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HOW THE DOMINION LOST \$18,000,000 LAST YEAR BY EXPORTING ITS PULPWOOD

The Depletion of Canada's Pulpwood Forests the Subject of Senate Debate ---Senator Baird Makes Strong Plea for Prohibition of Pulpwood Export ---Senator Domville Asks Aid for Steel Shipbuilding.

Ottawa, May 8. (Special)—The depletion of Canada's pulpwood forests was the subject of a debate in the senate yesterday afternoon. Senator Baird proposed a resolution declaring it advisable to appoint a commission of representatives of the provincial legislatures and of other persons concerned with the crown lands of Canada to report on the best means for the preservation of forests in view of the large amount of logs and pulpwood annually exported from Canada. He declared that Canada had great, but not inexhaustible, areas of lumber. He had brought great destruction but organized efforts to end this were now being made. The lumber men beyond reason and the lumbering operations had wrought havoc with young trees. He called attention to the fact that Americans were acquiring large spruce areas in New Brunswick and had last year exported more than half their cut to the United States for manufacture. When the Grand Trunk Pacific was built through New Brunswick and another railroad under construction from Campbellton to the State of Maine the export of spruce logs from New Brunswick will be large. Canada, according to figures, had sent 630,000 cords of pulpwood to the United States in 1907. At four dollars a cord this was worth \$2,520,000. If it had been made into pulp in Canada it would have been worth seven dollars a cord or a total of \$4,410,000. If made into paper in

being educated in the best agricultural methods. Senator Domville called the attention of the government to the desirability of giving financial assistance to shipbuilders. Canada had spent money on immigration, railroad and other transportation aids which were good things and for the benefit of the country. However, there was another great opportunity for progress which had not been seized that was the establishment of shipbuilding industry in the maritime provinces which was the source of a great industry of this sort in the days of wood ships. Sir Richard Cartwright said the question would receive the attention of the government. However, it was not one that would be readily undertaken but that the government would have to be persuaded that the benefit hoped for would follow and that a bonus to trade would establish a successful industry. The disadvantage of Canadian shipbuilders in having to pay duties on the parts they now brought into Canada for the construction of ships constituted something which might well be dealt with though he did not want to be understood as pledging the government on this point. Sir MacKenzie Bowell asked if there was not now a law allowing a drawback on parts brought in for the manufacture of ships. Sir Richard said there was, but owing to customs regulations the shipbuilders did not always feel that they got the full benefit of it.

Fredericton, N. B., May 8. (Special)—The public accounts committee of the legislature held a meeting this morning and went over the items making up the liabilities and assets on page 4 of the Auditor General's report. Deputy Receiver General Babbitt and Auditor General Loudon were in attendance and explained several items to the committee. There was some discussion over a balance of \$330 shown to be due to the province in connection with a horse importation some years ago. The Auditor General explained that the agricultural department held a security note signed by Messrs. White and King for the amount. There was a dispute between the parties as to who should pay the note and for that reason the department had not enforced payment. The committee will probably recommend that steps be taken at once to collect the amount. The suspense account of \$20,000 came in for a good deal of discussion and criticism. Babbitt explained that the largest item was one of \$4,301.04 which had been drawn by Hon. Wm. Pugsley on account of services rendered to the province as attorney general. The amount had been outstanding for several years but had recently been refunded to the province on the account being adjusted. Mr. Babbitt had lately rendered a bill to the province for had been outstanding for several years Mr. Pugsley should have been charged interest. It was finally decided to allow the item to stand. The committee some information in regard to lands in Victoria County lately purchased from the New Brunswick Railway Company. An adjournment was then made until Monday morning. Mr. Donnet who has been employed as a driver at the Central Hotel station, expired suddenly at his home this morning. He had been in the hospital for several days and attended to the horses and upon returning to his quarters in the upper part of the building he fell down a flight of stairs and was killed. He had been in the city's employ for five years and was much esteemed by all who knew him. He was married three years ago and is survived by a widow and three children.

