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**TRUST DIRECTOR  
DID NOT KNOW****Colonel Davidson Says He  
Was in the Dark****AS TO FOSTER'S LAND DEAL****No Recollection of Recorded Meetings  
—More Evidence Before the  
Commission.**

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Col. John I. Davidson, a director of the Union Trust Company, stated today that he never knew of the personal interest of Messrs. Foster, McGillivray and Wilson in the transfer of western lands. He also said that he had no recollection of meetings, the minutes of which had been recorded, but lacked the usual signatures.

Mr. Schofield said his understanding was that the second purchase of \$540,000 was made up for lands included in first purchase which had been found to be water lots.

Col. John I. Davidson was the first witness at the insurance investigation this morning. He had been a director of the Union Trust Company from its inception. He took \$1,000 stock, which he paid for in cash, as well as a premium of 10 per cent. This, he said, was to qualify him to act as a director and was the result of a request by Mr. Laidlaw that he should go on the board in the Trust Company.

The first he learned of the proposition to lend money to the Great West Land Company was at the directors' meeting. He attended these meetings regularly and took an interest in the business of the Trust Company.

Mr. Shepley asked the witness what he remembered of the discussion at the meeting when the proposition to finance the Land Company was made, or how Mr. Foster presented the matter. He could not recall the discussion more than that he understood that \$200,000 or \$300,000 was to be loaned to the Land Company, except the men who were interested. He understood that they had secured the option from Messrs. Pope and Fowler on C. P. R. lands and wanted an advance to carry the matter through, and that the I. O. F. approved the loan.

"Did you hear anything of the history of the transfer of the lands from the original owners to the Great West Company?"

"No."

"You are certain as to that?"

"Yes."

"Did you hear that Pope and Fowler transferred their option to Messrs. Foster, Wilson and McGillivray at an advance of \$1 an acre and they re-transferred to the Great West Company at a further advance of 50 cents?"

"I didn't hear anything of that."

"Did you learn later of the intermediate profits?"

"No, not till this investigation."

"You are clear as to that?"

"Yes; I thought that profits would be out of the realized profits from the sales of land."

Col. Davidson was not a director of the Great West Land Company. The 237½ shares of bonus stock in the Land Company given to the Trust Company by all advances. The general feeling was that the Land Company would make large profits. Mr. McGillivray handed him the resolution to take stock in the Land Company. Witness understood that the I. O. F. favored this policy, and he moved the resolution.

"Not knowing of Mr. McGillivray's personal interest you did not attribute the desire for the passing of the resolution to that?"

"I didn't know of his interest."

"What led to the reversal of the policy of holding stock in the Land Company?"

"Mr. Stevenson, then representing the I. O. F., wanted us to get rid of the stock and take a mortgage for our advances."

**Bonus Stock**

He had no recollection of the bonus stock being discussed. The idea that it didn't belong to the Union Trust never entered his head.

Mr. Shepley then produced a little book called "The Directors' Meeting Book."

"It was the custom to sign this at every meeting," he asked.

"Yes."

"Quite clear on that?"

"Yes."

Mr. Shepley then pointed to Col. Davidson's signature for the meetings of Nov. 7, 1905, and Dec. 28, 1905, and asked: "Was there any meeting between these dates?"

"I should say not."

**Was This Meeting Held**

Mr. Shepley then pointed to a record in the regular minute book of a meeting on Nov. 12 at which Col. Davidson and others were stated to be present. The record, however, was not signed. At that meeting it was resolved that the Union Trust Company give up its bonus stock of 237½ shares and the 100 shares held by Dr. Oronhyatekha. Col. Davidson did not remember such a meeting.

"I don't see how it could have been held unless the directors signed their names," he said.

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**THE BRITISH PRINCESS PATRICIA  
TO WED GRAND DUKE MICHAEL****Duke of Connaught's Daughter  
to Become Bride of the  
Czar's Brother.****St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—A marriage**

which is of the greatest significance as binding the new and friendly relations between Great Britain and Russia has been arranged between the Grand Duke Michael, only brother of Emperor

Nicholas, and Princess Patricia of Connaught, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward. The betrothal occurred during the grand duke's recent trip to Copenhagen and Scotland, from which he has just returned.

The Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch was born in St. Petersburg on Nov. 22, 1878. The Princess Victoria Patricia of Connaught was born in London on March 17, 1886.

