PURCHASE BILL IS IN SENATE TODAY

With Small Majority There is Danger it May Not Pass.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—Both houses of parliament were evidently marking time today. The house was waiting for the federal franchise bill, while the senate was looking forward to the struggle over the Canadian Northern legislation which begins tomorrow. The franchise bill was not introduced today, and no one is quite sure when it will be, altho it was semi-officially announced that the government expected to go ahead with it on Thursday.

The senate today was the more active body of the two. The Conservative senators held a caucus this morning on the Canadian Northern bill and it was announced that Sir Janies Lougheed, on behalf of the government, would move the second reading of the bill tomorrow. It is thought the bill will pass, altho much significance was attached to the fact that Senators Montplaisir, Landry and Beaubien absented themselves from the caucus. It is also rumored that Senator Smeaton, erstwhile of the Montreal Gazette, may vote against the bill or at least absent himself when it comes before the senate. The Conservative majority in the senate being only 8, the bill is in some danger if all the Liberal senators vote against it.

This afternoon, by the way, the government had a close squeak in the senate on a snap division. The income tax bill was under consideration and Hon. Mr. Bostock moved an amendment increasing the exemption to married people according to the number of children they had. Hon. Dr. Sproule, who was in the chair, ruled that no amendment could be made to the money clauses of a revenue bill. Upon appeal the ruling was upheld, by a vote of 27 to 23, altho Senators Montplaisir, Landry and Ross of Middleton, N.S., all Conservatives, voted with the opposition.

The bill to amend and consolidate the Railway Act is still in the railway committee of the senate and will be up again for consideration tomorrow. A determined fight is being made against that clause of the bill which by retroactive legislation cuts the nerve of the electric ring in Toronto by forbidding any power company to maintain poles and wires or distribute electricity in a municipality without the consent of the municipality being first obtained. Senator Blain, who has taken an active part in promoting the bill, told The World tonight that he expected the bill to pass the senate with all amendments of interest to Toronto intact.

RIGHT RAIMENT FOR FORMAL AND SEMI-FORMAL FUNCTIONS AT SCORE'S.

Autumn days bring their full round of society events—some of them formal, more of them semi-formal. And when we have said this it is right and proper that we make mention here of the Score's special values in the made-to-your-measure morning coat and waistcoat. The woolens are very fine vicunas—grey and black; and for the trousers that go to complete the suit a choice of very fine quality hairline English worsteds. The coat and waistcoat, $28.00; the trouserings $7.00 and up. Formal and informal dress requisites in the "toggery" in splendid assortments. R. Score & Son, tailors and haberdashers, 77 King street west.

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Sept. 4.—The MacRobbie tragedy assumed a new aspect today when the charges of vagrancy against Smith, Scott and McAuliffe were dropped, and manslaughter charges in connection with the death of Dr. MacRobbie were preferred against them and Asselstine. This action was taken by the crown as the result of the verdict returned at the final hearing of the inquest on Monday night, when the jury connected the names of the above four men as being responsible for the death of the prominent physician. All four men showed signs of nervousness when they appeared in the court. Asselstine, who was arrested at 2.25 Monday morning upon his return from the Exhibition, looked frightened. They did not plead, but were remanded for a week on the new charges and sent to jail, where Smith, Scott and McAuliffe have been since the night the body was found.

The grim reaper was again busy in this city this evening, and three well-known residents were cut down. Mrs. William Swackhammer, aged 73 years, died in Mount Hamilton Hospital. The funeral will be on Thursday afternoon from all Carrick avenue, the residence of Wm. Harvey, her son-in-law. At 375 York street death claimed Rachel, widow of James Stevenson, and a resident of this city for 80 years. She was 85 years of age. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon to Hamilton Cemetery. Following an illness extending over several months, Mrs. Melissa J. Hopkins died at the home of her son, Larson, 20 Tom street, aged 71 years.

Shooting "crap" as a quick road to untold riches was strongly endorsed today in the criminal court by Bernard Baer, who stated that the game and his "rabbit foot" were responsible for his securing the greater part of $1400 which he was charged with stealing from the W. E. Sanford Company and the funds of the Jewish Cemetery. Judge Gauld found him guilty and remanded him for sentence.

