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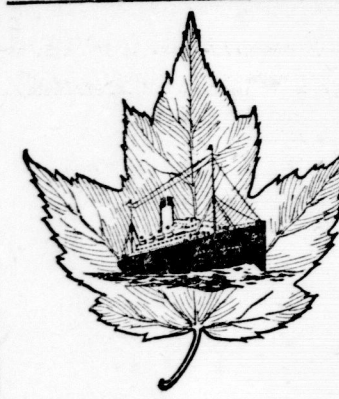
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**BANK MERGER
IS APPROVED**

Government, Fielding Reports,
Decides in Favor of Union
Project.

DEALS WITH OBJECTIONS

Minister of Finance, After Re-
viewing Situation, Confirms
Predecessor's Action.

OTTAWA, March 20.—(Canadian
Press).—The government has ap-
proved the merger of the Merchants
Bank and the Bank of Montreal, it
was announced tonight by Hon. W.
S. Fielding, minister of finance. In
his report to the cabinet on the
merger, Mr. Fielding touched on re-
cent banking amalgamations, re-
marking that he would, in ordinary
circumstances, be unwilling to recom-
mend further restriction of competi-
tion by the amalgamation of any two
larger banks. From this point of
view the proposal to unite the Bank
of Montreal and the Merchants Bank
was open to objection.

On the other hand, failure of the
government to confirm the agree-
ment would create a situation in
which the shareholders of the Mer-
chants Bank would almost certainly
suffer further loss and probably a
condition of alarm be created among
Canadian banks generally. For
these reasons and as the require-
ments of the bank act appeared to
have been fulfilled, Mr. Fielding
recommended approval of the mer-
ger.

In his statement, Mr. Fielding
says:

Many Inquiries Made.

"Many inquiries have been made
in the public press with respect to
the action, if any, to be taken by
the government in relation to the
difficulties that have arisen in the
affairs of the Merchants Bank of
Canada."

"The view taken by the govern-
ment has been that the first and
most important matter to be dealt
with was the application of the Bank
of Montreal and the Merchants Bank

to effect the merger, concludes as
follows:

"The combinations of banks that
have taken place in recent years
have diminished the number of
banks operating in Canada, and
there is in the public mind a pres-
sion that in this way competi-
tion is unduly restricted. Sym-
pathizing in some degree with this
feeling, the undersigned would, in
ordinary circumstances, be unwilling
to recommend further restriction by
the amalgamation of any two of our
larger banks."

"From this viewpoint, the proposal
to unite the Bank of Montreal and
the Merchants Bank of Canada, the
undersigned believes that the pro-
posed amalgamation is the best
available means of dealing with the
question."

"Failure of the treasury board and
the government to confirm the agree-
ment that has been made between
the two banks would create a situa-
tion in which the shareholders of
the Merchants Bank of Canada
would almost certainly suffer further
loss, and there would probably be
created a condition of alarm con-
cerning our banks generally, which
would be prejudicial to the public
interests."

All Requirements Met.

"For these reasons, and as, from
the evidence submitted, it appears
that all requirements of the bank act
with regard to the purchase of the
assets of the bank have been fulfilled
in the present instance, the agree-
ment referred to and herewith sub-
mitted, is recommended by the min-
ister for the approval of the treasury
board and of the governor-general-in-
council."

During discussion in the house
tonight, Hon. H. H. Stevens, min-
ister of trade and commerce in the
Meighen administration, brought up
the merger.

Mr. Stevens said there was need
of careful study in regard to amend-
ments to the bank act which was
due next year.

The banking and commerce com-
mittee of the house should take the
matter up this session and find out
what changes were necessary. He
did not subscribe to the statements
that the banks were not working in
the interests of the people. On the
whole the Canadian banking system
was the soundest in the world.

See **Flaws in Act.**

There were, however, flaws and
loopholes in the act, he thought,
which had been brought to attention
by recent failures, or incidents.

The Merchants Bank management,
declared Mr. Stevens, must have
made false returns to the finance
department for several months before
the crash came. Otherwise he did
not see how the matter could not
have been checked up before it re-
ached such a serious stage.

