

PIGSLEY-WEEDIE FRENZIED FINANCING

How Nearly a Million Dollars, in Connection With The Central Railway, Were Tossed About Without Any Special Guardianship, or Any Reasonable Prospect of Anyone Being Called Upon to Account.

Chief Justice Landry and His Fellow Royal Commissioners Found that Nearly \$135,000 of the People's Money was Misappropriated and Diverted From Its Proper and Legitimate Channel.

As is well known, the old Provincial Government opposed every attempt of the Central Railway to have the affairs of the railway investigated. On the coming into power of the Hazen Government in 1908, a Royal Commission was appointed to investigate the affairs of that railway. The Commission was composed of His Honor Chief Justice Landry and Messrs. F. Macdougall and A. I. Teod. The finding of that Commission makes it clear that the enterprises were chiefly promoted by Honorable L. J. Tweedie and Honorable William Pugsley, the controlling influence of the latter being evident from the beginning to the end.

"In ordinary course of business the company's interests and those of the province, from whom it received all its resources, would have been in a business sense antagonistic. Therefore we believe good business demanded that the Provincial Secretary and the Attorney General remain outside the company. These as members of the government they would have been in a position to have seen to it that stipulations safeguarding the provincial treasury were lived up to, as it worked out, by their position in the company as members of the government, their influence was paramount, representing as they thus did all the capital invested. By their presence in the House of Assembly, on the other hand, they were able from their knowledge and control of the company's affairs to present such statements as were necessary to allay the suspicions of the Legislature, and conceal from the country the true state of affairs.

"We believe the directors of the company, and especially the ex-officio directors, are responsible to the province for an accounting. They should be called upon to submit an account showing the expenditure of \$985,739.75 which the company has received from the province. What steps should be taken to enforce this finding we hardly feel called upon to determine.

\$135,000 Misappropriated

"We find, putting the most charitable construction on the entire transaction, that \$134,035.35, stated in our recapitulation, following Statement 'C' given as unaccounted for, was misappropriated, and diverted from its proper and legitimate channel. "Considering that the doors were never locked—that nearly a million dollars were tossed about without any special guardianship, or any reasonable prospect of any one being called upon to account, that temptation in its most seductive form was continually in the path of the politicians interested, it is not very difficult to understand how an amount even larger than \$134,035.35 might well have been switched from its legitimate course. The \$39,000 underpaid Evans & Eldkins on their option, we have not the slightest doubt forms part of the total shortage.

How Huge Sums Were "Juggled."

The rest of the story how nearly a million dollars were tossed about without any special guardianship and how nearly one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars was unaccounted for, was misappropriated, and diverted from its proper and legitimate channel, is told by the Commissioners as follows:

"On the fact of it the motive of the promoters as stated to develop the coal mines of Queens County. Responsible and respectable men from various parts of the province were obtained to lend their names as directors, and from the fact that \$430,000 of the total \$500,000 authorized capital was to be distributed as Founders' shares, we conclude that the interest of parties has visions of ultimate large profits, with absolute certainty of no personal loss.

"As shown in the earlier pages of this report, the coal found inexpedient to even attempt to develop the mines in a large way. Thus at an early stage original visions of profit made, must have departed, and a decision called for as to the abandoning of the expenditure of the \$250,000 intended for the coal development. However, it would seem that the prospect of spending large sums of money under cover of the company was too alluring to be resisted, accordingly a stage name was adopted, and the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's existence was continued. How much better it would have been for the province had these moneys been expended directly by the government, and a yearly account of the expenditures published in the public accounts.

HAIR CAME OUT IN GREAT COMBFULS

Little Hills of Dandruff Itched Badly on Child's Scalp. Would Burn, Itch and Smart. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed.

