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The Turn of the Tide

It seems to be the general opinion in the business world that trade is reviving, although there is little to cause optimism in the events which are happening or which are threatening to occur at any moment.

Those who watch the conditions which govern the ebb and flow of trade and commerce, and who are in a position to speak with authority say that the tide has turned.

They are as follows: In this year 1924 I will make every effort to increase my business—to produce more and to sell more.

I will regard the post-war dog-days of bad business as ended and the turn of the tide as having arrived.

I will search my business organization through and see at what point, or points, it can possibly be improved to enable it the better to face and to overcome its difficulties—whether they be due to competition or to shrunken purchasing power.

I will produce a more business-compelling type of goods, adapted to markets not only in price but also in form and kind.

I will cease complaining of competition, and compete; will cease looking to the State for help and will rely on self-help.

Commission deals with Bell Island Companies Relations With the Former Premier.

Mr. Jas. Miller is First Witness

When the enquiry opened this morning, Mr. T. Hollis Walker, K.C., said he proposed to begin on the second section of commission, which is as follows:

"Whereas it is alleged that while negotiations were in progress between the Government of the Colony and the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., and the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd., respectively, concerning the obligations of the said companies to the Government, certain moneys were paid to the then Prime Minister (Sir R. A. Squires) by the said companies."

Mr. Lewis informed the Commissioner that, representing Sir Richard Squires, he would be the leader in conjunction with Mr. Howley. Mr. Jenks stated that he represented the two companies named in conjunction with Mr. H. Knight.

The latter enquired what view the Commissioner took of the scope of the paragraph referred to,—that is, did the companies stand as persons accused? The Commissioner replied that nobody appeared before him charged with an offence. That was a matter which would have to await his report, and until the enquiry into the section was completed his mind would be a blank.

Mr. Knight asked if it was that the companies named were separate and distinct that they be kept so during the course of the proceedings, as there was no connection between the matters in which they were said to be involved.

Mr. Hunt, replying, said that the allegations were made in a general way and it would be to general advantage if the matter was dealt with as a whole.

The Commissioner desired then to hear some particulars of the charges, to which Mr. Hunt replied that the allegations dealt with the Nova Scotia Steel Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company both doing business at Bell Island. That in November, 1920 an agreement was made between the Governor-in-Council and the two companies which was ratified in August, 1921.

In Great Britain a railway strike promises further to disorganize the industrial life of the country, which has for years been struggling with the impossible task of providing for the great army of unemployed.

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morning and went with his sister to Mr. Glennie's house.

MR. HUNT—What conversation took place?

MR. LEWIS—Your Honour, I object, as Sir Richard was not present at that interview.

The Commissioner pointed out that this evidence had to be received in order that he might get at the facts. He refused to uphold the American counsel's objection. He desired to hear the conversation which had taken place between Glennie and the Miller.

Witness stated that Glennie told him Squires had left without making any arrangements about his overdraft at the bank, and that unless he got \$20,000 Monday morning, he would have Sir Richard stopped at Liverpool. Witness told Glennie that he would arrange it on Monday morning.

MR. HUNT—What did you do then? WITNESS—I drew a note on Monday morning, signed by myself.

MR. HUNT—Did you see the note again at any time?

WITNESS—Yes, a few days later at the Bank of Nova Scotia on Bell Island.

MR. HUNT—How did you come to see it there?

WITNESS—The Bank people sent for me and told me they were not satisfied with my signature. They wanted the signature of Mr. Angus MacDonald also. He was the Manager of the D. I. & S. Co. The note was then sent back to St. John's after McDonald had added his signature to the note as a maker. The D. I. & S. Co.'s stamp was, I think, also added to the note.

The witness was asked to identify certain notes. He said they were three notes covering a twenty thousand dollar amount, and all dated August 16th, 1920.

The notes were put in evidence. One of the notes was "on demand", one "thirty days", and the third "sixty days."

Mr. Jenks said that one of the notes purposed to be signed by the D. I. & S. Co. This, he said, was not an admission that the company was responsible for signing the note. So long as that was understood, he did not object to the note being put in.

Witness further questioned, said he put the D. I. & S. Co.'s stamp on the notes himself, but he could not remember if anyone else was present at the time.

He said, in reply to Mr. Hunt, that he had communicated at that time, with the company, as he had no authority to put the stamp on. The officials with whom he communicated were Hector McGinnis, the company's lawyer, and D. H. McDougall. He had no copies of the messages he had sent but they might be at Wabana. He had received a reply from McGinnis and another from McDougall. He had McGinnis' reply and could produce it but he was not sure of McDougall's.

MR. HUNT—(Producing note)—Do you know who wrote the body of this note?

WITNESS—I think like the writing of Morvatt, then Bank Manager at Wabana. I next heard of the note when it came back to Wabana for collection. It was not paid.