WILL COLLECT SECURITY NOTE

Note For \$330 Signed by Messrs. White and King, Held for Agricultural Department

There Was a Dispute as to Who Should Pay It and the Payment Was Never Enforced --- Present Government Will Probably Collect It.

ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS REGARDING MRS. GUINNESS, HIGH PRESTESS OF MURDER

The Female Bluebeard Not Burned to Death as at First Supposed---Almost Positive Evidence That She is Alive---Bodies of Two More Victims Were Unearthed Today From Her Private Graveyard.

Chicago, May 8.—A despatch to the Inter-Ocean from Laporte, Ind., says: Mrs. Bella Guinness, high priestess of murder, who at the back door of her farm kept a private graveyard from which eleven bodies have been unearthed, is alive. This was established beyond a reasonable doubt yesterday. An ordinary tape measure proved the agent which would solve the perplexing mystery of the long series of startling crimes. Careful measurements were taken of the headless trunk of the woman found in the ruins of the burned home, which was thought to be the body of Mrs. Guinness. This resulted in the astounding revelation that the dead woman was not more than half the size or weight of the stern who is supposed to have lived a score of men to her death. In addition to the coming testimony of the friends of Mrs. Guinness assert with the positiveness of absolute conviction that the dead body was not that of the mistress of the house.

Laporte, Ind., May 8.—Calling to their aid skilled detectives, the authorities of Laporte county rebuffed their efforts in the task of unravelling the tangled skein of murder and arson of the Guinness case. With the world wide publicity given to Laporte during the last few days, queries as to the whereabouts of men who are ex-convicts had been made from different points of the country here to pour in, but Sheriff Smitzer declines to disclose their names. Two run-ners are current, one that a man from Providence, R. I., was among the dead, another man living in Ohio is said to have visited Mrs. Guinness and that a few days later she explained the possession of his horse and carriage after he had disappeared. At the same time suspicion has been aroused as to the fate of several hired men formerly employed by Mrs. Guinness. These have been given expression by the several neighbors who assert their belief that more of them met death at her hands. About seven years ago it is said Olaf Limbo was in her service, and upon her looking for another to take his place, she was asked where he was, she reported that he had gone to Norway to witness the coronation of the King. Amel Green, who is said to have told his friends that he frequently was aroused by Mrs. Guinness at night with an exclamation that Guinness had arrived and that he would have to sleep in the barn, is supposed to be somewhere in the west, but his former acquaintances have begun to doubt his story. The only suitor whose name has not been mentioned hitherto, is Bert Albert, T. Albert, of Huron, O. D., to whom she is said to have promised marriage a plan that never was carried out because of his lack of wealth. Two more bodies were turned up by the diggers at the Guinness farm shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. The first is apparently the skeleton of a man. The second body was just underneath the spot where the first body was found. It is a skeleton only and is supposed to be that of a woman.

A ROAST FOR SOCIALIST LABOR COUNCIL

The Toronto Labor Council Censures Ontario Government for Guaranteeing the Canadian Northern Bonds.

Toronto, Ont., May 8. (Special)—The socialist labor council last night denounced the Ontario government for its guaranteeing of \$2,500,000 of the bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway. The legislative committee in its report made the following reference to the matter: "The action of the Whitley government in guaranteeing a loan of \$2,500,000 to Mr. MacKenzie must have certainly set the people thinking and makes us feel helpless and ever at the mercy of financial manipulators." The report pointed out that if the millions given in bonuses and special grants were applied to willing homesteaders in Ontario it would have developed the province would be solved. The municipal report commended the board of control and government for their prompt action in denouncing politicians that had become public charge.

BURIED UNDER COAL IN CHUTE

Young Miner Victim of Fatal Accident at Springhill Mines.