The committee on banking and
commerce should call before it the
president and other officials of the
Merchants Bank and examine them
and parliament should be given full
information as to the steps which
led up to the crash of that bank. The
committee could well make this in-
vestigation in view of the need of
amending the bank act next session.

**TRIBE RECEIVES
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BRANTFORD, March 18.—The Six
Nations Indians are being paid \$84,000
the first installment on the sale of the
Giebe property in this city. There are
about 4,000 Indians, so that they will
receive about \$20 each.

HAY LEAVES FOR NEW YORK.

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LONDON, March 20.—F. W. Hay,
M.P.P., Ontario Liberal leader, left
today for New York to meet his wife
and niece, who are returning from
Bernuda after spending the winter
there.

**Pied Piper Rids Budapest of Rats
By Moan and Song Instead of Flute**

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BUDAPEST, March 20.—The Hun-
garian capital has been overrun by
rats during the past winter. The
bathrooms of the most fashionable
hotels have been set with traps, and
rats have been seen even upon the
smart dresses of chic ladies in some
of the best restaurants. So it is no
wonder that the Pied Piper has come
back as well.

He has arrived in Budapest and
claims to be able to rid any build-
ing of rats in twenty-four hours. So
great has been his success that al-
ready he has earned 32,000 Hungar-
ian kronen in a fortnight.

His methods are precisely the same
as those of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.
He seduces the rats into fol-
lowing him not by playing upon a
flute, but by a strange cry—half
moan, half song. In the cellar of
the infested place he prepares in the
darkness a great brew of poisonous
herbs and hanging over the poison
containing copper kettle, with a black
cloth shrouding his head and should-
ers, he drones a strange Tartaric
song.

of Canada for permission to amal-
gamate. Permission was granted, so
far as the late government was con-
cerned, through the minister of
finance, Sir Henry Drayton.

"There was, however, a later stage
which had to be considered by the
present government. The law pro-
vided for certain delays in the pro-
cedure. In the views of the govern-
ment it was expedient to await the
time expiry required before taking
any action. Any move, it was felt,
in advance of decision respecting the
application for the merger would be
unwise."

"The time required for these pro-
ceedings under the bank act expired
a day or two ago, and the govern-
ment was free to consider the ap-
plication of the banks. The govern-
ment, after reviewing the whole mat-
ter, have decided to confirm the ac-
tion already taken by the late min-
ister of finance, and give the final
approval necessary to authorize the
merger."

Reasons Set Forth.

The reasons for such action by the
government are set forth in the re-
port made to the treasury board and
the governor-in-council by Hon. W.
S. Fielding, minister of finance. This
report, after reciting the various pro-
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Would Retain Fees.

Mayor George Crawford announced
today that a delegation will probably
be appointed to accompany dele-
gates of other municipalities in an
attempt to secure Ottawa in con-
nection with a requested amend-
ment to the criminal code to permit
municipalities maintaining police courts
and departments to retain fines and
fees imposed therein. City Treasurer
P. A. Blackburn will likely be chosen
as one of the delegates. A letter
was received from Sir Lomer Gouin,
minister of justice, advising that
March 29 has been set as the date
for hearing the delegation.

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Half of Highway From
Talbotville.

HEARS CHIEF ENGINEER

**Elgin Motor Club Presents
Membership to George
Hogarth.**

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ST. THOMAS, March 20.—George
Hogarth, chief engineer of the high-
way department of the Ontario gov-
ernment, addressed a meeting of the
St. Thomas and Elgin County Motor
Club at the Shriners' Hall Monday
night. At the conclusion of the ad-
dress a smoker and social evening
was held.

Mr. Hogarth, assisted by lantern
slides, explained in full the work ac-
complished by the department in the
construction of provincial highways
during the past two years, and he
outlined the program to be under-
taken this year.

He made reference to the perma-
nent highway to be constructed in the
local district this year. One mile
and a half of concrete would be laid
from Talbotville southward. This
summer, he said. He intimated also
that other work would probably be
undertaken in the vicinity of St.
Thomas, as well, but he did not say
how extensive it would be.

It is expected that construction
work would be started as soon as
weather permitted. The tenders for
all provincial work, Mr. Hogarth
said, closed March 5. More than 200
sealed tenders had been received for
work in different parts of the prov-
ince.