MR. HUNT—What did you do in connection with it?

WITNESS—I left it in company suspense account until Sir Richard returned. Later, the note was paid.

MR. HUNT—Who paid it? I ask that because it is not marked paid.

WITNESS—It was paid in the sense that it was charged by the Bank to the Company's suspense account.

To Mr. Hunt, witness stated that the Company received a monthly bank statement. He further said, the note was charged to the company at the time it matured.

MR. HUNT—When did you next hear of the note.

WITNESS—Late in the fall, after Sir Richard came home, I called to see my sister to see if she could arrange repayment of the \$20,000 note and \$26,000 which I had advanced.

MR. HUNT—Tell us about the \$26,000.

WITNESS—Before Sir Richard left in Aug. 1920, he asked me for \$25,000 accommodation. For the first note for \$20,000, I used the Company's stamp and notes for \$26,000 were signed by me personally, since I had not authority to use the stamp.

Notes were handed to witness for identification and were then put in. The dates of the notes and their amounts were (a), Aug. 3rd, \$552.75, drawn by Squires & Winter, per Miss Miller in favour of Jas. Miller. This was paid; (b), Aug. 10th, \$400.00 draft, drawn by Squires, per Miss Miller on Jas. Miller and accepted by him; (c), Aug. 14th, \$5000.00, drawn by Squires, per Miss Miller, on Miller and accepted and paid by him; (d), Aug. 16th, \$5000.00, drawn by J. G. Miller on D. I. & S. Co. and endorsed by Squires, per Miss Miller; (e), Aug. 17th, \$2900.00, drawn by Squires, per Miller only, G. Miller and paid; (f), Nov. 27th, \$1500.00, drawn by R. A. Squires, per Miller on J. G. Miller and paid. The aggregate of these drafts was over \$23,000.

Referring to witness' conversation with his sister about repayment, Mr. Hunt asked him what her reply had been and was told she said she would take the matter up with Sir Richard. Later Miss Miller had given him cheques covering all the drafts, but had told him to see Squires before cashing them.

MR. HUNT—Did you see Sir Richard?

WITNESS—Yes, at his house on a Sunday afternoon. Sir Richard checked up the amounts of the cheques, and he said he preferred not to be mixed up in a matter of this kind with the Steel Company.

He said he would keep the cheques and give one on the Daily Star in return. On the following morning my sister gave me a cheque covering the full amount.

Witness identified the cheque which was for \$46,083.75 drawn in favour of Jas. J. Miller, signed on behalf of the Daily Star Publishing Co. by H. M. Mosdell, as President.

MR. HUNT—What did you do with the cheque?

WITNESS—I deposited it at the Bank of Nova Scotia at Wabana, to the credit of D. I. & S. Co.'s account.

MR. HUNT—What happened then? WITNESS—Two days later it was returned to Wabana dishonored. It has never been cashed. That was all I received for the \$46,000. None of that amount has ever been repaid to me.

Adjournment was taken at this stage until this afternoon.

Slanders in the Outside Press

In the Daily Province of Vancouver B.C. appeared an obituary of Rev. J. Salter Allen, a minister of the Methodist Church, and one time stationed in Newfoundland. The writer says:—

"After his ordination in 1882 Mr. Allen was stationed by the Conference at Greenspond, Nfld., a place whose morality at one time was so low that it was nicknamed 'The Sodom of the North'."

But due to the work of Mr. Allen, who was the first minister stationed there, and of his successors, it became a flourishing centre of Methodism, with seven large churches.

The article has been forwarded to us by a Newfoundlander, now a resident of Vancouver, and he expresses his opinion of the slanderous statement as follows:—

I consider it nothing less than a cold blooded lie and slander on the name and reputation of the people of Greenspond, a great many of whom I have met, and too often that such calumnies appear in the papers of the countries to the West of us, but it is gratifying to know that they are promptly given the lie in most cases by Newfoundlanders who, if they have left their native shores, are still ready to champion its' good name and fame.

Ecclesiastical Appointments

(Diocesan Magazine). Earp, Rev. E. C., B.A., L. Th., Canon of the Cathedral (Stall of St. Patrick); Camp, Rev. George, Curate of Bay of Islands, pro tem; Gabriel, Rev. Edmund Brooks, Curate of Heart's Content, pro tem.

Supreme Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Johnson). Messrs. Dawe Plaintiff vs. William Mann Defendant. The further hearing is adjourned until Thursday, the 24th, at 11 a.m. (Before Mr. Justice Johnson). G. E. Blases & Co. Plaintiff vs. Horwood Lumber Co., Ltd. G. E. Blases & Co. Plaintiff vs. Reuben F. Horwood Defendant.

Mr. Fenelon for plaintiff opens the case of the plaintiff and calls Edward Bedell, sworn and examined by Mr. Fenelon. Insurance certificates and letters are put in evidence, which closes the case for the plaintiff.

