

OFFICIAL INQUIRY HELD AT CHATHAM (Chatham World.) Chief Inspector Wilson has entered upon an official inquiry into the complaints of brutal conduct that have been made against two Chatham sub-inspectors, with all the ceremony of a Royal Commission. He has Mr. Hughes hired at \$25 a day and expenses; and Mr. McPeake, stenographer, who must be paid at least \$60 a day for reporting and transcribing the testimony. He neglected to bring a court clerk, sergeant-at-arms and clerk of the court in addition to the others. His cost, including traveling and hotel bills, must be about \$125 a day, not including his own salary. One witness swore that an inspector chubbed him, but the other witnesses did not see a club used. It was, however, shown that one of the inspectors struck a prisoner on the face with his flat. Mr. McDafe, who represented the G. W. V. A. asked that the scope of the inquiry be enlarged to cover charges against brutal conduct on the part of inspectors in other cases, and the High Commissioner consented and adjourned the inquiry to January 6th.

CONFESSES TO OPENING SWITCH ON C.P.R. AT VERONA Kingston, Dec. 23.—Frederick Scates, aged sixteen years, has confessed to opening a switch on the C. P. R. at Verona, allowing a passenger train to crash into some freight cars on a siding. As the result of the efforts of Engineer Colquhoun, Kingston, who remained at his post, the speed of the train had been materially reduced before it struck the freight cars, so that the result of the accident was less serious than it might have been. Some of the passengers and trainmen received a severe shaking-up. Mrs. C. H. Gillespie, Whitby, was injured about the face, and Conductor Craig, Kingston, was hurt about the knees. Scates was arraigned in the police court here today, and remanded for a week. His arrest was the outcome of investigations made by Inspector Moore, Toronto, who was assisted by Investigator Harper. Discovery of tracks in the snow from the switch to Scates' home, led to his arrest.

ROYAL BANK MAKES SPLENDID SHOWING Closes Its Golden Jubilee Year With Assets Beyond \$500,000,000. The Royal Bank of Canada is out with an Annual Statement that will in many respects, be regarded as the most notable it has ever forwarded to its shareholders. At a time when all Canadian banks are reporting important readjustments because of special financing undertaken on behalf of the government during the war period, the Royal Bank has not only forged steadily ahead, but is even able to report a gain in assets for the twelve months of well over one hundred million dollars. With this achievement the Royal is able to announce to its shareholders that at the close of its Golden Jubilee year its assets are away beyond the \$500,000,000 mark. Growth of Assets. An examination of the general statement of assets and liabilities shows that total assets now stand at \$533,647,084, being up from \$427,512,982 at the end of the fiscal year. Of this amount, liquid assets total \$273,908,862, against \$234,982,088, while loans and discounts have gained to \$232,834,879, as compared with \$183,748,892 a year ago.

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RETURNED MEN IN NEED FINDING READY RELIEF Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Good progress is being made in the payment of unemployment relief to returned soldiers and their dependents in some of the eastern cities. In others, where the cheques are not yet available, it is simply a matter of delay owing to the delivery, as all forms were sent from the Ottawa Headquarters of the Patriotic Fund at the same time. It is expected that as far east as Fredericton and as far west as Winnipeg payments will be under way by Christmas morning to relieve any cases of actual need. Married men and families are being cared for first, stated Brigadier-General Ross, who is in charge of the distribution, and while it is likely that before any further payments are made there will be a close scrutiny of the needs of all applicants, the tendency at present is to give the man the benefit of the doubt, and do what is possible to make his Christmas happier. Some complaints are already reaching the head office, but it is felt that in the main these are due to a too great anxiety, as the forms for dispensing the relief will be in the hands of every local branch as soon as the mails can get them there and the fund will be distributed in the most equitable manner possible.

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BRITISH SHIP'S CREW IN MUTINY Charges Preferred Against Eighteen Members of Crew of Steamer Michael. New York, Dec. 23.—Capt. Ashinwall will prefer charges of mutiny against the eighteen members of the crew of the British steamer Michael, who went on strike yesterday against the kind of food served on the vessel, he announced today, following consultation with the British Consul here. Whether he would bring his charges in this country or wait until the Michael gets back to England he would not state. The crew still was held today on charges of disorderly conduct. The ship has been in port since December 10th.

500 RETURNED MEN IN TORONTO ASK GOVERNMENT AID Toronto, Dec. 23.—Four to five hundred returned men were lined up this morning waiting their turn outside the offices of the Government Employment Bureau, King street, to prove they are unemployed and unable to get a job, and applying for \$50 a month of the Federal Government's grant for returned soldiers. Mrs. H. H. McAvity and Miss Nona arrived yesterday from Bermuda and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvity, 192 King street, East.

