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Our Investigation And Others.

tered upon the third stage when an investigation was begun into ture & Mines during 1921 and creditors' costs and the appointment ture made for the relief of destitution, and known as the Pit Prop account, and also in relation to the expenditure upon the Model Farm."

The investigations so far conquiry is certain to be heavy, but provided it is effective, both time and money will have been well expended.

In Halifax, a similar investigation has just been completed, and the report presented by the auditors reveals deplorable laxity in almost every department. fice about business. The weather propriation of funds.

The Halifax Chronicle gives the following summary of the findings of the auditors:

1. The greater part of the civic mess is the result of laxity on the part of the City Auditor.

2. The most pressing need is that of a competent City Auditor; a man who is capable and energetic. 3. A complete re-organization of the

accounting system in the various

4. The total of outstanding and un-1923, is \$1,661,578.18.

to be considered, all civic accounts 7. The tax rolls are found to be in de-

10. Defalcations by the former City to the advantage of the country. Home, wards approved and adopted by an possible to ascertain, amount to approximately \$83,000.

Treason most infamous' is the description given to a transaction which has just been expos- Belinda a Great Success ed in America, and into which President Coolidge is stated to have declared that there would da" was put on at the Casino yester- made until 1922. In the year 1921 the was \$6.00 per cord. The wood was be immediate, adequate, and un- day afternoon and evening and prov- Government went into contracts with located in harbours suitable for sparing prosecutions both crim- ed a notable success. It was pre- individuals; contracts of all- the shipping. Some few of the contracinal and civic, and that the laws ceded by a short concert programme would be enforced without fear or favour, no matter who was Dialogue, Miss K. Fraser and Mr. R. with few modifications, were made point where it had to be delivered. Dame and House were, I think, the names of these contractors. Payhurt in consequence. The cause Herder; Rose Drill by Misses Mur- in 1922 and that, I think, will be the ment was held up until the wood was of the sensation is known as the phy, F. and R .Ross, Edgar, Baxter, first subdivision of this enquiry. Teapot Dome Naval Oil Scandal, and it centres round the leasing of the Naval oil reserves in Wyoming and California to the Sinclair and Doheny Co. in 1922, during the time that Albert B. Fall was Secretary of the Interior in the Harding Cabinet. Suspicion of irregularities was picion of irregularities was roused when it was learned that Fall had expended considerable and Thomson.

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dation to an old friend."

These revelations on the eve of the presidential elections have considerably upset the plans of the Republican Party, as Coolige was a member of the Cabnet when the transaction took

upreme Court.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent.) In the matter of the petition of Woolfrey, of Lewisporte, merrant" are insolvent and prays that they may be so declared. (Adjourned hearing.) J. A. Barron is heard. Henry A. Northcott sworn and ex-Cross-examined by Wood, K.C., for Ayre & Sons, Ltd., attaching creditor ined by Mr. Barron, Curtis Boone This morning the Enquiry en- sworn and examined by Mr. Barron Cross-examined by Wood, K.C., Higgins. K.C., and Mr. Cramm. Mr.

Listen In

Scotia and Bermuda which should ducted have occupied consider- prove interesting to all those who of these charges themselves and of able time, and there is nothing have receiving sets in the city, will their nature, it was thought well to to indicate that the Third Sec- be broadcasted by Mr. C. A Bond, of include this particular section of the tion can well be disposed of the National Cash Register Co., from enquiry in this Commission and to more briefly. The cost of the En-Friday night at 7.30, Eastern Standard tion into all the matters contained in Newfoundland time 9 o'clock.

> PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES. Feb. 12th.—Up betimes and my of-

collector, Theakston, who was streets covered with slush and ice. The cial and commercial depression in sentenced to a term of imprison- news of the third paragraph of the 1920, which was felt all over the

higher they pay for them. civic departments is an absolute day, but the weather being mild, no ed in the pit prop account, which, as collected taxes up to April 30, with Mr. Parsons, the Prison Govern- ber. That includes other forms of 5. The whole system of handling the journal, which is, he says, the best up with transactions having to do fortnightly pay rolls of the Board thing he has seen in the news sheets with the cutting and exportation and 6. If the best interests of the City are esty, did sound sweet to my ears, be- the settled policy of this country not must be kept on a "revenue" basis. by one that hath his experience in except under exceptional circum-8. Practically no effort has ever Captain Janes in his cabin. Meeting step was taken of allowing wood to been made to collect arrears in Dr. Wilson, that is Newfoundland's on- be cut in the form of pit props or 9. Immediate steps should be taken to collect overdue assessments

by woman doctor, she tells me she is going abroad; and is I think, a shame, ed in that form. This was done first, to collect overdue assessments. that we cannot keep her here, being on Executive responsibility; after-Collector, as far as it has been with a great soreness of my neck, Act of Legislature. Here a small linament, mighty hot, and to bed.

