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### INSURANCE AMENDMENTS EXCEPT ONE AGREED TO BY THE COMMITTEE; MANY CHANGES

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 11.—Consideration of the insurance bill was practically concluded this afternoon. All the amendments were agreed to.  
The bill was taken up this morning by the Banking and Commerce Committee. There were many changes from the original draft.  
Hon. Mr. Fielding said that the subcommittee had reached a unanimous conclusion. He hoped it would soon go through the committee in the House and Senate so that all the work would not be unavailing.  
Amendments cover fourteen printed pages.  
The Amendments.  
Section 3 is amended to provide that any society having an assessment insurance system may come within the second part of the act.  
Instead of quarterly returns as to bonds, debentures, etc. the proposal is now to have them half yearly.  
Expense Clause Struck Out.  
The clause regarding the limitation of expenses is struck out. Advances for travelling expenses or agents' commissions are authorized in respect of first year premiums. No compensation is to be paid any director unless authorized by the shareholders, nor shall agents get more than \$5,000 save by a vote of directors. Sliding scale contracts with agents based on volume of their business are permitted.  
From the clause respecting assets and investment in Canada by foreign companies, there is struck out the words "at least two-thirds in market value of which shall consist of investments or in loans upon Canadian securities."  
Companies may invest in any bonds guaranteed by the provinces as well as the Dominion.  
Investment Changes.  
A number of incidental changes are made in the investment clauses, the general effect being to widen the power. No loan shall be made to a company, director or officer "except on the company's own policies."  
As to voting by proxy the provisions apply to every company "other than a life insurance company."  
Life Insurance.  
In the second part of the bill, which deals with life insurance there are also many amendments. Circulation

### THAT MISLEADING SPEECH OF MR. PUGSLEY'S

(From the News of Toronto.)  
A politician-for-revenue-only always can be trusted to drag politics into every question. It is not strange, therefore, that Mr. Pugsley accuses the Landry Commission of partisanship. He complains that his enemies have conspired to ruin him. Talk like that has been heard before. Every pickpocket who is brought before the courts accuses the police of plotting against him. If he were honest he would have no trouble. So also, if Mr. Pugsley, this "smooth proposition" from New Brunswick, had played a square game himself he would not be so ready to accuse others of cheating. The man with aces up his sleeve is always the one to scrutinize his opponents' clothing. Let it be understood that Mr. Pugsley did not acquire without cause that uncomplimentary nick-name whereby he is called from Campbellford to the Sea. "Slippery Bill" is not the product of a straightforward public career.  
Mr. Pugsley's speech in the House was "smooth" of course. But it was not true, and he knows it. The first mis-statement was that he had never taken a dollar from the Provincial Treasury to which he was not entitled. At one time his salary account was over-drawn by \$7,000. After he was appointed Minister of Public Works he paid the Province \$2,000 which he still owed. One cannot but wonder at the colossal assurance of the man in imagining that this thing is forgotten so soon.  
Mr. Pugsley said that the Commissioners did not ask the president of the company or the directors to file an account of their receipts and disbursements from the beginning to the end. This is a slight change in wording from his first complaint. Formerly he said that he himself had no opportunity to make an accounting before the Commission. But in view of the fact that the president and directors did nothing and that Mr. Pugsley did everything, the complaint is really the same. This is untrue. Judge Landry adjourned the inquiry to accommodate Mr. Pugsley. He also wrote him to the effect that it was most important that he should make his statements as to the disposition of the money. Moreover, Mr. Pugsley came upon the stand knowing from the preliminary report of a chartered accountant that there was a shortage of over \$100,000. He professed to give the Commission everything he knew, but he absolutely failed to give any satisfactory account of the shortage. Mr. Barnhill, counsel for Mr. McAvity and Senator King, said that he had made investigations, but could throw no light on the disappearance of the money.  
Mr. Pugsley says that the balance of the purchase price of the railway—\$39,590—was improperly deducted by the Commissioners from their statement of expenditures. Yet Evans swore that all his firm received was \$140,409.03. Against this statement the mere unsupported declaration of the accused cannot be accepted as conclusive. And, in view of its plain and certain falsity, what reliance can be placed on the interest accounts which Mr. Pugsley manufactures, and sets forth to the sound of the trumpet? Mr. Pugsley has a good deal to say yet before he will clear himself of these damaging accusations, and the character of the Commissioners is not to be destroyed by his wild statements and their echo in Government newspapers.

### GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC WILL EXPECT MORE CONCESSIONS SAYS SENATOR LOUGHEED

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 11.—In the Senate today on motion for second reading of the G. T. P. loan bill, Sir Richard Cartwright stated the company had underestimated the cost of construction of the prairie section of the line, and under the conditions of the money management had to apply to the government for aid, which it was proposed to give in the form of a ten million dollar loan. The Grand Trunk had not been alone in underestimating the cost of the railway construction. The government had done the same on a large portion of the line it was constructing.  
Senator Lougheed.  
Senator Lougheed said it was apparent this was only one of a series of concessions to this company. The underestimation of the cost of construction of this road was colossal. Would parliament in 1903 have given its approval to this project if it had known the many millions it would eventually cost? The Prime Minister had given parliament to understand that the project would not cost the country more than thirteen millions, and the Finance Minister had estimated the outside cost of the eastern section at fifty-one millions.  
A Reckless Government.  
A loan for ten millions was now asked, but it was clear that there would follow applications for aid which would be granted UNTIL THE ADVANCES BY WAY OF AID AMOUNTED TO SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. The administration must have been better in the days when the Canadian Pacific was built. FOR THE ESTIMATE IN THAT CASE WAS NOT EXCEEDED. Senator Lougheed questioned the wisdom of the government in having appointed gentlemen inexperienced in railroad building to constitute the commission to build this road. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE LEGITIMATE INCREASE IN THE COST OF BUILDING THE PRAIRIE SECTION WAS ANYTHING LIKE THAT CLAIMED BY THE COMPANY. Senator Lougheed had been informed by a competent authority that the legitimate increase in cost since the contract was agreed SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN HUNDRED TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. A MOST UNREASONABLE INCREASE OF TWO MILLION DOLLARS. The whole transaction should

### KING SIXTH IN HALIFAX RACE; ROGERS WON

Halifax, N. S., May 11.—By a remarkable sprint in the eighth mile A. Rogers, of Halifax, after beating out forty-one competitors forged to the front and won the great ten mile race at the Arena tonight by nearly two laps in 54.55 which is very fast considering that he ran on a hardwood floor with only an inch of sawdust on the course. A. D. Campbell, of St. Francis Xavier College, was second and finished with a long untiring stride which he maintained right through the race from the crack of the pistol.  
King Made Good Showing.  
The feature of the race was the splendid showing of E. W. King, of the St. John Y. M. C. A., who came in sixth after a game fight, two laps behind the leader. For the greater part of the time in the first five miles the speedy St. John man set the pace and he was picked out a winner, but in the second half of the race King slackened down his fast pace and Rogers, Campbell, Wolfe and Harley passed him, and the St. John man was unable to make up his lost ground, although he made several attempts to get up in the lead.  
The First Six.  
1st—A. Rogers, Crescents A. A. C., Halifax, time 54.55.  
2nd—A. D. Campbell, St. Francis Xavier, Antigonish.  
3rd—G. Wolfe, Dartmouth, E. C. A.  
4th—H. Harley, Charlottetown.  
5th—J. F. Martin, Dartmouth D. B. C. A.  
6th—E. W. King, Y. M. C. A., St. John.

### MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT IN THE HAINS CASE

Flushing, N. Y., May 11.—Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. C. A., tonight faces a prison term of from one to twenty years. He was convicted late today of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis, at the Bayside Yacht Club last August. Quickly following the army officer's conviction, his counsel announced that they would produce affidavits to show that the jury had not been properly guarded during the trial, and upon this allegation will urge that a new trial be granted.  
There will, of course be the usual motions to set aside the verdict as against the weight of evidence and contrary to law, but the unguarded jury feature is the only departure from the stereotyped proceedings for a new trial.  
The next morning witness examining McKay again and told him that he would have a look to a Higher Power than that of the law. Witness was of the opinion that death which ensued shortly was the result of acute peritonitis caused by the wounds.  
Mr. Hazen then handed the witness over for cross-examination but nothing new was brought out.

### ENGINE CASE LIKELY TO END TODAY; ACCUSED CHEERFUL; IMPORTANT EVIDENCE TAKEN

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 11.—Today's session of the Circuit Court brought the case of John Endini, charged with the murder of John McKay, at Minto Mines, pretty well along. It is expected that it will be finished by tomorrow evening.  
At this morning's session of the court a true bill was brought against Samuel Adams charged with horse stealing. He was remanded, and a true bill was also brought against Endini.  
The discovery that Adams had been almost successful in a second attempt to break jail created some excitement here.  
Afternoon's Proceedings.  
When the court resumed at 1.30, the prisoner, John Endini was called and sworn through the interpreter, Chris Nichols, and pleaded "not guilty."  
Mr. H. H. Pickett, of the counsel for the defence, asked that Mr. J. H. Hearn, K. C., of Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, be allowed to appear as a joint counsel with him. The Attorney General expressed his entire willingness to extend this courtesy to a barrister of the sister province, and Judge McLeod allowed the request.  
The Jury.  
The petit jury was then chosen from the panel of forty-one, as follows: James W. Myles, Ashley Hatch, Albert Estabrook, Elbridge Bunker, Duncan London, Frank Mills, J. W. Habbitt, Murray Patterson, James Kelly, Avard McKay, James Rowan, John Cox.  
Mr. Hazen Speaks to Jury.  
The clerk of the court, J. Stewart Campbell then read the indictment to the jury, and Attorney General Hazen, for the Crown, addressed them upon the solemnity and importance of their duties, also spending some time explaining to them the circumstances leading up to and culminating in the present case.  
John Petty.  
At the conclusion of his remarks the Attorney General called John Petty, who said he lived in the Parish of Northfield, Sunbury county. In November last he was working in the Minto Mines. On Monday, Nov. 1st, he had been there. He saw John McKay on Nov. 1st at his own camp. He seemed well. It must have been about 10 o'clock when he saw him first. He saw McKay again in the afternoon in the house of Gus, the Belgian, and from there McKay and the witness went to the house of Anthony Corbett. Another Italian was already there, and they all had supper about 5 o'clock or 6. While there the Austrian woman, Mary Romanuch came to the house. She did not stay long, and talked to McKay. They had some whiskey to drink, which McKay had brought with him. McKay treated the Austrian woman and went away before supper. Afterwards McKay asked the witness to go over to the house at Minto. There were two young Italian men there besides the prisoner. The two other men went away, McKay, Cordeen, the woman, the witness and the prisoner remaining. They had something to drink. A little later Angelo went out. Witness was sitting on a bench talking to the women when the prisoner ripped out an oath, telling McKay he was no good. The witness then turned round and found the prisoner striking McKay, who fell. The witness got up, and got hold of the prisoner, asking him to behave, and the prisoner swore that he would let the witness go if he would let him go. The witness went into a room, and the witness thought the affair was over. In a few seconds the prisoner appeared from the room with a gun. Witness got hold of it, and after a short struggle, got the gun. McKay was somewhere in the room at the time. Later McKay came up to where the prisoner and witness were struggling and prisoner hit McKay, whereupon witness struck the prisoner.  
Witness Strapped.  
At this point Angelo got up and exclaimed something and turned toward the witness, who struck at him. At this point the prisoner stepped in and stabbed the witness twice in the side and breast. Witness then tried to get out of the house, and in doing so struck Fadadino Gidilio, who was holding the door. After this the prisoner cried out several times to stab witness again. Witness got out of the door and attempted to go back to get McKay out, but was too weak to do so.  
Heard Groans.  
Witness heard sounds of a struggle in the house, and heard someone prisoner cried out several times to get help. The owner was not home and witness, who was weak from loss of blood, went to his own shack where his wound was dressed by Dr. Hay. Witness did not see McKay take any liberties with the Austrian woman. This concluded his direct examination, and the cross examination was not productive of any new evidence.  
Percy Kennedy.  
Percy Kennedy was also called and was followed by Norman Smith neither of which were important witnesses.  
Case Will Close Today.  
This concluded the taking of evidence for today. There are three more Crown witnesses to be examined. Continued on Page 2.