**GOT SIX MONTHS  
AND WILL REFORM****Colin McPhail, Harness Thief,  
Promises to Take Advice  
of Judge.**

Colin McPhail was one of a quartet of prisoners who appeared before Judge Macbeth at the courthouse this morning.

Colin is a strapping farmhand, who has as great a fondness for whisky as he has for work, and this is said to be responsible for his present trouble. Not long since he stole a harness from Jas. House, of Westminster, and the court found him guilty. In passing sentence on McPhail Judge Macbeth gave him a severe reprimand, saying that it was disgraceful for a man of the prisoner's proportions to resort to stealing when work is so plentiful.

Judge Macbeth gave McPhail six months in the Central, expressing the hope that he would reform.

"I guess I will take your advice, Judge," said McPhail.

**Woman Gets 20 Days.**

Mrs. Caroline Hunt, who was recently found guilty of purloining a \$20 bill from a colored man named Butler, was today sentenced by Judge Macbeth to serve 20 days in jail. Although a petition signed by neighbors of Mrs. Hunt was presented, and the money returned to Butler by the prisoner's husband, Judge Macbeth could not see his way clear to allow the woman to go unpunished.

**Alleged Hotel Thieves.**

John Sydes and Roy Lindsay, who are alleged to have robbed the hotel of Byron Dawson at Thorndale recently, were this morning brought before Judge Macbeth for trial.

Lindsay preferred to leave his case to a jury, and he will be tried at the December sessions of the peace, which open on the first Tuesday in December. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500.

Sydes asked for time to elect, and he was granted another week.

The three other young men alleged to have been implicated in the crime—James Fulcher, James Bathurst, and Thomas Neale—have been remanded for one week.

**SEIZED THE SONGSTERS****Deputy Game Warden Made a Haul of  
Fifty, Which Had Been Shot.**

Deputy Game Warden Samuel Turner, of this city, with Inspector McCallum, yesterday afternoon seized about 50 song birds which had been shot, and were being prepared for a so-called game dinner.

The birds included robins, bluejays, cherry birds, blackbirds, woodpeckers, etc. Some of them were plucked, and some only partly dismantled when the game warden arrived.

The seizure was made in the rear of a Dundas street place of business, and Mr. Turner and the inspector had a lively tussle with the boy who was pulling the feathers out of the little songsters.

The boy, who is a foreigner, didn't know the officers, and in his own language, protested strongly against the birds being taken.

The officers didn't know what he was saying, but as he held on to the bucket which contained the birds, they took him by the neck.

"I bagged twenty of the birds in two shots," he said. "They came in flocks. I didn't know I was doing anything wrong."

**THE YORK LOAN CASE****Phillips Indicted by the Grand Jury on  
a Conspiracy Charge.**

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Upon a general charge of conspiracy to defraud the shareholders of the York County Loan and Savings Company Joseph E. Phillips was indicted yesterday afternoon by the grand jury of the criminal sessions. The Misses Hudson, who failed to appear before the grand jury earlier in the week, attended yesterday morning, the authorities having threatened to issue bench warrants for their arrest. A true bill was also found at this court against Phillips on a specific charge of stealing \$2,500 of the company's money. Both cases were transferred to the December sessions for trial.

**GOVT. STEAMER  
LONG OVERDUE****Adventure With Major Moodie  
Aboard Is a Fortnight  
Late.**

St. John, N. B., Oct. 6.—Uneasiness is beginning to be felt here because the sailing steamer *Adventure*, which sailed early in August for Hudson Bay, is overdue. The vessel carried a Canadian Government expedition, which was to establish new mounted police posts along the shores of the bay, and was to provision existing posts. Major Moodie, governor of Hudson Territory, was on the ship. The *Adventure* was due here a fortnight ago. Her crew consisted of 25 natives of this place.

**RETRACTS HIS LETTER****Spanish Bishop Had Denounced Mar-  
riages by Civil Authorities.**

Paris, Oct. 6.—The *Echo de Paris* today published a special dispatch from Madrid, announcing that Minister of Justice Romanones had received from the Bishop of Tuy a communication completely retracting his pastoral letter, in which he instructed the clergy of his diocese that civil marriages were void, that the parties thereto were considered to be living in concubinage, that they would not be allowed to participate in the Sacrament, and would be refused absolution in articulo mortis, as well as Christian burial. The retraction was made in terms agreed upon between the papal nuncio and the government.