Members of the works committee this evening gave their endorsation to the extensive parking scheme, drafted by City Engineer Gray and Chief Whatley. Altho it is not salary increase time, the fire, police and jail committee this evening recommended boosts of $15 a month to A. Sutherland, J. Hunter, William Berry and Arthur Auty, turnkeys at the jail. The appointment of R. Henderson, W. McIlwraith, B. Stewart and A. Walker to the fire department was recommended.

Full military honors will be accorded to the late Sgt.-Major R. T. Coote, whose remains will be laid to rest in Hamilton Cemetery this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Renison and Capt. W. G. Martin will officiate.

The city fathers were faced with another large expenditure today when seven tenders for the proposed four pumps at the beach station were received at the board of control meeting. Some months ago the cost of installing the pumps was estimated at $130,000, but it will likely be higher.

When fire tonight totally destroyed a frame barn in the rear of 349 and 351 North McNab street, owned by an Italian named Cinino, two horses were burned to death and three other horses in a barn nearby, which was partly destroyed, were only saved with difficulty.

The jury empanelled by Coroner Dr. Jas. Anderson to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of David Caplin, met this evening, and after considering the evidence submitted, returned a verdict to the effect that Capijn came to his death by being run over by G. T. R. express coaches on Sunday evening, August 26, and that no blame was attributable to anyone.

Hamilton bay claimed another victim this evening when William Hildreth was drowned about 7 o'clock, while bathing at Brown's wharf. The body was recovered a short time afterwards by Concannon, McGavin and Sullivan. He was 30 years of age, and resided with his mother, Mrs. Tobb, 287 North Emerald street. Coroner Balfe has decided to hold an inquest.

Three months in jail was the sentence imposed upon James Roznick by Judge Gauld in the criminal court this afternoon, when the former was found guilty of stealing $190 from another foreigner.

FARMER KILLED IN FIELD.

Special to The Toronto World.

St. Jacobs, Sept. 4.—Tobias Martin, a farmer, aged about sixty years, residing three miles southwest of here, was this afternoon found dead in his field. He was out with two horses attached to a hay rake, and it is supposed the horses ran away. Dr. Robinson found Mr. Martin's neck broken. No one saw how the accident happened. Mr. Martin was also a Mennonite preacher.

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CHRISTINE MILLER HEARD IN REMARKABLE CONCERT

Prima Donna Sings Series of Duets With Edison Re-Creation of Her Own Voice.

Miss Christine Miller, the celebrated mezzo-contralto, gave a remarkable concert last evening at the Foresters' Hall, when she sang with the Edison re-creation of her own voice. The result was weird, for so wonderful was the reproduction that it was impossible to tell when the actual voice was singing or the reproduction. Miss Miller has a wonderfully mellow voice and the program was one that was calculated to bring out her best qualities. She opened with Liddle's beautiful "Abide With Me," which she sung in unison with the re-creation and followed with "He Shall Feed His Flock," from the Messiah, but perhaps she was heard at her best in her rendering of "Scots Wha Hae wi' Wallace Bled," and "My Ain Countree," in which she sang a duet with the instrument, and the blending of the two, the original and the reproduction, had a remarkable effect. The ever-popular "Annie Laurie," which was also sung as a duet, was greeted with loud applause, and as an encore the gifted singer gave "Good-Bye Sweet Day." Other numbers were, "Bonnie Doon," and at the conclusion, "Old Folks at Home." She was assisted by Arthur Walsh, violinist who played with the re-creation of his own playing on the Edison machine, and the manner in which he played the quick passages, and kept in perfect time with the instrument was a very fine performance. The beautiful Romance of Becker and Tschaikowsky's melody showed off to perfection his wonderful touch and the clearness of his execution. An Edison re-creation of a piano solo by André Benoist, a base solo, "Young Tom O'Devon," by Arthur Middleton, a solo by Albert Spalding and a performance by the Concert Orchestra, concluded the program.

MEN NOT NEGLECTED AT THE EXHIBITION.

Amongst the many and varied attractions at the Toronto National Exhibition is one exhibit that is distinctive in its exclusiveness. It is the display of High-grade Men's Made-to-Measure Clothing shown by the House of Hobberlin, Limited. The tailoring of men's clothes in Canada has reached such a degree of perfection that it is only fitting to have this industry represented at the Exhibition.

