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## SAYS REPORT BEING DELAYED

Ferguson Declares Timber Commissioners Should File Information.

Raney Resents Accusation of Plan To Withhold Findings.

TORONTO, May 1.—A clash between Attorney-General Raney and Hon. Howard Ferguson, growing out of a question as to when the timber commission's report would be ready and a lecture by Premier Drury that members were unnecessarily delaying the house by bringing up questions before the orders of the day, were the most interesting features in this afternoon's sitting of the Legislature.

In spite of the usual small attendance on Monday, a large number of private bills and considerable government business was taken up. Bills respecting the following municipalities passed through the house in committee:

Warton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort William, Iroquois.

Second reading was given to the Windsor bill, the bill respecting the Victoria Hospital for Retirees and the town of Cobourg.

The bill by which Provincial Treasurer Smith sought to gather in any poolrooms, billiard rooms and bowling alleys which do not at present pay taxes to the province, owing to the fact that they are not licensed in the municipality in which they operate, was held up for redrafting, because it was feared the act would encourage such places of amusement where they do not at present exist.

**Would Protect Province.**

The bill of Minister of Public Works Biggs to amend the provincial highways act went through committee and will provide that damage actions against the province in connection with accidents on the highway, shall come before the ordinary civil courts instead of arbitration boards. It limits the time in which claims can be laid to ten days and in other ways seeks to protect the province from paying unfair claims.

When the house opened Mr. Ferguson asked what information the attorney-general had from the timber commission as to when its report would be ready. Mr. Ferguson claimed there were persistent rumors of plans on foot to delay the report so that it would be available for the government shortly after the session had concluded, just too late for its discussion in the Legislature. He said it was now four months since the evidence was concluded, surely, that was sufficient time for the commissioners to prepare the findings, particularly as considerable of it had been disposed of in the interim reports.

Attorney-General Raney said there was no justification for any statements that the report was being delayed unnecessarily by the commissioners or that there would be any delay on the part of the government presenting it as soon as it was ready. He had received word from Mr. Justice Latchford that the commissioners were working on the report, but they were pressed by judicial work which prevented them from giving as much

## Beware, Dainty Misses, Lest Police See Kisses.

CHARLESTON, Va., May 1.—"Public pecking became unlawful in Charleston today.

A recent order, which police will begin enforcing, provides for the arrest and punishment of couples found osculating openly. They will be registered on the police blotter along with other characters, vagrants and other characters.

"I'll make a strong recommendation for a fine of 10 dollars for the first offense," Police Chief Britton declared today. "The second time ten days will be asked for."

"The whole thing is to break up this business of parking in front of houses and turning on the lights on the car and sitting there."

"In my day we went as far as the front gate when we saw our girls home."

time to it as they would otherwise be able to do. He thought they were not rumors Mr. Ferguson was hearing, but dreams on his part regarding any plans to delay the report.

**Drury Delivers Lecture.**

Mr. Ferguson also asked if reports published in the papers about the roads of the province were paid for or just news matter. The premier suggested that the question be asked when Hon. Mr. Biggs was in the house, and Mr. Ferguson retorted that it was so seldom some of the ministers were in the house that he wished the question considered now.

Premier Drury here stated that the house was being robbed of valuable time by members getting up before the orders of the day were called and raising all sorts of questions. He pointed out that Mr. Ferguson had already been on his feet five or six times today. He understood that this Parliament was the only one in the empire where there were no provisions to prevent the abuse of the privilege of raising questions before the orders of the day are called.

## FINED \$300, LOSES 26 CASES OF '83'

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SARNIA, May 1.—J. W. Golick, of Detroit, was fined \$300 and costs in county police court here this afternoon by Magistrate J. J. Jarvis, who stated he was taking into consideration the fact that the seizure of 25 cases of Seagram's 83 whiskey made Sunday morning by Provincial License Inspector W. J. Coulter had already set Golick back \$1,500 on his own estimate. J. W. McTavish, of Detroit, who was also arrested on the scene of seizure and detained, was able to satisfy court he was there purely by a coincidence and had no knowledge of the shipment. The charge against McTavish was accordingly withdrawn.

## TARA LADY FRACTURES HIP.

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TARA, May 1.—Mrs. Levina Brown, an aged resident of Tara, met with an accident at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Miller. She slipped and fell on the kitchen floor, fracturing her hipbone. As Mrs. Brown is in her 87th year it is feared the accident may prove serious.

## TELLS RESULTS OF TESTS MADE

Toronto Accountant Testifies For Government in Merchants' Bank Probe.

Gives Analysis of Monthly Statements Supplied To Finance Department.

MONTREAL, May 1.—The results of a test of the October, 1921, monthly statement to the department of finance of the Merchants Bank of Canada, recently absorbed by the Bank of Montreal after losing virtually all its reserve fund through unprofitable loans, were detailed this afternoon in the police court before Judge Cusson, by George Edwards, chartered accountant of Toronto, employed to do this work by the finance minister.

The evidence of Mr. Edwards was submitted on behalf of the finance minister in the inquiry going on against D. C. Macarow, general manager of the bank, that he signed false statements in the government return. Only the examination in chief of Mr. Edwards, by C. A. Wilson, K.C., counsel for the government, took place today, and after the court adjourned until Thursday.

