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## DECLINED OFFER OF 50 MILLIONS

English Syndicate Said to Have Sought Control of C. N. R. by Purchase of Common Stock.

MONTREAL, May 25.—(Special).—It is stated here among financial men that William Mackenzie and Dan Mann have just refused 50 millions hard cash for their common stock of the Canadian Northern, which would, of course, entail the control of the road.

Financiers have always known that the president and vice-president have from the start kept the common stock of the company safely hid away in their stockings, and that not even a dollar of common stock has ever been pledged, either here or in England.

In the many financial deals put thru by William Mackenzie, it was known that the 400,000 shares of Canadian Northern common stock could have at any time been placed, either in New York or London, at par, but it is now stated on authority that an English syndicate has offered \$25 per share, which nets no less than 50 millions, and that even this handsome sum has been declined with thanks by the wizard of the Canadian Northern Railway, who will soon be home from London.

## SAW THE COMET

Tail and All Was Visible in Toronto Last Night.

The comet was visible last evening and thousands who didn't see the celestial visitor in the early morning gazed at it with, perhaps, some feeling of disappointment. Indeed, more satisfaction was gotten by a large number of people down-town about 10 p.m. from the sight thru the sky of a fine balloon that was about to burst, but not a few mistaking it for Halley's protegee.

A. R. Hassard, the barrister astronomer, reported that the tail was quite distinct, thus putting to confusion those who have been saying of late that the appendage had been lost.

## "GOLDEN RULE" CHIEF HIT

Policeman Roosevelt Praised Accused as Habitual Drunkard.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 25.—Fred Kohler, chief of the Cleveland police department, said May 1, 1909, and killed by Theodore Roosevelt as "the country's best police chief." He has been made defendant before Mayor Beier on charges of habitual drunkenness, gross immorality, incompetence and failure to obey orders of his superior officers.

Kohler is noted for his policy of "golden rule" petty offenders without arresting them.

## HOW TO IMPROVE THE KING'S PLATE AND RACING.

The Handries have the best grip on the conditions of racing in Ontario, and therefore they deserve their good fortune. They know that the last place to train a King's plate is the Woodbine in early spring, and there fore they go to Windsor, where there is a track, and dry and earlier track. They did this last year and this year in consequence they swoop down on the Woodbine from Windsor with three or more entries and grab the guineas and everything else in the plate. These horses were all fit and few knew it.

Consequently, isn't it about time that the directors of the O. J. C. saw the foolishness of further asking breeders to train for the King's Plate at the Woodbine, situated as it is in the Ashbridge swamp? How many thousands and thousands of dollars have they spent there, and what have they gotten in return? An up-to-date racing plant!

Next, as to the date for the King's Plate. If the training for the majority of the horses has to be done at the Woodbine, why not hold the race later in the year, when all would have a better show? From May 20 to May 24 is too early for such a track as the Woodbine, that's certain. Would the summer meeting be the better day for the Canadian classic? Even the Derby comes late in the season.

Everything in Ontario, as the World is now pointing out in a series of special articles, turns on drainage and climate. We've got to readjust a lot of things because of this.

Perhaps also it would not hurt if the restriction were removed that a plate must not have won a race. If a plate were allowed to run as a two-year-old and a three-year-old they'd get into shape earlier and better. But this has to be considered: Perhaps the great interest shown in the race is due to the fact that it is limited to non-winners.

Now that a new lease has been given to racing in Ontario, it is to the sport and to breeding that they revise their policy, re-locate their track, get a plant that will accommodate a thousand horses and fifty thousand people, and the general public, who will pay the money, are entitled to the best treatment in the way of viewing the contests. The public have a substantial grievance with the present Woodbine layout.

All this can be overcome, and the world thinks now is the time to get the world it started.

P.S.—Don't start making speeches at our race tracks. It isn't good form.

## To Join Capitals By Water Route

Government to Survey Between Winnipeg and Edmonton in Hope of Finding Feasible Possibilities.

