

INQUIRIES COST ONTARIO DEARLY.

INTERESTING RETURNS PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE.

Expensive Three Years—Conservatives Spent Much More Than Liberals—Whitney Government Paid Out Over \$136,000 Since Coming Into Power—New Automobile Bill by Mr. Bowman.

Toronto, March 24.—During the last three years the Whitney Government have spent \$136,925.73 on investigations and commissions, and during the last three years of the former Administration \$50,083.76 was spent in similar objects.

Mr. Bowman's bill provides that persons having control of motor vehicles when meeting a horse outside city or town limits shall be at least 100 yards distant, and shall not proceed or allow the motor to operate until the horse or horses are safely passed.

Franchise to Women. The bill of Mr. Smith (Peel) to amend the election act provides for the extension of the franchise to women.

Spent by Ross Government. The return asked for on motion of Dr. Preston (Lanark), for the cost of commissions during 1902, 1903 and 1904 was laid on the table by Hon. J. W. Hanna.

March 28, 1903—Ganey investigation; commissioners, Chancellors Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge; cost \$44,826.20.

July 31, 1903—Mining disputes investigation; commissioner, Aubrey White; cost \$47.95.

May 20, 1904—Railway taxation commission; commissioners, H. J. Petty, piece, Prof. Adam Schmitt and Judge Archibald Bell; cost \$4,781.21.

June 30, 1904—Investigation regarding the granting of a license to John Bidgood, Sudbury; commissioner, James Wilmot Gordon; cost \$212.09.

April 17, 1904—Investigating charges against Frank Gagne, a Provincial constable at Sudbury; commissioner, Judge J. A. Valin; cost \$167.74.

Where the Money Went. The return asked for by Mr. May (Ottawa) regarding commissions since 1904 was as follows:

April 25, 1905—Dispute regarding mining location between W. S. Tretney and the Nipissing Company; commissioner, Aubrey White; no cost.

May 4, 1905—Investigating the conduct of the West Kent License Commission; commissioner, Eudo Saunders; cost \$37.55.

July 5, 1905—First Hydro-Electric Power Commission; commissioners, Hon. Adam Beck, George Pattinson, M. P. P., and P. W. Ellis; cost \$76,253.12.

July 14, 1905—Investigation regarding mining disputes in Coleman township; commissioner, Samuel Price; cost \$1,289.18.

October 3, 1905—University of Toronto Commission; commissioners, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Chief Justice Meredith, J. W. Flavelle, B. E. Walker, Canon Cody, Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald and A. H. C. Colquhoun; cost \$8,825.62.

January 22, 1906—Bastardo investigation; commissioner, J. C. Judd; cost \$4,185.

January 26, 1906—Second Hydro-Electric Power Commission; commissioners, Hon. Adam Beck, George Pattinson, M. P. P., and John Milne; cost \$44,614.58.

February 7, 1906—Investigation regarding Registrar E. C. Whelan, of St. Mary's; commissioner, H. B. Morphy; cost \$128.73.

July 12, 1906—School Book Commission; commissioners, T. W. Crothers, K. C., and John A. Cooper; cost \$9,492.

October 5, 1906—Investigations regarding the Blind Institute at Brantford and the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville; commissioner, A. J. Russell Snow; cost \$1,170.

December 19, 1906—Van Zant inquiry; commissioner, J. C. Judd; cost \$2,800.

February 1, 1907—Investigation regarding Thomas McDonald, Registrar at Morrisburg; commissioner, J. C. Judd; cost \$118.28.

February 12, 1907—Liquor license investigation, Toronto; commissioner, J. R. L. Starr, K. C.; cost \$2,200.

June 23, 1907—Commission regarding consolidation of statutes; commissioners, Justices Osler, Garrow, Street, Anglin, Tetzl, members of Executive Council, Hon. A. G. Mackay and A. M. Dymond. To these names were added those of Mr. Justice Maheo and Judge Snider, of Hamilton; cost \$38,303.67.

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Not Realistic. Mrs. Suburb (at the theatre)—I thought this was supposed to be a realistic play? Suburb—And so it is, my dear. Mrs. Suburb—But it isn't. Six months is supposed to elapse between the first and second acts. Suburb—Well, what of it? Mrs. Suburb—What of it? Why, they still have the same look. Never Quiet. Mrs. Gunner—Dear me! I sometimes wish I could go on the stage, even if I didn't have a speaking part. Mr. Gunner—You would never last two minutes on the stage or anywhere else, Maria, without a speaking part. Those Gotham Sharks. Alias Rytlop—Back from New York, eh? Hiram Hardapple—Got bunked, he goes! Some smart chap said for a quarter he'd direct me to the Flatiron building, where they make flatirons, and when I got that I couldn't buy a flatiron to save my life, he goes!

VICTIMS OF THE SEA. Heavy Toll Exact on the Atlantic Coast. Boston, March 23.—A review of the marine casualties of the coast of New England and British North America during the fall and winter seasons just ended shows that about 350 lives were lost. Of this number 251 persons perished in the wrecks of ten vessels belonging to the French fishing fleet of St. Pierre, Miquelon, last fall. These vessels foundered in heavy gales which swept the Grand Banks. About twenty-five Newfoundland fishermen were also lost in these storms.

