

STEEL ENTERPRISES LOSE NELSON EQUITY

Stores Were Sold by Auction
on Saturday for \$277,500.

Special to The Advertiser.
Buffalo, April 22.—The L. R. Steel enterprises no longer have any equity in the F. E. Nelson stores of New England. The stores were sold under the hammer in Boston Saturday for \$277,500. The successful bidders were the J. J. Newberry Company, chain store operators of New York City. Leonard R. Steel paid the Nelson organization \$800,000 of the stockholders' money and pledged \$250,000 more. It was the unpaid note covering the latter figure that threw the chain on the rocks as far as the Steel stockholders were concerned. The amount paid by the Newberry organization wipes out the note and liquidates all the legal costs incident to the disposal of the stores, but leaves nothing for the Steel stockholders.

In an official statement issued after the sale, the receivers said it was difficult for them to understand how a property could have been so mismanaged as it was under the control of the old Steel executives. Heavy losses were shown in January, February and March. Leonard R. Steel stepped out of the companies in January. At that time liquidation proceedings were issued by the other Steel executives, in which reference was made to the splendid condition of the Nelson stores. While the statements were being given to the public, large losses were being piled up, so the receivers say. Walter M. Wilkins, who unsuccessfully tried to rally the stockholders to the support of his plan to save the Nelson stores, said that the Steel companies had been relieved of a burden and that they now might find the selling easier. He said the companies still possessed many good stores that could be profitably conducted. There will be a meeting of Steel stockholders in Hamilton, Ont., tonight, so Wilkins said, and he declared his intention of being present.

TICKER TALK

GRAIN.
Bartlett Freight—We do not believe that liquidation is over, and purchases should be confined to further good breaks.
Hurlburt Warren—Old wheat promises to be a drug on the market. July bought on any break below \$1.20 ought to show a fair chance for profit.
Lamson Bros.—Unless late rains have improved the condition of the wheat, we believe the upward trend will be resumed. Corn should work higher.

STOCKS.
Harris Winthrop—Today prices will be somewhat lower unless something favorable develops in the grain market. Laidlaw—There were some good rallies just before the close.
Foot & Flagg—The market is not likely to show much improvement until some definite favorable developments occur.
Tobey & Kirk—Expect opportunities to buy selected stocks during the week. Jones, Easton, McCallum—It is significant that the small recessions for the past week or ten days have resulted in the taking of a goodly amount of grains by the foreigners, especially hard winter wheat and durum.

CANADA'S GRAIN EXPORTS.
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MINING NEWS

The shareholders of the Moneta-Porcupine Mines, Ltd., have unanimously affirmed the action of the directors in the sale of 450,000 shares of treasury stock to important English financial interests. The English interests are to be represented on the board by Malcolm Stubbs and A. D. Morrow of Toronto. This financing was arranged by Mr. R. B. Lamb of Toronto and New York. Aggressive mine operations are to be started immediately, according to President Steindler, who stated at the meeting that the company has now available \$100,000 for this purpose.

With respect to the plans of Mat-tachewan Canadian Gold, Limited, of which he is president, Hon. Senator G. D. Robertson points out that over 40,000 feet of stripping has been already done, on which the assays, as reported by government geologists, range from \$3 to \$50 per ton. Diamond drill holes to the number of 62 have been bored, having an average of over 200 feet. In addition, a shaft 170 feet in depth has been sunk with over 1,000 feet of drifting into the ore bodies. As a result of this work nearly 37,000 tons of gold averaging \$22.77 before deducting depreciation and depletion charges, amounted to \$2,271,196, and added to this was other income \$128,458, bringing total revenue to \$2,400,654, as compared with gross of \$1,307,275 for the previous year. After tax reserve amounting to \$128,793 and depreciation reserve, \$549,487, profits remained at \$1,877,368, as against \$653,309 for the previous year. There is a sum of \$2,080,927 available for dividends, as against \$721,851 in the previous year.

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Arrangements have been completed whereby financing of the group of claims in Rouville, Ontario, by Mr. H. Lyman, is assured. A circle of influential Boston men behind the project with money sufficient to carry through exploration work, and they are prepared to fully finance, under incorporation, a complete program of ore development should results warrant carrying to the stage of production.

This favorable financial result means a very great deal to the fortunes of the new Quebec goldfield. Supplies are now on the ground, and work will commence as soon as the snow goes. The claims lie in a strategic position in the heart of the camp, east and west of Lake Pelletier, and south of Lake Okisko.

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SEEK TO CONFORM NATURALIZATION WITH BRITISH LAW

Bill Suggesting Changes Given
Second Reading At
Ottawa.

RAISES OBJECTION

Guthrie Attacks Proposal To
Abolish Court Proceedings
As Subversive.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 24.—A bill to amend the naturalization act, which proposes three important changes in the naturalization law of Canada, got its second reading in the House of Commons last night, but was held up in committee with opposition to one feature of it from the Conservative benches.

