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MORE DAMAGING DISCLOSURES ABOUT CANADIAN COMPANIES

Official Reports Inaccurate
Loaned Money on Securities of Little Value--Books Were "Cooked" for Annual Statements--Director of One Concern Caught in Shady Transaction.

Ottawa, March 22--(Special)--At the afternoon session of the insurance commission counsel for the Sun Life, R. E. Smith, objected to the mode of examination. He maintained that the cases of the companies were being prejudged in the public mind. By the time they had an opportunity to reply the prejudice would be so established it would be too late. The companies should have opportunities of making explanations as the occasion arose. Mr. Shepley, the government counsel, said to break in with cross examination would be confusing. If necessary any clearing up questions could be put through him. Mr. Fitzgerald said in 1903 he had gone to Toronto in response to a telegram from Mr. Blackadar, the government actuary, stating that he had met with a peculiar condition of affairs in the Manufacturers' Life. He found a large call loan to Wm. MacKenzie and D. D. Mann on securities upon which an insurance company could not make loans. Along with Mr. Blackadar he found improper transactions in Dominion Coal and Crow's Nest Coal. The amount of these loans on authorized securities was \$398,443. At the end of the year the call loans had been taken up, but the transaction had only been nominal for the benefit of the annual statement to appear in the government blue book. Though the statement on the books of the company did not show it, he had informed the finance minister the call loans still existed and the unauthorized stock was still held. What appeared as a cash note was really stock and of a market value \$88,138 below the figure given as cash. Statements Inaccurate. The statement made to the government by the Manufacturers' Life had been inaccurate. The assets were returned for more than they were worth and the call loans had not been reported. Mr. Shepley said there had evidently been juggling with the loan of MacKenzie & Mann. "We have a good deal to learn about these companies yet," he added. Mr. Fitzgerald said MacKenzie & Mann were concerned in the stock sold. The transaction was to guarantee them against loss. Mr. Fitzgerald had protested against these transactions. Mr. Dunkin had, after some time, made arrangements to make the loan to the firm of MacKenzie & Mann instead of to them as individuals, as had been done at first. They proposed to retire the unauthorized Dominion Coal and Crow's Nest Coal stock as securities and replace them by giving as securities Imperial Holding Stock Company, Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Company, and Vancouver Coal Company bonds. Mr. Fitzgerald had asked for information about the first two companies, and the acts of incorporation had been forwarded to him. They showed that the incorporators were minor clerks in the office of MacKenzie & Mann. The witnesses regarded the transaction as a particularly bold one. A Shady Transaction. Another transaction which was discussed was a purchase of a thousand shares of C. P. R. stock for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company by Pellatte & Pellatte, brokers and agents for the Manufacturers' Life. When the time came the brokers were unable to make delivery of the stock. To release the stock the Manufacturers' Life Company had to advance \$100,000 and \$50,000 more to release some Manufacturers' Life stock belonging to the Pellatte, which they had pledged in the transaction. For these advances Mr. Pellatte gave the Manufacturers' Company a mortgage of \$16,000, putting up some stock securities and \$46,500 in real estate. The Pellatte were directors. Mr. Shepley, dominion counsel, summarized the case by saying it had apparently been a right to buy, that the broker had pledged something he could not deliver; that the company had to provide money to raise a lien and had taken a mortgage from a firm, the head of which was one of the Manufacturers' directors. (Continued on page 7, fourth column.)

QUESTION DAY IN FEDERAL HOUSE
Laurier Says No Lands Have Been Secured for Eastern Section of G. T. P.
TIT-FOR-TAT MEASURE
Bill Introduced to Provide That All Masters and Mates Shall Be Canadian Citizens--Mr. Emmerson Tells About Oil Bought for I. C. R.--Civil Servants Mustn't Engage in Private Business.

TERRIBLE FAMINE IN JAPAN CONFIRMED
Red Cross Society Report About 1,000,000 People Starving Owing to Rice Crop Failure, and No Relief is in Sight Till October--Appeal for \$16,000,000.