THE OPERATION CAUSED DEATH.

BUT THE JURY WAS UNABLE TO PLACE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Investigation Into Death of Jessie Helen Gould Concluded by Chief Coroner Johnson—Harry Saunders Did Not Give Evidence—Charge to Jury.

Toronto, March 24.—That Jessie Helen Gould came to her death in the city of Toronto, in the county of York, on March 10, 1908, as a result of a criminal abortion produced upon the said Jessie Helen Gould.

The foregoing open verdict was returned at 1 o'clock this morning, after three hours' deliberation by Chief Coroner A. J. Johnson's jury, who investigated the death of Jessie Helen Gould, the hotel waitress and former Peterboro girl, who died in the Western Hospital on March 10. Dr. A. J. Ashton Fletcher and Harry Saunders, who were held in connection with the death of the girl, were taken back to jail after the inquest, which was adjourned on Thursday last, and will come up in the Police Court this morning for preliminary hearing on the charge of murder. The Crown will likely ask for another adjournment, in order that a copy of the evidence taken at the inquest may be procured.

Did he tell you the girl told him an operation was performed? asked Saunders counsel. Yes, he did, was the reply. Detective Mackie was examined as to a statement made by Saunders to Inspector Duncan after his arrest, after he was questioned, Saunders, he said, told Dr. Fletcher, who at first wanted \$50, and then agreed to perform an operation for \$20. The prisoner told the officer he asked the girl if the physician used any instrument, and the doctor said he had nothing, said Dr. Fletcher after his arrest had denied money was ever mentioned either to the girl or Saunders.

At the conclusion of the taking of evidence Chief Coroner Johnson said it was for the jury to say whether the testimony of Saunders was necessary before a verdict could be arrived at. It was explained that should they think so the inquest would have to be adjourned a few days, until they could give the young man a chance to tell his story. The Chief Coroner did not think his evidence was material in view of the statements of Mr. Haverson and the police officers.

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HARPER'S CORNERS. Mr. R. Hamilton having sold his farm to Mr. Tom Robinson, a neighbor, is about to move to Hamilton. He had a successful sale on the 18th, and on the following evening the friends of the neighborhood paid him a friendly visit, and presented him with a Morris chair and his better half with a beautiful wicker rocker, as a token of their esteem. Rev. Mr. Morris acted as chairman. A social evening was spent in speeches, recitations and singing. The Carlisle trio was much appreciated.

TENDERS FOR STEEL PLATES AND SHAPES. Tenders addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa and endorsed on the envelope "Tender for Steel Plates and Shapes, Sorel," will be received at the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, up to noon of the FIFTH DAY OF APRIL NEXT for the furnishing of about seven hundred and fifty tons of Steel Plates and Shapes required at the Government shipyard at Sorel, P. Q.

WOODBURN. The many friends of Mrs. Alfred Whitwell will be sorry to learn that she is seriously ill at the City Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt have returned home, after spending a few days with friends at Niagara Falls. Master Hugh Fountain, of Grimsby, is visiting his uncle, Hugh Johnson, of this place.

PROTEST TO MR. MORLEY. A Meeting of East Indians at Vancouver. Vancouver, March 23.—Five hundred natives of India of all sects and castes met in Sikh Temple here yesterday. After short speeches in protest against the treatment of Hindus in the Province, known as the Fort Garry, Secretary for India, as follows:

GLANFORD STATION. The weekly meeting of the Literary Society of School No. 4, Glanford, was held on Thursday evening. Speeches were made on the following subjects: "Glanford," by Miss G. Hays; "Civilization of Whales," by Mr. H. Hyslop; "Breaking Colts," by Mr. F. Weylie; "How to Make the Home Attractive," by Miss G. Harris; "Australia," by Mr. I. Sleeman.

NEW WINNIPEG STATION. Two Million Dollar Structure to be Erected. Winnipeg, March 23.—The plans for the new station of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway arrived here on Saturday, and tenders for the construction of the building will be called for at once. The new station will face Main Street, opposite Broadway, and will be known as the Fort Garry Station. On the whole the building will be of massive appearance, having a frontage of 358 feet by 140 feet in depth. The structure will be built four stories above the basement, with a large dome in the centre, which will reach a hundred feet above the building proper. The work in connection with the station and terminals will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,600,000.

J. L. Haggan Acquitted of Forgery. St. Thomas, March 23.—Jas. L. Haggan, charged with forging the name of his nephew, Albert, to a promissory note for \$200, was discharged to-day, there being no evidence to show that he signed the note.

SQUARED WITH HUSBAND. Winnipeg Elopement Couple Captured at Barwick, Minn. Emo, Ont., March 23.—J. Shoulta, ex-policeman, of Winnipeg, was arrested at the Barwick Hotel, Barwick, Minn., on a charge of having eloped with the wife of W. S. Cullen, of Winnipeg, and having been a party to stealing the furniture of Cullen and removing it to Emo, Shoulta, when arrested, was living at the Barwick Hotel, with the

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