OTTAWA, May 25.—The government has decided to make an immediate survey, with the idea of establishing a navigable water route between Winnipeg and Edmonton and the North Saskatchewan River and Lake Winnipeg. It is believed that a six or eight foot route can be established at a moderate cost.

L. R. Bolyard, one of the sub-chiefs on the Georgian Bay Canal survey, who is in charge of the survey, which will be made this summer by five parties, to be sent out from Ottawa.

## CUSHING WROTE OLIVER LETTER NEVER DELIVERED

Secretary Returned It Long While Afterwards, Saying He Had Forgotten It.

EDMONTON, Alb., May 25.—(Special).—Hon. Mr. Cushing was on the stand before the royal commission investigating the Waterways Railway deal all day. He testified to writing a letter to Premier Rutherford objecting to the specifications of the Waterways Railway on Sept. 14. The only letter on file to this effect was dated Oct. 7, but Hon. Mr. Cushing set the date by the fact that he, at the time, wrote to Hon. Frank Oliver, who was then in Edmonton, asking the minister of the interior to see that the federal government to the subsidy for the Waterways Railway, as there were things about it he did not like.

Hon. Mr. Cushing gave this last letter to his secretary, Trowbridge, now provincial registrar of deeds, to deliver, and Trowbridge later said he had delivered it to Oliver. In February, however, Trowbridge returned the Oliver letter to Cushing, stating he had been unable to deliver it, and had forgotten it, and had carried it in his coat pocket until then. At the mention of Trowbridge, Bennett interjected: "That's right."

Cross-examined by Messrs. Biggar and Nolan, Cushing maintained stoutly that he had been neglected during the deal, and that much of the negotiating was done without his knowledge. He declared again and again that the famous Oct. 7 letter was dictated to Trowbridge by himself on Sept. 14, and delivered by himself (Cushing) personally to Premier Rutherford on the same day.

To Nolan, Cushing said he had resigned because he thought the government was not sufficiently safeguarding the province, in the Waterways deal. He (Cushing) did not see the information he wanted, nor did he see copies of the mortgage and specifications until the Friday before the legislative met, after he had asked for them three weeks before. When he saw them he decided to resign as a sign of his dissatisfaction.

## EARL GREY TO HUDSON BAY

Governor-General Contemplates Long Trip This Summer.

OTTAWA, May 25.—Earl Grey, who last year visited the Yukon, is contemplating a journey overland to Hudson Bay. If the present plans are carried out, the governor-general will leave Ottawa in July for Winnipeg, and the Northwest Mounted Police over the route of the Hudson Bay Railroad to Hudson Bay, at Port Nelson or Churchill, or Hudson Bay, the governor-general will be met by the government steamer Earl Grey, and will journey thru Hudson Bay and Hudson Straits, landing at Quebec.

## JAPANESE NAVAL EXPANSION

Newspapers There Call for Increased Armament.

VICTORIA, B.C., May 25.—Japanese newspapers received here by the steamer Inaba Maru continue to devote much space to the argument for naval increment. The Asahi of Tokyo completing a series of articles in which the necessity of renewing many of Japan's fighting ships and the disparity of Japan's navy compared with other powers is dealt with quotes a naval official as stating that in order to equal the western powers, excluding Great Britain, the construction of 35 fighting units during the next ten years, an outlay of over \$200,000,000 is necessary.

## ROMANCE IN HIS LIFE

But Now He's Charged With Trying to Kill His Wife.

BRANTFORD, May 25.—(Special).—Antonis Steinpoulos, a Russian, was charged by his wife with attempted murder here to-day. The evidence brought out an interesting romance. Steinpoulos was a guard at Warsaw, and secured life imprisonment for allowing a state prisoner to escape. He feigned lunacy and later escaped from the asylum to Canada. His wife followed him. Recently quarrels developed. The prisoner was remanded.