The House of Hobberlin exhibit is of particular interest from several angles. Styles are here shown that are original and dignified, designed exclusively for this house to meet the taste of Canadian gentlemen. Men who are averse to faddishness in dress will find these styles smart while refined. The workmanship is masterful and will stand the closest scrutiny. Among the models shown is the new trench overcoat which will be widely worn this season by young men.

The new "Ulstarette," a snug, heavy overcoat for winter, invites special attention from those who like style with comfort. Suits perfectly tailored in dignified styles are also shown.

It may be a revelation to many visitors to know that Hobberlin made-to-measure clothes are worn by men all over Canada. The fact is very clearly demonstrated by a big map on which are marked the locations of towns and cities from coast to coast where Hobberlin tailoring agencies are established. The headquarters of this large Canadian tailoring institution is located in the heart of Toronto's business section, the corner of Yonge and Richmond streets, where each suit and overcoat is individually cut by hand and tailored on the premises in the largest and best appointed tailoring workshops in Canada.

Visitors are cordially invited to see the Hobberlin exhibition in the manufacturers' building, near the east entrance, also to visit the retail store and inspect Hobberlin values and see the new styles for fall and winter.

FRANCE WILL TRIPLE VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

Ally Finds Tonnage of Merchant Shipping Easily Increasible.

Paris, Sept. 4. — France expects to be able to construct three times as many vessels for the merchant marine during 1918 as during normal times before the war, according to announcement made officially today.

"A minute survey of the situation has just been completed," says the announcement, "which was conducted for the purpose of establishing precisely what supplies of metals and materials are available; what docks, quays and slips can be counted on, and what labor is at hand. The investigations convince us that the normal tonnage can be tripled and plans are now being made to carry out this work. The ministry of war has agreed to turn over to the merchant marine department several quays in one of its arsenals to facilitate the work."

BECK ENTRIES WIN ROCHESTER BLUES

Canadian Horses Showing Up Well at Rochester's Sixth Annual Horse Show.

Rochester, N.Y., Sept. 4.—The second day of Rochester's sixth annual horse show, held in connection with the tenth Rochester Industrial Exposition, was not so largely attended as was that of the opening day, when more than 31,000 persons passed within the gates, cramming all of the grand stands and overflowing into the show ring, but there was more verve and dash in the ring, more interest on the part of spectators and better contested classes than on opening day. A firmer turf made performances easier for the hunters and jumpers today. With continued good weather this year's show threatens to break all records for crowds and real class.

Altho Sir Adam Beck, Canada's foremost horseman, has not yet arrived for the show, his stables are keeping his name constantly before the horse show crowds. In fact all of the Canadian entries are showing well. The wonderful Beck entries won blues in the two classes in which they appeared yesterday. Sir Thomas and Melrose, from the Beck stables, won the blue in the hunter pair event as they did at the National show last winter, at Syracuse last summer, and at all of the Canadian shows. In the event for hunters and jumpers, a performance class which closed yesterday's show, Sir Thomas, a winner of the championship at the National last winter, took the blue.

Miss Nailer Also Wins.

Today there was another distinct Canadian victory when W. J. Blackburn's Miss Nailer won the blue in the middleweight novice hunter class, with Arbite, owned by Major Joseph Kilgour of Sunnybrook Farm, Canada, a close second, and Sir Adam Beck's Iona, one of the two new Beck entries this year, third.

Driftwood Blaze, the wonderful saddle horse, brought out last year by Jas. Hanley of Providence, won the blue today over Miss Isabelle Wanamaker's Cherrystone, which took second. Driftwood Blaze was obtained last year out of a consignment of British remounts secured by Colonel Bert Cox of Toronto, who had offered to mount the Mississauga Horse for the Canadian contingent of cavalry, but who afterwards changed his mind and sold off most of his string, reserving Driftwood Blaze as the star of the collection.

