

## EDUCATION BOARD STILL UNDER FIRE

Investigation by Royal Commission Into School Building Purchases.

### WASTE ON WASTE

Cost of Administration Block Calls Forth Strong Comment.

The board of education is still under fire. The investigation begun some weeks ago before a royal commission consisting of Mr. Justice Lennox of the Supreme Court of Ontario was resumed yesterday morning after the holiday adjournment. Several complaints of irregularities have been under review, involving among other things, a large real estate transaction in which a large profit seemed to have been made by some one at the expense of the board of education, and the alleged purchase of supplies from concerns in which some members of the board or their relatives were at the time more or less interested. No findings have been made as yet, but the charges are under careful scrutiny, and if any irregularity or wrong-doing is proved, the full facts with the conclusions of the royal commission thereon will be given to the public.

Yesterday's hearing dealt with the cost of the administration building on College street. It is a building both substantial and ornate, but the complaint seems to be that the property committee expended nearly double the amount of the estimated cost. The site cost \$35,000, and the building was to cost \$100,000.

According to the testimony given at yesterday's hearing by Mr. A. D. Waste, assistant to Superintendent Bishop, and Wilbur Webb, chief draughtsman, plans and specifications were prepared and tenders called for. When the tenders were opened it was found that even the lowest tender was accepted in every item, the cost of the building would be \$215,000. Mr. Webb testified that while some of the tenders were high he did not regard them as extortionate. He said it sometimes happened that the lowest tender was far in excess of the estimate. The original plans, however, were retained, but an effort was made to so change the specifications as to bring the cost of the building down to the \$100,000 mark. This was to some extent accomplished by substituting less expensive material, and by cutting out some ornamental work, but an effort was made to so change the specifications as to bring the cost of the building down to the \$100,000 mark. This was to some extent accomplished by substituting less expensive material, and by cutting out some ornamental work, but an effort was made to so change the specifications as to bring the cost of the building down to the \$100,000 mark.

The attention of Mr. Waste was called to the fact that no tenders were asked for elevators, for cable net work, and other necessities. The implication was that the department was trying to keep down the estimated cost of the building by not providing certain specifications which would have to be provided for before the building could be occupied. Mr. Waste, however, insisted that the building could have been occupied without these conveniences had the board of education seen fit to exercise rigid economy. He suggested that they could have moved up their old furniture from the city hall, got along without an elevator, and could have driven some nails made in every department of the public service.

However, the members of the board of education were not driven to such spartan economy. The building is quite handsomely finished, and a modern elevator is installed. Shirley Denison, K.C., examined both witnesses at considerable length upon the way in which the cost of the building had been allowed so far to outrun their estimate.

Mr. Waste admitted that Mr. Bishop and himself had known that the cost of the building would exceed the estimate.

"What right had you to draw your plans in excess of the estimates?" "We felt that the board would be satisfied if we built a suitable building."

Spending Money.

"You were prepared to exceed your estimate and to spend other people's money to which you had no right?" "I suppose you might call it that. The same thing has been done in connection with other buildings."

"It is the board and not Mr. Waste who was responsible for spending the money," demurred Mr. McWhinney.

"It is the board that we are investigating and not Mr. Waste," observed Mr. Justice Lennox in reply to this contention.

The question of cost of vault doors in the building was brought up, and in reply to a question from His Lordship Justice Lennox, Mr. Waste said that the vault doors for the building had not been included in the first estimates. He said that these doors came under the heading of ornamental iron work but they would not be included unless specified.

Only Temporary.

In reply to Mr. Denison's enquiry as to how such equipment for the

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Why does the comedy girl select the comedy one as a constant companion?

vaunts happened to be omitted in the first estimates and was later found necessary. Mr. Waste said that all the fittings in the vaults had been provided for, and they were only temporary, with the exception of those in the secretary-treasurer's vault.

There was some discussion as to the reason for the scattering of accounts, numbering 23, that had been necessary in connection with the erection of the building, and it was explained by Mr. Waste that these accounts covered a period of two years and had been issued from time to time as the requirements of the work necessitated.

Returning to the matter of the accounts for fittings in the vaults, Mr. Denison drew the attention of the committee to the way in which they were scattered round.

"It seems as if everyone had a vault," laughed Mr. Denison, as he read over 33 different firms' accounts for that work. "Here are mason contractors, departmental stores, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, hardware merchants, and all kinds of people called in to fit up these vaults. Some accounts are up to \$20 and some down to 25 cents. Do you mean to say you used foresight in handing this work out in this indiscriminate way?"

"Yes, I think that every care has been taken and proper foresight used," said Mr. Waste.

