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30TH YEAR.

UNITED EMPIRE BANK Combined Assets \$50,000,000 MERGED WITH UNION

Institution Founded 4 Years Ago, Having \$550,000.00 Paid-Up Capital, Finds Competition With Older Banks Unprofitable—Shareholders Are Fully Protected—United Empire's Position.

An authorized statement in another column announces that the United Empire Bank of Toronto has been merged with the Union Bank of Quebec. The little bank was the smallest in the list save the new Bank of Vancouver—had less than four millions of assets; the Union has over forty-seven millions. Combined the assets will be fifty millions, with 224 branches. This will make the Union sixth, measuring by amount of assets.

The United Empire, which has \$550,000 paid-up capital, was founded and organized in 1906 by George F. Reid, then with the Standard Bank. The directors are Samuel Barker, M.P., president; Mark Bredin, Geo. A. Clare, M.P., E. A. Duvernet, Rev. T. C. Street (Bucklem, M. McLaughlin, B. Rossmond, W. J. Smith, with three directors in England. The head office was in the Board of Trade Building, Yonge and Front-streets. It had 17 branches.

It was very conservative in management and in its risks, and there is no likelihood of any loss. The shareholders will get stock in the big bank when the deal is confirmed, and this will soon be done.

Many changes in Banks.

A gentleman identified with the United Empire said that since it started in 1906, no fewer than four banks had gone out of business, and in recent years the Northern and the Crown had merged, the Royal had absorbed the Union Bank of Halifax, the Bank of Commerce had taken over the Bank of British Columbia and now this one. The reason given for the merger is that the directors thought that it would be difficult for a small bank to struggle against the larger ones. The shareholders will receive par value for their shares. His last statement showed:

UNITED EMPIRE BANK.	
STATEMENT ON Nov. 30, 1910:	
CAPITAL authorized	\$5,000,000
CAPITAL subscribed	683,300
CAPITAL paid up	550,000
RESERVE	Nil.
ASSETS.	
SPECIE	16,807
DOMINION NOTES	18,276
DEPOSITED WITH GOVERNMENT (bank note redemption)	20,070
NOTES AND CHEQUES OF other banks	33,012
BALANCE DUE FROM other banks	63,206
BALANCES DUE FROM banks in Great Britain	1,421
BALANCES elsewhere	24,022
GOVERNMENT securities	50,000
CALL LOANS	399,421
CURRENT LOANS outside Canada	3,116,722
OVERDUE DEBTS	6,177
OTHER ASSETS	14,052
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,881,096
LIABILITIES.	
NOTES IN CIRCULATION	\$491,620
DUE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS	77,235
DEPOSITS ON DEMAND	757,713
DEPOSITS ON NOTICE	1,207,923
DEPOSITS ELSEWHERE	291,974
DUE TO OTHER BANKS	62,456
BALANCES DUE ELSEWHERE	373,198
OTHER LIABILITIES	99,213
TOTAL	\$3,221,511

The Union Bank was founded 1865, has four millions of capital, all paid up a reserve of \$2,400,000, and deposits of over \$26,000,000. It has many branches in the west, where it was a pioneer bank. The president is Hon. John Sharples of Quebec, and the general manager, G. H. Balfour.

The total number of banks left in business is 25.

Local Board of Directors.

It is officially stated that the United Bank, whose head office is in Quebec, will establish in Toronto a board of directors for Ontario, of which the chairmen will be G. P. Reid, present general manager of the United Empire Bank, with the president and other directors of the United Empire Bank as members of the new board.

The United Bank will continue all the branches of the United Empire, making no changes in the staff.

The United Bank is at present erecting a new bank building at the southeast corner of King and Bay-sts.

AN ANARCHIST ARSENAL

Found by Police in Search for Hounded Burglars.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—According to the Daily Telegraph, the search by the police for the Hounded burglars, who shot several policemen to death a few nights ago, has led to the discovery of a complete anarchist arsenal in the house in Gold-street, Stepney, formerly occupied by the dead burglar. Guardsmen in this house the police found large quantities of materials used in the manufacture of explosives, anarchist literature, weapons of various kinds and dum-dum bullets.

PURSE FOR THE MAYOR.

FORT WILLIAM, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—By unanimous vote of the city council this evening Mayor Peltier was voted the sum of \$1500 for his able services and as an appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the city and the time he has spent in civic affairs.