TRIP TO CALIFORNIA; TRIP TO BOSTON

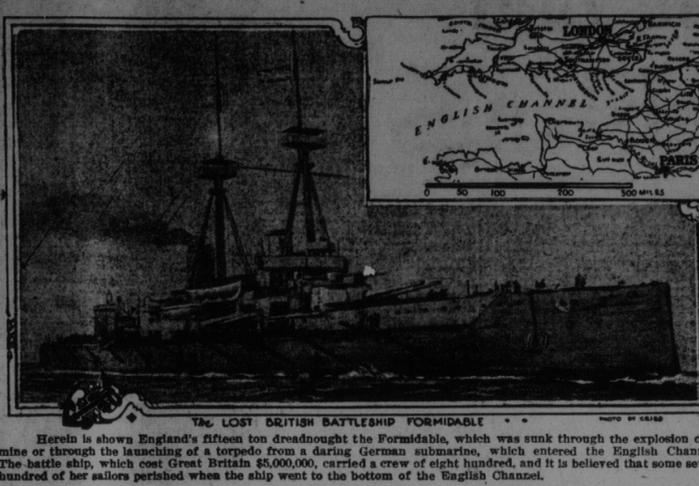
Dr. J. D. Maher's Drawing Takes Place.

"It is also clear to your Commissioners that it was never the intention of those controlling the company to keep books of accounts for public information. For there was never any complete working organization of the company, or special officers secured whereby method and system could have been pursued. The misuse made of the moneys, the fact that the advances far outran, particularly in the earlier stages, legitimate expenditure, made it imperative that to conceal the truth no uniform system of bookkeeping be adopted. It is claimed the Barnes Construction Company kept books, which could not be produced, but we are by no means satisfied that they were not intentionally concealed. From the evidence before us and from a careful study of the bank accounts and other matters by which we could trace the disbursements of moneys, we have no hesitation in stating that, especially during 1902, the moneys used up and liabilities incurred far outstripped any legitimate expenditure that was being made, the difference we believe to have been misappropriated, otherwise sufficient money would have been on hand to have paid current bills, leaving the government in this respect a clear sheet when taking over the road in 1905.

"I put on the Cuticura Ointment at night and in the morning washed it with warm water and Cuticura Soap. This is completely cured.

Mr. W. H. Magee, Campbellton, N. B., and William Britney, 117 Erin street, St. John, were the lucky persons in the drawing which Dr. J. D. Maher, of the Boston Dental Parlors, arranged for some time ago. Every person who had made an expenditure to the extent of twenty-five cents in the Dental Parlors was entitled to a ticket in the drawing for a free trip to Boston and return. This is the sixth or seventh drawing of the kind. All of them have been very satisfactorily managed, and this year thousands of persons have been interested. There is also a trip from Halifax to Boston and return, and a trip from Halifax to California and return. The interests of the Halifax ticket holders were fully protected in the drawing, but the register of ticket holders is held in Halifax, and it is necessary to send to that city for the names of the winners, which will be presently announced.

BRITISH BATTLE SHIP BLOWN UP IN ENGLISH CHANNEL.



Herein is shown England's fifteen ton dreadnought the Formidable, which was sunk through the explosion of a mine or through the launching of a torpedo from a daring German submarine, which entered the English Channel. The battle ship, which cost Great Britain \$5,000,000, carried a crew of eight hundred, and it is believed that some seven hundred of her sailors perished when the ship went to the bottom of the English Channel.

SENT TO JAIL FOR ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD CREDITORS

Judgement in case of Moses O. Thomas, a Liverpool, N. S. merchant.

Moses O. Thomas of Liverpool, N. S., has been convicted of fraud and sentenced to six months in jail by Judge Pelton. In the judgment of Mr. Justice Ritchie in the civil suit restores to the Thomas estate over \$12,000 of merchandise, which he had sold for \$1,850 previous to the assignment to the official assignee for Queens County, N. S.

ment there was a quantity of goods in the store occupied by Moses O. Thomas at Milton which the defendant claims to own under a verbal purchase from Moses O. Thomas made before the written transfer of the 3rd of October. These goods were in the store at Milton in which Moses O. Thomas carried on business and were therefore in his possession. Any possession of the goods in the store taken by the defendant after the 3rd of October was in my opinion merely a step in the fraudulent scheme. It was contended that evidence was given for the defendant that these goods were kept separate and distinct from the other goods upstairs in the store. On the other hand Sheriff Drew says, "There was no cross spaces or partitions between those goods. I am swearing positively to that. There was no space between them. Goods were piled as if they had just been thrown in."

