

## CHARGES SON WITH THEFT OF \$200,000

C. H. Cahan, K. C. Tells Pathetic Story in Montreal Court—Son and Another Missing.

Montreal, Dec. 21—One of the most pathetic and tragic cases in the history of Canada was disclosed this afternoon before Mr. Justice MacLennan in the Superior Court when the Corporation Agencies, Limited, sued the Home Bank of Canada for \$209,028.12, representing the alleged defalcations of C. H. Cahan, Jr., K. C., son of C. H. Cahan, K. C., formerly leader of the Conservative opposition party in Nova Scotia, and a lawyer well-known all over the Dominion. Young Cahan has many acquaintances in St. John.

Mr. Cahan, who was the chief witness this afternoon, after giving evidence in a courageous, frank and clear manner, broke down and wept when he came to tell the court how he had trusted his son with power of attorney to transact his business during his (the father's) absence and how he had returned home from abroad to find that his trust had been betrayed, that his son had absconded and that the family fortune was a wreck.

"It was pretty hard," Mr. Cahan sobbed, "to come home and find that almost the day after I had placed this trust in my boy he began to pilfer my banking account to further his personal greed and lavishness."

The legal issue is whether the Home Bank of Canada can be held to make

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good the sum of \$209,028.12, representing in the present instance the alleged defalcations of C. H. Cahan, Jr. It is charged that between March 19, 1919, and September 29, the same year, Young Cahan deposited the checks to his personal and private account in the Home Bank.

He is alleged to have drawn out the proceeds for his own personal use and benefit. Alleging that the authority of C. H. Cahan, Jr., was limited, that his title was defective, that he did not act in the usual course of business for his

counter-signature of R. F. Bowler, secretary-treasurer of the Corporation Agencies (who also has disappeared) Young Cahan deposited the checks to his personal and private account in the Home Bank.

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principal, the Corporation Agencies, and that the Home Bank did not make the enquiries it ought to have made in the circumstances the Corporation Agencies maintains that it is entitled to recover \$209,028.12 from the defendant the Home Bank.

The Home Bank denies all liability and pleads that the plaintiff corporation has no right of action in view of the fact that C. H. Cahan, Jr., had full power of attorney to draw the checks in the manner they were drawn and transact the corporation's business.

C. H. Cahan, Jr., it is further pleaded, was a man of standing substance in the community, both in a professional and business way. He was a member of the bar of the province of Quebec, a K. G. and associated in the practice of law with his father, C. H. Cahan, Sr., K. C., the latter reputed to be a millionaire and who in point of fact was one of the leading corporation lawyers in eastern

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Finally the bank pleads that "never prior to December 27, 1919, had defendant ever heard anything whatever against the character, honesty and integrity either of C. H. Cahan, Jr., or B. F. Bowler, both of whom they fully believed to be honest and law-abiding citizens."

Mr. Cahan said that up to December, 1919, when revelations were made to him, he had not the slightest idea that anything was wrong. It was on December 26, that he learned first that something was wrong. At that time he believed he had a credit with the Bank of Montreal of \$15,000, but enquiries revealed the fact that not only had his credit disappeared but his account had been approximately overdrawn to the extent of \$24,000. Further enquiries showed that of the \$31,000 that he had on deposit with the Guarantee Trust Company of New York there only remained \$20. Witness made further enquiries and discovered the defalcations his son had made in the name of the Corporation Agencies, set out in the declaration.

The case was adjourned.

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