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# Deal Closed For Sale Of Shipbuilding Yard Bridgeburg Benefits

**Canadian Company Bondholders  
 Decide to Centralize Works  
 Across the Lake, and Berg &  
 Co. Secure Local Property.**

A deal has been practically carried thru to completion whereby the Canadian Shipbuilding Co. will dispose of its entire local plant at the corner of Bathurst and Niagara-streets, and will concentrate the big enterprise at Bridgeburg on the Niagara River, where it controls 125 acres, the intention being to establish a plant there for the turning out of the necessary shipbuilding machinery.

The purchasers of the Toronto plant, formerly controlled by the Bertram Engine Works, are the firm of A. Berg & Sons, manufacturers of brick machinery, with offices in the Manning Arcade. While the firm has had its headquarters in Toronto for three years, it has not operated a plant of its own, but has had its machinery manufactured in sections in several of the local foundries, including the Abell Engine Works, and Inglis & Sons. The purchase price is not announced.

**Decided by Bondholders.**  
 The proposition for the transfer was dealt with at a meeting of the bondholders of the Canadian Shipbuilding Co. in the offices of E. C. Clarkson, on Saturday. President Fredrick Nicholls said afterwards that the sale had been approved. Asked whether the meeting could be correctly termed a meeting of the creditors of the company, he explained that as the undertaking had been financed by a bond issue, the bonded indebtedness would be reduced to the extent of the amount realized by the disposal.

"There is no intention of discontinuing business," he said. "The business is to be continued as usual," replied Mr. Nicholls.

W. D. Matthews, one of the directors, said he was not at the meeting, but intimated that the business was on a firm basis.

"We have plenty of orders to build ships," he remarked.

**Machinery Doesn't Suit.**  
 Superintendent Angstrom, when asked whether the intention to abandon the Toronto works was due in any measure to the difficulty with the machinery, hummering about 500, who have been on strike for several months, said that this particular situation was not the primary reason, although it was on account of the men getting on their backs that the works were closed down.

"But that isn't the reason for selling out," he went on. "The machinery here doesn't suit the particular kind of work being carried on to-day. Much larger engines are being installed than was the rule some years ago when the steam plant was able to meet the requirements. When it comes to very large steamers, say of 10,000 tons, the plant is entirely inadequate to supply the engines needed."

Mr. Angstrom had not heard that the offer of Berg & Sons had been finally accepted, but the proposition appeared to be a good one, and would in all probability be accepted.

**Bridgeburg Plant Operating.**  
 The industry at Bridgeburg, he said, was not dependent upon the Toronto works, and was in operation at the present time. Berg & Sons had been designed to supply the machinery necessary for shipbuilding. It had been necessary to purchase parts of machinery right along, and for a time the purchasing of outside machinery would continue, but it was intended that a complete plant on a proper scale should be established at Bridgeburg, so that the whole process of shipbuilding from the ground up could be undertaken.

Hagarty & Co., ship owners, have a large steamer now building at Bridgeburg.

**New Owners' Intentions.**  
 "Yes, we have bought the whole plant, covering about two and one-half acres," said Anton Berg, head of the firm. A. Berg & Sons. "I can't say what the terms are yet until the transaction has been finally closed. It is our intention to remodel the entire plant, and employ between 200 and 300 men when everything is ready, and will turn out every kind of brick-making machinery. We have been handicapped heretofore thru having to get the parts made, while some have had to be imported."

The firm, which controls a number of patents on special machinery, derives an income on royalties of from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year.

**History of the Yards.**  
 The Canadian Shipbuilding Company, Limited, was incorporated with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000 on Nov. 12, 1902. Besides the usual powers of a shipbuilding company, it was authorized to acquire 125 acres on the Niagara River at Bridgeburg, on which to establish its yards. On June 7, 1905, it bought out the Bertram Engine Works Company, since which date it has been operating both at Bridgeburg and Toronto.

The Niagara liners, the Kingston, Toronto and other R. & O. steamers, and many other large craft have been turned out of these yards, the last being the big G.T.R. car ferry.

**AN ANARCHIST PLOT.**  
 Planned to Disable Several United States Battleships.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 19.—The Brazilian police have discovered an anarchist plot here, having as its object the destruction of part of the American fleet now lying in the harbor. The conspiracy, while centered in Rio de Janeiro, has ramifications in Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais. An individual named Jean Pedraza, who resided in Petropolis, was the chief conspirator here.

