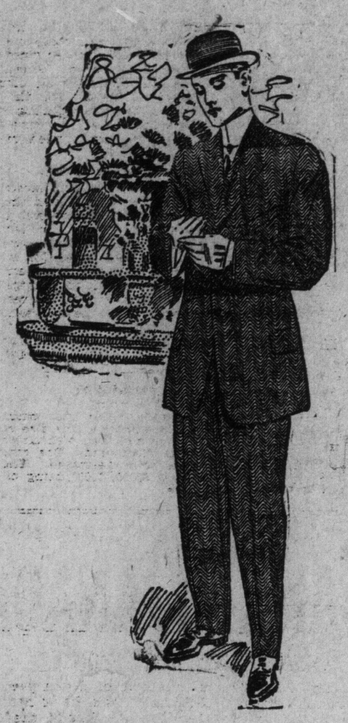

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INQUIRY CLOSED DESPITE PROTEST

Opposition Members Wanted Public Accounts Committee to Continue Work.

HE WOULD NOT ANSWER

F. H. McGuigan Again Refused to Tell of Settlement of Claim.

By voting down motions made by J. C. Elliott, West Middlesex, the public accounts committee of the legislature yesterday wound up its enquiries into the 1912 expenditure of the government. The opposition members fought tooth and nail for further sittings, claiming that certain men who were summoned to appear as witnesses had stayed away, feigning sickness. Mr. Elliott's amendment asked that a commission should be appointed by the committee to continue the enquiry, and that it should be given power to cross the line into the United States to take the evidence of P. W. Sothman, formerly chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and J. Engh of New York and of C. L. DeMuralt of Ann Arbor, Mich.

In the argument that followed the proposal, T. W. McGarry (South Renfrew) bested the opposition members and exposed the plot which they had invented. He stated that he had learned that Mr. Sothman was not sick as he had stated when asked to attend the enquiry, that he was afraid to attend the enquiry and make the statement which he was reported to have made to certain individuals; that in New York he could make statements libelling Canadians without any fear of being tried for perjury, and that it was for the purpose of securing these libelous statements that the Liberals were anxious to cross the line to examine him. Mr. McGarry further claimed that to appoint a commission to carry on the enquiry of the public accounts committee would be to delegate the powers of the committee to the commission, a step which the committee could not take.

Wanted Commission.

Charles M. Bowman (North Bruce) thought that the facts warranted the appointment of a commission, and he asked that the motion should be passed.

Mr. McGarry moved in amendment that the committee should present its report to the legislature, and when the matter went to a vote the opposition's proposal was snowed under, and the meetings of the committee for the present session came to an end.

F. H. McGuigan of the McGuigan Construction Company was the last witness heard by the committee. For the third or fourth time since the beginning of the session he was examined by N. W. Rowell with reference to the settlement of the claim which he had against the government.

Would Not Answer.

"You have stated that if you did not get a settlement you would expose something?" asked Mr. Rowell.

"He had answered that question before," declared Chairman Ferguson.

"Well, I want him to answer it again," said Mr. Rowell.

"I decline to answer the question," said Mr. McGuigan.

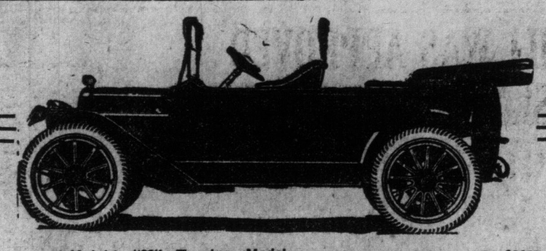
There was one question which Mr. McGuigan did answer, however, and it would have been just as good for the health if the opposition had it not been asked, for the answer shows that the circumstances under which the McGuigan Construction Company obtained the contract were not so peculiar as at first reported.

The facts are that the DeMuralt tender, which was withdrawn after Mr. McGuigan had "fixed" Mr. DeMuralt was not $200,000 lower than the tender taken as the basis for the computation of the lump sum tender, but only $100,000 lower. Had the unit tenders been accepted, all that could have been saved would have been $100,000 at the outside, and in the opinion of the commission a lump sum tender was more in the interest of the province than many unit tenders.

Poor Excuse.