Pit-Prop Contracts Investigation Begun

Ir. Geo. Turner on the Stand.

section of the Commission of En- wood should be clean peeled.

been made of wrongdoing in the Department of Agriculture and Mines H. A. Northcott, carrying on under lation to the expenditure made for the name of "The Caribou Restauthe relief of destitution, and known as "Pit Prop Account," and also in

MR. WINTER-Mr. Commission amined by J. A. Barron; and put in as this section of the Commiss and Boone to Ayre & Sons. Cross- I should explain briefly its origin examined by Higgins, K.C., for Mr. and the nature of the matters which N. Northcott, and puts in statements the investigation under it is likely of assets and liabilities. Cross- to embrace. The manner in which examined by Mr. Cramm for Richard this branch of the enquiry came in-Boone and Curtis Boone. Re-exam- to existence is a thing-a matter of public knowledge. During the last session of the Legislature certain statements were made in the House of Assembly to the effect that cer Barron moves that Curtis Boone and tain payments, not very considerable the allegations "of wrongdoing N. A. Northcott be declared insolvent, in amount, comparatively small, in the Department of Agricul- Wood, K.C., moves for attaching were made out of Government money and charged to this account, which

Barron moves for petitioning creditwhich should, on the face of them, ors' costs. It is ordered accordingly have been charged to the private and personal account of the Minister. As a result of these statements, or charges, as I may call them, the full accounts covering the expenses A talk on Newfoundland, Nova were laid before the House, and to cut a long story short, as a result this very comprehensive account, known as the pit prop account, and planation to bring out any explanation, anything in the nature of wrongdoing or improper handling of public moneys. That in a few words is a rough

To explain what the pit prop account is, that can be done in a very With the exception of the city mighty mild and much rain, but the few words. The effects of the finanthe hearing of it Thursday, be the own particular troubles, particularly Crown ready or unready. From which, in the marketing of fish, and there it seems, he is mighty weary of it, and was generally a widespread poverty would have the Enquiry come to an and destitution amongst the people, end betimes, and most men I think, of of whom the majority are fishermen. the same mind. My wife tells me she There were demands upon the Govhath bought a new gown, \$50, which ernment for assistance, and it was I was vexed for, being too much for a decided that relief of some kind thing that could be blown away like a should be afforded. This was done; feather allmost. But ever the way but I do not mean here to go into with women, that the less substance the details as to the manner in which there be in the things they buy, the it was done; while it took several forms the most important part of Feb. 18th.—To-day a Banque Holi- the moneys so expended are containcurling, and the Enquiry adjourned the name indicates, is concerned also, so little to do. Abroad and meet | mostly in the cutting or sale of timthis long time. Which, for all my mod- sale of timber. It has always been ing of no little accompt, to be praised to permit the export of raw timber, writing, so I thank him for it. Anon stances; and it was felt that these to Harvey's pier, to go on board the were exceptional circumstances which ship Rosalind, and to discourse with had arisen and the extraordinary which I know not how to account for, point arises, and that is, while the unless it is that I did expose it to a commission would seem to indicate draught. So to rub it with a strong that we are only concerned with the

years 1922 and 1923, it is necessary to go back to 1921 for the beginning of the transactions which we have to enquire into. As I think it will appear from the evidence that no con-The three act play entitled "Belin- tracts for cutting of the timber were same nature, with few exceptions and tors did not get all the wood to the

Hiscock, Godden, Kennedy, Morgan By contracts I mean this, the De-

In addition to contracts of this nat-

ant, alleging that Curtis Boone and during the years 1922 and 1923, in re- sult that the Government had to pay it is concerned with the eventual diswith Mr. J. H. Rodgers with whom the wards was modified. A sort of moditract was entered into in 1923 which has just been concluded. That contract we will call the Sale Contract and certain features of that contract call for examination and investigation.

