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## SEN. COX WHY HE OWNS CANADA LIFE

**Takes Stand Before Royal Commission—Owns or Controls 57 per cent. of Stock, Spurred On by Resolution Passed in 1891, Directed Against Monopolizing, and Declares He Has Never Interfered in the Board's Policy.**

Hon. George A. Cox, president of the Canada Life Assurance Co., appeared before the Royal Commission on Insurance yesterday afternoon to tell about his company. No startling admissions have been made as yet by the head of the Canada Life. He told an interesting story of how he came to get on the board of the Canada Life, and admitted that he held the controlling interest. Incidentally, in speaking of the risk insurance companies were under, he mentioned two fire insurance companies doing business in the United States whose capital had "been wiped out in five minutes" by the Frisco earthquake.

There will be no sitting of the commission to-day, owing to the absence of Judge McTavish.

The appearance of Hon. Mr. Cox in the box at the afternoon session was the cause of lively interest.

Senator Cox mounted the stand and

## HON. FRANK OLIVER, EDITOR, BLUE PENCILS REPORTS TO SUIT HIMSELF

**How Minister of Interior Defends Presentation of Garbled Literature to Commons—His Department Under Criticism.**

London, May 30.—It is feared the British navy will lose one of its best vessels, the first-class battleship Montagu, which struck on the rocks at Lundy Island, Wednesday, and, according to latest reports received at Devonport at midnight, is not likely to be refloated.

Naval experts are of opinion that to attempt to refloat the Montagu under present conditions will mean her disappearance in 30 fathoms of water, as she is fixed precariously on a ledge and is in danger of overturning.

If possible an attempt will be made to patch up the vessel before any attempt is undertaken to float her off.

Bristol, May 30.—The Montagu struck on a granite cone, southwest of Lundy Island, known as Shutter Point, at 2.10 in the morning, and remains on the rocks with a bad hole in her bottom. Several of her compartments are full of water and the engine room, boiler rooms and stoke holds are flooded, and with the water still gaining.

She has lost both propellers and her wireless apparatus and besides has several holes in her plates.

The battleship Duncan and a number of tugs and other vessels are on their way to assist her.

The Montagu was proceeding to Penzance for the forthcoming manoeuvres, and apparently missed her course in a fog.

The Montagu is a first-class steel battleship. She was launched in 1903, cost about \$3,250,000, and carried a crew of 750 officers and men.

Little is as yet known as to what happened when the vessel struck. All the members of the crew were saved, but several of the men had limbs broken or were otherwise injured. It is reported that something of the nature of a panic occurred when the Montagu struck.

## THE TANGLED LINE



CANUCK, to STRATHCONA: "Come over and help us."

## BIG BRITISH BATTLESHIP RUNS ON A ROCKY LEDGE LIKELY TOTAL LOSS

**H.M.S. Montagu, Which Cost \$5,250,000 in 1903, in Serious Plight—Crew of 750 Saved, Some With Injuries.**

Ottawa, May 30.—(Special.)—R. L. Forde addressed the house today in support of his resolution for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the abuses respecting the public lands in the Northwest.

He quoted from the recent speech of James J. Hill, at Winnipeg. The growth in the Northwest, present and future, was to be in a great measure attributed to our vast public domain. The lands in the United States being all taken up, the tide of immigration must flow to Canada. Since 1898 the policy of the government had been to withdraw all jurisdiction over the public lands from the governor in council, and to not do the same with the minister of the interior. We had made this minister a despot. A new "Doomsday Book" could be easily made up, filed with the names and holdings of the personal and political friends of the minister of the interior. Vast areas had been assigned to syndicates at prices far below the market value. Mr. Oliver himself had recently stated that as the law now stood it had the power to sell every acre of public lands at not less than \$1 per acre, the speaker hoping that this interpretation of the statute was not correct.

In 1902 the Saskatchewan Land Co. obtained from the government 25,000 acres. The same parties, as a railway company, obtained an additional million acres. The price paid was about \$1 per acre.

Mr. Thomson, a strong Liberal, and a man who fairly worshipped the prime minister, had stated in The Boston Transcript that the value of these lands was well known, that in 1901 a year or two before the grant was made. He had not hesitated to charge collusion between Adamson, M. P., who represented the purchaser, and the government. In 1902 there was a great demand for western land.

Referring to the regulations concerning mineral lands, the speaker asked why there should be a mining code for the Yukon and none for the Northwest. The statute withdrew lands upon which coal, oil or minerals might be found, from sale and settlement. A few days ago, order was made transferring all the minerals that might thereafter be found in a strip of land extending thousands of miles to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Grazing leases received attention. Up to 1901 these were determinable upon two years' notice by the government. The law was then amended to place no limit upon the powers to lease in the hands of the governor in council between April 1 and Aug. 1, 1905. Irrevocable leases had been made aggregating 37,741 acres. One concern, the Grand Fork Cattle Co., in one day received two leases, both irrevocable, aggregating 96,373 acres.

