

MR. G. S. MAYES SCORES COMPLETE VICTORY OVER DOMINION GOVERNMENT

A Sweeping Vindication of His Action Against the Department of Public Works—Judgment for \$9,750 and Costs Awarded to Him in Exchequer Court Settlement.

Government Lawyers Abandon Their Most Important Contentions in Defence and Thus Admit the Entire Justice of Mr. Mayes' Claims—Crushing Blow to Hon. William Pugsley.

The case of G. S. Mayes vs. the King was settled in the exchequer court yesterday on conditions which concede a complete victory to Mr. Mayes. As a result of the settlement Mr. Mayes gets a sum aggregating \$9,750 and the government of Canada pays the costs.

The action was brought by Gershon S. Mayes, of the West Side to recover sums which he claimed were due him in connection with dredging contracts which he held and performed in the improvements in the harbor. In his statement of claim Mr. Mayes made allegation that the government was indebted to him to the sum of \$5,000 balance on a contract which Hon. William Pugsley admitted in a statement to Mr. Mayes on August 22, 1908.

It will be remembered that during the campaign of 1908 Mr. Mayes claimed that the minister of public works refused to pay this sum until he had settled with George McAvity. In his formal claim filed before the court Mr. Mayes also claimed a sum for loss of profits in connection with the work and also for payment for work done and not allowed to him as the result of incorrect measurement of the dredged material after it had been loaded in the scows.

the government demanded an accounting and repayment of such sums as had been paid to him in excess of the amount he should have received. When the case came down to trial yesterday the counsel for the government abandoned this ground. In addressing the court at the opening of the case yesterday morning Dr. Wallace said that the crown was prepared to stand by the certificates which had been given by the public works engineers and accepted by Mr. Mayes and which showed that there was a balance due to Mr. Mayes from the department of \$5,000. This was conditional upon Mr. Mayes' counsel not pressing for an accounting. If however, Mr. Mayes' counsel pressed for an accounting, the crown reserved the right to stand by such accounting and would repudiate the \$5,000 claim. They contended that Mr. Mayes had already been overpaid and that an accounting would show this.

BOMBS USED BY STRIKERS

House Near Champs Elysee Wrecked but No One Hurt—Strike Leaders Arrested—Paris in Darkness.

Paris, Oct. 13.—A powerful bomb exploded about midnight in front of the house at No. 6 Rue De Breri, a few doors from the Champs Elysee. The explosion smashed in the door and seriously damaged the facade. All the windows in the adjoining houses were broken. No one was injured, the lower floors of the house being untenanted. The arrest of some of the most prominent strike leaders and the failure of the large majority of the employees of the eastern railroad, the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean and the Paris, Orleans roads to respond to the strike order, have had the effect of dampening the spirits of the strikers, who now number about 100,000 men and of encouraging the Government to continue its repressive measures with a firm hand. Tonight, however, the strike declared by the electricians is partially effective. About half the city of Paris, including sections of the Boulevards, is without electric light, and many electric cars are stranded for lack of power. Owing to energy of the Premier and the Minister of Public Works, it has been possible to maintain communication with the points from which food supplies are brought into the city, and these communications will be kept open at any cost. Paris therefore, is no longer in danger of starvation.

DUVEENS ARE CHIEF ARREST

Fifth Avenue Dealers in Antiques Charged with Customs Frauds Aggregating \$1,000,000—Bail Given.

New York, Oct. 13.—The entire Fifth Avenue establishment of the Five Duveen Brothers, known to the world as dealers in rare art objects and antiques, was seized by federal officers late today. Benjamin J. Duveen and Henry J. Duveen were placed under arrest, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government out of customs dues. Benjamin J. Duveen was first arrested. Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney, in asking for extraordinary heavy bail when the prisoner was arraigned, said that the frauds would reach more than \$1,000,000 and that all five brothers were implicated. Bail was fixed, at \$50,000, which was promptly given and Duveen was released. Henry J. Duveen was arrested on the Cunard liner Tunisian when the vessel reached quarantine late tonight. He was taken off no a revenue cutter and hurried to the Federal building, where he furnished \$75,000 bail. District Attorney Wise assured U. S. Commissioner Shields that he was in possession of evidence concerning huge revenue frauds which were systematically carried on by the five brothers and a man mentioned in the complaint. Mr. Wise said tonight that information was recently placed in his hands tending to show that the Duveens had for years been defrauding the government out of customs duties on the works of art and antique furniture imported from abroad by means of false consular invoices. The records at the custom house were hurriedly overhauled and the records seemed to substantiate the charges.

SEN. MCGREGOR IS GOVERNOR OF N. S.

