OFFICIAL OF BANK HINTS **\$25,000 CASH WAS PAID** BEFORE TIME OF U.F.O.

Committee Probes Mason's Story That M. J. Haney, President of Home Bank, Carried Money To Parliament Buildings in September, 1919—Clarkson Makes Report—Haney On Sick Bed Denies the Transaction-Harris Threatened With Arrest.

COVERING BIGGS'

ACCOUNT

"Did Mr. Mason tell you how the

oney was going?"
"He said it was going to the build-

"Where were you when he told you

"You didn't remember that when you gave evidence?"

Questions Reliability.

J. A. Currie asked if Mr. Mason

promptly. He declared he had seen from his window the car leave with

Matthews Missing.

Inspector Cuddy, on request of Mr

was the main man in the Provincia

Securities, which made big profits selling bonds to the Ontario govern-

ment, was then called. Out of \$31,00

"Was that the whole amount?"

"What amount did you take and what amount did you give your wife?"

Witness didn't recall, stating that

he handled so many bonds in his bus-iness he could remember no such de-

tails. Mr. Price asked him concern ing several bond purchases, but wit

with any of them.

ness could not remember what he did

"Did you give bonds to some of your friends?"
"No."

"Did Mr. Peter Smith get any?"

"What we want to know is the

Witness said he could not tell with-

"Did your friend, Mr. Biggs?"

"I think so."
"Were they bearer bonds?"

brought it to

"In my own office."

"What

Toronto, April 16.-G. T. Clarkson, liquidator of the defunct Home Bank, made a statement to the public accounts committee this evening that he had been told last week by an officer of the bank that J. C. Mason had informed the officer that \$25,000 in legals had been paid to M. J. Haney, president of the bank, in September, 1919, and he was taking it to the Parliament buildings.

Mr. Clarkson, following this, saw Mr. Haney, who is sick at his home, and Mr. Haney denied that he ever got the money or ever went to the Parliament buildings with it.

Told By Mr. Mason.

J. C. Whittaker, the supervisor of of the Home Bank, was then called. the Home Bank, who made this \$4,000,000 loan was going through, Mr. statement to Mr. Clarkson, was called Mason told him that \$25,000 just and repeated it under oath as having drawn in money was being taken to the Parliament buildings by Mr. been told to him by Mr. Mason, for-mer general manager of the bank. Witness had not seen the money. Under examination he admitted that he thought now Mr. Mason had told him such a story as a blind. He said he would rather believe Mr. Haney with an Mr. Mason said han Mr. Mason

than Mr. Mason. Thomas McGarry, provincial treas urer in the Hearst government, said he knew nothing of any commission of a loan of four millions floated by him with the Home Bank, just a few weeks before his government resign-

weeks before his solved.

Mr. McGarry, under examination by Mr. McGarry, under examination by W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, said representations were made to him when he was treasurer, that the him when he was treasurer, that the him when he was not getting its share Rank was not getting its share when the day I think of."

"Where is the chauffeur now?" in 1914 he increased them by a couple

"What reason had you to favor the "None except that the directors

"None except that the directors were co-religionists of mine."
"There was no other reason?"
"None at all. The bank was perfectly solvent at that time."

Mr. McGarry said he would make no excuses for putting money in the Home Bank as none were needed. In 1919 he had put money in the Home Bank near the end of the fiscal year of the bank.

"A. Currie as a reliable man when he made statements around the bank, and the witness said he was not.
"Would you rather trust Mr. McGarry than Mr. Mason?" asked Mr. Currie, "Who would you believe first?" There was much objection to the question, but witness said he would rather believe Mr. McGarry.

Witness remembered that Mr.

"Was it to make a better showing of the bank in its report to the Dominion government?"

Witness remembered that Mr. Haney saw Mason that day. The witness was told to take the gum out of his mouth and answer questions more

"You shifted provincial funds to bolster up the funds of the Home Bank for their fiscal year?" "Yes." "You shifted provincial funds to bolster up the funds of the Home Bank for their fiscal year?" "Yes." "Yes."

Mr. McGarry said he did not do the depositing for the province personally. He denied that any special inducements were offered in the loan made through the Home Bank in late 1919. He said no one but himself and Col. Mason of the Home Bank knew anything about the loan, although certain officials knew he was negotiating. The province, he said, had to have a promise of money, because other hig loans for other govern. other big loans for other governments were being arranged about the same time. The money on the loan and didn't go to the buildings and didn't have the money?"

same time. The money on the loan and didn't have the money?"
was not paid while Mr. McGarry was treasurer.
"Was there any arrangement for a "You came to the conclusion that Was there any arrangement for a Mr. Mason was yarning?"

"Was anybody entitled to any commission?"