## Enthroned as Archbishop.

VANCOUVER, May 25.—With the ornate ritual of the Church of Rome, Most Rev. Dr. Neil McNeil was enthroned to-day as Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Vancouver, in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, which was crowded.

## ARRANGING FOR TOUR THRU WEST

Premier and Hon. G. P. Graham in Conference Here—Minister of Railways to Visit the Pas Mission.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's western tour will begin about July 7 or July 8, when the party will leave Ottawa. The plans contemplate spending 60 days west of Port William and the trip will take in Prince Rupert, which will be the furthest western point."

This was the statement made last night by Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways, who had a conference during the day at the King Edward with the premier and F. P. Pardee, M.P., chief Liberal whip. Hon. Frank Oliver and Hon. William Pugsley were also in the city, but were not present when the coming itinerary was discussed.

"It is too early as yet to talk of details of the trip," said Hon. Mr. Graham. "I believe a committee of the western members is attending to that. The trip will be such that it will be necessary in a great many instances to go by special train, as in the limited time and with the ground to be covered, it could not be carried out otherwise."

The minister said that he expected the party would include Mr. Pardee, Lieut.-Col. E. N. Macdonald, M.P., or Nova Scotia, Senator Gibson and himself, and that they would be joined by Hon. Mr. Oliver in the western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan and by Hon. Mr. Templeman in British Columbia. They would spend a day in Port Arthur or Port Willam and would visit, of course, such centres as Edmonton, Saskatoon and Calgary, after a stay in Winnipeg.

Will Visit Pas Mission.

"I intend myself to visit Pas Mission, the point at which the Hudson Bay Railway will start," said Mr. Graham. "We are letting a contract to construct a bridge across the Saskatchewan River at that point. We intend to make a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Port William, either going or coming, using the Canadian Northern the other way, so as to get an idea for ourselves of these two lines into Winnipeg. We are going to devote particular attention to the terminals of the Transcontinental. I am especially interested in what the railway is doing at Winnipeg and St. Boniface."

The minister, asked concerning the reports that the trip foreshadowed an early appeal to the country, smilingly said: "I don't know anything about that. My wisdom is not long."

Hon. Mr. Oliver said he was on the way to Edmonton, where he would leave for Port Smith, 500 miles to the northwest, and then undertake a 1000 mile trip into the Yukon, nearly 100 miles being by portage.

## Premier at Woodbine.

The premier's visit is a private one. He is here as the guest of Senator Melvin Jones, and spent most of the day quietly in meeting friends, attending the Woodbine races for awhile in the afternoon. He presented the Liverpool Cup to Chase, Boyle, with a few gracious remarks. It appears that outside of the talk over the western trip, matters of politics did not form any particular part of the program, and his secretary, E. J. LeMaire, said last night that there was nothing to be said regarding Sir Wilfrid's movements to-day, save that a formal arrangement. It is expected that he will be a visitor at the Woodbine again this afternoon. He leaves to-night for Ottawa.

## FORMAL VERDICT

Inquest Into Peterboro Shooting Affair Concluded.

PETERBORO, May 25.—(Special).—The inquest into the death of Mrs. Gorham, killed by her son when he was shooting P. C. Mehart, was completed to-night. Coroner Grey presiding. The jury rendered a formal verdict, to the effect that deceased "came to her death from a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Jas. Gorham, P. C. Mehart's son. Ann Gorham, sister of the prisoner, testified. The strain of the terrible affair has quite evidently been a severe nervous shock to the girl, but she never in doubt without breaking down. Gorham gets his preliminary hearing to-morrow, when he will be arraigned on the charge of murder, and likely committed for trial. G. N. Gordon is defending Gorham and County Crown Attorney Wood is conducting the prosecution.

## NO DISCRIMINATION

Railway Board Declares Grain Rates Must Not Favor Lake Ports.