LENINE GOVT HARD PRESSED FOR READY CASH Soviet Couriers Bringing Diamonds and Jewelry Through Germany to Holland to Secure Campaign Funds. Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Lenin Government in Russia, balked by the world financial blockade from sending money abroad for propaganda purposes, is now conducting a huge traffic in confiscated jewels throughout Germany to Holland markets, according to the Handelsblad in connection with a charge that Communist member Lesser of Amsterdam, offered the Russian Emperor's diamonds for sale. "During the first months of the establishment of the Soviet Republic," says the Handelsblad, "Communists in Holland and Germany were supported by the Russian Bolsheviks with money from their treasury. Many checks on the great Dutch banks were cashed. But this method became unprofitable this year. Lenin and Trotsky had no more money to spare, for not only their Dutch friends, but the German Spartans especially used huge sums from the Russian treasury. "Now another way has been found. Soviet couriers have brought in diamonds and jewelry through Germany to Holland, and the amounts realized on their sale are used to continue the campaign. A Polisher who occupied an important post under the Bolsheviks in Petrograd has returned to Holland with his wife, who also is a Bolshevik and settled down in a provincial town. The wife has made several trips to Russia, coming back with jewels. Once she was stopped at the German frontier, but finally was permitted to enter Holland. Many large jewels of mysterious origin recently have been offered for sale on the Amsterdam diamond market."

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THE ROLL OF HONOR VETERANS' CREMY FLAVORS "A PERFECT PRODUCT" Eight weeks from the date of the reorganization of this company for the purpose of manufacturing this high grade non-alcoholic flavoring extract has been placed in practically every store of importance in St. John, Fredericton and Moncton. In some cases it has been impossible for our travellers to make appointments with buyers owing to the Christmas rush and publication of the following list of those dealers who have either stocked or ordered our goods is not intended as a reflection on other grocers as we feel sure that every store will be on the list after the first of the year. The following is the city list and wholesale distributors in Moncton and Fredericton. E. R. Robertson, Douglas Avenue Phone M. 3461 P. Nae & Son, 2-14 Main St. Phone M. 75 D. J. Purdy, 323 Main St. Phone M. 198 W. Lunney, 123 Main St. Phone M. 2166-21 J. E. Cowan, 99 Main St. Phone M. 1892-21 W. Logan, 554 Main St. Phone M. 720 E. J. Denyer, 391 Main St. Phone M. 3493-11 J. R. Vanwart, 124 Bridge St. Phone M. 2889 James Gault, 120 Bridge St. Phone M. 2124 F. S. Purdy, 96 Wall St. Phone M. 499 Butler's Cash Grocery, Cor. Paradise Row and Wall. Phone M. 2342 E. R. Coleman, 67 Winter St. Phone M. 479 R. E. Morrell, 49 Winter St. Phone M. 1484 J. E. McGrath & Son, 361 City Road Phone M. 2378 M. E. Grass, 16 Germain St. Phone M. 3771 B. J. Barton, Cor. Duke and Carmarthen. Phone M. 3674-31 M. A. Bowes, 197 Duke St. Phone M. 2817 Vanwart Bros., 193 Charlotte St. Phone M. 108 F. E. Williams, Cor. Charlotte and Princess. Phone M. 2575 Mrs. I. A. Catharin, 80 Britain. Phone M. 2997-31 Mrs. King, 65 Britain. Phone M. 1148-11 Mrs. E. Macaulay, Cor. Queen and Wentworth. Phone M. 777 Mrs. Pinehurst, 169 Pitt St. Wm. Cunningham, 157 Pitt. M. Gibbon, Cor. Pitt and St. James. Phone M. 1722-11 Lee J. Cowan, King St. Phone M. 3518 J. O. Lake, 83 Elliott Row. Phone M. 1494 E. W. Rowley, 78 Sydney St. Phone M. 1490 M. Brown, 63 St. Patrick St. John H. Doyle, Waterloo St. Phone M. 1412 Byron Bros., 75 Stanley. Phone M. 692 R. McKinnon, Main St., Fairville. Phone W. 135-11 St. John Co-operative Stores, Ltd., 46 Main St., Fairville. Allingham & Ross, Main St., Fairville. Phone W. 127-21 C. Rapley, 29 Main St., Fairville. T. Rippey, Ludlow St., West St. John. Phone W. 115-21 WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS Moncton city and district: J. F. Steeves, Toombs & Son, and Baird & Peters (Moncton branch). Fredericton city and district: A. F. Randolph & Sons and Kitchen Brothers, Ltd. MANUFACTURERS: Commercial Brokerage Co., Ltd., 99 Prince Wm. St., St. John, N. B.

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