Mr. Borden then touched upon the timber leases were made perpetual leases, thereby enormously increasing their value. Who benefited? T. A. Brown (Dauphin), the brother-in-law of Mr. Sifton, then minister of the interior, holds timber berths aggregating 1,000,000 acres.

## FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE

**George Stanley Claims He Was Condemned by Press and Public Before Trial.**

Windsor, N.S., May 30.—(Special.)—George Stanley, whose trial for the murder of Freeman Harvie, near Eidersherouse, Hants County, has been going on for the past few days, was found guilty yesterday, and sentenced to be hanged on Aug. 1.

Before sentence was pronounced, Stanley made a most forcible speech in good language. He charged the judge with not having given him a fair trial. He said he was tried and condemned last February by The Halifax Herald, that the press and all the people, including the officers of the law, were prejudiced against him. Everybody that came near him since he was confined in jail was against him.

"I am not guilty of this dreadful offence; I am not guilty," were his excited words. He reiterated: "I am innocent of this awful crime with which I am charged."

He concluded by saying that he was offered up as a terrible sacrifice on the altar of prejudice and party.

The practice has been going on since the prisoner was led away. He walked with firm step.

## ROBBED OF \$1,000,000 BY FAKE PRINTING BILLS

**Startling Discovery by Grand Jury Which is Investigating the Mutual Life.**

New York, May 30.—The Tribune says: The special grand jury, in its investigation of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.'s affairs, obtained evidence yesterday that many thousands of dollars were taken annually for twenty years from the treasury of the company by means of fake bills, purporting to be for printing and supplies for the company, furnished thru the firm of George McKibben & Son, bookbinders, 35 Park-street. Part of the evidence was furnished by George McKibben, head of the firm, who was a witness in the afternoon.

It was said about the criminal courts building yesterday afternoon that the unearthing of such proofs of fraud probably would result in indictments against former officials of the Mutual, who had guilty knowledge of the frauds. The entire amount of money taken from the Mutual's treasury in such fashion, it is believed, amounted to more than \$1,000,000.

An official of the Mutual said yesterday that since the change in administration, a saving of \$100,000 a year to the company in the expenses of the company's office building at 32 Nassau-street had been provided for by ordinary methods of economy. A saving of \$15,000 a year in the cost of coal burned in the buildings' steam plant was obtained merely by changing the size of coal.

## Michael Davitt is Dead Result of a Bad Tooth

**Famous Irish Leader Succumbs to Blood Poisoning—His Career Full of Exciting Incidents—First Elected to Parliament While in Prison.**

Dublin, May 30.—A notable career closed to-night when, after a long and painful illness, Michael Davitt died peacefully and painlessly at 12 o'clock in the presence of his eldest son, Michael, and his two daughters, who had devotedly attended him thru his illness, and of many of his most intimate friends, including John Dillon. Shortly before his death, Father Hatton had been with him.

Mrs. Davitt, who had been in constant attendance on her husband until a few days ago, when she herself was taken ill, lies prostrated in the same hospital, too weak to leave her room. She has not yet been informed of her husband's death. It is stated that Mr. Davitt left a written message.

Great sympathy has been displayed by all classes of society during Mr. Davitt's illness. To-day the hospital was besieged by anxious enquirers. John T. Redmond, leader of the Irish party in parliament, was a frequent enquirer by telephone from his house of commons, and gave up his proposed continental trip over the Whitnuntide holidays in consequence of the condition of his friend, the father of the Irish Land League.

After a rally last night Mr. Davitt was able to speak to those at his bedside, but soon showed that he was dying.

Among the last callers at the hospital to-night was Lord Hemphill on behalf of Earl Aberdeen, lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess of Aberdeen, who had been in the city for the representation of South Mayo in parliament in 1899, but to the last took a keen interest in the politics of his country.

Death was due to blood poisoning, which followed two operations for necrosis of the jaw bone, and spread so rapidly that all efforts to stay its course were unavailing. Mr. Davitt's illness began with an insidious attack of toothache, to which he paid little attention until John Dillon urged him to have recourse to medical advice.

For some time there were hopes of his recovery, but the state of his health, which was undermined by exertions at the recent general elections, greatly hindered his progress.

## TORONTO MAN IS DROWNED WHILE BATHING IN MUSKOKA

**James Morrison of Gordon, Mackay & Co. Meets Death in Gull Lake.**

Gravenhurst, May 30.—(Special.)—James Morrison, 28 years of age, manager of the furniture department in Gordon Mackay & Co., Toronto, was drowned in Gull Lake here to-day.

