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NOVA SCOTIA MINISER CLEARED GOOD PROFIT

More Exposure of Grafting by Public Accounts Committee

DAWSON SCANDALS TALKED ABOUT

Secretary of Mountain Lumber Association Gives Evidence Before Investigating Committee

Ottawa, March 18.—Another case of graft was revealed at the meeting of the public accounts committee today, when it transpired that B. F. Pearson, a member of the Nova Scotia government, and J. R. Henderson, another Halifaxian, between them cleared \$22,000.

In the senate today Senator Ferguson was told by Hon. Mr. Scott that the Yukon committee is not aware that the Yukon council, half of which is appointed by the government and half by the retail liquor stores in Dawson where immoral entertainments and evil practices are openly conducted, that such places were authorized, and he referred to the evidence of Hon. Mr. Scott on the subject. Hon. Mr. Scott said the minister of the interior had ordered an inquiry into the report of J. Wells, secretary of the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' association, who produced the books of the association meeting in January, 1906, in which it was announced that a meeting was to be held in Calgary to form a regional association. The prices were changed in November, 1905, January, May, August and September, 1906. The January advance was about a dollar and was only on rough boards. The February advance was about 50 cents all round. The other advances would average about a dollar. He declared that these advances were necessary, as the manufacturers were losing money. Prices would have soared much higher if it were not for fear of outside competition. The association had no relation whatever with the United States coast association.

CANOE IS WRECKED

W. PASKINS DROWNS

His Two Companions Are Saved After Trying Experiments Near Clayoquot

The steamer Queen City which returned from her regular trip to the West coast yesterday brought the news of the drowning of W. Paskins, near Clayoquot, on Saturday last week. It appears that in company with J. Ringling and H. Schaffer, Paskins was making a canoe trip to Ringling's cabin when he was shot by two of his right hand men, Paskins and Ringling started to shoot the injured man, but Paskins received complaints from Mr. Grogan, secretary of the company, that he had received had been made direct to contact of the Manufacturers' association. The understanding was that they would not sell except to regular dealers.

Quoting from correspondence between the two associations, Mr. Paskins referred to complaint 109 from the Alberta association.

"You must have received a good many?" Paskins queried.

"Oh, now," replied witness, "I commenced numbering at one hundred. This reply caused general laughter. Further testimony Mr. Wells said no penalty was imposed if a breach of the constitution or bylaws of the association was made. He was asked if he would purchase supplies as cheaply as possible and to prevent ruinous competition.

Hon. Wm. Patterson introduced today a delegation from Brantford, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Borden, in the premier's office, asking for a contribution to a memorial to Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, at Brantford. The Ontario government has contributed \$10,000. There were about a dozen members of parliament, and a dozen members of the Brantford association along with them in their delegation to support them in their application. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that personally he was favorable to the Dominion making a grant. However, he would lay the matter before his colleagues, and particularly the minister of finance.

A long discussion took place on the bill respecting the export of electric energy. Mr. Borden moved an amendment to confer the power on railway commissioners instead of the government-in-council, and this was rejected by 102 to 64.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux's bill to prevent strikes and lockouts in mines and public utilities, pending the company to which three attempts had been made to amend the measure. Mr. Borden moved to refer the bill to a special committee before which railway men and others interested might be heard. Another amendment was offered by Mr. Armstrong, who desired to extend the operation of the act to the Disputes act of 1903, and a third by Mr. Lennox, who sought to introduce several changes into the committee. These were several rejected by votes of 58 to 90, the only change being that of Mr. Paquet, Conservative, who who voted against two of the amendments made by the senate to the bill. The bill eliminated the clause relating to the company to which the consent of municipalities. The bill struck out Messrs. Evans, Borden and others suggested that

MIKKELSEN EXPEDITION LETTERS ARE RECEIVED

Duchess of Bedford Frozen in Ice 200 Miles From Point Barrow

ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY WELL

Preparations Nearly Completed for Expedition in Search of Northern Island

Portland, Ore., March 20.—Letters from Ernest Lettingwell, geologist, containing the first news from the Anglo-American Polar expedition headed by Captain Mikkelsen since the expedition left Alaska, were received here today. The letters were dated Nov. 21 and 23, and were carried over the ice fields to land where they were delivered to the Canadian mounted police.