BRITISH RESENT CANADA'S ACTION
Officials Surprised That Home Government is Ignored in Dealing With Germany

Removal of it Would Lose Manufacturers Much Trade They Have Enjoyed With the Dominion and Throw it Into the Hands of the Kaiser's Subjects.
Montreal, March 22--(Special)--The Star's London correspondent cables: Some surprise has been expressed in official quarters here at the Ottawa announcement that the Canadian government had entered into negotiations with the German consul, General Bopp, of Montreal, regarding a new commercial arrangement with Germany. When similar proceedings followed about the time of the German surtax it was understood that Canada was informally reminded that control of foreign relations in every part of the empire rested with the British government, through whom it is more proper and desirable in the interests of the whole empire that communications should be made with Germany. It is well understood in business circles here that the trade which Germany has lost under the Canadian surtax, in woolens, velvets, hosiery, chemicals and other goods, had gone largely to British houses, some of whom say that a preference without the surtax would be of small benefit to British trade. It is understood that Germany has now entirely withdrawn her original demand for inclusion in Canada's British preferential tariff, but it is asserted that the removal of the surtax, which Germany desires, would hit the interests of Canadian best customer, namely, the United Kingdom, without any substantial benefit to Canadian manufacturers or Canadian consumers.

TUCKER'S PARENTS ASK CLEMENCY FOR MABEL PAGE'S SLAYER
Boston, March 22--An appeal for clemency for the son, Chas. L. Tucker, sentenced to death in the week of June 10, next, for the murder of Miss Mabel Page at Weston, March 31, 1904, was received today by Governor Curtis Guild from the parents of the condemned young man. It was announced that the text of the letter would not be made public at this time.

PROVINCE TO HONOR PRINCE
Local Government to Entertain Arthur of Connaught on His Arrival
MUCH LEGISLATION
Eighty-Four Bills Passed During Recent Session--Dance in Assembly Chamber Followed Prorogation--Other News of the Capital.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY WORKMEN ENTOMBED IN WEST VIRGINIA MINE

Many Believed to Be Dead
Vine Corpses and Sixteen Horribly Injured Taken Out Thursday--Officials Estimate That the Rest Are Dead--Explosion of Gas Caused the Disaster.
Fairmont, W. Va., March 22--An explosion of gas in the mine of the Century Coal Company at Century, a small mining town fifty miles south of here on the Phillips & Buckhannon branch of the Baltimore & Ohio at 4 o'clock this afternoon, entombed at least 150 miners, many of whom are believed to be dead. A relief gang headed by Superintendent John Ward, entered the mine at 6:30. The mine is owned by Shaw Bros., of Baltimore, and is one of the largest in Northern West Virginia. Following the explosion relief trains were run from Buckhannon and Phillips, taking physicians to the scene. A telephone message from Century at 10 o'clock stated that six dead and ten injured men had been taken from the mine at that time. Supt. Ward at that hour, stated he did not believe there were over twenty more men dead in the mine. One hundred and fifty of the 200 men employed had been found on the outside, having quit work before the explosion occurred. The main derrick has been closed, but there are fourteen sub-headings yet to be explored. It is feared that none of the men still in the mine are alive, having been killed in the sub-headings. The mine was not seriously damaged by the explosion, except that the brattices have been blown out. The cause of the explosion is not known at this time. At 11 o'clock twenty-seven men had been taken out of the Century mine. Nine are dead and the others horribly injured. One of the officials at that hour stated that he believed there were twelve men in the mine still and all dead. Another Account. Fairmont, W. Va., March 22--Ten men are known to be dead, twenty-five injured and from twenty-five to seventy-five are missing and believed to be dead--as the result of an explosion in the mine of the Century Coal Company, at Century, a small mining town fifty miles south of Fairmont, on the Phillips & Buckhannon branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The explosion took place at 4:30 this afternoon, but owing to the fact that the telephone wires are down details are lacking.