Appointment of New Glasgow Man Confirmed by Announcement in Recorder—Will Mean Shift of Leaders.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—The Acadian Recorder, the government organ in Halifax, confirms the appointment of Senator McGregor, of New Glasgow, as the new governor of Nova Scotia. The late Governor Fraser was also a New Glasgow man. Premier Murray will likely go to the Senate and will be succeeded by Attorney General McLean.

FIRE AT OLTOWN DESTROYS BUILDING

Bangor, Maine, Oct. 13.—Fire originating from an unknown cause at nine o'clock tonight, destroyed a large wooden building in Oltown, owned by Charles A. Greene and occupied by Greene as a carriage repository, and sales stable and hump Morrison and Sons, as a livery stable. All the horses and carriages in the building were saved, but a considerable quantity of hay and stable equipments were burned. The loss is about \$5000, covered by insurance.

BIG LUMBER DEAL ON THE NORTH SHORE

Chappell Brothers Purchase Leases of Berths on Bay Chaleur Estimated to Have 700,000,000 Feet of Timber

Special to The Standard. Amherst, Oct. 13.—James Chappell, Windsor; George A. Chappell, Amherst; Wm. Chappell, Windsor, and R. R. Chappell, Sydney, who have been carrying on business for a number of years at Tignish and afterwards at Windsor and Sydney under the name and style of Chappell Bros., have recently sold their lumber limits at Hants county to Hugh Brown and Sons and have purchased from W. K. McKean, who was at one time accountant in the Bank of Montreal here, three extensive lumber berths in the Province of Quebec located in Bonaventure county in close proximity to Chaleur Bay. The berths purchased cover a track of land containing over 123,000 acres, a large portion of which is virgin forest and experienced lumbermen estimate that the property has now standing upon it 700,000,000 feet of large timber. As a lumber property the situation is ideal.

Seven Miles From Dalhousie. The present mill which is exporting on a limited scale from the property, is located about seven miles from the town of Dalhousie and a 45 minute run in a motor boat will give connection with the I. C. R. Four large drivable streams run through the different sections of these limits and there is no point on the property that is over four or five miles from a driving stream. The Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway line also reaches different parts of the property so that shipments by rail or water are easy. As stated before the Chappell brothers have purchased the lease of this property from Mr. McKean and the leases have the advantages of being perpetual in their character and not limited as to the quantity of lumber properties in New Brunswick. The Chappell brothers propose to start operations on two of the berths this coming winter and shall sell a half interest in the remaining berth. The transfer of these leases from Mr. McKean to Chappell Brothers is one of the largest lumber propositions that has been put through in the lower provinces for some time.

TORONTO HOSPITAL TO BE ENLARGED

Tenders for New Administration Building Total \$324,700—Ove One Million has been Expended to Date.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—At a special meeting of the board of trustees of the Toronto General Hospital, tenders for the large administration building, which comprises the semi-public, the city ear, the nose and throat and gynaecological wards, and a flat for resident house officers, were accepted, amounting to \$324,700. This completes the acceptance of tenders for hospital buildings amounting to over one million dollars.

OGILVIE COMPY CLEARS HALF MILLION

Montreal, Oct. 13.—At the annual meeting of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., which was held this afternoon, the financial statement which was presented showed that the profits for the year amounted to \$541,924. The vice-president, E. W. Thompson, presided, and said that when taking into consideration the wide fluctuations of the prices for the raw material during the past season, the shareholders had every reason to be gratified with the results for the past year. Mr. Thompson announced that the company was increasing its facilities.

SUICIDE OF A COTTON BROKER

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 13.—After locking himself in a room in a hotel in this city, today, Thomas P. Brady, a prominent Fall River cotton broker, hanged himself with a rope attached to the door hinge. He had been in ill health for some time past, and it is supposed that this made him despondent. He returned

SIX BODIES IN RUINS AT MONTREAL

Fire Which Destroyed King Building Took Frightful Toll of Lives—Night Watchman's Family Perish.

SOME THRILLING RECUES FROM ROOF

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 13.—Six lives were lost in the fire which destroyed the King's Hall building on St. Catherine street west, at two o'clock this morning. The Dead Are: F. Whittall, night watchman, his wife and two small children, Charles Threshie, of Boston, Mass., manager of Billiard Parlor, Harry Richards, employe in building. With the thrilling rescue of Edgar Coates and John Jones, taken from the roof, after an exciting fight by the firemen lasting fifteen minutes, it was supposed that all the occupants had escaped, and it was not until noon that relatives of the night watchman, F. Whittall, who with his wife and two children lived on the fifth floor reported that nothing had been seen of him that a careful search of the ruins was instituted. Then the remains of Whittall with his children in his arms, their heads covered by a blanket, were found, and but a few yards away those of his wife.