**5,500 MEN FOR CUBA****U. S. Govt. Going Right With Original  
Plans.**

Washington, D. C., Oct. 6.—Owing to the satisfactory state of affairs in Cuba, Secretary Taft has been asked by cable if, in his judgment, it is necessary to send to the island more troops than the 500 now on board the transport *Zimmer*, due in Havana today or tomorrow. He has not yet replied, and meanwhile the preparations will continue for the dispatch of the entire force of 5,500 men, as originally planned.

**NEBOGATOFF ON TRIAL****Is Accused of Surrendering to Japanese  
Without Fighting.**

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—The trial of Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, the captain and part of the crew of the third Baltic squadron, on the charge of surrendering to the Japanese without fighting, at the battle of the Sea of Japan, began at Cronstadt today before a special court martial.

**A GRAIN BLOCKADE****Double-Tracking of C. P. R. Interferes  
With Rapid Movement of Wheat.**

Port William, Oct. 5.—There is congestion of loaded wheat cars on the C. P. R. between Winnipeg and the head of the lakes, which amounts to little less than a grain blockade.

Only about 150 cars per day are now arriving from the west, as compared with nearly double this number arriving a year ago.

It is said that nearly every siding on the division contains loaded cars which cannot be brought through to their destination.

This condition is not the result of the car shortage, but seems to be due to a certain extent to double-tracking. Notwithstanding that there is more wheat in the west than ever before, there is less in Port William than for several years past.

**STARINKIEWITZ DIES.**

Simbirsk, Russia, Oct. 6.—Gen. Starinkiewitz, governor of Simbirsk, died last night of blood poisoning, as a result of injuries sustained Aug. 4, when a bomb was thrown at him.

**Toll of Fire Fiend**

New York, Oct. 6.—The loss by fire in the United States and Canada during the month of September, as compiled by the *Journal of Commerce* and *Commercial Bulletin*, aggregates \$10,852,550, or about \$3,000,000 below the record of the same month in 1905. The nine months' losses by fire now reaches the sum of \$400,587,750, a figure never before equaled in the history of the country.



PRINCESS PATRICIA.  
Daughter of the Duke of Connaught.  
Betrothed To the Grand Duke  
Michael, Brother of the Czar.

**A TRIP TO THE SPRINGS****Water Commissioners Invite Municipal  
Bodies to Visit Komoka.**

The water commissioners are going to take a party of citizens down the river to look at the Komoka springs on Wednesday afternoon next. The train will leave the G. T. R. station at 2:20, and at Komoka the party will be met by busses, which will convey them to the springs.

Those invited are as follows: Members of the board of education, board of trade, Real Estate Owners' Association, Trades and Labor Council and the Horticultural Society.

All the doctors of the city are also especially invited.

**RESULT WAS A TIE****Golf Match Between the London and  
Hamilton Ladies.**

Yesterday afternoon, the Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club played a match with the ladies of the London Hunt and Golf Club, on the London Hunt Club links. The game was decided by points, and it resulted in a tie.

Miss Harvey won from Miss Belmont.

Miss G. Beddome won from Mrs. Goodbatine.

Miss A. Kibbe and Miss Gartshore were tie.

Miss M. Beddome won from Miss Harvey.

Miss L. Puddicombe won from Miss Cramer.

Miss Scatterd won from Miss Turner.

Miss Morrison won from Miss A. Hyman.

Miss Gartshore won from Miss E. Elliott.

**SKELETON IN THE WOODS****A Weird Find Made in the Bush Close  
to Fredericton, N. B.**

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 6.—Something of a sensation was created at Cherryfield, three miles from Moncton, by the finding of the skeleton of a human body in the woods yesterday. The skeleton was apparently that of an aged man, as a few gray hairs were found on the skull. He was about six feet tall, and the flesh had entirely disappeared, the body having evidently been there for a year or more. The bones were covered with a heavy suit of clothes, including two pairs of trousers. There is no clue to the identity of the body, as no answering description is reported missing. Some trinkets were found in the clothes, such as a key-ring, pipe, 7 cents in change, matches, etc. A paper bearing writing that could not be entirely deciphered was also found in the pocket. Aug. 14 was the only word that could be made out.

**THE WEATHER****TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL**

Toronto, Oct. 5-5 p.m.

A few scattered showers have occurred today in Ontario and Quebec, but the weather has been for the most part fine in all portions of the Dominion. Warmer conditions are setting in again over the Western Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 30-42; Victoria, 50-62; Vancouver, 48-60; Edmonton, 38-56; Calgary, 38-54; Qu'Appelle, 28-36; Winnipeg, 32-48; Port Arthur, 38-42; Parry Sound, 50-72; Toronto, 67-73; Ottawa, 58-70; Montreal, 54-70; Quebec, 46-58; Halifax, 42-72.

