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MORTON & HERITY, PROPRIETORS

WHERE HALF MILLIONS OF ASSETS Various Concerns Squandered the Funds of Union Life Ins. Co.

TORONTO, Nov. 26.—The floating of \$785,105 worth of stock for the Union Life Assurance Co. in England in 1911 at a cost of \$152,440, or 19 per cent, the circulation of a prospectus in England, which was capable of much misinterpretation by purchasing stockholders, and the extravagant loans and use of the float- ing \$785,105 through the numerous subsidiary companies controlled by H. Pollman Evans, were the main features of the continued investigation into the affairs of the defunct Union Life Co. yesterday.

In the afternoon, Mr. A. C. Masten, examining Mr. Evans, showed that a loan of \$65,000 to the National Land, Fruit & Packing Co., of which Mr. Evans was president, was made by the Union Life Assurance Co. in November, 1911, when the actual worth of the plant and property of the National Company at that time was only \$65,000.

"How could you advise such a loan?" asked Mr. Masten. "I was not aware at that time of the exact assets of the National Land, Fruit & Packing Co.," said Mr. Evans, "but I was advised by the loan on the valuation of Mr. Harton Walker, who set a value of \$110,000 on the properties."

CONTROL OF BUSINESS

Y Should Be Invested in Government Says J. P. Muller. OTTAWA, Nov. 26.—The Railway Commission yesterday afternoon resumed consideration of the western rate case and took up the exhibit filed by J. P. Muller, Government expert. The sitting was occupied chiefly with the examination of Mr. Muller, who said often a company extended a line into a new district, and for some years it produced little revenue as the district was gradually filling up. As it grew to be a greater revenue-producer another line extended a branch to tap the same territory.

The Government should be in a position, he said, to stop such competitive extensions to existing lines by compelling the companies to get Government approval of extensions. The hearing will continue all week.

DEATH OF MRS. G. A. IRELAND

Prominent Trenton Lady Passed Away Quite Unexpectedly.

Trenton, Nov. 25th.—The heartfelt sympathy of the community will go out to Mr. George A. Ireland and his family in the bereavement they have sustained by the death of a devoted wife and mother. The funeral of the late Mrs. Ireland will take place from the family residence on Front street on Thursday, 27th inst., at 10 o'clock.

The wedding of Miss Helen Alysa and Mr. E. C. Dempsey, popular and well known to the community, will take place tomorrow at the residence of the bride elect. A brilliantly attired and happy looking company tipped the light tapers at the parish hall last evening. It was the closing evening of the very successful R.C. bazaar. We were given to understand that this year's bazaar has been the greatest financial success yet achieved by the energetic workers of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbs and Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Carter of Picton and Deseronto, attended the funeral of the late R. A. Weiss yesterday.

It is reported in Deseronto that the Ontario Fire Insurance Company has been cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their baby.

The odd job dock is now looking as if it was ready for business. In future much repairing to the craft of this neighborhood will be done at home.

Mrs. S. J. Young is entertaining at auction this evening.

His Honor Judge Deroche lectured to Outlook Club Monday evening.

The members of the Outlook Club of the Baptist Church were treated to a splendid exposition of the functions of Civil and Criminal law, by Judge Deroche, at their club Monday evening.

THE HON. COL. SAM HUGHES COMING

The Honorable Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, will address the High School Women's Institute at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12th. He writes in part: "I shall, indeed, be most pleased to address the mothers, sisters and friends of the students of your splendid school."

Letture November 25th

Mr. T. E. Ewen, Albert Street, informs The Ontario that yesterday his family had lettuce for dinner that had been gathered in the open garden. It was so crisp and fresh as in June. This further emphasizes the unprecedented mildness of the present fall.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad remembrance of Andrew J. Latta, Veteran '66, beloved uncle and brother who slept away a year ago today, Nov. 29th 1912. Gone but not forgotten.—Niece and brothers and sisters. N27w.ad

SCENES OF VIOLENCE AT IRISH MEETING

Halls Would Not Seat Thousands Who Tried to Gain Admission.

DUBLIN, Nov. 26.—An Irish National volunteer force to uphold the authority of the crown and government of Ireland on the same lines as the Ulster force, of which Sir Edward Carson is the sponsor, was organized last night, but the enrollment of volunteers was attended by scenes of violence. More than 5,000 persons assembled in the rotunda at a public meeting held for the purpose of inaugurating the movement, and several thousands were unable to gain admission. Their attempts to enter resulted in great disorder and glass doors and windows were broken.

