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**ANOTHER CRUSHING BLOW TO RUTHERFORD GOVERNMENT**

(Continued from page 1.)

Edmonton, April 13.—Unexpected developments have arisen the last fifteen hours in reference to the A. and G. W. railway contract developments which will seriously affect the investigation that was resumed before the royal commission this morning.

At nine o'clock last night A. G. Minty, a director of the railroad company and its general counsel and H. A. Robson, solicitor for the company before the commission, suddenly took their departure for the east over C. N. R. The only explanation they left was a letter from Mr. Minty to Solicitor Walsh, all the contents of which he does not divulge. They limited to close friends here, but the letter has no explanation for action.

Robson arrived here from Winnipeg only last Monday afternoon. When they left so suddenly last night, the insurgents thought it most probable they had gone to meet Clark and come here with him, but the letter in the hands of Walsh places a different aspect on the matter.

Whether the men were actuated by a desire to avoid the investigation altogether having learned that the insurgents have some damaging information or other that they have been stumped by the Hawes case is not known yet. Yesterday a request from Toronto for a verbatim report of Minty's testimony before the commission was received in this city, giving rise to a report that Minty is to be sued for a statement made that Hawes in stating his civil suit for damages did what amounted to blackmail. The suit will be remembered was started by Hawes in the year commenced with the Atlantic railway to receive \$350,000.

On opening the session this morning Solicitor Walsh announced that Clark and Minty had refused to attend, that Minty and Robson had returned to Winnipeg. He had read Minty's letter only half an hour before. There is no doubt he would give his testimony only in Winnipeg.

Under the circumstances myself and Mr. Johnstone feel somewhat surprised said Mr. Walsh. On the opening day of this investigation Mr. Robson assured me that Mr. Clark would be here. In view of the fact Mr. Johnstone and myself had outlined a schedule of proceedings, Mr. Cornwall was to be our first witness on the main enquiry.

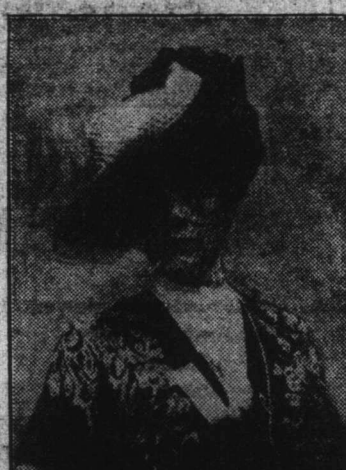
How far these new developments will change the course of the investigation it is impossible to say. The evidence of Mr. Clark, or Minty and their associates is absolutely essential.

**Little Etes Not a Farce**  
In view of these not entirely unexpected developments, this evidence is not to become little more than a farce, said Mr. Bennett.

The commission has been trifled with. The province has been made a laughing stock of the outside world. It is a public calamity. Of the three directors of the railroad, two reside outside the province, outside our jurisdiction and refuse to be here. The secretary is sick and the engineer is an alien. We have been made the sport of two men who came here Monday afternoon and left last night. There is not much use for me to appear here further.

I think the action of Mr. Minty and Mr. Robson constitutes one of the boldest assaults ever offered a British court. It is simply a case here and face the music. I knew why he did not want to give his evidence. I suppose Mr. Minty and Mr. Robson decided to go back to Winnipeg after becoming assured of Clark's attitude. This Clark should refuse to come after his solicitor had promised so unreservedly that he would come seems reprehensible to me. As for the Alberta and Great Waterways railways, there won't be any in six weeks.

When Mr. Bennett concluded Justice Beak explained that the commission was bound to go on with the investigation and take what evidence it could. Justice Beak asked Mr. Bennett if he had intended to cast any personal aspersion on Mr. Robson and Mr. Ben-



MRS. W. K. VANDERSBILT has rented a house at Reno, Nevada, where divorces are quickly obtained.

whether all papers bearing on the matter were under his control and that papers under his control would be under immediate charge of Mr. Duddo. He said he did not bring the cipher book with him because he wanted to consult his general manager.

"Were you not subpoenaed to bring it here?" asked Mr. Walsh.

"Then why did you violate the order of the court?"

"For the reason I have mentioned."

At the suggestion of Justice Harvey he offered to bring copies of the translated telegrams, which was deemed sufficient. Adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning to give Mr. Walsh time to examine the code telegrams etc. The commission will meet in the court house hereafter.

**LONDON WILL BE CITY OF OPEN AIR AMUSEMENT**

The Gayest Metropolis of the World This Year

London, April 13.—It really looks as though London this year is destined to be pre-eminently the city of open air amusements, and wind and weather permitting, the gayest metropolis in the world. The admirable practice of holding pageants which has been revived of late with such brilliant success will provide visitors with two unique entertainments in the open air.

The first in interest and prestige will be the pageant of London, with which will be combined the Festival of Empires. In the past of the imperial city will be vividly displayed, with fidelity to history, in a series of magnificent scenes. The second pageant, that of the British army, will show us the slow growth of the force that has carried the flag of glory on so many fields.