**FORECASTS**

Saturday, Oct. 6-8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, northwesterly to westerly; clearing this evening and tonight, and quite cool.

Sunday—Fair and cool.

**TEMPERATURES.**

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	44	32	Clear
Winnipeg	38	32	Cloudy
Port Arthur	46	44	Cloudy
Parry Sound	46	44	Rain
Toronto	52	42	Rain
Ottawa	52	42	Rain
Montreal	52	42	Cloudy
Quebec	62	50	Cloudy
Father Point	62	54	Cloudy

**WEATHER NOTES.**

The depression which was over Lake Superior yesterday has now reached the St. Lawrence Valley, with its energy reviving. Rain is reported in all portions of Ontario and the outlook is very unsettled for Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Cautionary signals are displayed from the lakes to the Atlantic.

The highest registration at the London Weather Bureau yesterday was 74 degrees; lowest, 61 degrees.

**EXPENSIVE KISS FOR A CHINK;  
COST HIM TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS****East End Laundryman Got Too  
Familiar With Little Jennie  
Coughlin.**

Twenty-four dollars was what it cost a Chinaman by the name of Lee Adley at the police court this morning for kissing little Jennie Coughlin, daughter of Mr. Robert Coughlin, of East London.

The child has been in the habit of going to the washes where Lee worked, for her father's laundry. While in the store a few days ago, she asked Adley to give her one of the bracelets which he had been in the habit of giving out to other little girls of the neighborhood. Adley told her that he did not have one large enough for her, but told her to come back later, and he would then present her with one. She accordingly went to his shop last evening, and asked for the bracelet. Adley produced the jewelry, and reaching over the counter, placed it on her wrist. He then told her that it would cost her \$2. The little girl told him that he had promised to give her the article. At this juncture a boy came into the store, and Adley took the bracelet off Jennie's wrist and handed it to the boy.

The latter went out the Chinaman again reached over the counter, caught the girl in his arms, and kissed her on the cheek, smiling at the same time, and saying something to her which she did not understand.

Jennie slapped her insulter in the face, and said that she would tell the policeman. Adley then attempted to bribe her to keep quiet by offering her \$2.

The girl informed her parents and Mr. Coughlin lost no time in getting to the wash shop to investigate. When he accused the Chinaman of kissing his daughter, Lee at first denied it, but afterwards wanted to know if money would fix the matter up. Mr. Coughlin left the store and got a policeman and had Adley arrested.

When put in the witness box this morning Adley admitted that he had assaulted the girl by touching her on the cheek, but not by kissing her.

The magistrate pointed out, that although he did not suppose the Chinaman intended any harm, yet he must be punished. If the offense was overlooked other Celestials might venture to repeat it on other white girls.

The penalty was \$20 and \$4 costs, or two months in jail. Adley paid the fine.

Richard Johnston was fined \$20 or 21 days for being drunk. He was given time to pay, and in this way saved from the horrors of Castle Carter.

Samuel McDowell and Fred McLean, who caused a disturbance in a local barroom, were fined \$3 or 10 days each. They forthwith donated \$6 to the clerk.

One first-time drunk was allowed to go, after being convinced that he was drunk when arrested.

Ald. Matthews did not go to Dallas today. But he would like to have gone.

It is alleged that Mayor Judd issued an order to the treasurer empowering him to pay the fire chief any sum up to \$300 for his expenses to Dallas and return.

Of course, the chief's trip will not cost anything like \$300, and if it did the people would object, but the mayor was ready to hand over this amount in order to "stand in," it is said, with the "People's Dick."

It is known that the mayor has been endeavoring to promote a round-robin the past few days.

The meeting of the board of works the robin was produced by the mayor, and Ald. Garratt was asked to sign it.

He refused.

Ald. Gerry also refused.

So did Ald. Saunders, and a majority of the aldermen.

Then the mayor issued the order on the city treasurer. His worship was quite within his rights in making the order read for \$1,000 had he so chosen, as under the resolution of the council no amount for the chief's expenses was stipulated.

But certain citizens took a hand in the matter.

They gave out that they would sue the mayor, the treasurer or anyone else who would allow Ald. Matthews to proceed to Dallas at the expense of the citizens.