Would Abolish Court.

The bill is designed to bring Canadian law in regard to the naturalization of aliens as nearly as possible into conformity with that of Great Britain and the other dominions. The first of the two chief changes in the law which the bill contains is a provision for the continuance under certain conditions of the British nationality of successive generations of British subjects born abroad. The second important alteration of the law is the abolition of court proceedings in the granting of naturalization certificates and the substitution thereof of action by the department of the secretary of state direct. The third change will permit the issue of naturalization certificates to former enemies.

The first of the proposed changes passed with little discussion; it was the second which aroused objection on the part of the opposition. Hon. Hugh Guthrie voiced the Conservative criticism, and denounced the proposal as a measure to bring the measure left over until he could be present. Mr. Guthrie described the proposal to do away with court proceedings as subversive of all past practice in Canada in regard to this matter since confederation. It gave the hands of a minister, he claimed, the power to say whether a man should or should not have the right to vote for members of parliament.

Hon. A. B. Cope, secretary of state, who was in charge of the measure, said that the proposal was not inspired by any desire to have the right to say who should vote. The change had been suggested by the officials who had charge of the administration of the law. Under existing legislation, the secretary of state already had discretion to refuse naturalization. Consequently the amendment would give the minister no additional power. The department had found the judge's report were of very little value in forming an opinion upon applications for naturalization. Experience had shown that a better production of silver than the famous Cobalt camp. Insofar as actual ore values at present are concerned, South Lorrain appears to top its sister camp, which is about 18 miles distant.

The bill will be again considered in committee.

What Effect Would Be.
The house was again in committee today on the bill to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents. The minister had explained that the minister had been able to give the house the information that was required as to the act. The committee was to know just why the changes were being made and what their effect would be.

Hon. J. A. Robb, minister of trade and commerce, explained that Sir Henry had been a member of the government which had brought this same bill before the house on two previous occasions. He should be the last to complain that he did not know why the changes were proposed.

At present, Mr. Robb explained, the act required that a patented commodity should be continuously manufactured in Canada, and that it must not be imported. The law had been made, Mr. Robb said, in order that the consumer might get the goods at a reasonable price. The regulation, however, had not been successful. It was accordingly proposed to give the commissioner of patents a certain discretion in the matter. For instance, in case a factory burned down, the commissioner would have the right to allow importation of the patented article during such time as it was impossible to manufacture in Canada. Mr. Robb said that over 15 per cent of Canadian patents were granted to citizens of the United States.

Should Have Power.
Subsequently, W. A. Boys (Conservative, South Simcoe) introduced an amendment giving the commissioner power to hear an application in dispute and, if he thinks fit, to dismiss it, but in any case to give either side the right to appeal to the exchequer court. Mr. Boys argued that the commissioner should have power to approve cases as well as to dismiss them.

Mr. Robb contended that it would involve practically an additional court within the patent office if the amendment were accepted.

The clause and amendment were allowed to stand, pending a consultation between Mr. Boys and the commissioner of patents.

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At the Movies Last Night

"Vanity Fair."

It is true that modern authors complain of the unmerciful treatment they are afforded at the hands of film producers, but Thackeray, were he alive, could scarcely be displeased with the uncommonly beautiful and faithful interpretation of the fascinating romance of his young adventures, Becky Sharpe.

"Vanity Fair," now showing at the Allen, is remarkably well-done. There was scope for lovely photographic effects and advantage has been taken of it.

Of a large cast, only one seems to have been poorly chosen. Harrison Ford, able though he is, doesn't seem quite to fill the bill of the dashing George Osborne.

With Becky herself, as played by Mabel Ballin, there can be no sentiment but admiration. Shrewd as she was, and seemingly cold, the Becky of the novel was ever disarmingly artless. She was always to the reader a riddle, and Mabel Ballin has subtly conveyed the same impression through the screen. There was a moment when the departure of her lover for the war, when it seemed as though even Becky were displaying a bit of genuine emotion, and the next moment comes sudden and bewildering mirth over George Osborne's half-frantic proposal.

The book is faithfully done, even to such details as Miss Pinkerton's dictionary. The preliminary episodes in Becky's career are dispatched swiftly enough and yet not without interest. It is an interesting picture, and one which invites much comment. The producers blame all their troubles to lack of good scenarios and this driving into the hands of the English literature seems one of their efforts to solve this annoying problem.

"The Famous Mrs. Fair."

Despite its attractive box-office title, "The Famous Mrs. Fair," at Loew's, is the rather ordinary story of a woman who won the admiration of too much for her, and, although with the excellent excuse of patriotism, laid off her family obligations for a year or so, which aroused objection on the part of the audience. That is to say, the story itself is ordinary, but there are several embellishments of flag-waving, and armistice denials, which bring it up to date, and make one wonder, if, after all, considering the number of women engaged with lectures and army work, and other patriotic duties, there might not be something in the situation after all.

