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**HIS O. K. MAGICAL**Thousands on Loan Paid Out on His  
Vise—Burt Collapses.

Toronto, March 24.—Disclosures showing in more intimate detail than have yet been brought to light, how the "one man" influence pervaded the affairs of the York Loan Co., were brought out in the Police Court yesterday morning by Crown Attorney Curry.

It appears from the testimony of V. Robins, a former director and secretary-treasurer of the company, that he paid out to individuals loans of thousands of dollars which simply bore the magic vise of Joseph Phillips. As a director he was not aware of the company was going to erect the \$60,000 piano factory, and he told Mr. Curry he had never, before it was shown him in court, seen the company's property book.

"You were merely a machine to record the will of Phillips, were you not?" was the way Mr. Curry summed up the attitude of this and all other directors.

**Burt Collapses.**  
R. G. Burt, manager of the Lisle Piano Co., was examined as to the records of payments and collections made by the York County Loan agents and handed over to Burt. "Where," asked Mr. Curry, "was the money deposited?"

"In the Bank of Montreal."

"Have you the bank book?"

"No."

"Who has it?"

"Miss Hudson."

The Crown Attorney called Miss Hudson for the book, and at the moment the lady stepped forward, Burt collapsed.

"Would you like a chair," asked the colonel sympathetically, but the witness replied in the negative. A few moments afterwards, however, he tottered and fell in the box and appeared to be laboring for breath, making inarticulate sounds. "Send for Dr. Sheard," directed the colonel. Water was procured and Mr. Burt was placed in a recumbent position on the floor, with a ledger as a pillow.

The unhappy witness was soon restored, however, so that the services of the doctor were not required. Crown Attorney Curry took active part in the bringing round of Burt. The investigation ended for the day and will be continued Tuesday.

**Calls Indian Pow-Wow.**  
Victoria, March 24.—Chief George F. Capitano of the Indians is making a tour of the province addressing the tribes and bidding their chiefs attend a great convention of the tribes of British Columbia, to be held at Kamloops on April 15 and following days.

The Capitano chief is a man of 70, speaking English and French fluently, as well as seven native tongues, Euculataw, Nananio, Westminster, Comox, Shalaw, Seschlet and Chinook.

There will be over ten thousand Indians in attendance at the convention.

**Funeral of Jacob Beck.**  
Preston, March 24.—The remains of the late Jacob Beck, father of the Hon. Adam Beck, arrived yesterday morning from Detroit and were interred besides the remains of his wife in the Preston cemetery, where two weeks before his death, the late Mrs. John Clark, had been laid to rest. Four sons and two nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers, and his son-in-law, the Rev. J. Dickie of Berlin, Germany, conducted the services at the grave.

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**HERBERT S. CLEMENTS, M. P.****ATTACKS HON. MR. AYLESWORTH****IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS**

Dismissal of the Cannington Postmaster Causes Considerable Discussion—Leamington Anomaly is Brought up—The Postmaster-General Trapped—Col. Sam Hughes Charged Him With Suppressing Important Facts Regarding Postmaster's Dismissal

Ottawa, March 24.—The House showed a disposition last night to bait the new Postmaster-General.

Col. Sam Hughes directly charged him with suppressing important facts in his possession regarding the removal of the postmaster at Cannington. Indeed, that case arises almost daily to plague the new Cabinet Minister. This removal was made on the ground that the postmaster was engaged in the grocery business, and Mr. Fowler (King's, N.B.) and others have not been slow to point out that Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, while a Minister of the Crown, is actively engaged in the private practice of his profession.

Mr. Hughes flatly denied that the postmaster was engaged in business, and insisted that full documentary proof of that fact had been for several days in the possession of the postmaster-general. He made some references to the latter's connection with the Gaiety case and laughter and cheers from the Opposition. Mr. Aylesworth is treating proper questions from the Conservative side with an indifference amounting to disrespect, and there is a disposition to give him some trouble before he is through with his estimates.

**Comparisons Are—**  
Mr. Clement, (Conservative, Kent) brought up the Cannington case last

night and compared it with the situation and conduct of the postmaster at Leamington. This officer receives \$1,200, as against \$900 received by the postmaster at Cannington, and enjoys besides a multiplicity of local offices that require considerable time and bring in considerable money. He is police magistrate, collector of water rates, secretary and treasurer of the school board, etc.