Ald. Matthews went to the city treasurer. It is alleged, and tried to draw out his half.

The treasurer refused to pay the money to him.

"If the money is to be drawn out," Mr. Pope said, "the fire chief will have to draw the whole of it."

The chief refused to do this.

He accepted the sum of \$150 from the treasurer.

The other \$150 remains in the city coffers.

Ald. Matthews remains at home.

**EXORBITANT FARES  
CHARGE IS MADE****Matter To Be Brought Before  
the Railway Board.****LAWYER IS THE COMPLAINANT****Street Railway Manager, However,  
Claims Company Is Not Violating the New Act.**

Is the London Street Railway Company charging exorbitant fares to and from Woodland Cemetery?

This is the question which a certain gentleman, who resides near the cemetery, and a certain lawyer, who is practicing in London, will, it is said, ask the railway commission of Ontario when it visits London next Thursday.

"I am looking into the matter," the lawyer referred to said to The Advertiser today "and I believe I will bring the matter to the attention of the commissioners. I think the law is all against the company on the fares now charged."

The lawyer explained that for some time he has been keeping an eye on the company.

"I got on a car the other day," he said. "I wanted to go to Woodland, and I offered the conductor 5 cents. He refused it. He said he must have 10 cents or two tickets. That is one fare inside the city limits and one fare outside. I told him he was mistaken, but he explained that these were his instructions from the company, and that he was only doing his duty. I paid the fare and made a note of the case."

**How the Law Reads.**

The lawyer bases his contention that these fares are contrary to law in section 171 of the railway act, which reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in any agreement with any municipal or other corporation or person, or any provision contained in any special act to the contrary, the fares to be taken by a company on a railway operated by electricity for each passenger shall not exceed 5 cents for any distance not exceeding three miles, and where the distance exceeds three miles, then not exceeding two cents per mile or fraction thereof for the distance actually traveled."

**The Lawyer's Contention.**

"I maintain," the lawyer explained, "that under this section the London Street Railway Company, which is under one charter, though it may operate in half a dozen municipalities, cannot charge but five cents for the trip to Woodland. At present the company collects two tickets or 10 cents for the down trip, and allows the rider to come back for one fare. I believe that the commission will compel the company to carry passengers for one fare each way, or a cash outlay on the part of the passenger of 10 cents for the return trip."

"I say that a passenger can get on a trolley at the Woodland bridge and ride to Woodland for 5 cents, or any distance not exceeding three miles for 5 cents."

It is seen that by the provisions of the clause quoted, the agreement made by Chairman Darch, of the water commission, regarding Springbank fares does not apply, as it is expressly stipulated that no agreement of any party whatsoever will override the new act, which was only passed a few months ago.

Manager King has a different story to tell, however. He did not rely upon the rather peculiar (from the citizens' standpoint) agreement made with Mr. Darch, but on the law itself, he says. He maintains that the clause applies to each separate municipality, and means that in no municipality can the company charge more than 5 cents for any distance not exceeding three miles, and 2 cents a mile for distances exceeding three miles.

"We charge one fare in the city, and one fare outside the city," he said. "This is perfectly legal."

The lawyer quoted disagrees with Mr. King on this contention. He maintains that the law applies to the distance traveled, and makes no provision regarding different municipalities.

**LOOKING UP SENTIMENT**

**Small British Tariff Reform Party  
Touring the Dominion.**

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The Hon. Henry Lytton, son of the Earl of Beauchamp, A. C. Smith, Conservative member for the Walton division of Liverpool, and Norman Chamberlain, nephew of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, compose a distinguished party of the younger element of the British tariff reformers who were in the city today.

The party first visited the West Indies and are now on a trip of Canada, getting a line on public sentiment respecting the economic question of preferential trade.

They are sanguine as to the ultimate adoption of a protective policy in Great Britain.

**OFF TO CONVENTION.**

Fire Chief Clark, of this city, and Chief Ten Eyck, of Hamilton, left this morning for Dallas, where they will attend the firemen's convention.

**THE WEEKLY HIGH COURT.**

At the weekly sitting of the high court, conducted by Sir William McEwen, this morning, a motion for the construction of the will of Hubert Murphy, deceased, was granted. Geo. Sayer was solicitor for the motion.

Several hurt, some fatally.

Shepherd ran into a man at Krugs Corner on the sixth lap and mangled both his legs so severely that amputation was necessary. He was taken (Continued on Page Eight.)

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