# ENGINEER SAYS HE IS NOT TO BLAME

**Got No Signal to Warn  
 Him of the Stalled  
 Freight Train and  
 Couldn't  
 See.**

The strictest reticence was maintained yesterday by Grand Trunk officials as to Saturday's fatal wreck just west of the Dufferin-street crossing, when, as fully told in Sunday's World, a light engine, running backward, crashed into a car, attached to a standing freight train, in which were thirteen employees of the G.N.W. Telegraph Company's construction department. One man was instantly killed and two others injured.

Superintendent Terrence Farrell said that there was no information to be given out as to why the freight, which was bound for Hagersville, was at a standstill, or where the light engine was bound.

It was learned, however, that the engine was driven by Engineer Alex Bryce of New Toronto, formerly of Sarnia.

Engineer Bryce has been in the employment of the Grand Trunk for four years, and has been engaged in yard work during that period. On Saturday, he says he was acting under orders to run from Bathurst-street to New Toronto block system. He was running pretty fast, as I was looking out the back window, but could not see anything for there was a very high wind and the coal dust was blowing o, which made it practically impossible to see anything.

"Had we been running right the accident would never have happened. The freight was on the switch when the passenger went by and they gave me no signal, a flag or torpedo to warn me."

"I did not see the freight train until too late to stop my engine."

It is understood that the Grand Trunk will disclaim any responsibility for the accident. Coroner Lynd will open an inquest to-night.

A woman who lives near the scene of the wreck borrowed a passing automobile and, getting a mattress from the house, heaved it over the car, which had four broken ribs, to the Western Hospital.

The body of Zachary Laroque of Lachine, Que., aged 27, single, the victim of the accident, is at the morgue.

Maxime Champagne, aged 29, single, Lachine, Que., was taken to Grace Hospital in the police ambulance with a broken leg.

The wreckage took fire, and Deputy Chief Noble had two hose sections at work to-night.

George Ross, 170 John-street, saw the engine when it was about 20 yards from the freight, and says the engine struck the rear car as tho' it were a paper. The rear side of the car was hurled intact within a few feet of where he was standing, and then telephoned Drs. Lynd and Rowe and the fire department.

**ENTOMBED 46 DAYS  
 THOUSAND FEET DOWN**

**Remarkable Experience of Three  
 Men Just Released From  
 Nevada Mine.**

ELY, Nev., Jan. 18.—After having been entombed 46 days 1000 feet below the surface in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine, A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald, were rescued last night. Whistles all over the camp blew loudly while crowds cheered in the streets of Ely to the ringing of bells.

"All," was the only word of Bailey, the first to reach the outer air. He tottered forward into the arms of comrades, who in a few minutes recuperated him. "Somebody give me a chew of tobacco," said Brown, with a laugh. On the morning of Dec. 4, Brown and Bailey, two Greeks, were working in the bottom of a shaft 85 feet below the pump station and 1085 feet below the surface. The shaft caved in, snapping the cable used to haul the cage from the shaft, and hurling thousands of tons of rock and timbers into the shaft. With the falling rocks and timbers streaming down on them, the five men struggled up rickety ladders toward the pumping station, but the Greeks never reached it. The timbered roof offered them a safe prison, where a whole day the men crouched, while at intervals rocks and timbers kept crashing above them. Managed to make themselves heard by tapping on a six-inch waterpipe that reached from the pumping station to the surface. Communications were established with the world above and food and drink lowered daily thru the pipe. A portable telephone was also lowered and the men were able to talk with the people above.

# MAKING LIGHT OF IT



**POLITICAL PILGRIM:** There's absolutely nothing in it—but, just the same, I wish someone else had to carry it.

# FRENCH PLAN NEW PROVINCE

**Colonist Company  
 to Group Together  
 Thousands in  
 West.**

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—When Sir George Etienne Cartier promoted the formation of Manitoba in his capacity as a member of the government of the day, that statesman, who was always a patriotic French-Canadian, was credited, rightly or wrongly, with the ambition of making Manitoba a French-speaking province.

That dream, however, was never realized, but now some good people of the province, headed by Monsi. Allard, vicar-general to Bishop amard, have the same idea as did their distinguished compatriot of 30 years ago, with the exception that they would like to see the province in French.

What is called a western colonist company has been formed with a view to group together the settlers of the French race in a vast territory where they can form a small province, or at least a French-speaking district.