Mr. Wilson (Leamington and Addington) spoke of Dr. Leonard, postmaster at Napanee. He had no personal feeling against the postmaster, but his salary was certainly double the salary enjoyed by the postmaster at Cannington, yet he had a large and lucrative practice as a physician, and the medical officer for the county, and also for the G.T.R.

**Sunday Mail Delivery.**  
Enquiry was made as to what was the rule in the postoffice department as to permitting boxholders to enter lobbies of the postoffice and obtain their mail on Sunday. Mr. Aylesworth answered that no postmaster was required to accord this privilege, nor was he permitted to do so, unless there was a general desire for it in the community.

As to the many enquiries the hon. gentleman was compelled to admit that he had never heard of the post-

offices. He had read about the situation in the newspapers, but was unable to furnish any information about the investigation.

Mr. Alcorn (Prince Edward County) has given notice that on Monday next he will introduce a bill placing express companies under the jurisdiction of the railway commission.

**Senator Riley is Seated.**  
Ottawa, March 24.—Hon. Geo. Riley, who resigned his seat in the Commons for Victoria, was yesterday afternoon introduced in the Senate by Hon. R. W. Scott and Senator Bostock.

**WORKING OVERTIME.**

You look tired this morning, old man. I am tired. I shoveled snow all last night.

What! Same thing. I dreamed that I was doing it.

**DIDN'T DESPAIR.**

Diamonds had just gone up again. Still the householder did not despair. Perhaps these barons don't know, he had reflected, that coal is carbon, too.

**SHIFTS THE ONUS**Superintendent Fitzgerald Passes  
It on to Mr. Fielding

Ottawa, March 24.—When the insurance investigation opened yesterday morning Mr. Shepley read a memorandum to him with respect to an engagement of the department by the Canada Insurance Association through President McKay and Secretary Bradshaw in 1903, asking that the powers of insurance companies in relation to investments be increased, and that they be allowed to invest in bonds of coal, electric railway and electrical manufacturing, and iron and steel companies, all of which had been successful enterprises.

In a letter dated Feb. 7th, 1903, from Hon. W. S. Fielding to Mr. McCabe, the former said he had given consideration to the representations of the life insurance companies recently submitted to him with respect to an enlargement of their investment powers. He thought it might be possible to grant power to invest in some further securities, which by actual experience might prove to be of an satisfactory character.

Questions by Mr. Shepley brought the insurance of the Dominion Life Insurance Co. of Waterloo wrote complaining that by the general insurance act life insurance companies were not permitted to hold real estate, not even the successful enterprise.

The insurance companies, but while Canadians, they were also business men, and it would be very unwise on their part to take inferior securities simply because they happened to be Canadian.

Questions by Mr. Shepley brought the fact that while the insurance companies generally wanted wider powers of investment, there had been one exception, the Mutual Life of Canada, which was satisfied with the present powers.

**Minister is Responsible.**  
"When Hon. Mr. Fielding refers to the views of the insurance department," Mr. Fitzgerald explained to Mr. Shepley when shown a letter written by the Minister of Finance, "he means his own department. Mr. Blackadar and the rest of us are civil servants of the Finance Department. Our work is insurance, but it is Mr. Fielding who is the Minister in charge of the department."

A draft bill prepared early in 1905, but not introduced owing to Mr. Fielding's absence in Europe early in the session, was read by Mr. Shepley.

One provision was that authority be given to the department to place a limitation on a license renewed in any year, by limiting it to the several provinces and to less than one year if desirable. Another clause widened the field of investment to securities in Great Britain or any colony or dependency, or any country in which the company did business.

**The Draft Bill.**  
During the afternoon Mr. Shepley took up and discussed with the superintendent the draft bill submitted by Mr. Fitzgerald to the Minister of Finance. It provided for greater liberty to the companies in the matter of investments and for a more detailed statement in their annual returns. Apparently it did not receive a great deal of attention.