OTTAWA, May 25.—(Special).—The Board of Railway Commissioners has ordered that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways give the same rates to ex-lake western grain from Montreal to points in Ontario and Quebec on the same mileage basis as that in force on the lake routes.

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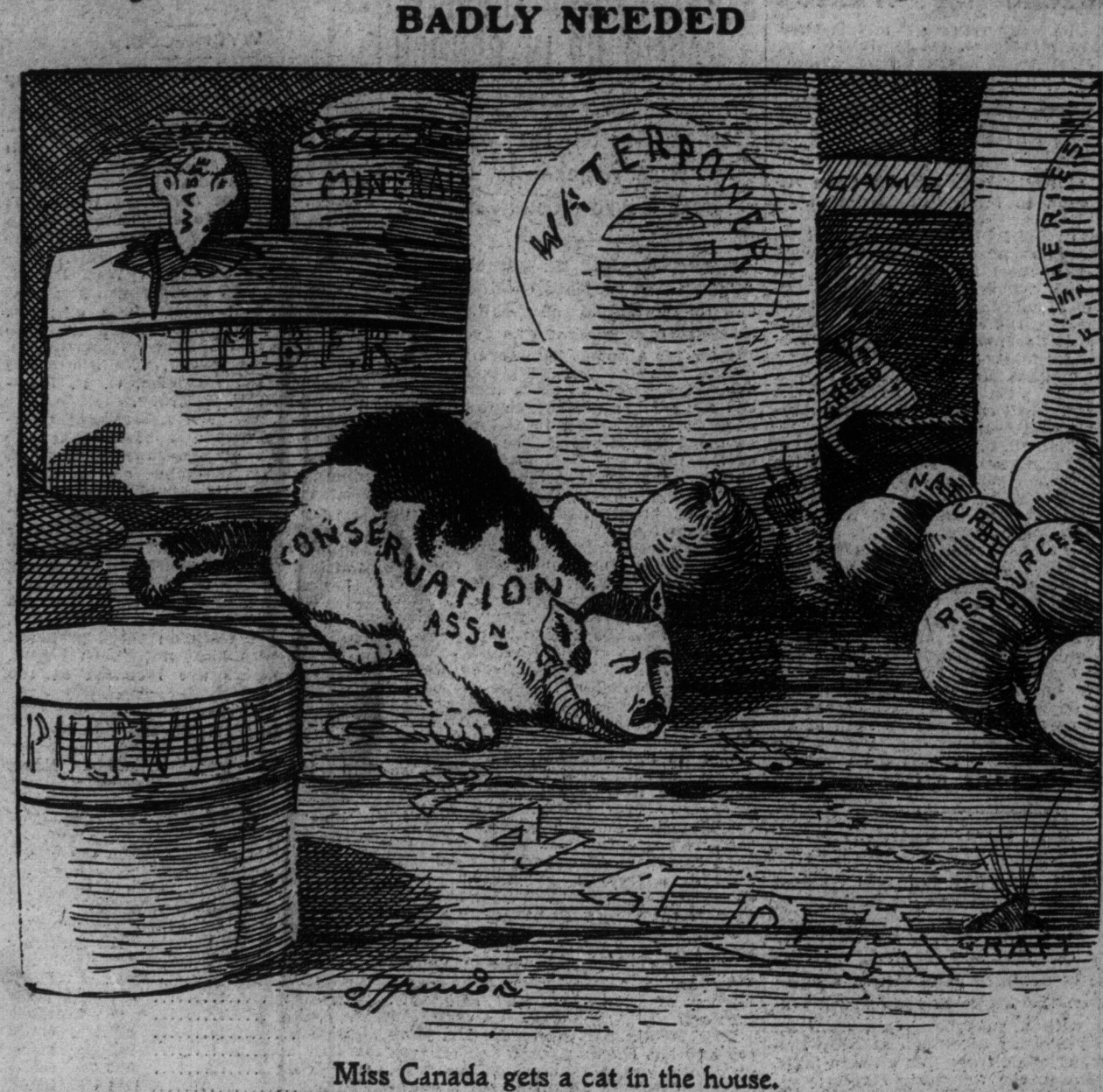
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## Praise for Cadets.