Morrison had gone out canoeing and when he did not return for lunch a party after an hour's search, found the body in 12 feet of water. As the clothing had been removed, it is supposed he went in bathing and not being able to swim, got beyond his depth.

Morrison, a young Scotchman, had been in this country a little over a year and made his home at 57 Wood-street, in this city. He left for Muskoka Monday on a two weeks' vacation.

Two brothers live at 103 Church-street. As a member of St. James-square Presbyterian Church, he took an active interest in the work of the church's society. The remains will be brought to Toronto and the funeral will be held from 37 Wood-street.

## NEW INSURANCE INSPECTOR

**Humor Which Includes Names of Dr. Hunter an Aid. Fleming.**

There is a circumstantial story in circulation among the east end Conservatives to the effect that the retirement of Dr. J. Howard Hunter, provincial inspector of insurance, is soon to be announced, and that his successor will be Aid. Robert Fleming. Aid. Fleming is grand secretary and secretary for the Canadian Order of Odd-fellows.

Aid. Fleming last evening fatly denied any knowledge of getting such a position. He said he had never applied for it, and this was the first he had heard of it.

## FALLS HEADLONG INTO FIRE

**Immigrant Seized With Epileptic Fit in Front of Log Fire.**

Winnipeg, May 30.—A horrible fatality occurred to-day at Wynnton, a summer resort about 50 miles from here, when an English immigrant named George Griffin, while standing in front of a great log fire, was seized with an epileptic fit and fell headlong into the flames. He was dead when found a few minutes later.

## MAY AGREE.

**Mayor Says City and Railways Are Shaping Towards Terms.**

Ottawa, May 30.—(Special.)—Mayor Cootworth stated to-night that indications were favorable for the city and the railway companies coming to an agreement respecting Yonge-street bridge.

## ARTILLERY TRAINING.

**(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)**

London, May 30.—Answering Col. Herbert, R.B. Haldane, war secretary, said his attention had been called to the mode of training in Canada, which he believed was much more successful than had been anticipated by artillery experts in this country. The whole matter will be under consideration.

## 50,000 CIGARETS SEIZED.

**Sailors of "Montreal" Crew May Be Arrested for Smuggling.**

Montreal, May 30.—(Special.)—Fifty thousand cigarettes were seized on the steamer Montreal to-day by customs officers, and it is said that a member of the crew will be arrested and charged with systematic smuggling.

The practice has been going on for some time. German cigarettes from Antwerp being the great temptation.

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Mar. 31.  
Grand Orange Lodge, Victoria Hall, 9.  
Toronto Central Methodists, Broadway Tabernacle, 9:30.  
Methodist W. M. S., Dunn-avenue Church, 9:30.  
Railway commission, city hall, 10.  
South York Teachers' Convention, county buildings, 2.  
Northwest Rensselaers' Association, Brockton Hall, 8.

## DEATHS.

CHALK—Sarah A. Chalk, youngest daughter of the late Robert Chalk of Port Hope, died Wednesday, May 30th, at 124 King West, Toronto.  
Interment at Port Hope Friday at 2 p.m. Friends will please not send flowers.

MURRAY—On Wednesday morning, the 30th of May, 1906, at his late residence, 318 Wellington-street West, Martin Murray.  
Funeral Friday morning, June 1st, at 8:30 to St. Patrick's R.C. Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

WATSON—At her father's residence, 40 Munro-street, on Wednesday evening, May 29th, 1906, Annie Gertrude, beloved and only child of Michael and Annie Watson, aged 12 years.  
Funeral Friday, June 1st, at 8:45 a.m., from the above address to St. Paul's Church, and thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

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## WARM WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 30.—(8 p.m.)—Shows have been generally from the south portion of Saskatchewan to Lake Superior. Elsewhere with the exception of a few light showers in the southern Ontario, the weather has been fine. The outlook is becoming more favorable for warmer conditions.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 50-60; Vancouver, 48-62; Edmonton, 44-70; Calgary, 40-50; Qu'Appelle, 40-58; Winnipeg, 46-60; Port Arthur, 40-44; Parry Sound, 32-54; Toronto, 42-62; Ottawa, 38-64; Montreal, 46-64; Quebec, 40-68; St. John, 40-54; Halifax, 38-46.

Probabilities.—Moderate to strong winds, mostly from the south; fair and a little warmer. A few local showers or thunderstorms. Friday warm.

Lake Superior—Moderate winds, mostly from the south; fair and a little warmer. A few local showers or thunderstorms. Friday fine and warm.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fine and warmer to-day and on Friday.

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## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

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