Myrtle Stedman as Mrs. Fair, and Culen as her husband, do most of the work of the story. Margaret de la Motte is a bit impossible as the transformed daughter. Carmel Myers, as the widow, is of course very beautiful, but that is all the credit one can give her.

Naturally therefore, the striking

Your Backyard Garden

Radishes, Lettuce and Parsley
Should Have Separate Bed;
All Cool Weather Crops.

In the sowing of your radishes, lettuce and parsley, it is well to devote a separate bed to these crops, as they are all short season crops, and require an almost continuous planting through the season to give the maximum amount of satisfaction. If they are kept by themselves it is much easier to keep up these successive sowings without disturbing the other crops in any way.

They are all cool weather crops, and if they can be grown in the lee of a west boundary fence, the plants in the garden they will be protected from the direct rays of the afternoon sun, and, so planted, will produce better crops and more palatable salads.

Radishes are an extremely simple plant to grow successfully if reasonable care is taken in preparing the ground. The soil should be in a fine state of tilth, and if the beds are slightly raised, so much the better, as the water will not lie around after heavy rains and after sprinkling with the hose. To grow these crops properly, it is almost essential that some form of artificial watering be used, as otherwise the growth will be slow, and the vegetables in this class must be grown rapidly to be really fit for use.

Radishes may be sown in regular drills or sown broadcast. Both ways are satisfactory, but in the backyard garden, where only small quantities are sown at one time, it will pay to sow them in drills, as they can be weeded much more easily. They will come up in a few days if not sown too deeply, and from then on should be cultivated sufficiently to keep the crop clean. A good fertilizer for radishes is dried sheep manure, and a light top dressing of hen manure will do wonders in forcing a quick growth. Liquid manures are splendid for attaining the same object.

Successive plantings should follow one another right through the season. It is well to limit the amount sown, as the radishes are not sown up quickly they soon become hollow and very hot. About two weeks or ten days should elapse between sowings of radishes in this way there will be three crops of radishes in the ground at the same time; one bed just started; one just about finished, and another almost ready to start on for the table.

The same rotation or succession should be followed with lettuce. Lettuce should be sown fairly thin, as the thinning serve no useful purpose, and the crop does not thrive if crowded.

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"LITTLE MISS SUSAN" DELIGHTS PATRONS

Farce Comedy By Gladke
Players Presented At
Majestic.

"Little Miss Susan," a farce comedy without much plot but with lots of fun permeating throughout, was well-handled by the Gladke Players in the Majestic Theatre last night.

Dan Gillespie, played by Pat Saunders, is in financial difficulty, and while in that rather deplorable condition conceives the idea of approaching his uncle for reinforcements. On the ground that his family is increasing in size, he manages to get assistance from his relative.

But the fun begins when the uncle makes an unexpected visit just to be friendly and become acquainted with the family, a family that never existed except in the fertile brain of the scheming Dan.

Laughs are in order when the various servants in the household, anxious to be of service to their master, attempt to impersonate the supposed family.

Miss Gladke, who capably fills the role of "Little Miss Susan," impersonates Dan's wife. She is already married, however, being the wife of the gardener. Herbert O'Connor as the gardener is a comical character and his jealous nature is the cause of much concern in the play and of much merriment in the audience.

William Secord is the uncle, while Dixie Malone acts the part of Miss Camson, an antiquated female who, after much angling, finally "itches up" to the deacon. A number of singing specialties were also introduced between the acts.

**WINDSOR TRAFFIC COP
SPEEDS 97 MILES AN HOUR**

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, April 24.—Violators of the speed laws in Windsor this year will have little chance to show a clean pair of heels to traffic cops. A new motorcycle purchased by the police department was given a trial run this afternoon and developed a speed of 97 miles an hour.

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Mr. Albert R. De Witte, Lake Valley, Sask., writes: "I have suffered very much from pimples and unsightly blotches for the past fifteen years and was so bad I hated to go out anywhere. I tried many different medicines, but none seemed to help. A friend told me to use Burdock Blood Bitters. I have used three and a half bottles, and now I have a clear rosy complexion."

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RUMOR REV. R. KNOWLES WILL CONTEST WELLINGTON

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Galt, April 24.—The decision of the Liberal executive which meets here today as to whether it will call a convention or not is anxiously waited. Latest reports have the name of Rev. R. E. Knowles as a possible nominee at the Conservative convention next Saturday at Preston, but some local Tories denied that they knew anything of his nomination.

FOREST FIRES TO RESULT IN HIGH TIMBER PRICES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 24.—"The consumer of forest products will pay at his lumber yard, and he will pay through his daily and weekly newspaper. Prices for all forest products must ascend. Nothing can stop them. This is the statement of J. R. Booth, Canada's veteran lumberman, in giving his opinion on the inevitable results of forest fires. One tree is used in industry, 19 burned.

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