"You and Mason were the only ones sinclair, then made his first statement knew anything about it?"

"Please make no imputations."

"There was \$25,000 in legals drawn at that time. Did you hear or see anything of that?"

"No. The first I knew of it was the concerning Mr. Matthews and L. C. Mason, who is married to a stepdaughter of Mr. Matthews. "I am sorry we cannot find them," he said, "We have done everything to said," anything of that?" see "No. The first I knew of it was the evidence here the other day before this committee."

fore this committee.

Mr. McGarry said he would be glad to find out where the so-called commissions totalling \$42,400 on this deal went. He said no rebate was ever intended when the loan was made.

George R. Harris of Hamilton, who intended when the loan was made. He said he would like to hear Mr. Matthews give evidence.

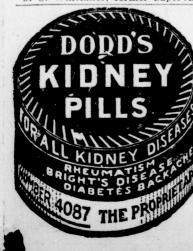
Haney Gives Denial.

Mr. Clarkson, then called, said that last Friday afternoon an official of the bank said that Mason told him in 1919 that \$25,000 in legals had the books that these accounts were paid and Mr. Price showed him from the books that these accounts were been paid to Mr. Haney, the bank's not paid out of this profit. Mr. Harris president, who was taking it to the Parliament buildings. "I saw Mr. deals he could not remember them. Haney today and I may say he has been a very sick man for two months and unable to do business. He told me he had never got any such money from Mr. Mason and that he had never taken any to the Parliament to my wife

buildings.
Mr. Clarkson said that as liquidator of the bank he figured that the \$42,-400 was bank money and he wanted to get it if possible. He also thought the missing \$15,000 check bank money if there had been no arrangements about commission. He rangements about commission. He also told the committee that in June, 1919, Col. Mason drew \$10,000 in \$100bills. Nine of these bills were traced to Mr. Mason's personal account, but 91 bills disappeared.

The deposit of the nine \$100-bills was in Mr. Mason's account in the Central Canada Loan Company. Mr. Clarkson was asked by the commit-tee to make an investigation of this account and report to the committee

Did Not See Money. J. C. Whittaker, former supervisor



auditors who audited the books of the company on its other transac-tions. He persisted that he could tell no reason and the chairman warned him that he was rapidly put-ting himself in a position where he would be reported to the Legislature.

The witness still failing to answer the question, the chairman stated that he was satisfied that he was deliberately trying to fool the com-Left With Officer.

"I think he should be left with Mr. Cuddy or one of the officers of the crown," said Chairman Finlayson. An officer was despatched to stay with Mr. Harris in the lobby, and Mr. Denman, a present partner of Mr. Harris was called the knew. of Mr. Harris, was called. He knew nothing of the deals with the govern-ment, he said. He stated that Mr. Harris was still trying to clear off old debts, and he could not remem-ber certain deals because of the bad shape of books and documents.

Mr. Price suggested that Mr.

Harris be left with the provincial officers until the night session of the

It was decided to have a medical man look at Mr. Haney and see if he was capable of giving some evidence

about the story that he took \$25,000 to the Parliament Buildings. Col. Currie stated that in view of the fact that there were some who thought that the committee was trying to stop certain information from ing to stop certain information from coming out, the committee should go on as long as there was anything to investigate. "I think the treasurer should lay this matter before the cabinet," he said, "and arrange further sittings, if necessary," Mr. Price said he would bring the matter before the prime minister. Mr. Sinclair thought the committee should not rise until C. A. Matthews and L. C. Mason had given evidence. Mason had given evidence.

Haney's Statement.

Before the public accounts committee started taking evidence to-night, Chairman Finlayson announced hat he and G. T. Clarkson had seen M. J. Haney and secured a statement

Mr. Haney's declaration follows "That I was president of the Home Bank of Canada during the year 1919, and I well knew J. Cooper Mason. who was general manager of the

said bank during the year.
"That I never at any time in September, 1919, or any other time, received \$25,000 or any other amount from the said J. Cooper Mason or anyone in connection with the said Home Bank for any persons or party at the Parliament Buildings or to be

"That I never at any time paid any sum whatever to Thomas McGarry for commission or any other payment or contributions either directly or indirectly or for any contribution to any party funds." This statement was sworn before

Mr. Finlayson, a notary public. Evidence Valueless.