NIAGARA FALLS, May 25.—(Special).—Lieut.-Col. Galloway inspected the Collegiate Cadets to-day. He complimented the corps, declaring it the best drilled he had ever inspected at the Falls.



## PREDICTS WAR BETWEEN JAPS AND AMERICANS

Immigration and the Chinese Question Are the Main Issues at Stake.

VICTORIA, B.C., May 25.—T. Nakahashi, formerly a Tokio official and now president of the Osaka Hosen Kaisha, who recently visited America as a member of the commercial commission, contributes an article to The Tokyo, a prominent Tokyo magazine, in which he predicts a war between Japan and America. He says that the immigration and the Chinese question are the main issues at stake.

## STABBED IN THE BACK

Harry Hardy is Seriously Injured in Free-for-all Fight.

Following a street fight, which began in a wrangle in West Queen street and developed the proportions of a fight at Adelaide and Peterborough, Harry Hardy, 37 West Adelaide street, was stabbed in the back and head by a man whose name he knows by sight, but whose name is unknown to him.

Hardy was picked up with the knife still sticking in a deep wound in the back and was carried to his room by bystanders, where Dr. Smith of West King street, was stabbed in the back and head by a man whose name he knows by sight, but whose name is unknown to him.

The row occurred among the men, all of whom had been drinking, because six persisted in following Hardy and a friend of his. At one time four pairs of men were engaged in vigorous brawls.

## BORDEN'S TOUR

CAMPBELLFORD, May 25.—R. L. Borden will open his Ontario tour in East Northumberland at the Town of Campbellford, on Tuesday, June 14. He will be accompanied by ex-Judge Doherty, M.P. of Montreal, and one of the provincial ministers. Large representations will be present from Hamilton, Peterboro and Northumberland Counties.

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## An Excursion to New York.

On June 23 The Toronto World will run an excursion to New York and return. The rate from Toronto, via rail, will be \$14.25 for the round trip, while via water the rate will be \$12.35 for the round trip. The tickets will be good leaving on the above date, and good to return leaving New York July 2. This will be the last opportunity of a reduced rate to New York until Aug. 18. Doubtless many people will take advantage of this excursion, as June is an ideal month for visitors to the great metropolis.

## SEYLER ACQUITTED OF MURDER OF JANE ADAMS

Was Accused of Throwing Girl Off Pier at Atlantic City.

MAYS LANDING, N.J., May 25.—Wm. Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was acquitted to-night. The jury was out a little more than five hours. When the verdict was announced there was a cheer, which was quickly silenced by Judge Trenchard.

Seyler fairly leaped at his counsel when he realized that he was again a free man. After greeting his lawyer he walked over to the juryman and shook hands with each of them, at the same time warmly expressing his thanks. The crowd in the court room pressed forward and the acquitted man had an impromptu reception.

Wm. Seyler's wife returned to Atlantic City before the jury came in. Seyler said he never in doubt that the jury would free him. It was reported about the courthouse that this jury considered only two verdicts, first degree murder and acquittal.

Seyler took the stand in his own defence and made a good witness. He maintained that he did not know how the girl met her death, and that the last he saw of her she was standing on the pier. He told of being sweated by the police, who sought a confession, and said that he had been given a religious book to read in order that he might be influenced and had been given cigarettes, which he intimated had been drugged.

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30TH YEAR

## NEW REGULATION MAY GOVERN LOW FARES

Railway Commission, While Holding That Railways Are Entitled to Discriminate as to Commutation Rates, Will Try to Lay Down Basis.

The efforts of Toronto and Brampton to secure a suburban railway service in and out of Toronto with commutation rate privileges have failed. Chairman Mabey of the Dominion Railway Board dismissed both applications yesterday afternoon.