### TORONTO HAD \$80,000 FIRE YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard.  
Toronto, May 11.—Probably \$80,000 damage was done by a fire that broke out shortly after three o'clock this morning in a four-story building at the corner of Scott and Eglinton streets. The interior of the building was completely gutted. The losses: Wm. C. Wilson, ship supplies, \$8,000; White & Company, fruit, auction rooms, \$6,000; Rudd Paper Box Company, \$15,000 on stock and \$18,000 on plant; Ontario Novelty Company, \$25,000, building \$10,000.  
William Weir, a fireman, while engaged in fighting the flames had a wrist broken by a ladder striking it.

### GUILTY OF WHIPPING NEIGHBOR

Waverly, Tenn., May 11.—A verdict of guilty was returned late today in the case of the fourteen men charged with being members of the night riders organization and with whipping James M. Reese, a neighbor, on October 15, 1908. The punishment was fixed at ten days in jail and a fine of \$500 for each. They were remanded to jail under a strong military guard, to reappear in court tomorrow when a motion for a new trial will be made.

### AMERICANS WERE KILLED AT PANAMA

Colon, May 11.—In a conflict which occurred last night between Panama police and employees of the canal zone near the dividing line, C. M. Abbott, an electrician in the power house at Cristobal, an American and a colored man, also an American, were killed. The trouble occurred when the police yesterday crossed the zone at Escatopol, in an effort to arrest an escaped prisoner.  
LOST MAN OVERBOARD.  
Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, May 11.—The Norwegian steamer, Kampford, arrived from St. John's Newfoundland, and she reported that a member of the crew was lost while on the passage. The man was at work on one of the ship's boats when he lost his footing and fell overboard.  
KNIGHTS HAD GOOD TIME.  
Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, May 11.—A most enjoyable banquet marked the close of the convention of the State Council, Knights of Columbus. Nearly two hundred guests were present. The visiting knights leave for home Wednesday. W. J. Mahoney, St. John, and F. J. Sweeney, of Moncton, were prominent among the visitors.  
JIM GARDNER WON.  
Boston, Mass., May 11.—Superior ring generalship on the part of Jimmie Gardner, of Lowell, gave him an easy victory over Bill McKinnon, of Roxbury, in twelve rounds of hard fighting at the Army Athletic Association tonight. In few rounds did McKinnon have an advantage.

### WELLMAN BEGINS NORTH POLE TRIP

New York, N. Y., May 11.—Walter Wellman, who twice has made trips to Spitzbergen intending to try to reach the North Pole by airship, left New York today on the Kronprins Wilhelm for Christianiana, Norway, May 20, for Spitzbergen, where he will begin his airship trip northward in August.

### 1500 BALES OF COTTON GO UP IN SMOKE

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—Fire tonight destroyed or damaged 1,500 bales of cotton, the property of Bassett, Nash and Company, cotton dealers, stored in a compartment of the Norfolk Warehouse Corporation's warehouse. The damage will amount to at least \$75,000 and is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.  
MORRIS HAS WON.  
St. John's, N. F., May 11.—Practically complete returns tonight from the voting-in Saturday's general election show that the party headed by Sir Edward Morris has won an overwhelming victory, and that Premier Morris will have twenty-six members of the legislature, as against ten supporters of Sir Robert Bond, the former head of the government.  
In the voting last November, a similar election resulted in Saturday's balloting.