

### ENQUIRIES PROPOUNDED BY MR. JONES BRING OUT MORE EVASIVE ANSWERS FROM GOVT. MINISTERS

#### Other Enquiries Which Delve Into the Government's Administration of the Public Funds Show Expenditures Made With a Total Disregard to Economy—More of the Favored Henchmen Appear as Recipients of Government Hand-outs.

Hon. Mr. Smith in reply to Mr. Smith (Albert):

1. Q. Is the government aware that loss and pulpwood have been cut in trespass during the present winter season on vacant Crown area comprising lot adjoining No. 1, Range 6, North of Salmonville, Parish of Chipman, County of Queens?

A. No final returns have yet been received from Forest Ranger Ward of the vacant crown land.

2. Q. Is the government aware that the logs and pulpwood are being disposed?

A. No. Q. Is the government aware that large quantities of pulpwood have been cut within the last twelve months on Association Block, Parish of Chipman?

A. Up to the present date 2138 superficial feet have been reported to the Crown Land Office for logging season 1918-19, as cut on lots in the Association Tract. Have no way of knowing whether the lumber is sold for pulpwood or sawn.

4. Q. Is it true that upwards of 1200 cords of pulpwood have been cut in that district, and for the most part on ungranted areas?

A. Answered by answer to question 3. Q. How many lots in the Association Block, Parish of Chipman, have been granted and to whom?

A. 18 lots of 100 acres each have been granted as follows:

8 lots to Francis Fulton; 2 lots to George Q. Kings; 1 lot to Timothy Donovan; 1 lot to Michael Kirby; 1 lot to John Kirby; 1 lot to Dominic Kirby; 1 lot to George Fulton; 1 lot to Robert Fulton; 1 lot to Mixime D. Lezer; 1 lot to John Harrington.

6. Q. What further lots have been applied for and by whom?

A. Lot 120, D. P. Dupuis; Lot 121, M. Bourque; Lot 122, H. H. Lezer; Lot 123, E. E. Becherach; Lot 128, A. Robertson; Lot 129, B. Robichaud; Lot 130, G. Schneck; Lot 131, A. Bourque; Lot 132, E. Schneck; Lot 133, E. Bourque; Lot 136, E. LeBlanc; Lot 137, A. Bourgeois; Lot 138, E. M. Lepore; Lot 140, E. Lomieux; Lot 141, P. Soiron; Lot 142, A. Sorlon; Lot 144, C. Sorlon; Lot 225, D. Schneck.

7. Q. What quantity of pulpwood has been cut on the said block on other than granted, or lots approved of after settlement?

A. No means of knowing what lumber has been cut for pulpwood. See answer to question 3.

8. Q. Has anyone been given permission or license to cut pulpwood, or any other lumber on the Association Block, Parish of Chipman?

A. All ungranted lots in the Association Tract are under license to cut and carry away merchantable lumber. No other permits have been given.

9. Q. Is the government aware that about fifty car loads of pulpwood cut from said block have already been shipped, and if so, the name of the consignor and the point of destination?

A. The final returns from the Forester Ranger have not yet been received, but the department has assurances that the stumpage on the lumber cut in the Association Tract will be returned. We have no notice from the Canadian National Railways that any shipments of pulpwood has been sent forward, lumber in the Association Tract in conformity with the permit agreement made with this department.

10. Q. Has the government as yet taken steps to determine what extent the crown land vacancy near the mouth of Red Bay, Parish of Chipman, has been cut for logs and pulpwood the past winter?

A. Yes. Q. Who are the operators on the adjoining area referred to in the answer to Notices of Enquiry No. 507?

A. The final returns have not yet been received from the scaler stating who the operator is.

Hon. Mr. Veniot in reply to Mr. Taylor:

1. Q. (a) What amount has been expended on permanent roads in the Parish of Lepreau during the fiscal year?

A. \$1,451.19 was expended during the fiscal year 1918, on permanent roads in the Parish of Lepreau.

(b) What amount since the close of the fiscal year?

No money has been expended on permanent roads in the Parish of Lepreau since the close of the fiscal year.

### FORGED NAMES ON PROMISSORY NOTE

#### Fredericton Magistrate Lenient With Young Man Who Secured Cash on Forged Signatures.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 13.—In the police court on Saturday, Gregory Morris appeared before Magistrate Limerick on the charge of forgery, it having been charged that he forged the names of Albert Kitchen, of Kitchen Brothers, wholesale grocers, and Arthur J. Ryan, druggist, on a promissory note which he converted into cash by having it discounted at a local bank.