He could not bring himself to believe other than that the railways were entitled to grant commutation privileges out of Montreal and not out of Toronto, inasmuch as the Railway Act gave them discretionary powers. Besides, if Toronto were put on the same basis as Montreal in this respect, would there not be discrimination against Hamilton, London, Kingston, Winnipeg and every other city in Canada? And why, again, stop at cities? Why not extend the privileges to towns, and then on to the villages? he said. At the last analysis it would come down to granting a six-tenths-cent-a-mile rate all over the country. So it resolved back to the question of what was fair and just.

## Still There is Hope.

Every vestige of hope was not shattered by the chairman's ruling. He announced, however, that the commission was now seized of the importance of the situation, and would endeavor to frame a set of new regulations governing commutation rates generally.

"There is power," said he, "given to the board to make general regulations with regard to the words in the act, substantially similar circumstances and conditions, and will probably be our duty, as a matter of general policy, to find out what parliament meant by those words."

"It is hard to lay down any precise rule under which commutation rates shall be given. I suppose that commutation rates are the forerunners of suburban services. It is entirely to the advantage of cities to have a suburban service in getting people to outlying districts; but after all, it must be left largely to the good sense of those in charge of the railways to say what service shall be given and what the tolls shall be."

"Whether we shall be able to work out any regulations on this subject I cannot say, but we are fully alive to the importance of the situation, and if we think, after consultation with our traffic officer, that we can frame regulations which we will probably do so."

## C. P. R. to Withdraw Low Fares.

When the case resumed yesterday, Assistant Counsel E. D. Beattie, for the C.P.R., put Chief Passenger Agent Stitt on the witness stand, who admitted that while his company was going to withdraw them. They were not granted in the hope of building up a suburban traffic and this had not materialized because these people were not wooded nor watered districts and therefore not inviting to Torontonians for summer homes.

To Corporation Counsel Drayton for Toronto City Mr. Stitt confessed that the real reason for not granting reduced rates between commercial points was that business could not be developed, whether a commuter's traffic could be conducted profitably or not.

Several witnesses testified in support of the Brampton petition. President W. Williams of the local board of trade said it would induce Torontonians to establish homes there.

Wm. W. Stork and F. W. Wagnat, who made frequent trips to Toronto each week, told of the saving it would be to them had they the ticket privileges enjoyed by Oakville folks. It cost the latter \$25 a month, whereas

## GREEN SPRING—SULKY SUN.

What strikes the eye in the country these days is the continued lowering weather, almost incessantly lowering, and the superlative greenness everywhere. Clean new green of the lawns; lighter green of the alfalfa; darkest the fall wheat; every other shade in the timely, peas, oats, barley. And the trees in the same wealth of green shades. And the whole landscape of a cloth of light green and a background of light green trees with dark pines in places.

Pasture in abundance; and as usual the owners of the dairy herds marked the Queen's birthday by turning them out to grass for the first time on that festival.

The garden strawberry vines have their white blossoms—a week or more behind the wild ones—and they await the warning sun to transform them into the red fruit. But the sun is still a sulky sulk.

## A RETROSPECT.

May 26, 1867: Queen Mary of Great Britain born.

May 26, 1868: The Great Seal of Canada was prescribed by royal warrant.

May 26, 1874: An act was passed that introduced vote by ballot, simultaneous elections, the abolition of property qualifications for members of the commons, and a stringent law against "corrupt practices" at elections.

May 26, 1885: Poundmaker and his principal men were arrested.

May 26, 1887: The main line of the C.P.R. was opened through 2204.8 miles.

The imperial government empowered the Dominion to negotiate its own commercial treaties with foreign countries.

May 26, 1897: Having been defeated at the polls, Mr. E. J. Flynn, the Conservative Premier of Quebec, resigned, and a Liberal administration is formed by the Hon. Felix Gabriel Marchand, Ltd., P.R.S.C.