

Think Bogus Check Swindler Has Been Caught

St. John, April 24—A man answering to the description of Theodore Amberg, for whom the St. John police have been looking for more than a year on the charge of passing numerous worthless cheques in this vicinity was arrested in Woodstock, on Saturday night. He was registered at a Woodstock hotel under the name of Black, but a cheque which he cashed at a meat store there aroused the suspicions of the store proprietor and upon investigation he was arrested to be held for the St. John police, as he tallied with the description of Amberg passed numerous cheques here about a year ago for amounts ranging around \$40 but made his getaway to Upper Canada. He was traced to Toronto where the police lost the trail and he was not heard of again until he returned to St. John about a month ago when several cheques of a similar nature forged in the same handwriting led the police to the conclusion that he was working his fraud game again. Black will be brought to St. John tomorrow to answer to the charge against him.

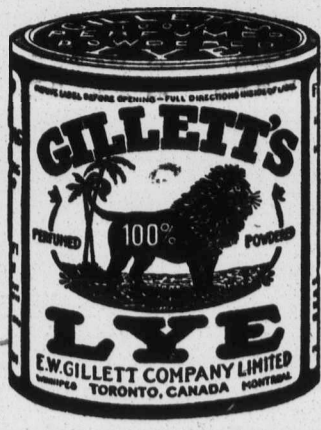
Railway Problem Most Important Says Mr. Carvell

Brandon, Man. April 24—"I'm probably occupying the nastiest position of any man in Canada," said Hon. Frank B. Carvell, chairman of the railway board, in addressing the Canadian Club here Saturday. It's a case of damned if you do an damned if you don't; your damned whatever you do. I have been charged by people in the west with being ignorant of western conditions," he said. "Its true I never raised cattle in the west, nor have I grown wheat in the west, but I have in New Brunswick, and there must be some resemblance.

"The railway problem today is of such importance that it should receive the attention of every thinking individual. It is more important than the tariff—more important than any other one problem that I know of.

"It cost \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000 more to run the Canadian National Railways last year than they brought in, and that is no reflection on the people at the head of the railroads or on the government. The Canadian National is a conglomeration of a lot of railroads that couldn't run themselves and therefore had to be taken over by the government, and if any one thinks the government or any man can take over these roads and turn them into a dividend paying proposition in a year or so, they are much mistaken.

"I feel that the people are entitled



to the facts regarding the railroad condition and I am afraid that a great many people in the west are arguing without having the real facts of the case before them.

The C. P. R.

"When we come to the Canadian Pacific Railway we have a system that I have no hesitation in saying, is the finest on the American continent. There never has been any criticism of that railroad reflecting on the honesty or efficiency of its management.

The railroads came to the commission last summer and said if they were to accept conditions imposed upon them they would go behind \$21,000,000 or \$22,000,000. They asked a general increase in both passenger and freight rates at forty per cent.

"We didn't come west to consider the matter. It was not necessary. It was purely a question of dollars and cents. I have always felt that the true criterion of a public utility that has not the power to increase its own rates was: 'What does it cost to run the road?' However, I find here that the criterion is:

What do cattle sell for?"

What does wheat realize per bushel? Down east I suppose it would be the price realized for pulpwood.

"I suppose I am right in assuming the rates of the Brandon Street Railway have been raised. In fact I think the only place in the world where the street railway rates have not been raised is Toronto and—gentlemen, you ought to see that street railway."

Mr. Carvell said he would not like to give an opinion as to the outlook for the present year, but intimated the Canadian Pacific would be lucky to break even.

Results Of The Referendum In Toronto

Toronto, April 24—Compliments of the referendum vote by the Dominion Alliance up to noon Saturday indicated a majority now for a "bone dry" Ontario of 171,000 votes. Rev. B. Spence secretary of the Ontario branch of the Alliance, declares that the total vote last Monday was eight percent of the vote at the plebiscite of 1919, and the dry majority, he says, is proportionately bigger than that given against the government control at that time. The local referendum committee reports this afternoon that the "wet" majority in Toronto city has dwindled to 296 and Dr. A. S. Grant, secretary of the Ontario referendum committee within a few days that Toronto voted "dry" after all.

Against Prohibition.

Winnipeg, April 23—Action to overthrow the referendum on prohibition in Manitoba was instituted yesterday by the filing of a statement of claims by counsel for the petitioner, F. A. Johns. The main contentions against the operation of the act are that the polling hours and other conditions of the plebiscite were irregular.