Were Asphyxiated. All four had perished from asphyxiation, the bodies being but little burned. On the third floor were found the remains of Charles Threshie of Boston who came to Montreal a month ago to assume the management of the billiard parlors, located on the first floor of the building, and who occupied a room on the third floor. The body of Harry Richards was found later in the ruins, his room having been located on the top floor in the section of the building where the fire raged most heavily. Thirteen people slept in the place. Of these Charles Jones, the caretaker, his wife and child, and a negro escaped by the front door. The other twelve, Dr. Adams, who was asleep by means of a rope, escaped for the purpose in his office, on the third floor. Two men, Edgar Coates and John Jones, sought safety on the roof, from which they were rescued by the firemen after the crowd on the street below had encouraged them for fifteen minutes not to jump. The remaining six perished most heavily.

PROFIT ACTION AT MONTCTON

City Council Decides to Augment Means of Fire Protection—New Reservoir to Cost \$200,000.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Oct. 13.—A deputation of local insurance men consisting of Hon. C. W. Robinson, Capt. Masters, and F. A. Taylor, waited on the city council tonight to see what could be done towards inducing the N.B. Board of Insurance Underwriters to take of the recent 40 per cent. increase imposed on Moncton. It was stated by insurance men that increased rates meant loss of business and there was hope that the city council would assure the underwriters that certain improvements recommended would be made before certain stipulated dates. It was presented to the council if minor fire protection matters such as the purchase of a new chemical engine, new hose, new hydrants, etc., were carried out before January 1st next, and the larger matter of increased water supply was guaranteed the underwriters were disposed to make the reduction asked for.

ANNUAL MEETING OF R. R. RELIEF ASS'N

Decide to Admit Employees of P. E. Island Railway—\$1,250,000 Paid in Claims—Officers Re-elected.

Moncton, Oct. 13.—The annual meeting of the Intercolonial and P. E. Island railway employes insurance and relief association, was held here yesterday, D. Pottinger, presiding. Delegates were present from all over the upper road. L. R. Ross and Wm. McArdle were elected president and vice-president. W. C. Paver, general secretary; Wm. Brown, auditor. Action taken at the last meeting admitting employees of the P. E. I. railway was endorsed. A report was submitted showing that the amount paid for the year ended June 30, 1910, was \$1,250,000. Officers were re-elected. D. Pottinger, president; S. L. Shannon, vice-president; W. C. Paver, general secretary; Wm. Brown, auditor.

GULLIBLE ARE FOOLED AGAIN

SHELDON HAS NOT RETURNED

3,500 People Have Only Valueless Checks to Show for \$1,500,000—Talk of Warrant for Arrest.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 13.—Charles D. Sheldon, the so-called investment Company and wizard of finance, did not return to Montreal this morning as he had promised and thousands of people are mourning his absence. All doubts were set at rest as to whether Sheldon was in his absence and would keep his word and return or whether he had faded away for the benefit of his creditors, when with a large crowd waiting outside his office door he failed to appear at 1 o'clock or any subsequent time. Mr. Sheldon's office is closed and the notice on the door refers everything to Messrs. Wilks and Burnett, 205 St. James street, Alex. Burnett having been appointed by Mr. Justice Charbonneau, provisional guardian of the estate. The stream of callers becoming inconvenient a notice was afterwards put up stating that waiting in the hall was prohibited. The place then again began to get less congested, some of the people going out to talk over matters on the sidewalk, others to go to the office of Messrs. Wilks and Burnett.

The Bubble Burst. The unpaid checks for various amounts of balances given by the office of \$10,000,000. The company in its circulars states that it promotes only those properties of which it is the owner, or of which it has control. The stock is not listed as the Redemption fund furnishes a market for the stock in the United States, England and some far away Australia, left to the consolation of reading the security "Received" for investment.

ALLEGED SCHEME TO DEFAUD

Manager of \$10,000,000 Investment Co. Arrested at Boston—Minister-President Being Sought.

Boston, Oct. 13.—Federal authorities visited the extensive offices of the Redeemable Investment Company at 85 Devonshire street today, and came away with Manager Charles H. Brooks an alleged federal convict, the books of the company and several thousand dollars in cash, all taken under a warrant charging the company with the use of the mails in a scheme to defraud. The officers were disappointed in not finding Rev. Norman Plass, the president of the company, who has the endorsement of secretary of the interior, Richard A. Ballinger, former associate justice Brewer of the supreme court, Senator Curtis of Kansas, and several local Congregational ministers. Rev. Mr. Plass was for seven years president of Washburn college, at Topeka, Kas. The federal officers to night were scouring the city in the hope of finding a trace of him. John P. Peeney, counsel for the company, stated tonight that the officers welcomed the fullest investigation and examination of the books, and were confident that the outcome would be favorable, not only to their interests, but to those of the thousands of stock holders.