Morris was arrested early on Saturday morning by police sergeant Jones. He had made good the amount, and a sentence of two years imprisonment was imposed but suspended, because of the good record of the defendant, who returned to Fredericton after being away from the city for about fifteen years.

The defendant was a native of the United States, and was employed as a fisherman and game warden, for which, as appears by the said report on page 76, he was paid the sum of \$184 in 1918?

A. Parishes of Wickham and Johnston.

Q. In what section of the county did John W. Roberts perform the services as Fish, Fire and Game Warden, for which, as appears by the said report on page 76, he was paid the sum of \$278, in 1918?

A. John W. Roberts, a returned soldier, was chief county warden.

Q. How many days did each work on the roads, and what pay did each receive?

A. Patrick Daley worked 63 1/2 days as supervisor at \$3.50 per day; 24 days single team at \$1.00 per day; 1 1/2 days single team at \$1.25 per day.

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Q. Is J. G. McCrea in charge of road repairs in the Parish of Wickham? If so, what is his remuneration for 1918, he was paid in that year \$278, in 1918?

### BOLSHEVİK GOVT OF RUSSIA PLANS BIG MILITARY OFFENSIVE

#### As Soon as Weather Permits Will Make Drive on Murman Coast—Their Forces Facing Allies on the Archangel Front Are Being Strengthened—Former War Prisoners Being Mobilized Along With New Detachments.

Washington, April 13.—Extensive preparation by the Bolshevik Government of Russia, for a big military offensive this spring, was described in official dispatches received here, based upon a summary of information reaching the Scandinavian countries.

In Western Russia whole new armies are being organized, it was said, many former war prisoners being mobilized along with new detachments. Bolshevik forces were said to be suffering heavy losses in dead and wounded in evacuating Northern Lithuania, despite their numerical superiority. Mutinies are reported to be frequent.

The Bolshevik were said to be getting ready for an offensive on the Murman front, as soon as weather permits, and to be strengthening the forces already facing the Allies in the Archangel region.

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### KOREANS MERCILESSLY MASSACRED BY JAPS; HOMES DESTROYED

#### Information Received by Korean Nat'l Association in California Gives Some of the Harrowing Acts.

San Francisco, April 13.—Japanese began what was described as a "massacre" in Korea at Seoul, the capital, during a demonstration, March 28, according to a cablegram received here today by the Korean National Association from a native Christian pastor.

The cablegram was filed from Shanghai. According to officials of the Korean National Association, the information was sent by messenger from Seoul to Shanghai by the association's representative at Seoul.

The cablegram reads: "Japan began mass murdering in Korea. Over thousands of people killed in Seoul during three hours' demonstration on twenty-eighth."

Troops are ordered shooting and beating any people who resist. Foreign Red Cross urgently needed."

"Churches, schools, homes of leaders destroyed. Women made naked and beaten before crowds, especially leader's family, the imprisoned being severely tortured. Doctors are forbidden to enter. Foreign Red Cross urgently needed."

Yarmouth, N. S., April 13.—The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Mrs. W. H. Jones, who for the past ten years has been the caretaker of the Fredericton-Devon highway bridge. The late Mr. Jones, who was 74 years old, was a native of Hillsboro, Albert county, but had resided here for the past sixteen years.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons and Mr. W. H. Jones, of the city, Bruce of Regina and Gordon of Vancouver, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert and Mrs. W. H. Jones, of Boston, Mass.

John C. Ross.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 13.—One of the best known electricians of western Nova Scotia, in the person of John C. Ross, passed away at his home at Yarmouth, N. S., yesterday. He had been in poor health for several months, and for the past few weeks it was known that he could not recover. Mr. Ross came to Yarmouth about twenty years ago, and was a member of the Yarmouth Light and Power Co. When organized, some eight years ago, he was made its superintendent, which position he held until a few weeks ago when his broken health compelled him to resign. He was also a very enthusiastic yachtsman in many of the maritime regattas, and one year took a Swamscot dory to Marblehead from Yarmouth to participate in the races at that place.