In the class for the best team of three hunters in one ownership, Major Kilgour's Touraine, Jap and Cobourg, of Sunnybrook Farm, Ontario, won the blue from Sir Adam Beck's Sir Thomas, Melrose and Melbourne, the event marking history as the first defeat for the Beck entries in Rochester. Touraine and the Jap are known the world over among hunter followers. Touraine swept the field at the last national show, and has also won high honors abroad. Another Kilgour entry in the same class, T. A. G., Billy Sunday and St. Julien, took third place.

Sir Adam Beck and party are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow to remain the rest of the week for the horse show.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

For the first time in many days there is a break in the heavy casualties among Canadians. The list issued today by the militia department contains only 146 names. Only one Canadian is reported killed in action, while eight have died of wounds. A large number are suffering from gas poisoning, making the list of those who went up against the gas barrels of the Germans and were incapacitated since the fighting reopened at Lens, a formidable one.

The list follows:

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—F. Fox, Dunnville, Ont.

Died of wounds—H. R. Thomas, Vancouver; 669065, Corp. P. Cass, 18 Sully Crescent, Toronto; 799477, H. M. McCartney, 66 Springhurst avenue, Toronto; W. G. Diner, Ingersoll, Ont.; B. Kendrew, Penhold, Alb.; J. C. Groom, Rosalea, Alb.

Wounded and gassed—Christopher W. Hall, Humboldt, Sask.; R. Lake, England; Lance-Corp. J. Smith; J. McMillan, Scotland; H. A. J. Libbey, Fort Saskatchewan, Alb.; B. J. Lockwood, England; J. S. Thorne, Mitchell, Ont.; A. G. Lonsberry, Warsaw, Ont.; Corp. D. A. Moore, Brandon; G. E. Langley, Grey, Ont.; P. Dredger, Winnipeg; W. L. McElroy, Winnipeg.

Gas poisoning—F. Brown, Moose Jaw; F. C. Oulton, Bayfield, N.B.; E. Parry, Wales; Lance-Corp. A. W. Laight, England! J. N. Meadowcroft, England; 251326, J. S. Mayer, 62 South Drive, Toronto; G. Davidson, Woodsville, N.H.; 681345, H. D. Jones, 171 Dundas street, Toronto; J. C. Murcklen, Penetang, Ont.; H. Doeg, Kirkland, Wash.; R. McCullough, Edmonton; A. J. McKay, Cape Tormentine, N.B.; Lance-Corp. J. Reid, England; W. A. McIlwraith, Red Deer, Alb.; A. McEwan, Scotland; M. Eady, Renfrew, Ont.; D. Orr, Ireland; M. R. Jones, Bangor, Sask.; T. L. Stevenson, Winnipeg; D. B. Brooks, Weymouth, N.S.; J. Coghill, Winnipeg; L. W. Burns, Boissevain, Man.

Wounded—434773, Act. Lance-Corp. J. S. Summerbell, 67 Lappin avenue, Toronto; S. Hetherinton, Faith, Alb.; P. V. Burns, Cayley, Alb.; C. Mutch, Provost, Alb.; H. Grist, England; C. Kermard, England; Sgt. J. Morrison, Delia, Alb.; 775671, J. Sinnett, 101 Chandos avenue, Toronto; P. Turner, Westboro, Ont.; A. Crawford, Scotland; H. Carey, Ireland; Alfred Kingsmill, Souris, Man.; 340373 H. G. Harvey, Hamilton; G. A. Estey, St. John, N. B.; C. J. Hinson, Uhtoff, Ont.; E. C. Anderson, Kenora; Sergt. A. Samson, Stellarton, N. S.; H. A. Morris, Welland; 228179 W. Craig, 216 Clinton street, Toronto; F. Towns, Ccronation, Alta.; 192212 J. J. Edwards, 3 Ravina Crescent, Toronto; A. Nelson, Ireland; 769663 J. Wallace, 306 West Adelaide street, Toronto; 769738 A. Hyndman, 116 Pickering street, Toronto; J. L. Jackson, England; Lance-Corp. Frank Boyne, Scotland; M. Gray, Scotland; E. W. Grengebeck, Walkerton; David C. Gunter, Frankford, Ont.; Sergt. W. T. Haines, England; 163289 G. Bissell, 113 Bathurst street, Toronto; 219170 F. Greer, 91 Borden street, Toronto; J. R. Dixon, Edmonton; D. McElroy, Ireland; Lance-Corp. O. H. Crocker, Kearney, Ont.; J. E. Skinner, Chatham, Ont.; T. H. J. Eisnor, England; R. Berthelett, Aubigny, Man.; A. L. Bevis, Cloverdale, B. C.; A. Brown, Scotland.