At the conclusion of Mr. McGuigan's testimony, Mr. Elliott complained of Col. Belcher's failure to attend the enquiry to answer questions with regard to his political activities during the last election in East Kent. The opposition claimed that Col. Belcher, while employed in the registrar-general's department, did campaign work in the interest of Philip Bowyer, the Conservative candidate, who was defeated by W. R. Ferguson. The Liberals claimed that during his absence Col. Belcher was paid by the department.

J. C. Elliott claimed that the medical certificate that was produced was a poor excuse for the failure of Col. Belcher to attend the enquiry. "The certificate," he said, "states that Col. Belcher has a cold in the chest, and it is advisable that he remain in a day or so."



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PURSE OF GOLD ALSO

Leader Was Taken by Surprise, But Spoke Quite Feelingly.

An atmosphere of rare good fellowship filled the room of the Conservative members of the legislature, as they assembled at noon yesterday to signify in hearty fashion appreciation of their leader, Sir James Whitney, in the shape of an automobile of excellent design and British workmanship, and a purse of gold, the well wishes of all his loyal supporters were centred and the occasion of its presentation will live long in the memories of all present, as one of the most enjoyable since the Whitney regime began in Ontario.

It was to tumultuous cheers and the strains of "For He is a Jolly Good Fellow" that the premier entered the room, and when the applause had died away, Dr. R. F. Preston, the party whip, read a few well-chosen words, expressing the heartfelt confidence and fidelity which each individual in the government held towards the chief man in all the house. At no period in the span of years in which the had been elected to lead the way, had their appreciation of his ability been more clearly vindicated than in the session which was now nearing its close. His skill as a parliamentarian had never appeared so conspicuous, and the uprightness and dignity which had always been associated with his character, were even more apparent. That his devotion to public duty was unlimited, was evidenced in the imperial dignities which had been granted to him in recognition, a recognition which all his associates in the house were happy to rejoice in.

The surprise of the premier at the occurrence and the natural play upon his emotions, following such an enthusiastic tribute, left him at a loss for a moment as to a reply.

"It would be difficult to summon up at a moment's notice, enough apt and fitting words to express even faintly my appreciation of this act," he said, feeling that anything he might say would fail to display the earnestness he desired to show, or the driving power of his actual sentiment.

"As men go and as parties go, and as British institutions pass, and history makes up the records, I think that we may say that the record we have made is not one that those who come after will have reason to be ashamed of. It is one that those who come in the future will learn to appreciate."

Times had changed since he had come as a young leader, with a limited knowledge of party procedure, but with one great ideal in mind,——the stronghold and permanency of British institutions.

The Conservative party had been blessed beyond other in their capacity to fulfil the demands of the country. There was nothing to regret and everything to be proud of. Beyond a few missteps, which naturally were attendant upon all mortals who were not perfect, there was every reason for self congratulation. As long as they remain faithful to the ideals which he confessed had somewhat distinguished them from others they might rest assured of the continued support of the people.

WOULD SEND SUFFS. ON TRIP AROUND WORLD

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 23.—In sentencing two militant suffragettes, Mrs. Forrester and Miss Manesta, at the Manchester Assizes today, Justice Sir John Eldon Bankes said: "I would send you round the world in a sailing ship if the law permitted me so to dispose of you."

The women were brought up at the assizes for trial on the charge of raiding on April 3, the Manchester art gallery and smashing the glass of thirteen famous pictures.

The judge declared that failing the remedy he suggested as a cure for suffragette militancy, he would have to send them to jail for three months and a month respectively, and they would have to serve additional terms of six months and four months respectively unless they found surety for their good behavior on leaving jail.

OLD COUNTRYMEN'S CLUB.

The executive committee of the newly formed Old Countrymen's Club held a meeting last Monday evening for the purpose of drafting bylaws and regulations. The next general meeting will be held in St. James' Hall, West Toronto, on Wednesday evening, May 7, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of adopting the bylaws, etc., and for formulating a program for the summer months. All interested in the movement are cordially invited to attend.

BARRIE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

There will be a meeting of all the Barrie Old Boys and vicinity, held in Orr Bros.' Hall, 23 Richmond street east, tonight at 8 o'clock, when it is earnestly requested that all those that possibly can will be present, as there is a large amount of business to be transacted.

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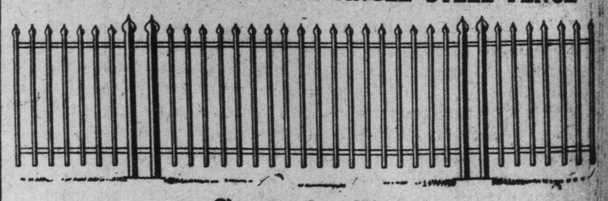

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Thursday, Apl. 24

FAIR TREATMENT IS INSISTED ON

College Street Landholders Need Not Worry About the University.