Mr. Sinclair said the statement was valueless as evidence and would not be accepted in any court of law. There was no chance to crossexamine, and he left it to the com-mittee whether it was valuable or not. Mr. Finlayson said the declaration was taken fairly, and Mr. Clarkson also told of the incident. George R. Harris was again called. He could not tell why papers and

accounts which the committee wanted were missing nor where they went. Witness told Mr. Price that there was nothing unusual about Mr. Haney being driven away in an automobile from the office of the bank.
"It was what Mr. Mason said to These included Mr. Biggs' accounts and the accounts of the members of the firm. J. A. Currie asked why sometimes the big profits were credited to the Hamilton house and other times to the Provincial Securiyou that brought it to your attenties. Witness said profits went to both places. Some bonds were bought at higher than current rates by the "Yes,"
"Mr. Mason's remark might have been a blind?"
"I am inclined to believe now that Hamilton house, sold to the Provincial Securities at a profit, and sold "Would you believe Mr. Haney if again to the government by them at

Witness said Mr. Biggs had a fairly active account with the firm even before 1919. "Was it large before he became minister of public works?" sked Mr Currie he had some fairly large

Leaves Are Missing.

All the leaves in the cash book, he said, were loose in the vaults, and were constantly being referred to Witness said he did not know who took the missing sheets. There was practically no check on anything in the vaults. The keys were there and any one of the office staff could go rough them. Witness admitted that through an-

other firm advertising was done for bonds so that the firm could sell them to the government. Browning Harris & Company sent a representative to the old country to buy succession duty-free bonds. "You had a guarantee you could sell them, so you bought on a big

scale?" asked Mr. Price. "Your evidence, Mr. Harris, has been such that the committee does not believe half of it," said Mr. Price. "We want to know what you did with the stocks you bought with your \$31,000 profits?" asked Mr. Price. "I am telling absolute truth. I can't tell you the ratio," said witness. "If I had my wife's account

"Have you got any of the securi-

"Were they given to anybody?" "Except my wife and myself, no." Denies Dividing Profits.

A. Belanger asked if anybody in the government got anything director indirectly from him.
"Not to my knowledge."
Mr. Chairman—Answer the quesion. You 'ow whether they did or

Witness then answered "No. sir," to Mr. Belanger's question.
To Russell Nesbitt witness could give no reason why the special pro-vincial account of nearly a million dollars, was not audited when the other books of the company were audited. He did not remember giv-

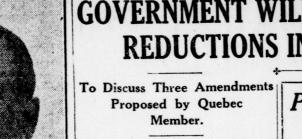
ing instructions to audit the accoun or not.

This answer brought the warning final disposition of these bonds you bought with your profits." from the chairman that if the wit-ness was not careful his replies out consulting his wife's accounts, as he was handling thousands of se-Witness said the reason might have been to have the profits of the "Did you tell Mr. Biggs of your g profits."

"No." He was aware that Mrs. Price pointed out that it did go

orapital to avoid the income tax. Mr. Price pointed out that it did go into capital. Witness said he had talked the matter over with Mr. Browning since

ness done with the province and why books tomorrow morning.



T. W. McGARRY. provincial treasurer in the Hearst amendment to the income tax act. (1) To increase from \$300 to \$500 the ublic accounts committee yesterday hat he had shifted provincial funds in another bank to the Home Bank to bolster up the standing of the latter institution for the fiscal

HOSPITAL DAY PLANS

Yesterday.

Favorable progress was reported by the representatives of the five hospitals in London and vicinity which will take part in the celebration of Hospital Day in London on May 12, at a meeting held at Queen Alexandra afternoon. Sanatorium yesterday Dr. G. G. Clegg presided. A letter from the Ontario Hospital Association was read, in which the association approved of the movement and promised its support in the undertaking.

THREE SESSIONS FAIL TO BRING AGREEMENT

Anglo-Russian Conference Encounters Difficulties Sooner Than Was Expected.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 16. - The Anglo Russian conference here has encountered difficulties sooner than was expected. Three sessions have failed to bring about an agreement on the organization and agenda of the conference, and after the third meeting of the delegates at the foreign office this afternoon the conferees adjourned over the Easter holidays, to meet again April 24.

The adjournment it was pointed out by the Soviet delegates, was in no way an official Bolshevik recognition of Easter, but merely indicated the willingness of the Russian delegates to observe the customs of the

MINISTERS TO CONVENE AT ST. THOMAS FRIDAY How to Guard

Christian Endeavor Union Will Hold First All-Day Convention.

Special to The Advertiser.