Amherst, N. S., May 8. (Special)—A sad accident occurred at the collieries at Springhill mines this morning about 9 o'clock, in which Edward Ripley, a young man, formerly of Joggins mines, lost his life. Ripley was engaged in one of the chutes when a large quantity of coal fell upon him, and before a rescuing party could remove the coal life was extinct. There was not a bruise on the body of any consequence, and death was due to suffocation. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ripley, of Fenwick, near Amherst, and only about 22 years of age, leaves a wife and has only been married about a year. His wife was formerly a Miss Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coleman, of Joggins mines. The funeral will take place in Fenwick probably Monday. As far as can be learned, no one else was near him at the time of the accident. Deceased was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge at Joggins.

THE AFFIDAVITS COST \$3.33 EACH

Liberals of Manitoba Made a Deal With Corrupt Winnipeg Character.

Winnipeg, Man., May 8. (Special)—A facsimile of the cheque for \$33, given by George Walton M. P. to Theodore Rudinski for eight affidavits impugning corruption to the Manitoba government, four of which were read by Mr. Bole in the house of commons in his attack on the government here should pass, was presented here yesterday and caused considerable consternation in liberal ranks. Evidently it was unknown to the liberals at Ottawa that Walton had left documentary evidence of his deal with Rudinski. Mr. Bole supposed, no doubt, that it was the affidavit referred to, but he who received the cheque from the liberal organization, is a man without any reputation in Winnipeg. In fact, shortly after he made the affidavit referred to, he left the city and never returned. It is charged with several crimes of different natures. If his whereabouts could now be ascertained several warrants would at once be issued for his arrest.

RAILWAYMEN FORM A STRONG FEDERATION

Five Thousand Railway Employees Unite to Secure a Nine Hour Working Day.

Montreal, May 8. (Special)—The general committee representing the C.P.R. mechanics which has been in session here for the last eight or nine days has succeeded in uniting the organizations between the Atlantic and the Pacific into one federation which is known as the Federation of Railway Employees, taking in some 5,000 men. The principal demand of the federation will be a nine hour day. This has been in operation for some time in the west, but men in the east have had to work three shifts. The men are looked upon to counter that of the railway.

MURDERER DILLON ENJOYS HIMSELF

The Man Who Killed Montreal Policeman is Taking Life Easily and Does Not Worry.

Montreal, May 8. (Special)—The preliminary enquiry into the murder of James Dillon, the dependant who shot one policeman and wounded Chief Detective Gorman and another detective some weeks ago on Maple street here, was opened yesterday. Dillon was, as usual, immaculately dressed, and seemed to be perfectly sane. There was little in the evidence beyond what was brought out at the time of the famous battle.

ANOTHER BANK CRASH IS PREDICTED IN QUEBEC

Montreal Star Predicts This in Connection With Liquidation of St. John's, P. Q., Bank—Hon. Philip Roy Ruined.

Montreal, Que., May 8. (Special)—The Montreal Star will announce to-day that the province of Quebec will have another bank crash, and this statement is made in connection with the announcement of the voluntary liquidation of the Bank of St. John's, P. Q., some few days ago. Hon. Philip Roy, speaker of the Quebec legislature and principal stockholder and president of the bank is a ruined man, says the paper. He says he has some near to sufficient to meet his obligations. Mr. Roy says that he does not see that the bank will be able to collect more than sixty per cent of its outstanding accounts. This will mean that the double liability clause will go into effect and what money is lacking to pay the depositors will come out of the funds of the stockholders. It seems that the surplus of three hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars which was reported in the government returns had no existence in reality. In place of this there is an actual deficit. Experts who have gone over the books claim that this will amount to at least two hundred thousand dollars. The Roy family hold 175 shares of stock. The ultimate outcome of the affair is a question that cannot be settled for months.

MONCTON TAX RATES LOWER

Government Employees Will be Taxed on Their Salaries and This Makes General Burden Lighter.