Mr. Edwards, guided by Mr. Wilson, outlined what he found out about the debts of the institution, its relation with realty subsidiaries, and its standing generally.

**Other Witnesses Heard.**

Three other witnesses were heard during the course of the day. H. B. Loucks of the chief accountant's office; William Meldrum, western supervisor, and William John Fiat, cash manager of the Montreal branch since November, 1920. The crown addressed a number of questions to each, relative to what information Mr. Macarow may have had on the condition of the bank in September, 1921, before the period the returns for which are the basis of the charge.

Counsel engaged in the case, in addition to Mr. Wilson, were: N. K. Laflamme, K.C., and G. Montgomery, K.C., for Mr. Macarow, and F. E. Meredith, K.C., for the Bank of Montreal.

**Supervisor Testifies.**

William Meldrum, general supervisor of the Merchants Bank, was the first witness called when the trial of D. C. Macarow was resumed this afternoon before Judge Cusson. Asked concerning dating the reception of returns at the head office from the various branches he said that no entry was made as to the date, but the return was checked off on a record. The September return, he said, was used for no other purpose than a reference.

For what purpose did you call for them? I do not know. That is not for me to say, what should be called in and what should not.

Mr. Wilson—As general supervisor of the Merchants Bank of Canada you could not give any reason why the general manager should have written his letter to the branches of Sept. 15, 1921, telling the returns of bad and doubtful debts to be made as quickly as possible for the month of September?

The crown prosecutor then read the letter, and continued—You were aware of that letter? Yes.

The purpose I think is plain enough. Yes.

Mr. Wilson—When those returns come in, it must be for some purpose—to find out the true situation of the bank, is it not?

"Certainly."

"And those are the important returns. They are not ear-marked, so far as the date of receipt is concerned. Can you tell us why some were rubber-stamped and some were not?" "I cannot."

**Did Not Examine All.**

Mr. Wilson—What are you supervising in that institution, anyway?

Witness—Supervising the business of the western branches.

Mr. Wilson—So when the September returns came in, whatever the uncertainty of the date of receipt may have been, did you go through the returns of the local managers for the western branches?

Witness—No.

"But none of these returns for September were used for the purpose of the monthly return to the government for September or October?" "That I do not know."

"Were you, in your capacity, looking through the local managers' returns for September, let us say, to find out whether those managers were using proper judgment, so far as bad and doubtful debts are concerned?" "Not all of them."

"If not all, which ones did you investigate?" "I do not remember."

Mr. Wilson produced a bulky volume and, reading from it, questioned the witness.

"I suppose the word 'Bad' means 'No good.' Will you show me an instance where you have taken an action?" "I cannot show you the September ones. I cannot remember now the ones I looked over."

Mr. Wilson—Did you keep it all in your head, then, or did you report in writing?" "No."

**Made Verbal Reports.**

Mr. Wilson: "Mr. Supervisor, do you write anything as an officer of the bank, and if so what? Do you make any report over your signature to anybody?" "No."

## Second Man Wounded in Burwash Break.

SUDBURY, May 1.—The body of William Mitchell, of Woodstock, who was shot while endeavoring to escape from Burwash on Saturday night, was sent to Woodstock tonight for burial. Another prisoner who attempted to escape with Mitchell is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the right arm. His condition is not serious.

The men made their ill-fated break for liberty while returning with over 200 other prisoners from a football game at the farm athletic grounds. Six guards shot over their heads in an effort to make them stop, but when this failed they shot to wound. It is not known who fired the fatal shot.

with the general manager, Mr. Macarow?" "No."

"Why did you not consider it necessary to discuss the returns of the month of September, 1921, when you thought it necessary to discuss some of them? Can you give any reason why?" "We don't take up specially in September."

"I am not asking you that. Is it not part of your duty to discuss some of these returns of the month of September?" "No. It is Mr. Wilson's duty to discuss them."

There are other returns besides this and with the other information we have, we don't think it necessary to go over these so promptly."

**Asks For Dates.**

Mr. Wilson, resuming the examination of Henry B. Loucks, of the chief accountant's department in the Merchants Bank, tried to find out the dates branch reports were received, with a view to establishing how long the officials have to prepare figures of the bank's status.

Mr. Loucks said the government report on the 20th of each month. Showing witness the registers of the branch returns, he asked if the dates stamped on the several pages indicated when the reports were received.

Mr. Wilson turned up in the registers "bad and doubtful debt" reports from Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and asked the witness if he could indicate the date they were received. Mr. Loucks was unable to do so. Mr. Wilson showed witness some leaves marked "Montreal branch, September 30, 1921," and asked if he could say when they were received in the accountant's department. Mr. Loucks said no date appeared on them.

Most of the heavy losses incurred by the bank which forced it to sell out to the Bank of Montreal were incurred by disastrous loans made by the Montreal branch.

Mr. Wilson—"Of course they were always received? The branch was in the same building with the head office?"

Mr. Loucks—"I presume so. Yes."

Mr. Wilson—"So they could be had at any time by the head office or by yourself or by any of the officers who were in charge of the general staff?"