From the first it was evident that the transport strikers, who were present in large force, opposed the movement. They maintained constant interruptions of the speakers, which culminated in free fights. Sticks were used as weapons and a number of blank cartridges were exploded.

The meeting was so disorderly that it was impossible to judge of the success of the movement, but the promoters asserted that several thousand men enrolled.

TRIBUTE TO ADAM BECK

Citizens of London Unite To Do Hydro-Chairman Honor.

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 26.—London's most prominent citizens, over 500 strong, and irrespective of party affiliations, across last night and tendered Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and the city's most distinguished citizen, one of the most memorable complimentary banquets in the history of the city.

Appreciation of the public services of the "hiresman of Niagara" was the lips of every speaker. Conservative, Liberal and otherwise. Hon. Mr. Beck replied feelingly. In the course of the evening he was presented with a solid silver salver containing 200 ounces of silver and a set of candelabra of four pieces.

LETTERS FOR STORM VICTIMS

Over 200 Pieces of Mail Unclaimed at Port Huron.

SARNIA, Nov. 26.—In a few more days about 200 pieces of mail now at the marine postoffice, Port Huron, addressed to sailors who vainly braved the recent awful storm on the Great Lakes, will be forwarded to the lost ships that bore the sender's address on the envelope has been returned, bearing the message, "Lost in the storm. Cannot deliver."

But there is much matter with no clue to the sender on the outside, except the post mark. Some of these pieces bear the names of men not heard from since their ships were lost. There are postal cards with birthday and Thanksgiving greetings; bundles of winter clothing, and envelopes stuffed with many pages of urgent pleadings of relatives anxious to know the worst. In due time the writers will receive word from the fate of the office of the non-delivery of their messages.

James Moore Ends Life.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Nov. 26.—James Moore, aged 31, whose parents live in Toronto, committed suicide yesterday in a rooming house at 56 Benden street. He had just come from Prince Rupert and was suffering from a hallucination that an enemy was pursuing him. He swallowed the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid.

Deported as Undesirable

A Hardy came to Ontario from England and has been sent back to that country. He was arrested on suspicion of having set fire to a building in Wooler, East Northumberland. The charge was not proved. The court regarded him, however, as an undesirable and sentenced him to be deported. Circumstances connected with his presence in Wooler on the night of the fire took place led to his arrest.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT LAID IN THE GRAVE

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH BAZAAR

Brilliant sunshine and unclouded skies augured well for the success of the annual bazaar undertaken by the Women's Guild of St. Thomas church in their beautiful new parish house yesterday. Thronging crowds of old and young found pleasure and profitable purchases within the walls of the "fairly palace."

The latest novelties were to be had and dainty Xmas gifts in endless variety. The ladies of St. Thomas are to be congratulated on the unique character of their enterprise, and the excellency of the entertainment offered.

Space forbids all but a mere outline of the many striking features of the bazaar. The booths were as follows:—Home Cooking, Mrs. Ackerville, Mrs. Mearns and Mrs. Jones.

Fancy articles—Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Blackburn and Miss Thompson. St. Agnes school—Miss Mann and the young ladies.

Household articles—Mrs. Wallbridge, Mrs. Niblock and Miss Parker. Candy Stalls—Mrs. Lazier and Miss Wrapp.

Lemonade, etc.—Mrs. Robbins, Miss Barton and Miss K. Milburn. Refreshments—Messrs. Wallbridge and Ketcheson.

Grab Bag—Miss M. Ketcheson. Children's Side Show—Miss Kellard. Tea Room—Mrs. Gingras and assistants.

During the afternoon the Bijou orchestra consisting of Mr. Wheatley, Mrs. Campbell, Miss J. Higgs and Mr. Bennett rendered a choice program.

In the evening the parish house was taken to its fullest capacity, and the delight of all present. Following is the program:—Gipsy Dance—Six young ladies of St. Agnes.

Scene "Sunny Spain"—Messrs. Harper, MacKay, Booth and Robbins. Song—Miss Helen Simpkins. Sketch—Messrs. Wallbridge and Ketcheson.