Portfolio For Hugh Guthrie?

Cabinet Shuffle Cannot Be Delayed Longer Than the Close of the Present Session.

All Endorse Good Roads

Six important bodies have endorsed the principle of the good highway. The Ontario Government, county council of York, city council, board of trade, Retail Merchants' Association, Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Such an endorsement has the authority of conviction behind it. Not only will improved roads make travel comfortable and a pleasure; it will assist to bring farm produce into the city fresh; it will stimulate marketing, which has become decadent; it will within a given area, enable three suburban deliveries a day instead of one; it will increase the carrying capacity of the trucks; it will induce suburban settlement and promote civic growth.

TOO ZEALOUS OFFICERS WERE GIVEN TRANSFERS

Evidence of Landing Waiters in Chinese and Smuggling Investigation.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Several witnesses to-day stated before the government Chinese investigation Commission that landing waiters who were too strict in dealing with Chinese and smuggling, were sooner or later transferred from the C. P. R. wharves, and given inferior positions at other wharves. James Harris, landing waiter at the Evans Coleman, and Evans wharves, and A. W. Schouler, landing waiter at the Great Northern wharf, gave testimony to this effect.

In reply to questions, Evans stated that two years ago he had been transferred from the C.P.R. wharf. He had been particular as regards smuggling, but could not say he was too particular. Several times he had had trouble with Collector Bowen, and once was suspended for taking some cigars from a drawer of an officer of the Empress of India, knowing them to be contraband.

Last year, when he was going on his holidays, witness stated that Mr. Foster of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company told him he could have a ticket on the line for half price, if he showed a letter from Bowen. He asked Bowen for the letter, but the collector said: "No, you did me a dirty trick once, and now I'll get even with you."

In reply to a question the witness stated that he never seen Tip or the interpreter give anything to former Chief Landing Waiter Bowen, but that once Mr. Bowen had shown him a diamond ring and stick pin, stating they had been presented by the interpreter. "I'm your candid opinion that you were shifted from the C.P.R. wharf because you were too strict?" he was asked.

"Yes," replied the witness.

"Didn't Mr. Bowen call you down once for examining a grip that was being carried off one of the Empresses?"

"Yes," replied the witness. "He said I wasn't to be so particular. "He said it was right after that you were moved, wasn't it?"

"Yes."

WARD SEVEN FAVORS VIADUCT

Appeal by W. F. Maclean, M. P., Well Received.

"Vote for the bylaws" was the dominant note of the speakers at the well-attended meeting of the Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association, in the Annex-street Library last night, and applause followed the remarks of each and every speaker.

The meeting was presided over by President A. B. Rice, and on the platform with him at different times were Secretary F. S. Evans, Mayor Geary, Controllers Spence, Foster and Church, Ald. Anderson and Baird, School Trustees Agnew and W. F. Maclean, M.P., who made an earnest appeal for the viaduct on behalf of the eastern section of the city. Among the candidates for election not already holding civic honors, Ed. Wakefield for the ward and ex-controller Hocken and ex-Ald. Davies for the higher honors, all asked the support of the audience. Controller Spence outlined his work of the previous years and his plans for the future, giving a very optimistic view of Toronto, past and present, especially the present. The other speakers, in their brief remarks, all agreed with his arguments for fair play in civic improvement.

New Daily Paper.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The plant of the recently discontinued Knoxville World has been purchased by Nashville parties and will be moved to this city, where it is planned to establish a new daily paper.

"Aunt Mary."

The character of "Aunt Mary," as portrayed by May Robson, who is appearing at the Princess Theatre this week, is certainly unique. As a comedienne Miss Robson had few equals. A specific matinee will be given this afternoon.

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"WHITE WAY" NO LONGER

However, Bright Lights Will Soon Shine Again on King-Street.

King-street was gloomy last night—that is in so far as the "Great White Way" is concerned. The brilliant bulb clusters that have been so much commented upon as the first installation of the hydro-electric system in Toronto were turned off. And they will be kept off until hydro-electric power arrives. Up to the present the police has been supplied by the Monarch Power and Light Company, but it was regarded as too much expense by the civic lighting department to keep up the service. The main thing was to show what was possible, and the service would have been discontinued ere now but for the fact that the officials wanted everything kept bright for Christmas. But the contrast last night was awful.