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plantation during the spring. Any
fairly dry earth will grow strawber-
ries. The ground should be one on
which water will not stand during the
winter to form ice.

Manure at the rate of ten to fifteen
tons per acre may be applied and
plowed under, or even more may be
used to advantage if no other fertili-
zers are to be used. It is usually con-
sidered wise to apply five hundred
pounds of a 4-8-4 fertilizer per acre.
That is one containing 4% of nitro-
gen, 8% of phosphoric acid and 4% of
potash. However, if the soil is in
good fertility this is not necessary
and manure alone may be all that is
necessary. All fertilizers should be
scattered broadcast and harrowed in.

Thorough preparation of the soil by
plowing and working deeply is advis-
able. The land is finally levelled
with a smoothing harrow and the
plants set in rows three and a half
feet apart and fourteen inches apart
in the row. Closer planting is un-
necessary and does not permit of easy
cultivation between the rows and op-
portunity of picking without tramp-
ing on the vines.

The planting is done by pushing a
spade into the soil, pressing it to one
side and dropping a plant with roots
spread fan shape into the opening,
holding the crown of the plant to the
top of the level soil and pressing the
earth firmly around the plant with
the heel or some other way, and final-
ly levelling with loose earth around
the crown of the plant. This is quick-
ly done. The importance of pressing
the soil firmly around the plant is
very great and the plant should be
sufficiently firm, so that if the plant
is pulled by a leaf the leaf will break
before the plant will pull out. Only
young plants should be set; that is,
plants of the previous season's grow-
th. The planting should be done
early, in fact, the earlier the better.
Much of the failure with strawberries
is due to late planting. This is a
job that can be done in the early
spring, the sooner the plant becomes
established the earlier the formation
of runner plants, and the earlier
these runner plants form, the larger
and better developed are the crowns,
without which strong stalks of well
formed fruit are impossible.

The summer cultivation should be
to kill weeds and form a loose sur-
face in which the plant can root
without difficulty. As the runners
develop the cultivator should be nar-
rowed, so that the runners are not
disturbed after they commence to
form plants and great care is neces-
sary to avoid disturbing the plants at
this time. Some of the runners may
be shifted to give a more even distri-
bution of plants along the row, and
some hand hoeing will be necessary
to prevent weeds from growing later.

It is wise to plan for a new planta-
tion every year, as it is difficult to
keep weeds under control the second
year without much hand hoeing.

It will be found that the Separator
Dunlap is one of the best varieties to
plant. Blossoms are likely to devel-
op on the spring set plants and these
should be removed to throw all en-
ergy into the development of runners as
early as possible.

Rod and Gun

Among the other interesting stor-
ies and articles of outdoor life in Can-
ada that appear in Rod and Gun in
Canada for May, is one entitled "A
Wonderful Salmon Expedition." This
describes an expedition after the "big
fellows" in Newfoundland. For the
fisherman there are two other stor-
ies: "Falling From Grace" and "The
Heart Cure" in this issue of Canada's
outdoor magazine. "Hunting the
Black Duck" and "The Parson Goes
Hunting" as the title indicate, are
hunting stories that will appeal to
the devotee of rifle and shot gun.

Great interest is being shown in the
big game hunting articles written by
A. Bryan Williams; one installment
of his splendid series of articles ap-
pears in this issue. Fishing Notes
and Guns and Ammunition Depart-
ment, as well as the other depart-
ments are up to their usual high
standards. Rod and Gun in Canada is
published monthly by W. J. Taylor
Limited, Woodstock, Ont.

BOOM ROAD NOTES

As the majority of the young men
have gone to Campbellton, or the
drive, it leaves the place very monotonous.

Our community extend their hear-
test congratulations to Mr. and Mr-
Stillman Allison, and wish them a
long wedded life of health, happiness
and prosperity.

Miss Annie L. Matchett arrived
home last week, after spending the
past nine months in Boiestown.

The Misses Annie and Maggie All-
ison spent Thursday evening with
Miss Jessie M. Jardine.

Miss Reta McLean is spending a
few weeks with Mrs. Benjamin Sher-
ard.

Miss Lottie Stewart of Sunny Cor-
ner spent Thursday with relatives
here.

Mrs. Alfred Bell of Newcastle at-
tended the wedding of her brother
Mr. Stillman Allison last Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Forsythe spent Thurs-
day evening with her mother Mrs.
Sam Sherard of Whitneyville.

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