Some items were furnished by the superintendent as requested by the Sun Life. The foreign investments of that company increased from \$7,836,426 in 1904 to \$8,961,978 in 1905. The increase in cash on hand is quite remarkable. It has grown from \$45,000 in 1903 to \$1,080,478 at present.

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**ARE UNDER POWER**What May Occur After the Insurance  
Inquiry is Over.

Montreal, March 24.—Leading financial interests have been advised that a Government investigation of the chartered banks of Canada will follow the insurance investigation.

In anticipation of the investigation some of the banks are already negotiating for the disposal of certain stocks they have been obliged to carry much too long, and are closing out large loans to industrial companies, the stock of which have been watered to quite a large extent.

It is also claimed that the relations between some of the insurance companies and banks have been of too intimate a character.

**RETURN THREE MILLIONS.**  
Demand Upon McCurdy by the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

New York, March 24.—The first complaint in a series of eight actions already begun by the Mutual Life Insurance Co. against ex-President Richard A. McCurdy, his son Robert H. and the firm of Charles Raymond & Co., the company's former Metropolitan agents was made public yesterday. The company demands judgment against ex-President McCurdy for \$3,370,341, with interest, as damages for alleged unfaithfulness and neglect.

**Over Fifty Ships Wrecked.**  
Boston, March 24.—A toll of 85 lives, 54 ships, and property aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars in value, was exacted by the storm king upon the coast of New England and the Maritime Provinces during the last winter.

**Suicide With Dynamite.**  
Hazelton, P. C., March 24.—Herman Reckling of West Hazelton, committed suicide yesterday in a horrible manner. He tied a stick of dynamite around his neck and exploded it with a hammer. His head was blown to atoms.

**Confused by Trains.**  
Montreal, March 24.—Peter Magro, aged 30, was killed at St. Henri yesterday by a G. T. R. express. He got in the way of one train, and while getting out of the way of another while trying to cross the tracks.

**His Father's Son.**  
Peterboro, March 24.—William Fife, Otonabee, was found dead in his bed at Keene yesterday morning. He was 70 years of age and was a son of John Fife, who introduced into Canada the celebrated Fife wheat.

**Twenty Years For Forgery.**  
New York, March 24.—Henry Huffman Browne, a lawyer, who recently was convicted of forgery in the first degree, yesterday was sentenced to serve the maximum penalty of twenty years in prison.

**Porchollimber Gets \$11,000.**  
Detroit, March 24.—Climbing the heavy trunk of a vine that covers the front of the home of Mrs. Ford, 1138 Woodward avenue, Thursday night, a thief entered the house, went hastily from one room to another and secured nearly \$11,000 worth of gems, among them a pearl necklace valued at \$5,000 and a ring valued at \$1,300.

**ACCOUNTED FOR IT.**  
Henpeck's wife makes all his mistakes. That accounts for it.

Accounts for what? The fact that Henpeck always wears long chin whiskers.

**CAPS**

We have never had as many styles of caps to show, at any time in any season, as we have just now.

Tams and Fancy Caps galore for the little chap. Golf, Motor and a variety of Yacht shapes for his big brother and his dad. We also have some pretty little novelties in the way of Tams and Caps for girls. The price range is large, extending from 15c. to \$1.00.

**THORNTON & DOUGLAS,**

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**RUINED BY FIRE**Government is a Loser in a \$10,000  
Blaze at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 24.—A fire occurred last evening on Sussex street in the building occupied by the Government as a store room for marine stores. The three upper stories of the structure were destroyed and the stock of the White Star Clothing Co., on the ground floor, was badly damaged by smoke and water. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The geographical museum, only three doors distant, was for a time in danger.

**West Heard Macedonian Cry.**  
Rossland, B. C., March 24.—In November last Rev. J. A. Day, D.D., visited this city and made an appeal for the children of the Macedonian Orphanage at Ashanta Roga, Macedonia, stating that their parents had been foully and cruelly murdered by infidel Turks, and that he desired to find homes for them among Christian families in order that they might grow up amid moral surroundings and influences. He gathered together \$500 in this city and vicinity. Besides this he worked nearly every town of importance in British Columbia, and then went to Alberta and Manitoba. It is certain that in this way he got at least \$20,000. The last heard of him he was operating near Medicine Hat in Alberta. The police are endeavoring to locate him.