The territory, so they claim, is large enough to contain thousands of French-Canadians, and they also propose recruiting from the different French centers of the United States and Canada.

The leaders of the Valleyfield movement claim that if French-Canadian emigration to the Canadian west is to be of any value, it must be directed to the west.

The new movement will, therefore, seek to group the settlers together, and thus fortify French influence in the Canadian west.

# Mum Was the Word.

A notable feature of the Dovernign Bank situation was the extraordinary secrecy with which the whole transaction was carried out.

For a week before the denouement only a dozen men are said to have been on the inside, and they were absolutely faithful. It is stated that officers close up to the president were unaware of the details, and that the president alone held the plan of action.

On Friday afternoon, when the bank closed, no outsider knew anything of the facts, nor was the course to be taken disclosed until publication was determined upon.

# SCANDAL HIDES UNPLEASANT REVELATIONS

**Which May Affect  
 Some of Ireland's  
 Aristocrats.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The World to-day publishes the following cable despatch from Dublin:

"The robbery of the Irish crown jewels has now developed into an affair of state of the first magnitude. The astounding reports in circulation, involving... it is believed, a family of well nigh as great reputation as that of the Irish viceroys, himself, have compelled the government to ask parliament to establish by statute a special tribunal with full powers to probe the whole mystery to its foundation."

These jewels, worn by the sovereign at the installation of the Knights of St. Patrick, were kept in a safe in the office of Sir Arthur Vicars, officer of the order and the chief Irish Herald, styled Ulster King-at-arms.

That Sir Arthur Vicars was guilty of negligence in his measures for safeguarding the jewels, which are worth a quarter of a million of dollars, is admitted, but nothing further is alleged against him.

The keys of his office were at the disposal of others than himself, and, the report goes, this office, being situated in the most secluded part of gloomy Dublin Castle, was used by a coterie of officials of the castle and their confederates for midnight orgies.

Indeed, when the police ransacked the office, following the discovery of the robbery, they came across certain paraphernalia used by the participants in these gatherings.

Sir Arthur Vicars demands a public enquiry, knowing that his negligence will be dwarfed to triviality beside the disclosures affecting other and more important persons who may be implicated directly or indirectly in the scandal.

It is said here that a certain individual from London, known there as an abnormalist, was the ring-leader of these entertainments, and, having no official position whatever, was nevertheless entrusted with the keys of Vicars' office.

The theft, it is believed, was committed by one of these visitors to the castle, and that the thief, feeling confident in the peculiar circumstances surrounding the whole wretched affair, is satisfied the authorities would rather let the jewels go than stir up the scandal now everywhere discussed.

The individuals affected are the permanent officials of Dublin Castle, who are men drawn exclusively from aristocratic and landlord families. The Nationalist party intends to press for a public investigation on political grounds, to expose the class to whom the government of Ireland is entrusted.

# WELCOMED BY PEACE REIGNS

**Central Conservative  
 Association Opens Its  
 Doors to the  
 New Clubs.**

"The mildest meeting I ever saw." "I tell you it was pretty warm before awhile, but a regular love feast before they got thru."

"The latest affair I ever saw." These are varying opinions of the proceedings at the meeting of the Central Conservative Association on Saturday evening. The reader may choose what suits his temperament.

President Owen was in the chair and some thirty members were present, including Hon. Dr. Pyne, Claude Macdonald, M.P., Dr. Beattie Nesbitt and the ward association officers.

The business on hand was the ratification of the new constitution, and the conflict which has been raging over the admission of bodies other than the ward associations to representation was brought to a close.

Dr. Nesbitt fought for his friends as usual, and a compromise was effected. Recently the Toronto Conservative Club obtained representation and the right to send twenty-one delegates to nominating conventions. The latter provision was wiped out Saturday night, but the club, Sixth Ward Central Association, the Borden Club, the North-West Association and the North Toronto Club were given representation on the same basis as the ward associations.

The president, vice-president and secretary of each body will therefore be entitled to sit on the central. These, with the past presidents and the local members, will make up a body of over fifty in number.

# SLIPPERY SIDEWALK CAUSES MAN'S DEATH

**T. J. Kammerer Succumbs Within  
 Few Minutes After Fall  
 Near His Home.**

Thomas Jas. Kammerer, 36 Wooley-street, left his home at 9.30 o'clock last night to see a young lady to a car. Fifteen minutes later he was brought back to the house dead.

