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set of books were to be opened. Mr. Sharp made up a cash book but died before completing the set and no other books were made up. The cash book already presented to the court was opened by Mr. Sharp.

The transactions he was concerned with were the receipt of money from the government and the sale of coal lands and the disbursement of this money which was done by check.

Mr. Powell inquired regarding the management at Norton. Mr. McAvity thought Mr. Evans was in charge at Norton when he took office. Up to the time when Mr. Hunter took charge he had little oversight over the Norton office.

Reference to the evidence showed that Mr. Hunter took charge on July 19, 1904, and Mr. McAvity explained that he had been in error in saying that Mr. Evans was in charge for that year.

He did not personally look into the books. The auditor who examined them looked after that time he did. The record of transactions made at the head office in St. John was kept in the bank book.

The only other record was the cash book which was written up by the auditor. Mr. Powell said thousands of dollars passed through his hands which were not entered in the cash book. Mr. McAvity did not remember such transactions.

The first entry Mr. Corbett made in the cash book was that he had \$200. He did not make the entry in the book until the first of the following year. Mr. Powell asked him if he did not enter up the \$200 discount on Sept. 5th. Witness could not say. Mr. Sharp's last entry was made on Aug. 15th, 1904.

Attention was drawn to a pencil memorandum of Mr. Sharp's, which was attached to the cash book, showing the particulars of the balance brought forward on June 30th, 1904. This was a sum of \$30,492.22, corresponding to one of the missing amounts which had apparently been entered previously to that date.

Mr. Corbett started from this balance on June 30th, 1904, and could not say anything about previous entries. Judge Landry again remarked that he thought Mr. McAvity should be given all the facts he wanted to prepare a statement of the company's affairs, giving the information asked for.

Mr. Powell said he was not trying to show that Mr. McAvity had received money for which he had not accounted, but that Mr. McAvity did not have a complete record of the business he transacted. Mr. McAvity said the records were all in the cash book.

It was decided to leave the accounting of the difference until Mr. McAvity should put the information in complete form. Mr. Corbett, in looking over the papers, said he had three vouchers showing that the items were for the discount of the company's notes.

Mr. Powell said no one doubted the existence of the notes, what he wanted to know was who was on the notes and what was done with the proceeds. Returning, Mr. McAvity said he knew of transactions with Rhodes and Curry, Amherst. He did not say if all payments to this company were made from St. John or from Fredericton.

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LOCAL NEWS. THE ambulance was called out this morning to convey a sick person from the Hospital to her home on Douglas Ave. The death of Mrs. Edward Quigg took place at her home on Douglas Ave. on Tuesday.

OLD AGE PENSIONS PASS THE LORDS. LONDON, July 23.—The House of Lords today passed on its second reading the Old-Age Pension Bill, after rejecting a motion negating the measure. The vote stood 123 in favor to 16 against.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE NEAR THE BORDER TODAY. CALAIS, Me., July 23.—Three valuable horses, three cows, thirty tons of hay and a large amount of valuable farming machinery and implements were consumed by a fire which started at two o'clock this morning in the barns of James Lamb, Robinson. The total loss estimated at three thousand dollars.

AN UNUSUAL JAIL CASE. On Sunday last Mary Whalen, a colored woman, got into a drunken row on Sheffield street, with Mary Rumley. The latter had her head badly cut, and the two women were sentenced to a term of 30 days jail. Last evening the jail physician was called hurriedly to the jail to attend the Whalen woman.

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PERSONAL. Miss Elsie Matthews, of Roseville, New Jersey, is visiting Mrs. L. V. Price at Renfrew. Stanley M. Smith, son of W. G. Smith, has returned from McGill University, via Quebec. Mr. Smith is studying electrical engineering, but is one of the most promising young musicians in St. John.

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WOODSTOCK COLD STORAGE. The Provincial Government passed an order-in-council guaranteeing the bonds of the new cold storage company at Woodstock on 75 per cent. of their plant not to exceed \$100,000. This guarantee takes the place of the one passed for the now defunct company which had the project in hand, but which never got down to real business, and is made in accordance with the Act of the Legislature.