

# HARD BLOW TO ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE

## Insurance Rates Not To Be Cut Now

London Believes Ottawa Government Will Pay Part of Cost

## British Public Feel That Disaster was Unavoidable and Not the Result of Carelessness or Worse—C. P. R. Offices in British Capital Besieged by Relatives of Lost Ones.

London, June 2.—Cables from Canada inform us that the disaster is "the subject of amazement throughout the Canadian press," which insists that the catastrophe was perfectly avoidable. This attitude has not been adopted by the English newspapers. The comments continue to follow the line indicated by the Canadian Associated Press on Saturday, namely, that even with the most modern appliances and complete precautions man is not yet master of the sea.

It is obvious, though that the disaster will have an extremely depressing effect on Canadian insurance. Underwriting substantial concessions were recently contemplated in regard to premiums and conditions but the latest loss will result in general stiffening of the rates regarding St. Lawrence risks. The opinion in well informed quarters is that the dominion government will now contribute toward the cost of insurance to offset lower charges on New York and other competing routes.

## \$140,000 IN MONEY ORDERS WENT DOWN WITH EMPRESS

Post Office Department to Issue Duplicates and Forward Them to London.

Montreal, June 2.—Those who sent money orders to Europe which were lost on the Empress of Ireland will not be "out of pocket," as duplicates of the money orders, held at Ottawa, will be copied and despatched to London. The parties concerned will be notified, and paid the money at their nearest post office. It is estimated that over \$140,000 in money orders went down in the St. Lawrence mail bags.

## EMPRESS' LOSS A HARD JOLT TO UNDERWRITERS

\$2,000,000 on Hull and Half a Million on Cargo Outside the Lost Bullion from Cobalt.

London, June 2.—On the first report of the Empress of Ireland catastrophe, \$2,000,000 was mentioned as the approximate cargo liability to be added to the insurance of £400,000 on the hull, but now it is feared that the liability will be far in excess of this.

The stocking of the government salmon pond at Little River was begun last week and already several pontoon loads of fish have been placed in the pond to rebuild necessary this spring. The pond is being refilled with water by high tides and ice this morning.

## HINDUS GIVE UP FIGHT TO ENTER CANADA

Vancover, June 2.—The Hindus on board the Komagata Maru have decided to give up their fight to gain admission to Canada and will return to India.

# FENIAN RAID BILL HAD A CLOSE CALL

## Beaten in Senate by One Majority, Senator Poirier Reverses Himself

## GETS LEAVE TO CHANGE

Shediac Man Says He Didn't Understand the Motion—Sir Charles Tupper One of the Nova Scotians Who Bagged the \$100—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Senator Roche Entitled to Grant, But Didn't Apply for It.

Ottawa, June 2.—A government bill narrowly escaped defeat today at the hands of a senator appointed by the government. The bill in question was the measure of Col. Sam Hughes, to extend the time for the payment of bounties to Fenian Raid veterans.

On the second reading of the bill Senator Murphy, of Prince Edward Island, protested against the exclusion of the islanders from the benefits of the bill. He offered an amendment designed to make them eligible for the \$100 bounty. On the ground that it was a money bill the amendment was rejected.

## ARMY OFFICERS HERE PROBABLY GO HIGHER UP

Loss of Leading Officers in Disaster Will Seriously Disarrange Canadian Commands—Col. Gaskin Now in Charge—To Be Succeeded by Commissioner McKie.

The Salvation Army has met with a most terrible loss in the Empress disaster, the chief officers of the army in Canada having been carried to death when the great liner sank. Commissioner Bees, formerly leader of the army in Canada, and Colonel Maitland, chief secretary, second in command, were both drowned, and also the majority of the staff of the War Cry, the army paper.

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# MACKENZIE & MANN BILL PASSED HOUSE

## Government Jammed \$45,000,000 Deal Through Without Amendment

## Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Motion to Protect the Interests of the People Voted Down by a Servile Majority—Bennett and Nickle, the Tory Bolters, Stood with Liberals Till End of the Fight.

Ottawa, June 2.—At two minutes past 9 o'clock tonight the bill embodying the government's proposal to acquire the Mackenzie & Mann was put through its first step in the commons. The motion for third reading was carried after four weeks of steady and destructive criticism from the Liberal benches.

The amendment was defeated by a government majority of 46. W. F. Nickle (Kingston), voted with the Liberals, while Mr. Bennett (Calgary), was paired with G. W. Fowler, another government member.

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## OFFICIAL DEATH LIST IN EMPRESS DISASTER 1024

Quebec, June 2.—The final complete official figures furnished by the C. P. R. last tonight of the Empress of Ireland disaster, a total of 492 saved, making 1,024 lost, as the total number on board was 1,476, passengers and crew.

## CITY DARKENED BY SMOKE FROM FIRE AT KETEPEC

Fine Hardwood Belt, Seven Miles From City, Devastated by Flames

## MUSQUASH THREATENED

Change in Wind Would Carry Fire Raging at Ketepec Over Lands of Ingewood Pulp and Paper Company—Precautions Taken to Save Houses From Destruction at Nerepis—Damage to Green Timber at Clarendon.

Wednesday, June 3.—Valuable timberland is being ruined by an extensive forest fire in the district near Ketepec and dense volumes of smoke darkened the countryside yesterday for miles beyond the fire zone, while great showers of fine white ash and cinders fell constantly as the conflagration, driven at the rate of a mile per hour, swept through birch and spruce woods in the most disastrous and spectacular blaze that has followed from the holiday fires.

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## STORSTAD FILES COUNTER CLAIM

Asks \$50,000 Damages from C.P.R. for Collision with the Empress

## BIG FUND NEEDED

Nearly \$1,000,000 Wanted for Relief of Victims' Families—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Gives \$5,000 and His Company \$25,000—Controversy in British Press About Dangers of St. Lawrence Route.

Montreal, June 3.—The owners of the Storstad are carrying "the war into Africa." Their reply to the action by the C. P. R. to recover \$2,000,000 damages for the loss of the Empress, is a counter-claim for \$50,000 for damages to the Storstad. They claim that the Empress was at fault and allege negligence in her navigation. The counter-claim reads:

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## Redistribution Bill a Rank Injustice

Tory Majority Proposes to Wipe Out Two Liberal Seats

## Opposition May Decide to Accept the Situation Rather Than Face a Wholesale Gerrymander Next Session, as Government May Control the Senate by That Time.

Ottawa, June 3.—The redistribution committee of the commons held what may possibly be the final meeting tonight. No agreement, however, was reached in regard to an unanimous report, and if this decision is adhered to the government will willingly leave the bill over until next session, when a new draft will be made.

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