The witness—"But these statements did not come to our department."

## WATFORD COUPLE HOLDS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash Are Recipients of Many Delightful Gifts.

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WATFORD, May 1.—Fifty years ago, on Friday, April 28, 1872, at St. Michael's Anglican Church, London, England, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nash were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Friday, April 28, 1922, fifty years later, they celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Stratford, Ont., which was beautiful with flowers and artistic decorations of a golden hue.

Before the wedding dinner, a presentation of a beautiful basket of golden roses filled with envelopes containing gold from members of the family, was made by Stewart Nash, youngest grandchild, while their son, Mr. H. J. Nash of London, read a wonderful address printed in gold.

A feature of the event was the attendance of the bridesmaid, Mrs. G. Simpson of Wainstead, Ont.

Thursday afternoon a reception was tendered them in Trinity Church by members of the congregation. Mrs. Nash was presented with a gold cross necklace, and her husband received a beautiful prayer and hymn book embossed with the donors' names.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash have resided in Watford since 1872, and can remember when it could boast of but one store. At that time an old Indian trail served as a road and wound out of the village towards London.

## MILLS WILL PRESENT GAS AMENDMENT THIS WEEK

TORONTO, May 1.—Hon. Harry Mills, minister of mines, announced today that he expected to have his amendment to the gas act ready for presentation early this week. It will provide for a tribunal to handle the natural gas situation of Western Ontario instead of a gas referee. The minister has, however, decided in favor of a tribunal of three instead of five as was formerly suggested. One will be selected by the mines department, the other on the advice of the producers, and if these two cannot decide on a third the minister will select them.

The bill introduced by R. L. Brackin (Kent South) has yet to be disposed of. It does away with the gas referee, leaving the contracts made before this official was appointed still in effect without any tribunal.

## FURLOW COATS BURIED.

CARADOC, May 1.—The funeral of the late Furlow Coats, whose tragic death occurred on April 24, took place to Mount Brydges Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, April 27.

## ASKS PROBE OF CREDIT SYSTEM

William Irvine, Labor Member, Proposes Parliamentary Inquiry.

Tells Commons Scientific Sociological Laboratory Should Be Established.

OTTAWA, May 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—William Irvine, Labor, of Calgary East, moved in the house today: "That, in the opinion of this house, a representative parliamentary committee should be appointed to investigate the basis, function and the control of financial credit, and the relation of credit to the industrial problem."

Mr. Irvine said that at present no means were provided for scientific inquiry into this subject. Although the resolution did not go that far, what was needed was a sociological laboratory. The resolution did not hint at a new credit system, but was merely asking for an investigation.

The present credit system was largely to blame for the present unemployment crisis.

Return to a gold standard basis of value was being proposed, but in Mr. Irvine's opinion, it was unsatisfactory according to conditions prevailing. The national debt of Great Britain, he said, amounted to four times as much as the amount of gold in the world.

Mr. Irvine dealt with the recent loan negotiated for Canada in New York, and said that \$2,500,000 was very good pay in commissions for half a day's work. He asked if there were no means whereby Canada could issue her own bonds on the basis of her own wealth.

There must be a better method

## Border Officers To Make Inspection As Passengers Board Sarnia Ferry

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SARNIA, May 1.—That the new ferry to be operated this summer between Sarnia and Port Huron by the Northern Navigation Company will feature several innovations, was announced here today.

Principal among these is an arrangement with the United States departments of immigration and customs and the Canadian immigration authorities by which inspectors will travel on the ferry and carry out their inspections as passengers board the boat, thus obviating a deal of the delay which at present occurs to passengers and particularly to automobiles traveling the Canadian route to and from

points in the United States.

Arrangements have not yet been concluded with the Canadian customs authorities, but it is felt that with the public behind the proposal very little difficulty will be met with as the department of customs has been found in the past ready to adopt any reasonable measure for the convenience of the traveling public.

In the past there have been complaints particularly by automobilists of delays in crossing the international border, and with a view to nationalizing American tourist traffic to the Ontario cities, every effort is being made to provide the best facilities.

On the suggestion of the prime minister, the motion was allowed to stand over owing to the absence from the house of the finance minister.

## PREMIER SMUTS' CABLE TABLED IN COMMONS

South African Leader Wanted Dominion Separately Invited to Washington.

OTTAWA, May 1.—An interesting cable from Premier Smuts of South Africa, in regard to the appointment of a Canadian delegate to the Washington disarmament conference, was included among other correspondence tabled in the House of Commons today.

The cable was sent on Oct. 19 by Premier Smuts to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, then premier of Canada. Premier Smuts remarked that he had noticed a Washington sending a delegate to Washington, and urged that Mr. Meighen should

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## UNEMPLOYED AND POLICE CLASH

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## REPORTS TANKER AND CARGO LOST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The tank steamer Whittier of the Union Oil Company, which went on rocks ten miles south of Point Arena last night is a total loss, the company was advised by radio today.

The steamer's cargo of 10,000 barrels of oil was lost also. The crew of 26 was saved.

## SHIPS LARGE NUMBER OF HOGS.

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