Watford, April 16.—The London and District Christian Endeavor Union on Good Friday, in the Church of Christ (Disciples), St. Thomas, Ont., when large delegations are expected when large delegations are expected from the Christian Endeavor Societies at London, Rodney, Watford, West Lorne, St. Thomas, Aldboro and Yar-mouth Heights; also a delegation is expected from the Y. P. S. of the Congregational Church at Forest, The program for the day calls for morning, afternoon and evening ses-sions, also a fellowship supper. The leading speakers for the day include E. G. Taylor of Toronto, president of ness. "If I had my wife's account the Ontario Provincial Christian Encould account for several thousands deavor Union; H. Carson Mateer of Toronto, general secretary of the Ontario C. E. Union; Rev. J. H. Versey of London, and Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner of Watford, provincial councillors of the Ontario Christian En-deavor Union. Others participating in the program will be: Rev. L. C. Hammond, St. Thomas; Miss Grace Versey, London; A. Garwood, London; Rev. H. Smith, West Lorne, and Rev. J. G. Burn of Rodney. Miss Hilda Versey, London, president of the London and District Union, will pre-

side at all sessions

Brotherhood Applied For Regulation of Hours of Duty Employees.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 16. — The board of railway commissioners has refused the application of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the smash. Mrs. Biggs had \$10,000 stock in it. Witness said it would be a complete loss and that he had lost \$20,000 himself in the same company. Mr. Harris said he had secured no introduction to the government in order to sell his bonds, and had got into the deal because it was common knowledge that the government was buying in bonds and inscribed stock. Witness said he had heard nothing from Snyder. He had written him a letter to Florida, but the letter had been returned.

Matter over with Mr. Browning since he gave evidence before.

Witness said he paid nothing for the scribing such regulations as may be deemed necessary in connection with the limitation of regulating of the hours of duty employees engaged in the operation of trains of the rail-way companies, subject to the jurisdiction of the board.

Although hearing of the case was held on June 21, 1922, the finding of the railway commission ween not made books tomorrow morning. Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for an order prediction of the board.

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GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER REDUCTIONS IN INCOME TAX

ASKS DOUBLE EXEMPTION

People Married Under Community Regime Would Benefit If Plan Adopted.

Canadian Press Despatch motion proposed by Jos. Archambault of Chambly-Vercheres favoring consideration by the government of amendment to the income tax act.

(1) To increase from \$300 to \$500 the exemption granted to each child; (2) to differentiate in the amount of axation against invested capital and that placed against revenue derived from salaries or wages; (3) to grant to people married under the community regime an exemption equal to that which is granted to people married under the regime of separate maintenance.

Regarding the last proposal, Mr Archambault explained that in Quebec two persons married under the regime of separation as to property, that is, having a marriage contract who have a double exemption, say Celebration Will Be Held May who have a double exemption with the state of the stat without a marriage contract, would have only one exemption of \$2,000. He proposed that in both cases he uble exemption be granted.

Rt. Hon, Arthur Meighen asked whether Mr. Archambault thought a farmer living on his savings should be charged a higher rate of interest than the salaried man, Mr. Archambault suggested that income from nherited investments should be taxed at 6 per cent, incomes from savings per cent, and income from salary up to \$10,000 2 per cent. Meighen Backs Plan.

Rt. Hon. A. Meighen supported the ncreased exemption for children. He could not, however, support the pro-posals to differentiate between income from investments and income from wages.
In countries where the proposed

DYSPEPSIA WAS SO BAD Could Hardly Eat Anything

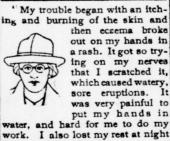
very serious attack of dyspepsia, and stomach. I could hardly eat anything, and very often had pains after meals I had used different mediany good. At last I happened to run time I felt a lot better. I continued its use until I was completely relieved and now I am ready to rec-

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TRIED AND RELIABLE REMEDY,

DE THOMAS' ECLECTRIC

Prisoner Dies

Of Starvation

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at The Hague reports a case which strik-ingly illustrates the infrequency of arrests in some parts of Hol land. A man arrested about the end of March in a little town near Utrecht has just been found dead of starvation in his cell, the writer

became liable to tax who would not be liable under the present Canadian

ystem.
As to the third provision, proposng distinction between separate incomes of married people, he also could not see how this could be equitably worked out. It would in-volve monumental calculations, and it would certainly impose hardship in some cases. The present system provided for cases where separate incomes were clearly derived by hus-band or wife.

Father of Twenty Speaks.

H. E. Laviguer (Liberal, Quebe County), who has over 20 children, proposed that the father of a family of 12 should be totally exempted from ncome tax.

W C Good (Progressive, Brant) sympathized with the resolution, but opposed the taxation of income rom savings.

Hon. J. A. Robb said the govern-

that some people with tiny incomes | As for the provision for distinction between husband and wife in tax assessment, he said the best way to deal with the matter in general cases was to consider the family as a

The resolution then carried.

BLENHEIM AND HARWICH G. W. V. A. RECEIVE GRANT

Special to The Advertiser Blenheim, April 16.-Blenheim and Harwich G.W.V.A. made their first Ryan and James Stansfield. They reminded the council that they had been keeping up their quarters and had received a substantial grant from



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