Reported wounded—H. S. D. Bugler, Campbellford; A. E. Chase, Port Arthur; W. Harrison, Keeler, Sask.; Lance-Corp. J. Dunn, England; H. T. Dickey, Perdue, Sask.; C. V. Doherty, Clinton; Reported missing, in error—A. T. Harkness, Exeter, Ont.

Dangerously ill—W. Hibbs, England.

Cancel report wounded, not now wounded—E. A. Sinclair, Hepworth, Ont.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Previously reported wounded, now died of wounds—J. W. Heslop, Crystall Hill, Sask.

Wounded—G. E. Richley, Vancouver.

Wounded, returned to duty—A. S. Palmer, Wilmer, B.C.

ENGINEERS.

Wounded—Spr. L. H. Ballard, Ottawa; Spr. W. S. Jones, Viking, Alta.; Spr. H. M. Bentley, Blyth, Ont.; Spr. T. McLelland, Scotland; Spr. S. T. Duggan, St. Andrews, N.B.

Gassed—Spr. J. Fowler, England.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Gassed—T. G. Wood, Vancouver; J. Frances Clark, Montreal.

SERVICES.

Gassed—Sapper A. S. Jones, Calgary.

Wounded and gassed—Act. Sgt. W. J. Burfeet, Ireland; R. G. Napthan, Woodstock, Ont.

Dangerously ill—681354, Act. Lance-Corp. Albert Lloyd Jones, 672 Pape avenue, Toronto.

ARTILLERY.

Died of wounds—R. K. Clarke, West Concord, N.H.

Gassed—Gunner A. Barrett, Montreal; Corp. W. G. Robins, Orillia, Ont.; J. G. G. Allan, Montreal; M. E. Hayden, Rosthern, Sask.; J. H. McQueen, Kingshead, N. S.; J. A. H. Johnston, Vancouver; R. Smith, Peterboro; J. S. Notley, England; D. Pattison, Vancouver; J. L. Wood, St. Albert, Alta.; 349027, G. E. Mannell, 54 Frizzell avenue, Toronto; F. C. Clifford, P. Clayton, L. Devere, England; J. S. Dick, Guelph; M. S. Lyall, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; L. M. Curry, Glace Bay, N.S.; E. J. Coumighan, Campbellford, Ont.; W. P. Musgrove(North Sydney, N.S.; 346954, R. M. Harris, 125 Gilmour avenue, Toronto; W. G. Henderson Ottawa; K. M. Kent, Montreal; J. I. Morrison, St. John, N.B.; J. Houssen Toose, Brantford; R. E. Quigley, Sydney, N.S.; H. S. Crosby, Halifax; J. N. Mitchell, Puelph.

Wounded—A. Burton, Homer, Ont.; W. H. Donohoe, Brockville, Ont.; 310512 H. M. Caney, 26 Cowan avenue, Toronto; E. M. Hutchinson, Ottawa; J. S. Irish, Utica, N. Y.; J. H. Johnston, Royal Oak, B. C.; H. Hankins, Vancouver; C. B. Darwin, Vancouver; Act.-Bomb. F. R. L. McAuley, Ottawa; C. Brock, Beamsville, Ont.

Seriously ill and wounded—158088 T. Gibson, 36 Allen avenue, Toronto.

BLINDNESS FOLLOWS CATARACT.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, Sept. 4.—Annesley Burrow, a Kingstonian, and a prominent newspaper writer in Detroit, is in a Chicago hospital facing blindness following an operation for cataract.

STEAMERS RUNS AGROUND.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, Sept. 4.—The steamer Howard W., running light, went aground today at Rock Island light, near Thousand Island Park. The steamer Cornwall, of Donnelly Wrecking Company, has been sent to her assistance.