In another direction, the Japanese exhibition will give an opportunity of enjoying the English summer among surroundings devised to please and enable all to picture the scene of the East without the trouble of a protracted journey. There are many, of course, who doubt and distrust our British and our own glories and warnings of its disastrous possibilities. They remind us that pageants are almost infallibly specious for attracting rain. The only message to a seasonal downturn spoiled the cheerful merry making of the Brighton tournament and marred the magnificence of the church pageants. But the mercury cannot be always falling, even in the British Isles, and the English summer at its best is something to rejoice the hearts of the gods.

London as a city of pleasure has beyond question incomparable attractions. Its hotels today are the best in the world, and their prices compare favourably with any abroad. The transit system of our capital, once a stumbling block to the tourist, is now at once fast and efficient owing to the development of the "tube" and the abundance of taximeter cabs. No capital, except perhaps Paris, has such beautiful scenery in its immediate neighbourhood, and no capital boasts such charming parks. The belief that London is a city of gloom is dying rapidly. Even our fogs are becoming rain. The only message to a season of exceptional attractions is the fearful possibility of a fresh general election.

**NAVIES COST MORE THAN COLONIES EXPECT**

Some Speaking at The Royal Colonial Institute in London

London, April 13.—Speaking at the Royal Colonial Institute last night, Major T. A. Brassey said he believed both Canada and Australia would find maintenance of their navies more expensive than they now thought.

Lord Dindlip, former governor of Victoria, said he believed that in a generation or two the centre would shift from London to Ottawa.

Sir George Parkin in reference to press service of Canada via New York stated that over a long series of years the Canadian mind had received a wrong impression of Great Britain and of British public life because of unblinking misinterpretation.

**Australian Army Getting Arms**

Wellington, N.S.W., April 13.—The government has been authorized to purchase \$50,000 in military equipment. The total expenditure will amount to \$100,000.

**ADDITIONAL LOCALS**

You are invited to inspect these Ladies' semi-ready embroidered suits, collars and jabots. Just arrived, Irish Linen Store, 602 Centre street.

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Watch Repairing—All kinds English, American and Swiss. Moderate charges, good workmanship. Dickson Working Watchmaker, from Edinburgh, 311 5th Avenue East, "Just between the Queens". Open evenings till 9, Saturdays 11.

**PARKS SET ASIDE FOR PLAY GROUNDS**

An Important Meeting of The Horticultural Association Held Last Night—Work in Garden

The report of the special committee appointed by the horticultural society to take up the matter of city parks and city playgrounds was given at the regular meeting of the Horticultural society last night. Wm. Pearce, a member of the special committee, which met on Tuesday evening at Dean Paget's, compiled a lengthy memorandum of the available park sites, details as to how much of the property is obtainable and who holds it, of a line extending around the city from the Sarcee reserve and circling the city back to the Wesel Head.

Mr. E. S. Smith, who represented the special committee at the meeting last night, stated that Dean Paget and Mr. Pearce had been appointed a committee to wait upon the city parks committee and submit the information to that body and that also two members of the committee, Messrs. Smith and Pearce would prepare a map showing all the park and playground sites available with all information appertaining to each which would also be submitted to the city as soon as completed.

The meeting last night accepted the report with thanks and the members were complimented on the splendid work they were doing.

The paper of the evening was prepared and read by W. R. Reader, the secretary of the society, the subject being "A Year's work in the garden," and it was one of the best ever read before the society.

Mr. Reader gave many practical hints on the best methods of home gardening in the climate and the best flowers to grow.

The question of electing a new President, his term having been completed, was also discussed. It was decided to have Mr. Tregillus hold office for the time being until a suitable member could be found for the position.

Mr. Reader, the secretary, tendered his resignation some time ago, but was persuaded to remain in the office and Professor W. T. Bard, LL.B., a practical horticulturist, was elected deputy secretary to assist Mr. Reader.

**THAW SAYS COUNSEL SQUANDERED FEES**

Denies That Any Money Was Spent in Silencing Women Who Might Tell Things

New York, April 13.—Harry K. Thaw looking pale and nervous took the witness stand today in the trial of the suit brought by Clifford W. Hartridge against Mary Conroy Thaw for \$25,000 which Mr. Hartridge claims is due him for his services as counsel in Thaw's trial for the murder of Stanford White. Thaw gave testimony as soon as the notice will be given through the press for those anxious to secure them.

The meeting last night, though not very well attended, was one of the most interesting that the society has held for some time, the discussion on Mr. Reader's paper giving those present many good ideas on gardening.

**A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY**

Electro-plating Can Now Be Practiced at Home

A new method of electro-plating, so simple that it can be practiced at home was explained by the inventor, Mr. Augustus Rosenberg, in a lecture at the Royal Society of arts. Prof. Silvanus Thompson was in the chair.

