann.

The model of the church was made by Dominic LeBlanc and painted by Mr. Stringer of the Imperial Theatre.

**LIQUOR REPORTED SEIZED.**  
Local prohibition inspectors this morning visited a beer house on Queen street and seized a quantity of liquor. It is understood that a charge has been made against the proprietor.

**DAGETT & RAMSDELL'S PERFECT COLD CREAM**  
"The Kind That Keeps"  
Every night keep your face and neck with a coat of D. & R. "that Cream of Distinctive Quality." Leave it a few minutes to penetrate well into the pores. Wipe off the superfluous cream with a soft, clean cloth. With it comes all the irritating particles of dust and old powder and all the little lines of tiredness and worry. Follow with a dash of cold water and your face is left soft, smooth and beautifully clear.

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