WILL BE PROTECTED

Government Will Not Proclaim the Act if There Is "Bulldozing."

Sir James Whitney yesterday assured the members of the legislature that the bill providing for the release of the building restrictions on College street by the university would not be made law until a proclamation had been made by the government, and that such proclamation would never be made if the university authorities in making arrangements with the property holders acted unfairly with or tried to bulldoze them. On this assurance of the premier the Toronto members called a halt in their objections to Hon. J. J. Foy's bill, which then passed its third reading.

The effect of Sir James' decision to legalize the bill only by proclamation is, that the property owners and the ratepayers may now get together and come to a just agreement.

When the bill came up N. W. Rowell was the first to offer any criticism. The leader of the opposition stated that when the Y. M. C. A. decided to build on College street it had the assurance that no saloons, billiard parlors or houses of entertainment would be allowed in the neighborhood. Now the university proposed to waive all its claims on the property in return for cash payments by the property holders. Mr. Rowell suggested that the bill should protect the Y. M. C. A. and makep rovision that no business places of this character should be allowed.

Mr. Foy then stated that this proposal would be made to the university authorities, and if they wanted to take the bill with that stipulation they could do so. If not, no proclamation would be made.

Hon. Thomas Crawford claimed that in dealing with the property owners on the street the university was discriminating. "I think that in passing this bill it should be specifically stated that all property owners should be put on an equal footing." Mr. Crawford also stated that if the two parties could not come to an agreement as to the price of release the matter should be submitted to arbitration.

Not All the Same.

In answer to Mr. Crawford, Mr. Foy stated that the university could not be expected to deal with all the property owners in the same way. He pointed out that the university might have strong objections to a business house going up near the technical school, but might not have similar objections to such a building being built nearer Yonge street. "It's quite clear," he said, "that they're not willing to treat every property owner the same."

Mr. Crawford again raised his objections. He stated that as the act stood the property owners were at the mercy of the university.

W. K. McNaught was of the same opinion as Mr. Crawford. "College street," he said, "is bound to be a business street eventually. The very reason it isn't a business street now is because of these restrictions." He thought that in dealing with the property owners there should be no discrimination.

Sir James Whitney then cleared the air by declaring that he would see that the property owners were dealt with fairly by the university. Time would be given for the parties concerned to make agreements, and if disputes arose which could not be settled the bill would not become law.

"WOMAN SUFFRAGE."

In the final debate between St. Francis' and St. Mary's, subject, "Woman Suffrage," the affirmative, supported by Messrs. S. Castrucci and A. Carey of St. Francis, were declared the winners. The negative was taken by Messrs. Maddigan and Rooney of St. Mary's.

STUDY AGRICULTURE.

C. F. Bailey, assistant deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, leaves today for New York to join a party which will visit Europe, Great Britain and Ireland during the next few months to study the question of agricultural credits and co-operation.

BUFFALO AND RETURN $2.70.

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By special permission of the manager of the Strand Theatre, Mr. Nelson Waring, "The Wizard of the Piano" will play a couple of numbers in the Queen Alexandra Tearoom on Friday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock. 34

CAPT. GOODWIN MAKES DENIAL

Mr. Dinnis' Statement Is Contradicted by People Who Saw Fire Tug at Work.

Many people who saw the fire-tug Joe Goodwin at work at the island fire last Sunday have taken exception to the statement made to the board of control by Arthur Dinnis on Tuesday, that the fireboat "could not throw a stream 20 feet in the air." Even some of those who lost heavily as a result of the conflagration feel that this was an unjust allegation on the part of Mr. Dinnis. Witnesses declare that from the time the boat arrived the fire made practically no headway. The captain took up his position by Armstrong's house and so good was the pressure from the pumps that he ripped the shingles off the roof of the building, which is at least 35 feet from the ground. Capt. Goodwin worked until fatigue overtook him, and he feels that an injury has been done him by the report.

NEW DRYDOCK.

Construction has been started on the immense floating drydock which is to make Toronto the shipbuilding centre of the Canadian lakes. The dock is to be large enough to accommodate the largest of the Toronto boats and then have room to spare. The dock has been designed to carry a boat of 320 feet in length and tonnage of 5000.