Mr. Winter explained that there were other sub divisions such as dir-1923 in relation to the expendiBarron moves for petitioning creditwhich should on the face of them said that the multiplicity of the matters were so numerous that it would at the moment be impossible to be

Mr. Howley asked that a copy the auditors report be given him but That which was made was only a report for the guidance of the Crown. Mr. Winter said that no charges were made against anyone but there were a considerable number of matters in the report that needed an ex-

was appearing for Sir Richard Squires and Dr. Campbell in their personal capacities, and also in their capacities respectively as Prime Minister statement of the manner in which and Minister of Agriculture and this branch of the enquiry origi-

The first witness called, Mr. Geo Turner, Deputy Minister of Agricult ure and Mines, was examined by Mr Winter. Asked who was the Minister ment, there has not been found tells me how Commissioner Walker try as well as in other parts of the count is a special account kept in his any other instance of misapdid say that he would proceed with world, and as a result we had our department it originated under an order in Council Jan. 17th, 1921, Copy of the order and a covering letter were put in and read by the Commissioner.

The Minute of Council dealt with cutting of pit-props. At first the acthe Government for timber cut in pursuance of the order, but in 1922 and 1923 amounts expended for relief on roads, bridges, marine works and seed potatoes distributed were included. There was also entries in respect to the Government logging. Witness explained that the sale of the wood was under a contract with an American named Rodgers and much of the wood was never taken delivery of. A lot was stolen and some remains on hand. A specific quantity of the wood sold to Rodgers was The Government had never received amount found due on the scaling was amount found due on the scaling was amount found due on the scaling was not totalled more than \$2,600. Another contract, and Crosses on short notice, and that with Jas. Norris, showed that contract that with Jas. Norris, showed that the wood sold to Rodgers was The Government had never received cial agreement under which the Minour, and he lauds me mightily of my relief, but the greater part is taken of the wood was never taken delivery rossed. Some was disposed of as was cut. The rosing was done by a man named Bryant under another contract. The total expenditure on pit-prop account from the beginning to-date was between \$1,500,000 and \$1,600,000. A copy of the war measures act and the amendments thereof were put in evidence. The witness explained that as a result of the order in Council, the exportation of unmanufactured wood which had been prohibited was allowed, and following, a contract was entered into bethe Government to cut wood. The forms of the contracts, the witness said, were similar in all cases.

Q.-What did the Department eventually do with the board. A .- The Government took it all driven out by the contractors to the

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A .- It was given me verbally by

the Minister. I have never seen any written document to that effect. A telegram was put in from Hon. W. F. Coaker to Dr. Campbell, re- 855 of unpeeled. The total value was plain why this latter payment was questing the latter to give contracts \$6127.50, which meant there was an made.

contracts awarded? A .- On the recommendation of district members, for the purpose of re- financing Gillard's contract, but Mclieving destitution in their constitu- Kay gave no particulars of the goods

ure were put in and read. MR. WINTER asked if witness ould say what the total quantity of wood cut outside the list submitted, and was told that a list of contracts, quantities and locations - would be

Q.-Who appointed the scalers? A .- The Minister appointed them. Q.-Was there any other inspec ion apart from the scalers?

A .- A general overlooking by Major Baird, but payments were made on the scalers' reports. It was found impossible in some cases to have the

for the 1922 contracts A.-About \$380,000. Q.-Do you remember a contract

with Solomon Eveleigh? A.-A contract was made and his ereditors came in and seized the wood. An advance had been made to him of \$3,500.00. Q.-Who suggested Eveleigh? A.-Probably one of his district

fort Cove and his contract appears to be for 5000 cords. WITNESS gave an account of the

the Justice Department. with John Gillard?

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A .- 570 cords of peeled wood and cords cut. The witness could not exoverpayment of over \$2000. The Dept. | Adjournment was taken at 1 p.m. of Justice has this matter in hand. until 3 o'clock. MR. WINTER-How were these The payments were always made on the Minister's instructions. The wit-

ness said the thing was a matter of

COMMISSIONER-He lived at Com-Wm. Dawe & Sons' contract showed Floral Tributes that it was assigned to Bowring Bros. and J. J. McKay. \$12,000 was advanced on this contract and the Eveleigh contract. 154 cords had been amount found due on the scaling was The Government had never received cial agreement under which the Minany returns in that connection. The ister undertook to reimburse him for matter had been left in the hands of any other form of relief besides wood cutting. The value returned in wood Q.—Do you remember a contract amounted to \$3,500. The balance of the advance was presumably used in Mrs. James M A .- Yes. Advances had been made the manner indicated. In the contract

and \$16,000.