After leaving the young woman at Denison-avenue, and Queen-street the man started back. When near his home he slipped and fell. The body was noticed by a passerby, who summoned Drs. J. F. S. Killoran and G. B. Smith, who hurried to the spot. A large gash was found on the man's left temple, apparently caused by striking the pavement. Dr. Killoran said that death was due to concussion of the brain.

The body was removed to the house by A. W. Miles, undertaker, 336 College-street.

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# BRITISH HOUSE FACES PROGRAM

**Autumn Session Will  
 Likely Be Required to  
 Handle Many Co-  
 lossal Problems  
 Soon.**

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The third, and what promises to be the most critical, session of the parliament controlled by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will be formally opened on Jan. 29 by the King with all the traditional pomp and ceremony that marks the brief annual visit of the monarch to St. Stephen's. His majesty will be accompanied on this occasion by Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and any other members of the royal family who happen to be in England at the time, while to greet them in the historic chamber will be assembled the usual gathering of dignitaries.

**Irish Affairs.**  
 Irish affairs are sure to occupy much time, for besides the Irish university bill promised the Catholics, and a bill to deal with the grazing lands, over which cattle driving originated, the opposition has threatened to reply to the speech, which will enable them to have a say in the government's Irish policy. This will place Mr. Birrell, the secretary for Ireland, on the defensive in respect to what has been done, or what he has failed to do, as the Unionists predict.

It also is his failure to make a future policy. It will be the first big deal of the session and unless the younger nationalists are held in check, as likely a one as parliament has witnessed in recent years. After Ireland in point of public interest will come a dramatic issue bill to fight, which the brewers, distillers and license holders through the kingdom have already organized. The measure is not expected to meet all the demands of the temperance party. It will provide, however, that at the end of a specified period all licenses shall cease, and the granting of new licenses shall be placed in the hands of more or less public authority, thus establishing to some extent local option.

Should the brewers consider it prejudicial to their business, they may depend upon the house of lords there to reject it or to amend it.

**Old Age Pensions.**  
 Old age pensions occupy prominent place in the government program. The principle is supported by all parties, but on details there is a wide difference of opinion. The chancellor of the exchequer, will, it is believed, start a vote of five million pounds in which period all licenses were and a half million put aside last year for this purpose. This sum, the labor members contend, is inadequate even for a start, while on the question of how the money is to be applied there are hardly two opinions alike.

This one measure may, therefore, be expected to take up a lot of time. Being a matter of finance the lords have nothing to say on it.

The rest of the program includes another, the amendment to the education act, a bone of contention between the two houses, the right of the Scottish land valuation and land bills, rejected by the lords; a new valuation bill; a measure establishing eight and a half million working time in all mines; a bill for London with power to let all dues and new docks, which the owners of the docks are opposing, and a lot of housing and other reforms looking to the comfort, well-being and health of the poorer residents of large cities, which John Burns, secretary of the local government board, has devised after a careful study of the working of the similar measures in Germany and elsewhere.

**Interesting Budget.**  
 The budget will be not less interesting than the budget of the last session mentioned mean a great increase in expenditure, and when there is added an increase in taxation, the total increase in the national estimates to meet the German proposal, an extra million for the new army scheme, and a similar increase in the estimate, experts say the chancellor of the exchequer will have to find nearly ten million pounds more than was necessary last year, and if the expansion continues there will be a further increase of twenty-five millions next year.

**EAST MIDDLESEX LIBERALS.**  
 Hon. A. G. MacKay Was Present—Candidates Nominated.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—John McDougall was nominated for the legislature and Dr. C. A. Routledge, ex-M.L.A., for the commons by East Middlesex Liberals here to-day.

Hon. A. G. MacKay was cordially welcomed, and incidentally received some light on the sentiment of the public on the government's Niagara power policy.

It was in this way, T. H. Purdon, K.C., was referred to in a flattering way in Mr. MacKay's concluding remarks, dealing with the power question, and invited to speak. Mr. Purdon, who is in favor of cheap Niagara power, was visibly uneasy. When he did rise to speak he said that if there had been anything wrong in the dealings of the Ross administration as it affected the power question, it would be his duty to make things right. He believed in preserving the power for the people.

Mr. MacKay was not openly antagonistic to the power scheme, but claimed that not enough light had been thrown on the plan.

**PRIMROSA IDENTIFIED.**  
 NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Carlo Bruno, alias Primrosa, the Italian arrested in Toronto, who recently confessed to murder, reached New York to-night, and was fully identified.