Mr. Lettingwell states that the ship, the Duchess of Bedford, was frozen in solid ice about 200 miles off Point Barrow, and that the preparations were at that time almost completed for starting the expedition into the unknown country lying to the north.

According to the writer, the start would be made early this spring. Mr. Lettingwell says that judging from the tales and from talks with the natives the conclusion has been reached that a large island exists north of the mainland. The party, he says, may not return for two years. The weather he says, was moderate at the time the letters were written. The entire party of fifteen were in good health.

MANY MEN ILE

Lorain, Ohio, March 19.—The Lorain plant of the American Shipbuilding Company was closed down as a result of the strike of 100 workers. About 500 employees are now idle. The strike at the yard several days ago affected 340 men, but the remainder of the force were able to continue at work because the letters furnished them with material. The letters say they have grievances irrespective of those of the other strikers.

MAYOR SCHMITZ CASE

San Francisco, March 19.—Mayor Schmitz' case was continued to April in Judge Dunne's court today, by consent of both sides. Schmitz refused to make any statement regarding the confessions said to have been made to the grand jury by members of the staff of supervising engineer.

BERSIAN SITUATION

London, March 19.—The latest official advice from Teheran do not indicate that there has been any change in the internal situation in Persia, and apparently there is no danger of foreigners being molested. Great Britain and Russia have agreed to a necessity has arisen for strengthening the consular garrisons. The reports of the arrival of the British and Persian refer to only the ordinary relief movement.

McGILL REACHING OUT

Montreal, March 20.—Principal Patterson, of McGill university, announces that the amalgamation of McGill with McGill of Prince of Wales college, Charlottetown, P. E. I., is now an accomplished fact. This is considered along with the B. C. plans of McGill to be an advance step in the interests of higher education in the Dominion. The first two years' course at the colleges will be accepted at McGill.

HOME MISSION FUNDS

Toronto, March 20.—Notwithstanding that there appears to be a slight difficulty in getting the \$140,000 asked for by the Presbyterian church last year, the home mission committee yesterday decided to increase the amount this year, and has made the figures \$150,000 higher, or \$100,000. While it was feared for some time that there would be a big deficit in the funds of the church, all obligations have been met, and there is a balance on hand of about \$5,000.

WRECK-ON C. P. R.

Colonist Train Derailed and Several Passengers Injured

Port Arthur, March 20.—A train of settlers' effects was wrecked about five miles east of here on the C. P. R. this morning.

No person was seriously injured, although several horses were killed. The wreck was caused by the breaking down of a trestle which was being brought here from the recent wreck.

Winnipeg, March 20.—A west-bound tourist special has derailed at Carleton Place, 30 miles west of Fort William, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Nine passengers were injured, one of whom was seriously injured. The engine caught fire from an overheated stove and was destroyed.

The names of the injured are: J. H. Richardson, Albert Chesley, George Taylor, William Russell, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. James Marshall, Mrs. Buttershaw and William Patterson.

They are all in the hospital at Fort William. Richardson is the most seriously injured, his back being badly crushed.

A DEMENTED MOTHER STRANGLES HER CHILD

Horrible Occurrence Reported From Fort Payne Section of Winnipeg

Winnipeg, March 20.—After strangling her 9-year-old child with a suspender strap, Mrs. Ella Leslie, of Jessie avenue, Fort Rouge, attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor.

She ran screaming into the street. She is thought to be suffering from emotional insanity, and has been lodged in the provincial jail.

Mrs. Leslie has been acting queerly for some time. Her husband, John J. Leslie, an employee at the Western Iron Works. Some two weeks ago she was believed to be natural causes. It is now known that the cause of this child's death was the mother's rage.

THREE AT A BIRTH

Comber, Ont., March 18.—Triplets, all girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marley, of the village of Comber, six miles from here, yesterday. Mother and little tots are all doing well.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Montreal, March 18.—This city is abuzz today with color in honor of St. Patrick. Services were held in St. Patrick's Church, where a splendid parade, in which some 4000 participated, took place.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND

Naples, March 20.—The excavations at Metapontum, Gulf of Taranto, southern Italy, have resulted in the discovery of many Greek tombs, some covered with enormous tiles, others with cylinders and still others with stones.

OVERSEAS MAIL TRAIN

Winnipeg, March 18.—The Overseas limited arrived in Winnipeg last night at midnight, after having made a record run between Fort William and Winnipeg. The time from Montreal was slightly behind the time made on the last trip, but it is expected more than the difference will be regained between here and Calgary.