Moncton, May 8. (Special)—The Moncton tax rate this year will be considerably lower than last year, and this largely due to the fact that the government employees in Moncton are being taxed on their incomes. Every intercolonial railway and other government employes in Moncton receiving a salary of fifty dollars a month or more, or over two dollars per day, will be levied on income and the amount taxable has thus been increased nearly half a million dollars. The rate of taxation last year was \$2.40, this year will be \$1.20, a reduction of thirty-eight cents on every hundred dollars. The poll tax this year will be in the vicinity of \$0.25, a reduction of some forty cents from the poll tax last year.

ESCAPED PRISONERS SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Four prisoners who at various times escaped from the hat labor equid and have since been captured were brought before Judge Ritchie this morning when they were sent up for trial at the next session of the county court to be held on Tuesday the 26th instant. They are William Smith, a colored man, hailing from Demerara, who was serving a term for theft and who made a break for liberty while the gang was at work on Victoria street yesterday when, after a lively chase lasting about half an hour he was captured by Guard Beckett. Smith who pleaded not guilty said that two other prisoners—Earl Martin and William Baker (who was sent to jail recently for carrying a loaded club) had promised to follow him if he made the break. The others are John Cook, who made a dash for liberty on the 20th of last July, when he was shot in the leg by Guard Beckett; also William Morris and John O'Brien who escaped March 28th last.

THE COUNTRY MARKET

Chickens will probably be very scarce in the country market tomorrow but there will, from present indications, be a fairly good supply of meats, vegetables and dairy products. Lamb is bringing from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for fore quarters. Beef ranges from 3 to 20c per lb.; veal, 10 to 16; mutton, 12 to 20; pork, 12 to 18; bacon and ham, 16 to 20; fowls, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per pair; chickens, \$1.00 to 1.75 per pair; turkeys, 50c per lb.; ox tails, 80c; sausages, 15c per lb.; sweetbreads, 20c per pair; potatoes, 25c per pack; carrots, 25c; onions, 50c per peck or 5c per lb.; radishes, 6c per bunch; cucumbers, 15c each or two for 25c; tomatoes, 15 to 20c per lb.; lettuce 6c per head; celery 12 to 15c per head; native spinach, 50c per peck; creamery butter, 22 to 24c per lb.; dairy rolls, 30 to 32c; tub butter 28 to 30c; Henner's eggs, 22c per dozen, and quail eggs, 18c; Maple sugar from 16 to 20c per lb.; cauliflower bring 25c per head.

DIVORCE SUIT ENTERED AGAINST ST. JOHN RESIDENT

Wife of Harry M. L. Hamilton Charges Him With Desertion ---Defendant Alleged to be Living Here.

Boston, May 8. (Special)—Catherine A. Hamilton, a well known and well connected resident of this city, has entered a tender regard for that gentleman's residence in the Suffolk County Court for divorce from her husband, Harry M. L. Hamilton. In the libel filed at the Pemberton Square Boston Court House, it is stated that Hamilton is at the present time living in St. John, N. B. The libel says that Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were married in this city in November, 1894, and lived together until February 1, 1901, when they separated. The libel charges cruelty and desertion. Mrs. Hamilton asks for the custody of her two minor children, Lillian, a child of thirteen, and Henry, aged ten. The firm of C. I. Quirk & Co., of Boston, are looking after Mrs. Hamilton's interests.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Three Maryville Young Men Named Alfred and John Marshall and Roy Ward While Canoeing on the Nashwaq last evening were upset and narrowly escaped being drowned. They managed to cling to some older bushes until rescued by Frank Wheeler and John Hanson who were nearby in a boat.

STATE'S CASE IS FINISHED

Prosecution Rested in the Higgins' Murder Trial at Calais This Morning.

Calais, Me., May 8. (Special)—The state rested in the Higgins' murder case at 10.50. Deputy sheriff Stillman E. Woodman of Calais, Constable John E. Black, of Bathville, and First Selectman Otis H. Taylor, of Topsheld, who took Wallace into custody, testified to the damaging admissions made by the accused while in their care. Woodman and Black told about Wallace admitting taking a fur coat from Higgins' camp on Sunday evening, January 10, and saying "if I hadn't taken the coat they wouldn't have any evidence against me."