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### JUDGMENT IN BASEBALL SUIT

#### Court Awards \$80,000 in Favor of Baltimore Federal League Baseball Club in Its Suit for \$900,000.

Washington, April 13.—Judgment for \$80,000 in favor of the Baltimore Federal League baseball club in its suit for \$900,000 damages against certain officers of the defunct Federal League was returned late today by a jury in the District of Columbia. The damages will be trebled, making the amount \$240,000 if a final judgment is entered.

Steel Co. of Canada was inclined to be off. Their statement, which came out today, was a remarkably good one. This company has gone through the war period and put itself in a very strong position.

Brewery stocks were steady, but the enthusiasm seems to have worn off. Montreal Light Heat and Power employees are still out, but the company say they are getting on just as well without them. Up to now there has been no interference in the gas and light. The N. Y. market was inclined to be heavy all day showing some sharp losses, especially in Am. Int'l which had such a spectacular jump this week. The American market closed heavy.

Chicago, Ills., April 13.—The steel price situation, one of the keynotes in the market, has become involved in a controversy between two departments of the government, with the inevitable appeal to the president. The outcome is entirely uncertain.

The market opened with several over-night advances in specialties, including oil, public utility and miscellaneous stocks. BSB advanced a point and made a new high on the movement. Mercantile Marine issues were strong for a time, but later reacted with the rest of the list.

A general selling movement was precipitated by a break in AMR which broke half a dozen points on rumors that an unfavorable earnings statement was impending. Weakness spread to other issues and extended more or less throughout the list. The early gains were generally cancelled and a majority of stocks closed somewhat below the first prices of Friday. Sales \$23,440.

Chicago, Ills., April 13.—Corn, No. 3 yellow \$1.67 1/2 to \$1.61; No. 4 yellow \$1.58 1/2 to \$1.50; No. 5 yellow nominal; oats No. 3 white 68 1/2 to 69; standard 69 1/2 to 69 1/2; rye, No. 2, \$1.70 1/2 to \$1.65; barley \$1.05 to \$1.11; timothy \$8 to \$10; clover nominal; pork nominal; lard \$29.92; lard \$27.25 to \$28.25.

Left Behind.

"So you've been to France?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"And now you're back home with your comrades?"

"No, ma'am. I left my comrades over there."

"How did that happen?"

"I took over a shipment of mules, ma'am."

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### QUOTATIONS IN ST. JOHN MARKET

A feature of last week's market was a big drop in beans, the hulled canned variety taking the toboggan for a 50c to \$1 slide.

There was a bear movement on groceries during the past week, standard sugar dropping 5c to 20c per cwt., yellow sugar dropping 20c to 50c per cwt., rice 25c to 10c, white beans 25c and cornmeal 25c. Canned corn dropped 10c, a dozen cans came down 30c, Ontario flour dropped 30c and oatmeal took a 25c drop. On the other side, strawberries soared from \$2.10 to \$2.20 to their present height, \$4.40 to \$4.45. Butter also went soaring.

Groceries.

Sugar—Standard ..... \$10.05 @ \$10.10  
Yellow ..... 9.55 @ 9.60  
Rice ..... 8.75 @ 9.00  
Tapioca ..... 0.14 @ 0.15

Beans—Black eye ..... 5.50 @ 5.75  
White ..... 4.75 @ 5.00  
Cream of Tartar ..... 0.72 @ 0.75  
Molasses ..... .88 @ .92  
Flea, split, bags ..... 7.00 @ 7.25  
Barley, pot, bags ..... 5.00 @ 5.25  
Cornmeal, standard ..... 5.75 @ 5.90  
Raisins—Choice, seeded ..... 0.00 @ 0.15  
Fancy, seeded ..... 0.00 @ 1.54  
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, 50 lbs ..... 2.30 @ 2.35  
Soda, bicarb., per sack, 50 lbs ..... 5.25 @ 5.35

Meats, Etc.

Western ..... 0.16 @ 0.18  
Butcher's ..... 0.00 @ 0.12  
Butchers' ..... 0.10 @ 0.14  
Yeast ..... 0.15 @ 0.19  
Mutton ..... 0.18 @ 0.00

Butter—Roll ..... 0.00 @ 0.60  
Roll ..... 0.70 @ 0.77  
Chickens ..... 0.00 @ 0.36  
Fowl ..... 0.00 @ 0.35  
Potatoes, barrel, ..... 3.00 @ 3.25

Fruits, Etc.

Bananas, ..... 9.0