INDIGESTION ENDED, STOMACH FEELS FINE

"Pape's Diapiesin" fixes sour, gassy, upset stomachs in five minutes.

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POLICE COURT.

One drunk was remained yesterday morning and two were fined \$8 or two months in jail. A man who had been going to the police station for protection, was locked up on a charge of drunkenness. The magistrate said he would have to get out and struggle for an existence. F. A. Dykeman was charged with infringement of two sections of the traffic by-law. It appeared that on Tuesday afternoon Mr. Dykeman in his auto was proceeding down Mill street on the left hand side and passed a street car going in the same direction. After crossing he saw two teams approaching, and in consequence the traffic was held up for a few minutes. He was fined \$10. Mr. Dykeman gave notice of appeal from the decision.

Elect Officers for 1915.

Newcastle, Jan. 5.—The officers of Caledonia Band of Hope, Douglastown, of Temperance, for ensuing quarter are as follows: Stewart Geikie, Pres.; Mayne Mullin, vice-pres.; Burton Anderson, Sec.; Clyde Gulliver, assist.-sec.; May Russell, treas.; Audrey Bule, fin.-sec.; Bertha Atkinson, conductress; Norman Dickens, guide; Arthur Roy, sentinel; Wm. Jessamin, organist.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Royal. D W Burns, Strathool, Ont; Chas E Oak, Banor; R W Wand, New York; Geo A Robinson, G A Wright, Montreal; S M Hazelwood, New Britain, Ct; W J Robins, New York; J R Brown, Ottawa; H A Finlayson, Halifax; Geo Watt, Chatham; E Chagnon, Matopied; Dalyn Mont Loo, M W Lippman, Montreal; L A Demers, J T Rowan, Ottawa; J B Gregory, Fred P Robinson, Fredericton; D J Buckley, Newcastle; J I Bennett, London, Eng; J D Foster, Boston; H W Donaldson, New York; E F Green, St. Vernon; L G Wood, Sackville; H R Milner, Edmonton; J M Spear, Sussex.

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FISHING LOTS ON MARKET

Sales Not as Brisk as in Other Years—Some Objection to Upset Prices.

The sale of the city fishery lots was held in the County Council chamber in the Court House yesterday morning. The Commissioners with the Common Clerk were present and Roy F. Potts was auctioneer. The bidding was not very brisk and the fishermen seemed to think that the city was not giving them a square deal. Some of the lots with an upset price on them were withdrawn. In some cases the city advanced on their upset price, and one of the fishermen seemed to think that this was illegal and has decided to get an opinion on the matter. The sale was adjourned till the first Tuesday in February, when lots not disposed of yesterday will again be offered. Unless they bring good prices the total revenue will be the smallest in the history of the city, due particularly to the decrease in value of the Carleton shore lots. The prices realized for the lots sold were:

Navy Island	
1 and 7—Not sold
2—J. M. Christopher 602.00
3—A. Lamereaux 1.00
4—A. Lamereaux 4.00
5—A. Lamereaux 10.00
6—A. Lamereaux 5.00
8—H. Belyea 602.00
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Strait Shore	
1 and 2—Jos. Vall06
3—O. Wilson10
4—A. O. Wilson15
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Courtenay Bay	
A 100—E. S. Toole \$102.00
B 10—E. S. Toole 101.00

A recapitulation shows the total prices for the different localities during the past three years:

1915	1914	1913	
\$1,224.00	\$1,001.20	\$2,237.50	
Strait Shore	51.70	43.80	52.40
Carleton Shore	1.60	862.75	885.05
Courtenay Bay	203.00	1.10	.....
.....	\$1,489.20	\$1,908.83	\$3,175.95

During the past eighteen years the fisheries have sold as follows:

1898	..... \$3,713.05
1899	..... 3,748.65
1900	..... 4,411.30
1901	..... 5,593.20
1902	..... 4,692.85
1903	..... 2,411.60
1904	..... 3,851.05
1905	..... 5,191.05
1906	..... 6,058.85
1907	..... 6,187.00
1908	..... 6,837.45
1909	..... 1,516.35
1910 5,180.30
1911 5,204.95
1912 3,874.45
1913 3,175.95
1914 1,908.85
1915 1,489.20

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