THE HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD.

Two feats of consideration have already counted the stars in the heavens, and the other, to count the hairs on your head. But it seems they are no longer impossible. The astronomers, by mapping out the sky and assigning different parts to different observers, have counted the visible stars almost with accuracy, and now some one has invented a pair of scales that will weigh a single hair, and by using that weight as a unit it is possible to tell how many hairs any one has. The way of it is this: When a person's head has been shaved, one hair is weighed; then the whole "crop" is weighed; the total weight being divided by the weight of one to tell how many there are in all. Perhaps the best thing of this kind will be the counting of the grains of sand on a given strip of seacoast.

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(Chicago Record-Herald.) "You assure me that I am the only woman you ever loved," said the beautiful grass widow, "but I suppose you told your former wife the same thing." "I will not deny," replied the absent-minded grass widow, "that I did, but I didn't mean a bit more than I do now, I assure you."

REE HOME FOR INCURABLES A CIVIC NEED

Secretary of the Municipal Home Speaks of the Necessity of Such an Institution.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

A CITY OF REFUGE. The Times new reporter had his nose in the air this morning and greeted his associates with a very curt nod. The other young men are not easily abashed by the haughty mien of those with whom they come in contact, and on short acquaintance would probably call the new reporter by his first name, reduced to plain Ned. Therefore they began to say that the new reporter. He was often at a night, but after a time the cause of his lordly bearing was discovered. The young man owns his tailor and has not paid his taxes. Certain constables had got in the habit of haunting his favorite walks, somewhat to his embarrassment. On several occasions he had been compelled to resort to strategy to distract their attention while he got what he wanted and got away. And now there are no constables. The town is a debtors' paradise. The new reporter can greet his creditors with a cold eye and a calm assurance that long has been a stranger to his experience. He actually walked down town with an ex-constable this morning, and manifested a tender regard for that gentleman's reputation, which on a former occasion had been devoutly hoped would prove fatal.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

Ottawa, May 8. (Special)—Word was received from Manitoba today that two inmates of the penitentiary were robbed of their votes by the iniquitous Robin Hood at the last provincial elections. Their names were not on the list. All these men had done was to knock a citizen down and take his money. The citizen died, and their names were struck off the voters' lists.

ABSENT-MINDED.

(Puck.) Wife—"Why, George, dear, what is the trouble?" Husband—"Oh, there was something I was going to hurry about and for the life of me I can't think what it is."

CROKER'S ENTRY WINS.

London, May 8.—The Newark guinea stakes was run at Newmarket today and won by Richard Croker's Rhodora.

INVESTIGATION OPENED TODAY INTO MAJOR HODGINS' CHARGES

"I am not prepared to answer that question off hand" replied Mr. Hodgins, who reiterated his request for papers. He said that there had been some inaccuracies in the newspaper interviews on the case. Mr. Barker thought Major Hodgins should first state his charges and Mr. Geffron agreed.

HE ALLEGES FOUND IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Ottawa, Ont., May 8. (Special)—An investigation into the charges made by Major Hodgins relative to fraud in connection with the Transcontinental Railway construction was begun this morning before a special committee of Messrs. McDonald, Carvell, Geffron, Barker and Lennox. There was a preliminary discussion as to the scope and Major Hodgins was asked if he had any statement to make. Frank Hodgins, K. C., on behalf of Major Hodgins said the latter had arrived only yesterday from Victoria, and there had been brief opportunity for consultation. He maintained that before witnesses are examined, an order should be made for the production of accounts. Without these the charge would be general. The principal allegation was that there had been over-classification of estimates on the contract. "Do you connect the errors of engineers with the commission?" asked Mr. Carvell.

MORE EVIDENCE.

Fredericton, May 8. (Special)—Hon. Robert Maxwell walked down Regent street today for a whole block. This is regarded as clear evidence that he has abandoned prohibition.

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