Mr. Rosenberg said that the materials used were known, by the general name of "galvanic," and were in the form of a dried granular powder. The powder was sprinkled upon a moistened cloth and applied in the manner of an ordinary metal polish. In a few seconds a film of any pure metal desired was applied to the surface.

Preliminary cleaning was required, for was the application of heat necessary. Thus, worn electro-plating could be renovated by a deposit of pure silver; dish covers and the inside of copper cooking utensils might be retinned; and metal might be re-plated with any metal desired for many articles in daily use might be renovated by their metals.

**A Simplified Process**

In the electrical industry the process simplified and shortened the soldering of cable joints, for a coating of pure metallic tin could be applied in a few seconds without any preliminary cleaning or cleaning of the wire. The powder could be applied by the electrician with the corner of a moistened handkerchief. The process also expedited the forcing of zinc or copper process printing blocks with nickel, thus making them serviceable for printing with a useful range of reddish inks, which usually set into the metal. In the case of silver articles the surface could be cleaned and replated, and the silver oxide or sulphide removed and the silver redeposited in pure metallic form. The preparation did not soil the hands, and was not poisonous, containing neither cyanide, mercury, nor any free acidity. Exposure to the atmosphere for several weeks did not appear to produce any deterioration of the mixture. As a commercial article galvanic would be obtainable for depositing silver, tin, nickel, and cadmium, and these preparations would plate any metal surface with the exception of aluminium; and aluminium could be plated when the ingredients of the mixture were in suitable proportions.

The motorist will welcome it. The nickel parts of his car will never look shabby. A bicycle can be replated by its owner at home for less than 20 cents; it is therefore so inexpensive to use as ordinary polishing powder. We understand that Mr. C. Smalbridge of 322 5th Avenue West, City is introducing it in the Northwest to the wholesale trade.

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FACING 4th STREET EAST  
10 DOZEN MEN'S BLACK CASHMERE HALF HOSE  
These nice black Lama Socks are stamped 50c each to retail all over at this price. However this Friday you can have them at... **25c**  
Or four pairs for... **\$1.00**

**FIVE DOZEN BALBRIGGAN UNDERWEAR**  
AT 50c EACH  
We have a full range of this new Spring Underwear in Shirts and Drawers to retail at \$1.25 a suit. On Friday it will be a suit... **\$1.00**

**BOYS' KICKER PANTS AT 50c EACH**  
20 pairs of Boys' Pants, worth 75c, made of strong tweed and well made. On Friday... **50c**

**30 DOZEN MEN'S NEW TIES AT 50c EACH**  
These ties just came in by express and are marked to sell at 65c and 75c. On Friday you can have them at... **50c**

**Boot & Shoe Store**  
FACING 4th STREET EAST  
To advertise our shoe department, we will take off a straight discount of TWENTY PER CENT. on all purchases of Men's, Women's and Children's Leather Shoes. This is for Friday Bargain only.

**Grocery Store**  
FACING 8th AVENUE EAST  
100 lbs of choice Congo Black Tea; regular 25c to 35c. On Friday... **19c**

One case best Evaporated Apples, fresh on bright stock; regular 12 1-2c to 15c. Our Friday Price, per lb... **10c**

Our regular 25c Baking Powder will be Friday, 2 for... **25c**

**PRIDE OF THE WEST FLOUR**  
We will sell this best brand of Hungarian Patent Flour at:

38 lbs for... **\$3.25**  
40 lbs for... **\$1.65**  
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**PLUMBERS WRITING FOR THE CERTIFICATES**  
Thirteen Men Are Trying The Municipal Examinations

Thirteen plumbers were writing last night on the municipal examination for plumber's licenses, four for the Master Plumber's certificate and nine for Journeyman Plumber's cards.

The examination was held in the city council chambers under the Municipal Board of Examiners consisting of Messrs. Chas. Wood, E. P. Fletcher and J. Beyrick.

The examination last night was on "Theory" and next month the examination for the practical end will be held.

Should a man fail in the examination he is given another opportunity to qualify in three months' time.

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We have some extra special lines of wash suits in ducks, linen and flannel, at prices from \$6.50 to \$15.00. Come in and we will show you.

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**Cotton Hose**  
Nice fine line of ladies' black and tan cotton hose, full fashioned and absolutely fast colors. These are worth 20 cents a pair. Extra special Friday and Saturday, 2 pairs... **25c**

**Collars**  
Some beautiful lines of embroidered Dutch Collars in long styles for outside the coat. These have just landed and are something nice. Prices from... **25c** up

**Sailor Hats**  
All kinds, shapes and sizes of Children's Straw and Duck Hats, just landed from the east; well made and nicely finished. Prices from **25c** to **\$2.50**. See window display.

**Caps**  
Boys' college and skull caps, made from fine serge and chevot, in navy and cardinal. Some have whistles and some watches on the front. These are extra special for Friday and Saturday, each... **25c**

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