POPE TO BE GODFATHER

Rome, March 20.—It is officially announced that the pope has accepted the invitation to be godfather to the expected child of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain.

MANITOBA'S HOUSE

Winnipeg, March 20.—In Manitoba legislature as regards education, merchants and business men are in the lead in the new house. They number seven. Farmers are next, numbers being 13, and there are five doctors and five lawyers.

HEAVY EMBEZZLEMENT

Charlottetown, March 20.—F. H. Jones, assistant cashier of the Charlottetown bank, is missing with \$68,000 of the bank's funds. The bank has offered a reward of \$1,000 for his arrest.

FIVE MEN KILLED

Birmingham, Ala., March 20.—A telephone message from Bessemer says that the lining of a new furnace of the Woodward Iron company at Woodville, which has been under way for some time, fell in today and hundreds of tons of brick and mortar buried a number of workmen. Five men have been removed from the debris. Dempsey Hays, a white man, and four negroes are the known victims.

STALWART IMMIGRANTS

Winnipeg, March 20.—As an instance of the splendid lot of men who are coming over this spring there were some 300 men who were over six feet in height on today's trains. One of these big fellows interviewed yesterday said he is in company with ten brothers had come out to engage in horse ranching in Saskatchewan. "There are 77 feet of us in all," he said.

A LUNACY COMMISSION MAY DEAL WITH THAW

District Attorney Jerome in Remarks Indicates This Course

MAKES AN IMPASSIONED ADDRESS

An Implied Charge of Unprofessional Conduct Against the Prisoner's Counsel—Trial Adjourned

New York, March 20.—The blow of which Harry Kendall Thaw has been in terror since his trial for shooting Stanford White began fell today. District Attorney Jerome did not formally apply for the appointment of a commission. In lunacy, but in an impassioned speech he appealed to the conscience of the court. He asserted that Thaw as he sits daily in court is unable intelligently to advise his counsel, and is believed to be insane by every one who has watched and come into contact with him.

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KILLED BY ENGINE

North Battleford, Sask., March 20.—While driving in a sleigh along the C. N. R. tracks on Saturday night, James Anderson and John McLaughlin were run down and killed by a backing engine three miles east of town. The men were going home, driving on the tracks to avoid snow-blocked trails. They lived on neighboring homesteads. Both were about 45 years old, married and with large families. Anderson was a half-brother originally from Prince Albert, and McLaughlin played golf on last year's lacrosse team.

ROSSLAND DEVELOPMENTS

Roseland, March 20.—It is understood that the Le Roi has taken over the conduct of operations at the Spitzsee mine, and will proceed to work it under a bond. A further development in the mining world, which is an open secret, is the taking over of the two hitherto unsuccessful mines, the Giant and the Victoria, which are contiguous on Red Mountain, and which were being mined by Mr. Graves of Spokane, company. Local belief here is that the properties in question are merely the need of sufficient capital to place them on a substantial basis.

SAN FRANCISCO'S GRAFTERS

Many Rumors Afloat in Regard to Confessions

San Francisco, March 20.—All kinds of rumors are in circulation today about alleged confessions by city officials of graft, and about moves and counter-moves by the prosecution and the defense. It is almost impossible to get any instance of the confessions. Among the reports in circulation today are those that the negotiations have been opened by the accused men with D. M. Delmas, the attorney who is defending Thaw, who is believed to be insane by every one who has watched and come into contact with him.

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General Booth put in a busy day at Ottawa. At the Canadian club luncheon he gave a splendid address. The governor-general moved a vote of thanks, and strongly urged some patriotic initiative to come forward and assist the Salvation Army's colonization scheme by a loan of money. It was not until last night that General Booth would find the organization, to pass around the hat. Hon. F. Oliver presided at the evening meeting, and made a break. He said undoubtedly a provision existed in Canada against English emigrants had not come out. The Salvation Army's stupendous emigration movement was in progress. An English movement, and they should send out the best men.

The account Beddoe, of the interior department, was before the public accounts committee today and stated that the vouchers of the North Atlantic Trading company which he had were copies. The company was afraid to let the names of parties become public, fearing that they would lead to action against some of them. It was decided to report this evidence to the house.

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