\$10,000,000 Capital. The Redeemable Investment Company was organized three years ago as a holding company with a capital of \$10,000,000. The company in its circulars states that it promotes only those properties of which it is the owner, or of which it has control. The stock is not listed as the Redemption fund furnishes a market for the stock in the United States, England and some far away Australia, left to the consolation of reading the security "Received" for investment.

LAURIER WILL NOT LAST TILL NEXT ELECTION

Unsatisfactory Condition of Party in Quebec May Lead to Premier's Retirement—A General Shake Up.

PARLIAMENT OPENS NOVEMBER 17.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 13.—On what is understood to be the best authority, the statement is made tonight by a gentleman well known in politics and having official affiliations, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's present intention is to retire from politics before the next election. In fact the deliberate statement is made that the premier has announced this "privately" to at least one of his associates. The reason vouchsafed is that the situation in Quebec province is so unsatisfactory from a Liberal point of view that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has little or no hope of carrying the province at the next election. It has been known here for a long time that the government views the inroads of Mr. Bourassa with alarm. Mr. Fielding's condition is another matter which has deprived the premier of much hope. While the mental faculties of the minister of finance are not impaired he is physically unfit for active politics. Others of the cabinet are on the verge of retirement and a complete reorganization is necessary. Sir Wilfrid, it is stated, will go away with the old guard. To understand the situation it has to be remembered that the government holds office only because of the Quebec vote.

Parliament, Nov. 17. Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Parliament will assemble on Thursday, November 17. The day has been decided upon at a meeting of the cabinet council today. The coming session is expected to be of more than ordinary interest, there being a possibility that it will be the last before a general election. The Opposition, therefore, may be expected to make the most of the chances they will have to embarrass the administration.

TAFT TO SEE PANAMA CANAL

Pressing Problems in Connection with Work Require the Presence of President at Isthmus—Leaves Nov. 10.

Beverly, Mass., Oct. 13.—President Taft will sail for the Isthmus of Panama on November 10 from Charleston, S. C. He will make the trip on the armored cruiser North Carolina and will be conveyed by a sister ship, the Montana. The president will be gone about twelve days. The North Carolina and Montana are 22 knot boats and make the journey in each direction in four days. This will give Mr. Taft about four days on the Isthmus. The president had practically given up all idea of visiting the canal this year, until Col. Geo. W. Goethals, chief engineer of the canal, spent two hours with him this afternoon. At the end of that time Mr. Taft had been convinced that the problems confronting the officials at Panama require his presence on the Isthmus. Some of the problems to be dealt with in the immediate future, are as follows:—The extent and character of the work; the fixing of tolls for the passage of the canal; the canal, a proposed increase in wages, the future management of the Panama railroad; the form of permanent government for the canal zone, and the regulation of the sale of coal at the terminus points.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY GUN DISCHARGE

H. Miller, Aged Resident of Hants Co., N. S., Victim of Peculiar Shooting Accident—Driving in Waggon.

Halifax, Oct. 13.—Hennigan Miller, of Northfield, aged 79 years, a well known Hants county man, was instantly killed tonight by the accidental discharge of a gun. While driving home with his son, a loaded gun which was resting on the seat between them discharged, the bullet entering the old man's heart. He fell to the ground dead.

AMERICAN BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Boston, Mass., Oct. 13.—The American mission board at its business meeting re-elected its officers as follows: President, Samuel B. Capen; vice-president, Rev. Dr. Edward D. Eaton; foreign secretary, Rev. Dr. James L. Barton; home secretary, Rev. Dr. Cornelius Patton; treasurer, Frank H. Wiggin. Members of the prudential committee to serve three years were chosen as follows, Rev. Edward M. Noyes, Rev. Dr. Edward C. Moore, Rev. George A. Hall and Herbert A. Wilder.

BOOTH LECTURES AT FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Oct. 13.—J. Herbert Booth delivered his lecture on the early Christians, at the Opera House this evening, before a good sized audience. The lecture was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. and R. B. Wallace, president of the association, acted as chairman and introduced Mr. Booth, who was warmly received. The lecture was brilliantly illustrated with biographic views and proved extremely interesting.

FIVE C. N. R. INSPECTORS GOING TO EUROPE

Ottawa, Oct. 13.—Thomas Howell, general superintendent of immigration for the C. N. R., announced today that the company's auxiliary of services as British agent of F. J. Morse, formerly editor of Salvation Army publications. Five inspectors will sail tomorrow for England. They will be stationed in Great Britain and report to Mr. Morse.