747 INDICTMENTS

Seventy More Pleaded Guilty in Vote Buying Cases.

WEST UNION, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Indictments are being returned by the score to-day in the grand jury investigations into vote buying in Adams County, and with the exception of a still larger finding tomorrow, Judge Blair to-night said the indictments probably will exceed in number his estimate of 1000.

These grand jury to-day reported 122 indictments, and carried over 225. They bring the present total up to 747. It is expected that 145 more indictments will be returned to-morrow. Of those straggled to-day 70 pleaded guilty.

STILL SEARCHING

Mysterious Message About the Missing Aviator Grace.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Unwilling to reject even the strangest suggestions, searchers for Cecil Grace, the aviator who disappeared in a return cross-Channel flight from France, the authorities are now in a mysterious way receiving an unknown person in Sweden, who presumably relying on spiritualistic aid, has been begging the Aero Club not to assume that Mr. Grace has fallen into the sea. After an exchange of messages the correspondent telegraphed:

"He fell on land, not into water. Search the east coast of England minutely."

The coast guards accordingly have been directed to make a careful search along about 60 miles of the coast line.

THREADED PERILOUS PASSAGE THRU TREES

Aviator Moisant's Daring Skill Saves Him From Death or Severe Injury.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Spirally gliding from an altitude of almost 9000 feet with a frozen carburetor and dead engine, after having been blown from his course by a forty-mile an hour wind, John B. Moisant, international aviator, swept within twenty feet of a stump-pile in time to allow the daring aviator to start his propellers, and thread a perilous passage from among the trees, rise and settle with a graceful swoop on the field, amid the cheers of several hundred people, who had started to rush where Moisant was thought to have fallen to wreck and possible injury.

Moisant later explained that the downward rush resulted in sufficient pressure against the bevel blades of the propellers to keep them turning long enough to take the impulse of the revived motor when the carburetor thawed. That saved him from a wreck.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT BACK.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Duke of Connaught, who opened the first parliament of the Union of South Africa on behalf of King George, returned at Southport to-night from his South African tour. He was accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Victoria Patricia.

They will land at Portsmouth to-morrow morning, where a great reception awaits them.

NOT HIS BROTHER.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The brother of Dolphus Drouillard, the Sandwich farmer, who was thought to be the victim of the "Dog cabin murder mystery," came to Detroit to-day. It was unable to identify the murderer man as his brother.



THE KEY STONE

LOCKED IN VIADUCT WHILE MOB HOWLED FOR HIS LIFE

Negro Prisoner Between Two Fires, Suffocation or Lynching.

WESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—William Furby, a negro, for hours to-night was between two fires, death at the hands of a mob or suffocation in the iron vault of the express office at the local railroad station. Outside the little building a crowd of several hundred persons waited from afternoon until late in the night, demanding the life of the prisoner, for alleged assaults upon an attempt to murder Flora Anglin, a prominent farmer's daughter.

While the mob waited and resorted to occasional, but feeble acts of violence, a large squad of special deputies and the regular force of sheriffs guarded the express room, and kept the negro locked in the large express safe, where he had hardly air to breathe. For hours the crowd waited, but for want of a ladder it failed to move with sufficient force to dislodge the deputies and take possession of the express room. They stormed the place several times, breaking all the windows and forcing open the doors, but were unable to gain access to the safe.

FIRE BURNED ITS WAY RIGHT THRU THE BLOCK

Several Montreal Firms Lose Heavily—Damage Estimated at \$200,000.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Fire to-night burned a hole in the centre of the block bounded by St. Peter, Notre Dame, St. Helen and Recollet-streets, doing damage estimated at about \$200,000. The fire started in the premises of the Anglo-Canadian Leather Co. on Recollet-street, and burned its way thru the block to Notre Dame-street, spreading along Recollet-street into the rear of the dry-goods store of W. R. Brock & Co., where considerable damage was done by water.

In addition to the firms named, J. M. Ordix & Co., wholesale millinery; the Dominion Corset Co., and Plova Printery were also damaged. The loss is stated to be well covered by insurance.

DYING MAN WALKED MILES TO HOSPITAL

Hard Case of Friendless Englishman Stricken With Typhoid Fever.