Mr. L. E. Emerson is heard for the defendants. Mr. Fenelon is heard in reply c.a.v. The court adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

Preliminary Notice.

The 3rd St. John's Co. of the Girl Guides will hold an entertainment, February 27th, in the Methodist College Hall.—Jan 21, 11

Murder Case

THE KING VS. M. HAWCO.

The hearing of the murder charge preferred against Martin Hawco of Chapel's Cove will commence in the Supreme Court to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. The case will be tried before the full bench, in which some twenty witnesses will be examined. Mr. H. A. Winter, B.L., has been retained as Counsel for the prosecution. The prisoner will be defended by Mr. R. A. Parsons, one of our youngest lawyers, with the assistance of Mr. Charles E. Hunt.

The 2nd of the Series of Card Tournaments of which the Star R. R. & B. Committee are holding, will be held in the Star Hall on Monday night, Jan. 21st, at 8.30. There are 4 Special Prizes in Gold: \$20.00, \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00, to the persons getting the highest number of games at the close of the series. 3 Prizes as usual each night. Admission 50c. Men only.—Jan 19, 21

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For One Full Week—Thursday, 24th to Thursday, 31st.

The Tragic Disaster at Norris Arm

We have received the following message from our correspondent in Norris Arm:—

The residence of Charles Haytor, Norris Arm, was destroyed by fire at 8.30 Saturday night and all his three children, aged 2 to 6 years, were burnt to death. Mrs. Haytor took her 3 children to bed, and while putting them to sleep she fell asleep herself and on awakening, her bedroom was ablaze. She barely escaped with her life by breaking and jumping through the window. She was badly burnt about the face and hands and had to be sent to Grand Falls Hospital for treatment. Mr. Haytor was out at the time of the fire. Besides the sad loss of their three children, all their household furniture was destroyed, and nothing was saved. Haytor carried no insurance, which makes the loss a very heavy one.

The calamity is indeed a terrible visitation for the family, and for the residents of Norris Arm as well, and further information may throw more light on the circumstances which led to the unfortunate loss of life of the children. It is surmised that the fire originated from an overturned lamp. Mr. Haytor is said to have been next door when he heard that the house was on fire, and was unable to do more than arouse his wife before the flames enveloped the whole building, and his efforts to effect a rescue were rendered futile.

The following message was received by the Deputy Minister of Justice from H. F. Fitzgerald, Grand Falls:— "Disastrous fire with fatal results occurred Norris Arm eight-thirty p.m. Saturday, when dwelling house occupied by Charles Haytor was, with its contents, completely destroyed. Haytor's three children, two boys, one girl, aged from 2 to 7, met death in the flames, and his wife was so severely burnt about face and hands as to render her removal to hospital necessary. Mrs. Haytor and children retired for night when she was awakened by cries of "fire" and escaped by jumping through window. Origin of fire is supposed through explosion of lamp.

Don't forget the Big Games of Cards in St. Joseph's Hall on Tuesday, January 22nd, 1 Barrel of Flour, 1 Tub of Butter for 1st and 2nd prize. There will also be the prize for winner of the series, 3 extra prizes. Just think 5 prizes in all for 30c. Chance of a lifetime for those who attend. Jan 21, 11

"The Courting of Mary Doyle" THREE-ACT IRISH COMEDY IN ST. PATRICK'S OLD CONVENT SCHOOL JANUARY 21, 22, 23.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: Mary Doyle, Servant to Kierans... Miss Pauline Vaughan; Herbert Tisdall, Bank Official... Miss Kathleen Hayes; Mr. Kieran, Shop-keeper... Mr. Jack Callanan; Peter Comody, Butcher... Mr. Max Colton; Mrs. Kieran... Miss Gertrude Ryan.

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Miss Ida Howlett, Mr. R. W. Sullivan, Miss Gladys Redstone, Mr. Arthur Bulley—French Horn Solo. C.C.C. Band—Selections.

Reserved Tickets . . . . . 50c. General Admission . . . . . 30c. TICKETS MAY BE HAD AT BRYNE'S BOOKSTORE. CANDY FOR SALE.

LEAGUE HOCKEY.

TO-NIGHT PRINCE OF WALES RINK.

GUARDS vs. TERRA NOVAS.

General Admission 25c. Reserved Seats 50c. and \$1.00 at Gray & Goodland's. Game starts at 7.30 sharp. Doors open at 6.30. Holders of Reserved Seat Tickets, Book Tickets and Season Passes will kindly enter by door on Curling Club side of Rink. Positively no money accepted at this door.

GENERAL SKATING AFTER MATCH. POSITIVELY NO SMOKING TILL AFTER GAME. Tuesday: Faldians vs. St. Bon's; Thursday: Guards vs. Faldians; Friday: Terra Novas vs. St. Bon's. Jan 21, 11

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