CAN SETTLE IN FULL.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 4.—Another step in the liquidation of the Canadian Home Investment Company was taken this morning when G. Roy Long, on behalf of the liquidator, was granted permission by Mr. Justice Murphy to make settlement in full of all Nova Scotia claims against the company. The claims against the company in that province amount to $11,735, and the liquidator states that he has sufficient funds to make settlement in full.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE retreat from Riga is proceeding, with the enemy on the move against the Russian rear guards. Before quitting the city the Russians set fire to it, so that the enemy will derive little benefit from it as winter quarters. The Russians are retiring on the lake system in the Pskoff region, an easily defensible and strongly fortified line. It is not believed that the enemy will risk an advance on Petrograd by land, owing to the lateness of the present summer, for the season of mud and rains is fast approaching. His warships, however, have gained control of the Gulf of Riga, and they are shelling various points along the coast, as if preparing to land troops to attack the Russian communications. Whether the enemy has enough troops to spare for this enterprise is a problem. The country is easily defensible. He will not have the aid of spies and radical socialists, as he had in Riga, to show him the way. Unless he wins a decisive success he will not improve the military situation much by his present adventure, for he stands to immobilize larger forces than ever, if he occupies much more territory. This northwestern corner of Russia is sparsely populated.

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A victory is measured by captures of men and guns. The enemy claims that he has taken several thousand prisoners and 150 guns, or the artillery of a division and a half, not so great as the loss he sustained at Vimy Ridge and other battles. Riga is incomparable with Lens, which will fall in a brief period of time, for Riga represents a closed port on a closed sea, while Lens represents the capture of the Artois coal fields, one of the big prizes of the war. The inspired German papers forecast an attack on the Gulf of Finland and Petrograd by the German fleet as the next item on the program. The enemy evidently expects that the Russian sailors, disorganized by the pro-German propaganda, will deliver the Russian navy into his power. The news of the German naval control of the Gulf of Riga and the coming attack on the Gulf of Finland suggests that the root of the trouble is not so much disaffected troops as disaffected sailors. The land situation depends greatly on the situation at sea, when no fortified coast prevents a landing of troops.

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The Japanese have massed a large force on the Manchurian frontier and are ready to advance to the aid of the Russians, according to a Munich newspaper. Coming from an enemy source the report may be received with caution, but the recent signs of closer co-operation between Japan and the allies probably portend something of this kind. The Japanese could give great assistance in replacing the disaffected among Russian troops, and their great valor would furnish a contagious example, shaming the sluggards into action. They would arrive in just about the time for a battle in the Russian interior on a front of greater breadth, which could not be held continuously and, if the Germans lost the battle, they would have to beat a disastrous retreat.

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The Canadian forces encroached further on the outskirts of Lens when they advanced 250 yards on a front of 600 yards northwest of the town. They have got within a stone's throw of the big houses in the heart of Lens. The British are devoting a great deal of their artillery attention to the situation in Flanders. They are keeping up a continuous bombardment of Roulers and their pressure is compelling the enemy to evacuate northwestern Belgium as far as the Ostend-Thourout-Cambrai line. The French are engaging in great artillery actions on the Chemin-des-Dames and on both banks of the Meuse. The London critics believe that the allies are preparing for a knockout blow, if possible, before winter.

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The Italians have done enough to convince the allies that they can win a decisive victory on the Isonzo front, if given the necessary guns, shells, airplanes, tanks and other supplies. They are engaging the Austrians in heavy actions, while another war conference will decide whether they will attempt a winter campaign against the interior of Austria-Hungary.

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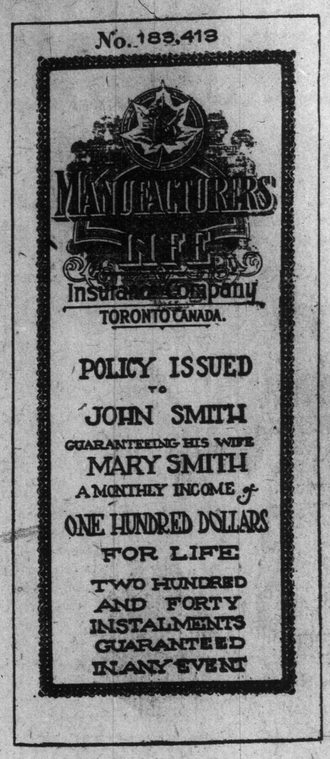

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