Wilbur Webb was called to the stand and submitted to considerable questioning as to his qualifications for the position which he holds as chief draughtsman in the department of the building superintendent. He said that he had been responsible for the drawing of the plans of the administration building and that he had made two sketches or elevations had been drawn of the building for the board, one of which was a sketch which would be more expensive, and the other a plainer one. He said that when the tenders for the building were received and they were found to be so much beyond the original estimate orders were given to cut down on the cost.

"In what way did you cut down?" asked Mr. Denison.

By simply cutting out the ornamental work," replied Mr. Webb.

QUESTION OF RETAINING LADY ABERDEEN.

The executive of the National Council of Women meets in Kingston today, when matters of great interest will be taken up. Among these will be the question of retaining Lady Aberdeen as advisory president, upon which at present the council is divided.

Among those attending from Toronto are, Lady Falconer, Mrs. Plumptre, Mrs. Rhy Fairbairn, Mrs. A. M. Maciver, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, Dr. Margaret Patterson, Mrs. Wesley Barker, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Sanford, Lady Gibson and Mrs. Harry Carpenter. They will go from Hamilton and Mrs. Howard Grey from Weston.

CHIEF GRASSETT'S VERSION.

In a letter to Mayor Church with reference to the reported grievances of constables on the police force which it is stated have not yet been settled, Chief Grasset says: "I beg to say that all the police constables are not performing their duty. Owing, however, to weather conditions, it is impossible to give a continuous tour for eight hours without much detriment and suffering to the health of the force, so the period is divided into two parts of four hours each. The men on night duty are only doing seven hours on the street, as they have an hour in the station."

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

Dr. Philip H. Spohn, who died Nov. 14, left an estate of \$23,300, which will be inherited entirely by his widow. On her death it will revert to his children.

Mrs. Lucy Male, who died Dec. 27, left an estate valued at \$19,963, which will be divided between a number of relatives.

Constino Sartorelli, a street railway conductor, who died Oct. 15, left an estate of \$1434, in which his mother, two brothers and a sister will share.

Three brothers and sisters will share in the estate of Frank Carmode, an electrical worker, who died intestate Dec. 14. The estate is valued at \$1100.

## VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phonied or Sent in.

Rev. Laurence Skye, long at the front, in an address delivered yesterday before the Kiwanis Club, divided the returned soldier into three classes: The man who had gone over and done his bit and believed he was entitled to anything and everything on that count alone; the man who had gone over with the determination to do the best according to his respective ability and who had returned with the same determination for good service in Canada; and, thirdly, those who were partially or totally disabled. He expressed the opinion that the first class of returned soldier could be best handled by a militia unit. The third class, said the speaker, was entitled to most consideration because of real lack of the necessary facilities for coping with the strife of the strenuous life necessary in the present age of competition.

Feb. 1 may witness the opening of the new Orthopaedic Hospital on Christie street, which is said to be the best building in the city. It is a fine structure with a great hall for the maintenance of electrical treatments and a huge gymnasium.

Theoretical examinations at the civil service examinations will be eliminated if the G. W. V. A. provincial influence in this matter. The delegates to the next provincial convention, which is to be held at Windsor on May 14, 15 and 16, will probably adopt the recommendation of the command to this effect, and may consider the advisability of urging upon the government a system of probation for the returned soldier as a means of providing for his occupation as a civil servant.

A returned man stated yesterday that he obtained a position through the government employment bureau at King street, near Bay street, and that when he arrived at the place where the work was to be done, the people in charge of the work told him that he should pay them two dollars for the privilege of obtaining the position. This is said to be contrary to the precedent established by the government bureaus, and such a bargain if made was against the rules of the newly established bureaus.

R. Stalford, a member of Riverside G. W. V. A., has been appointed representative of the reparation commission of the government in Toronto, with duties involving the demobilization of and employment of returned soldiers. His offices are at 45 West King street.

The provincial G. W. V. A. is taking up the case of Mrs. Bessie Chapman, widow of the late Sergeant Chapman of Sarnia, who was killed on the battlefield of Vimy. The insurance policy against the Excessor Life Insurance Co. has been questioned by this company. Sergeant Chapman had paid \$225 in premiums when he enlisted, and had also notified the ruling of the company to notify it of his enlistment, but had not been notified by the company.

Later, when he was killed, the widow applied for the \$1000 insurance, but the company refused to pay the money. The widow is now suing the company for the money. The company is now suing the widow for the money.

R. M. Scully, assistant secretary for the Toronto district G. W. V. A., has been appointed district secretary vice J. J. O'Connell, who has been appointed secretary for the district.

Comrade Conroy, during his seven months in camp, helped at least 576 men on employment, helped comrades and their families to recover various sources at least \$12,668, pensions and separation allowances forming a total of \$12,668. A clubhouse campaign is to be inaugurated soon, but it has not yet been decided how to use this fund, whether for housing of veterans or for a larger, more comprehensive club house for the whole Toronto district.