Obituary

There passed peacefully away at 6 The WITNESS was next asked to Balsam Street, Mrs. Ellen Pippy, wife look up a contract with George Jen- of Mr. Francis J. Pippy, the well nings. This was also an assignment known master cooper. The deceased to McKay. There were payments of lady had for some years been suffer-\$6,000 and \$3,000 made in advance in ing from ill health, but her gentle this case. The wood produced was nature and fine Christian spirit were valued at \$4,701. The overpayment such that no outward appearance being \$4,300, attempts are being made was given to any alarming degree to to recover the overpayment. A con- even her most intimate friends until tract with George Reld, Trinity, was recently. During the past few weeks next referred to. He was paid \$1,455 it became evident that her cheerful for 320 cords of wood. A telegram of heart was no longer able to fight off March, 1922 from Slater Mahony was the advancing claims of mortality put in in this connection. payments Evidently she realized this herself, were also made to contractor named | for she calmly proceeded to prepare March of Heart's Desire of \$3,500. An for the happy ending of a beautifu wood clean peeled. Five dollars was overpayment of \$350, due to a mistake life. And it surely must have been a DICKS & CO., Life. could get no contractors to cut wood Major W. H. Baird, St. Barbe District, ments to have the great privilege of of the accountant. A -contract to consolation to her in her last mo Winter. Asked who was the Minister at four dollars. That sum was evenin 1921, he replied Dr. Campbelll. He said he had control of the department that the prop acsaid he had control of the department bonus. (Minute of Council produced valued at \$3,000 was credited. In this Joseph's. The deceased lady was preRev. J. and Mrs. Elliott payment. Baird was the contractor gie some years ago, and is survived and the money was paid to him di- by her husband and two sons, John C., rect, and in advance. S. Budgen & the respected Vice-President of the Bros. contract assigned to McKay Benevolent Irish Society, and Rev. Thomas's Church will meet in the showed that \$10,000 and \$5,000 were Joseph F. To those we extend our Canon Wood Hall to welcome the new paid in advance. The value of the sincere sympathy on the loss of a Curate, Rev. J. Elliott and his wife to wood was \$8,739.34, leaving a balance, good wife and mother, whose passing the Parish. Liewellyn Club will be outstanding of \$6,260 odd. Asked what will mourned by the many who have in charge of the reception and the was the total amount due from Mc-, practical reason to be aware of her Ladies of the Women's Association, the Kay on account of these overpay- charitable disposition and kindly W. H. M. S. and St. Margaret's Guild ments, witness said between \$15,000 heart. Requiescat in pace.

to the Departed.

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On a sad and
Where thou lies
Whom we love WANTED

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for Nineteen Twenty Four.

GET THEM TO-DAY.

This evening the congregation of St. will have charge of the refreshments. A farewell will also be extended to Mr. Lightbourn, who is leaving in a few days to take up his new duties in

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WINS GOSLING TROPHY .- The Ladies Curling Club competed for the Gosling Trophy at the Curling Rink on Tuesday morning last, the result being a win for Mrs. George Marshall with a total of 21 points. s are shining Miss Edith Joyce came a close second, having 20 points to her credit.

Personal.

Mr. Jerry Petite, Merchant of English Harbour, left by the Sachem for Boston to effect a sale for frozen hering. Mr. Petite is fitting out the e 1st of bankers for the voyage again this year and hopes to see a more pros-perous season.

na." the fine leet, puts me in

fish at Emily H and to Genoa, Ita ace to market then ch firm was deter rst cargo across an ubt Captain Tizz an to take all that He never spa or himself in k passages, an aptains, and th

up their respect everything as they uphelo was not misplaced firm served more ilty to the old fi loubt, and he look just as carefully a the property belon, The second night ly Harbor, the ma am" was carried friend, Joe Burke, the bosun, and I of Captain Golder band for John Mu jously he was one "Great Eastern," guished himself first Atlantic cable Ireland, to Heart's

land. In fact he The mainmast o carried away at 1 indeed a terrible met their view at a splendid ship and sails torn av being almost a v then in the latitud but in those days thought of abando ember Joe Burl smiled when you "Well, here is a Gosse (the ship

to fix up." But no idea of tryin Grace for repairs There was a g mind made up t s usual. That right across, and in 14 days from a wonderful act cord time. He raltar, and duri purchased the m demned brig, an for the "William sailed for Geno

reached six days Capt. Tizzard bor Grace that make permaner and he consider would sail bett than her forme which suggestion ed upon by the as a barquetin successfully for after when she lish Channel in may here menti was purchased Brothers of St some time com successful and land mariner, J. Howard of

terwards sold The "William Brixham, Engla to this countr Henry Bailey. James Pike, a and hearty, wa There is a pa in Munn & Co ing her enter Italy, in Nove deed a work o mired by all of viewing it.

> As soon give the read brief sketch of and his crew Hocken." Few known than C none made qu the gallant an and it will be the brigantine ent and forti etired to his it it may b