Quartet "Hunting" Mrs. MacColl, Miss Walton, Messrs. Booth and Harper. Song—"Will O' the Wisp" by Mrs. Wilnot (and encore).

Scene "The Mermaid" Mr. Booth and the Misses Walton. Scene "Archibald" Mr. Wheatley assisted by Misses Wilnot, Kellard, Vermyles and Mrs. Scott.

Scene "The Housemaid" Mrs. Beaman and Mr. Jas. Booth, and the Misses Milburn, Stork, Gorman Beaman and Burton.

The bazaar will be open this afternoon and evening when the splendid entertainment of last evening will be repeated with additions and variations. We bespeak a crowded house again as seldom does one have an opportunity of enjoying such a rare treat at so little cost.

The president and the ladies of the Women's Guild are to be congratulated on the excellency of their undertaking.

ILLUMINATED BY NATURAL GAS

We are indebted to the Castor (Alta) Advance for the following account of the introduction of natural gas for illumination purposes in that center. Mayor Ilsey may be mentioned in passing, is a brother of Mr. E. V. Ilsey, manager of the Standard bank at Trenton.

The honor of touching the torch to the new town lighting system belongs to Guy Sutton, although the actual credit belongs to E. J. Hubbert who has had charge of the installation of the system.

THINKS FLOUR RATES ARE TOO HIGH

The Millers Seek to Have Ocean-Carrying Tolls Reduced.

OTTAWA, Nov. 26.—A delegation representing four of the great milling companies of Canada, the Ogilvie, the Lake of the Woods, the Western Canada, and the Maple Leaf, waited upon Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, yesterday afternoon and urged that some action be taken to remove the discrimination which at present exists between the ocean freight rates on wheat and flour exported from Canada.

The members of the delegation claimed that during the past year a good export business had been ruined by the discriminatory rates in favor of the raw product charged by the steamship companies. During the past year or so steamship rates had increased from 50 to 100 per cent. The millers did not mind that, but in the same period the rates charged for the carriage of flour were from five to twelve cents per hundred higher than on wheat. This discrimination they held was "heavy" in favor of the foreign and British miller, who was enabled to take advantage of the low rate on wheat.

Mr. Foster said the Imperial Trade Commission was investigating the general question at present. He would have to consider the matter his most earnest attention.

ONE WEEK TO GET OUT

Vancouver's "Vernshaw" Is to Be Put Out of Existence.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 26.—Mayor Baxter issued an order to the police to clear out the restricted district of Alexander street. Two years ago the women located in this section, which starts within a couple of blocks from the main police station in the east end. Yesterday afternoon the police accordingly notified the residents of the section that they would have until Sunday in which to pack up and get out.

On the heels of the police went a large party of women representing the various rescue homes of the city. They sought to call on as many of the girls as would see them, offering assistance in getting them to start in the right path and offering them homes in which to begin reformation.

The work of notification and moral salvage was hampered, however, by the fact that the doors were closed against the visitors, who merely left cards for the mission homes and then came away.

WORK IS NOW GOING ON

Second Ocean Rates Board Not Headed by Brit Official.

OTTAWA, Nov. 26.—The report of Mr. H. L. Drayton, chairman of the Railway Commission, who went to England to investigate ocean freight rates as affecting Canada, was made public yesterday.

He endeavored to obtain the appointment of a joint commission to make thorough and complete investigation of rates and charges of ocean carriers, insurance charges, the operation of terminal and port authorities, and ocean traffic generally.

To the proposals of Mr. Drayton, the Board of Trade replied that under the circumstances, the board, after consultation with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, felt that it would not be possible at the present time to advise his Majesty's Government to appoint a second commission representing Canada and the United Kingdom, to investigate a subject which is already being examined by the royal commission, and which board will very shortly be taking evidence in Canada.

Australia Loses Strong Man.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—(C. A. P. Cable.)—By the unexpected death from acute pneumonia of Charles Fraser, ex-Postmaster-General, Australia, lost one of her most valued and successful statesmen.

Mr. Fraser was born in 1850 and entered into federal politics ten years ago as leader of the younger section of the Labor party. Premier Cook, who has adjourned the House until after the funeral, yesterday moved a vote of condolence deploring the "loss of a young and valuable life." His death, he said, was a real deprivation to himself, the House and the country.