"Felicitations and season's greetings from officers, N.C.O.s and men of Military District No. 2, which so readily furnished men and means. Cordial appreciation of effective work accomplished is shown as men return, and the above cable was sent to Sir Arthur Currie by Brigadier-General Gunn, G.O.C. D. No. 2, on receipt of a message from the Canadian commander containing good wishes and stating that all the men of his command are looking forward eagerly to the day of their return to Canada."

About the business place in the city hall these days is the office of Sergeant Major George Creighton, the director of the military bureau in connection with the property department. The office has been moved to the city hall, and it has been brought all day yesterday by the military bureau in connection with the property department. The office has been moved to the city hall, and it has been brought all day yesterday by the military bureau in connection with the property department.

Since the announcement of an increase in allowances for children of deceased soldiers and sailors, the head office at Ottawa, and the Toronto district office of the board of pension commissioners have had numerous enquiries from those interested, and who are desirous of participating in this new increase. It is altogether unnecessary for any of those affected by this new order-in-council to take up their case personally, as the board of pension commissioners have these cases all in hand, and will deal with them as soon as possible thru the regular channels.

Special opportunities will be provided to prepare returned soldiers for entrance to variety by the opening of special classes which will be established at the University of Toronto during the present winter. The classes will run out the coming summer. Training in matriculation subjects will be given and it is expected that a great many returned men in this way will be prepared for entrance to the university of the commission and such a bargain if made was against the rules of the newly established bureaus.

GIRL MISSING.

Miss Lucy Paul, 18 years of age, has been missing from 87 Marchmont since she was abducted last Saturday. The young lady came from Stayner about a month ago and from what they can learn the police believe that she is being held somewhere. When last seen she was wearing a brown cloth coat, fawn hat with green rim, black shoes. She is fair and about four feet ten.

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## THE BANK OF TORONTO

Report of the

### Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting

The Sixty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of The Bank of Toronto was held at the Head Office in Toronto, Wednesday, 8th January, 1919.

The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. W. G. Gooderham; the Assistant General Manager, Mr. John R. Lamb, was requested to act as Secretary, and Messrs. George R. Harcourt and C. H. Taylor were appointed Scrutineers.

The Secretary read the Annual Report as follows:

The Directors of The Bank of Toronto beg to present their Report for the year ending 30th November, 1918, accompanied by the Statement of the Bank's affairs and the results of the operations for the year.

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.**

The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss, on November 30th, 1917, was \$55,006 53

The Net Profit for the year, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, and deducting expenses, interest accrued on deposits and rebate on current discounts, amounted to the sum of \$44,402 16

This sum has been appropriated as follows:—

Dividends at eleven per cent. per annum \$50,000 00

War Tax on Circulation \$7,000 00

Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund 25,000 00

Patriotic Fund and other War Subscriptions 35,200 00

Toronto General Hospital 2,000 00

Written off Bank Premises 110,884 75

Carried forward to next year 234,684 75

**\$1,239,708 69**

The production of war materials and supplies continued up to the close of the year, general business was good, and the Bank has had a year of growth in all departments.

The Head Office and Branches of the Bank have been regularly inspected by the Inspection Staff, and at the Head Office the usual inspection of cash and securities has been made.

Mr. G. T. Clarkson, C.A., the auditor of the Bank, has made his examination of the principal offices of the Bank, and his report is appended to the general statement presented herewith. Mr. Clarkson's name will be submitted to the Shareholders at the annual meeting for re-appointment as auditor.

The following Branches have been opened during the year:—Bathurst, Markdale and New Lowell, Ontario; Durban and Kenilworth, Manitoba; Stewart, Saskatchewan; and Branch at Point St. Charles, Quebec, has been closed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. G. GOODERHAM, President.