NORTH BAY, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Henry Stokes, a young Englishman, was brought to North Bay Hospital from a lumber camp across Lake Nipissing, suffering with typhoid fever. The journey out was a hard one, with many miles of walking and the sick man was immersed in water several times, breaking thru the ice. His condition rapidly grew worse until death resulted. He had no friends in this country, and will be buried at North Bay, under the auspices of the Sons of England.

SEVEN TRAINMEN KILLED

In Two Collisions on United States Railways.

PARKERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—Four trainmen were killed and two others injured in a collision of two freight trains on the Ohio River division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Mercer bottom, W. Va., early to-day. The dead are: Wm. Steffer, Parkersburg; C. J. Moffatt, Huntington, brakeman; B. H. Bradham, Parkersburg; R. H. Kani, Mason City, fireman. It is said that the crew of one of the trains made a mistake in reading of his orders.

NEW YORK BANK FAILS

Chairman of Executive Tried to Kill Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Northern Bank of New York, with deposits in its nine branches of \$6,912,582 at the time of its last published statement, was closed to-day by O. H. Cheney, state superintendent of banks, "for the benefit of the depositors," because of "certain conditions" and "also certain irregular transactions." Joseph G. Robin, chairman of the executive committee of the bank and a shareholder and director in many other corporations, is in the private sanitarium of Dr. Charles McDonald at Central Valley, N. Y. James H. Gifford of counsel for the bank and one of its directors, stated that the examining physicians had diagnosed the case as acute paranoia, and that Robin tried to kill himself in his apartments last Saturday night, but was restrained by a nurse.

THE VIADUCT BYLAW IS WINNING

The viaduct bylaw will sweep the city on Monday next. Only 2500 more votes than last year will make it a victory. And they are coming in by the rush these days.

The Blue-street viaduct will give out \$500,000 in wages; will start hundreds of buildings over the Don and make money for everyone.

Yonge-street merchants are all for the viaduct.

Every prominent real estate man is supporting the viaduct. It will add 20 per cent to the security of all mortgages across the Don.

The Globe says only one arm of the viaduct, if any, should be built at present. It had been proposed, it would have said: "Oh, it's a half-baked scheme."

So far The Mail has said nothing against the Blue-street viaduct.

Since W. F. Maclean identified himself with the parliamentary and municipal affairs of the people who'll benefit by the Blue-street viaduct. And, yet, because he tries to help them along, The Globe says he's a bad man.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S VISIT.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable).

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Asent the Duke of Connaught's return tour to South Africa, The Times says: "There will be demonstrated once more with convincing force the wisdom of the King's decision to visit the Dominions himself, as soon as opportunity permits."

LABOR SURPLUS IN ENGLAND

The reasons given in England for another big movement to Canada are said to be irresistible. While times are not so bad in England as at previous periods, there is a surplus of labor, and the wage earners see in Canada not only a better chance for profitable employment, but a much better outlook for their children. Mr. Howell will go back to England on June 25 in the interests of the C.N.R. colonization.

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It's mighty near another mile-post in your history. There's a cold winter ahead of you, also, and one in which fur garments will be comfortable. The Dineen Company are showing some splendid goods, just received from the workrooms. Bargain prices prevail.

ASKS DR. PYNE TO LOOK INTO SCHOOLS

Protestant Slate's Charges of Sectarian Influence Should Be Probed by Government Says Dr. John Hunter Formerly Member of the Board of Education.

Have not the electors of the city the right to ask that you make an important investigation into the working of our public school system, so as to allow once for all, a "slingshot" as to the character of the religious instruction?

The foregoing is contained in an open letter sent by Dr. John Hunter, a candidate for the board of education to Hon. Dr. R. A. Pyne, minister of education.

The writer devotes a good deal of attention to the "Protestant slate," quoting part of their platform as follows: "We desire to maintain and guard the public school as the most potent influence for the binding into our loyal English-speaking people, the children of any nationality, language creed and color."

The "slate" candidates are: James W. Jackson and W. V. Hiltz, first ward; Dr. John Noble, second ward; L. S. Levee, Wm. Smith, fourth ward; Dr. Alex Mackay, W. D. McTaggart, fifth ward; W. W. Hodson, Dr. E. J. Conboy, sixth ward; R. G. Agnew, Wm J. Irwin, seventh ward.

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