BOGUS GREEK PRIEST ARRESTED
Nabbed at Liverpool With Montreal Church Property on Him
A NICE COLLECTION
Had Drafts and Cash Amounting to About \$2,500, Also Communion Service and Candlesticks--Officiated at Services Less Than a Fortnight Ago and Took Everything in Sight.
Montreal, March 22--(Special)--A special London cable says: Some days ago Lord Strathcona received instructions from the Ottawa authorities to secure the arrest of Jacobus Demetriades, who describes himself as a Syrian priest, on arrival of the Allan liner Tunisian, at Liverpool. The priest was arrested and in his possession were found, in French money, 220 francs (\$75), and a draft on the Union Trust Company, Philadelphia, for \$483, also five metal candlesticks, a quantity of church property, including a communion cup, also a quantity of imitation jewelry, which was claimed by a fellow passenger. The passenger applied to the police to give up the jewelry, but they refused. Demetriades is the man who officiated as a priest last Sunday week at the Greek church in Montreal, and who afterwards disappeared. A silver communion chalice, four silver candlesticks, a silver censer and altar drapes were missed from the church, and \$300 received by Demetriades in subscriptions for church purposes, had not been accounted for by him. Demetriades answered to the description of a man who some months ago represented himself to be a Greek priest at Providence (R.I.), where a theft was also committed. Demetriades is a Bulgarian who came to America as a professor of Greek.

NEW GRADING MARK FOR FRUIT
Apples Recommended to Be Classed as Fancy, No. 1 and No. 2 in Future
STANDARD BARREL
Nova Scotia Size Decided on for the Whole Dominion as Well as for Export--Fruit Growers' Association Ends Session After Dealing With Above Questions, Which Will Become Law.
Ottawa, March 22--(Special)--The fruit convention closed today. It was a great success. The Maritime Province delegates are particularly well pleased at having carried so many points at the meeting. The convention did a great work in securing the grading of fruit as fancy, No. 1 and No. 2, and the doing away altogether with the X mark on account of the confusion it had occasioned. The great question of a national fruit barrel which promised to be extra contentious, was decided with almost unanimity, the other provinces accepting the Nova Scotia barrel as the legal standard package. This removes a great bone of contention in the shipment of apples and everything else. The western men asked that the standard be applied to internal as well as export trade. The convention broke up with votes of thanks for Hon. Mr. Fisher, proposed by Father Burke for the east, and Mr. Bidwell, B. C., and minister, replied declaring that the convention fully justified the large expense and inconvenience imposed upon its members by the national work it performed.

DEATH OF A SUSSEX LITTLE GIRL
Sussex, March 22--Marguerite, daughter of Charles D. Mills, died this morning of measles and pneumonia, aged eleven years. This is the second death in the family within ten days.

PROHIBITION IN CHARLOTTETOWN NOW
Ottawa, March 22--(Special)--An order in council was passed today respecting the Scott Act in Prince County (P. E. I.) The local prohibition act will therefore become the law of the land.

Hamilton's Voucher Which Confounds Cornelius N. Bliss

RECEIVED FROM ANDREW HAMILTON ESQ.
New York, Oct 17/20 1896
Seventy thousand no one hundred Dollars
and fifty five thousand dollars. Total Twenty five thousand Dollars
\$75,000
Receipt Which Andrew Hamilton Says Was Given To Him by C. N. Bliss

MINERS REcede FROM DEMANDS
Willing to Accept Scale of 1903, But Operators Won't Accept

MARRIED THREE TIMES IN SEVEN MONTHS AND GOT THREE YEARS
Toronto, March 22--(S. O. S.)--"These women would marry me in spite of myself," said Clarence J. Kendrick, after he had been committed to the Kingston penitentiary for three years for polygamy, by Police Magistrate Demmon today. Kendrick, who is about thirty-eight years of age, pleaded guilty to having three wives, all wedded within the past seven months. All three women were in court today.

OLD AGE PENSIONS TO BE ADOPTED IN NEWFOUNDLAND
St. John's, Nfld., March 22--The colonial legislature tonight unanimously adopted a resolution favoring old age pensions, the terms of the grant to be determined by a commission which, it is recommended, shall investigate the subject during the next twelve months preparatory to the introduction of the measure to give effect to the project. Premier Bond declared it to be his belief that the adoption of the policy would not unduly strain the colony's finances. Various speakers predicted the cost of the pensions at \$150,000 or \$200,000 a year. The colony now has annually a surplus totalling three suns.

Andrew Hamilton
knowledge of such payment. His exact language was: "Such a statement is utterly false. I, as treasurer of the Republican National Committee, did not receive any money,

Republican National Committee
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New York, Oct 17/20 1896
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and fifty five thousand Dollars. Total Twenty five thousand Dollars
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