### General Statement

LIABILITIES.	30th November, 1918.	30th November, 1917.
Notes in Circulation	\$ 7,270,615 00	\$ 7,606,005 00
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	49,534,482 27	46,872,281 20
Deposits not bearing interest	29,504,792 23	17,054,316 41
Total deposits	\$ 79,029,279 50	\$ 63,507,297 61
Balances due to other Banks in Canada	469,873 56	276,407 47
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries	1,052,979 56	276,360 28
Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st December, 1918	137,500 00	137,500 00
Dividends unpaid	1,226 58	1,224 25
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	400,000 00	530,757 48
Capital paid up	\$ 88,682,373 19	\$ 72,728,612 23
Reserve	5,000,000 00	5,000,000 00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward	625,623 84	556,306 53
	\$100,207,997 13	\$ 84,293,318 22
ASSETS.	30th November, 1918.	30th November, 1917.
Gold and Silver coin current	\$ 94,661 91	\$ 962,652 34
Notes of other Banks	10,473,628 00	9,119,700 00
Deposits in the central gold reserves	2,500,000 00	2,500,000 00
Deposits with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	\$ 13,922,123 91	\$ 12,682,352 34
Notes of other Banks	240,141 46	262,272 26
Cheques on other Banks	688,145 00	562,065 00
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	4,217,323 58	2,785,480 37
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere	5,261 91	—
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	1,175,193 41	2,302,775 08
Canadian Municipal Securities and other securities, not exceeding market value	11,804,870 97	6,170,013 05
Public Securities other than Canadian	10,003,943 16	10,198,509 82
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	674,767 53	896,625 03
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	4,905,984 06	2,158,411 63
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$ 47,018,174 02	\$ 27,938,500 65
Overdue Debits (estimated loss provided for)	48,961,428 33	42,196,692 97
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contract	217,390 70	117,082 04
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	4,400,000 00	3,610,884 75
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W. G. GOODERHAM, President.  
Toronto, 30th November, 1918.

THOS. F. HOW, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS.

To the Shareholders of The Bank of Toronto:

I have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts at the chief office of The Bank of Toronto, and certified returns received from its branches, and after checking the cash and verifying the securities at the chief office and certain of its principal branches on November 30th, 1918, I certify that in my opinion such Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

In addition to the examination mentioned, the cash and securities at the chief office and certain of the principal branches were checked and found by me during the year, and found to be in accord with the books of the Bank.

All information and explanations required have been given to me, and all transactions of the Bank which have come under my review have, in my opinion, been within the powers of the Bank.

G. T. CLARKSON, Chartered Accountant.

Toronto, December 18th, 1918.

After the report had been read, the President, Vice-President, and General Manager addressed the meeting.

The report of the Directors was adopted. Contributions to various Patriotic Funds were approved. Mr. Geoffrey T. Clarkson was appointed Auditor for the current year, and the following Directors were elected: W. G. Gooderham, William Stone, John Macdonald, William L. Gear, J. J. Myer, and Archibald H. Campbell.

At a meeting of the Directors, Mr. W. G. Gooderham was elected President, and Mr. J. Henderson, Vice-President.

## SIR ADAM BECK SEEKS REFUND

Hydro-Electric Again Demands Return of Two Million Dollars.

Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, is once more taking up with the Dominion Government at Ottawa on behalf of the commission and the people of this province the matter of the return of approximately \$2,000,000

paid into the coffers of the government as duties on goods and equipment imported from the United States to be used in the extension of the hydro-electric scheme in this province. Sir Adam has approached the Dominion Government on this matter before, but without success, and he is again renewing his efforts.

The commission has expended large sums on the extension of its system during wartime, and particularly since the development of the Chippewa plant was undertaken. Raw material was imported from across the line and this has been used, not only in the development of the plant, but in the lines through the province. On all imports duty was paid at the rate of 42½ per cent., or a total of approximately \$2,000,000. Sir Adam is seeking for a return of this

amount on the ground that, as the hydro-electric system is a public utility and therefore operated at cost, the government should not exact duty as in the case of private corporations which were being operated for gain.

SETS AN EXAMPLE.

Hon. H. J. Coady, minister of education, has granted permission for the erection of a memorial monument in the public school grounds in the Village of Frankford, County of Hastings, in honor of the soldiers of the district who had fought and died in France. The sum of \$2,500 has been raised by private subscriptions for this purpose. This is the first step undertaken by rural Ontario in the erection of memorials for our fallen heroes.

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## UNION

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Mrs. A. C. Connelley, of the board of education, is preserving the meeting of the school experiment.

The first trial school experiment at Danforth avenue form classes was held yesterday afternoon. A delegation of school trustees, headed by Mr. J. H. Hunter, protested the experiment which was to run for 11 days.

Members of the school board, with public sentiment, school hours. Dr. J. H. Hunter, who is the chairman of the school board, has decided without a vote to abolish the school. A series of errors in connected with the school flag at King John Hunter was Caroline S. Brown, who is the chairman of the school board, would sell their vote.

Miss C. Boulton, of the school board, is protesting against a resolution which would justify a re-board as a protest. Dr. Hunter said he had made a mistake in a certain Jewish boys of their loyalty by the Judean Foot going overseas.

considered Dr. H. the matter showed by Apologies by ladies and chairs. Hunter was made a resolution was that the British flag displayed on the school. Another fiery over the use of women's meetings school.

Inspector Mosher, a woman, spoke said: "We don't schools. Why should we have a school going to lend our of foreigners to c and plot against the school. The school is a York, who have ocean to propagand the matter was committee.

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