

CALVERT SAYS RAKE-OFF COMMON PRACTICE

DOHERTY DECIDES TO RECALL MOTION SUMMONING SMITH

Possibility of Criminal Proceedings Given as Reason by Former Cabinet Minister For Withdrawing Move To Call Ex-Provincial Treasurer.

DID NOT REALIZE THE EXTENT OF PROBE

A. E. Calvert, Acting Manager of Home Bank at Time of Failure, Testifies That Col. Mason Had Told Him It Would Cost One Per Cent Extra To Carry Provincial Deposits Account.

COMMISSION CAME OUT OF INTEREST ACCOUNT

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, April 4.—When the public accounts committee met today, Mr. Doherty announced that, in view of the possible criminal proceedings, he had decided to withdraw his motion calling for the appearance of former Provincial Treasurer Peter Smith before the committee.

He explained that when he had made the motion originally he did not realize the extent to which the probe was going to be pressed. He had only the appearance of Hon. Peter Smith because he thought it was only fair that he should have a chance to answer all the implications which might be made against him.

"In the meantime," continued Mr. Doherty, "the evidence indicates charges much more serious than I had expected. From what the prime minister said in the house yesterday, matters seemed to have reached the point where criminal action is both inevitable and desirable."

"Do you think the time has arrived when there should be criminal action?" asked Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer.

"I made no such statement. I was quoting others," replied Mr. Doherty.



G. T. CLARKSON,

well-known Toronto auditor, whose testimony before the public accounts committee has created a sensation.

Clarkson stated that a Home Bank check for \$15,000, payable to Smith, could not be located among the bank's papers, although it has been paid.

FIREMEN EXTINGUISH FIRST GRASS FIRE OF '24

Fire Occurs This Morning on Salisbury Street, Near Quebec Street.

The first grass fire of the season occurred this morning at 10:45 on Salisbury street, west of Quebec street. Fearing that the fire might spread to nearby houses, the fire department was summoned and extinguished it.

Fire Chief Aitken issues a warning that persons should avoid throwing lighted matches in fields where grass is exceptionally dry.

SPRING CLEANING HAS HIT CHIEF AITKEN'S STALWARTS

Spring has hit the men at the central fire hall and this morning the hall, bringing with it a desire to clean up.

Chief Aitken's men were busy brushing, sweeping and conducting a thorough housecleaning this morning. The usual coat of paint administered to needy articles in the hall is not undertaken today it is likely to work along this line will be completed within a few days.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Twenty-five dollars lost.
Salesman wanted.
Phonograph for sale.
Furniture for sale.
Furniture for sale.
Furniture for sale.



MARCUS AUDEN, who will take the leading role in "The Romantic Age," to be presented at the Grand Opera House on May 28, by the Western University players.

INDIAN TRAPPERS SNARED BY POLICE

Quartet From U. S. Come to Canada and Face Charges in District Court.

Four Indians who emigrated from the United States to do a little trapping in Canada are now in a police trap of their own. Four brothers, Harry, Samuel, Wilson, and Walter Dodge have, it is alleged, been selling skunk, weasel, and mink pelts without a license. Another brother, Charles Dodge, was tried and convicted on the same charge last Saturday before County Magistrate Hawkshaw and fined \$20 or one month in jail. Dodge paid his fine.

The charge against the Indians was laid by Col. R. Emmerton, fish and game inspector of the district, in conjunction with Game Warden Caldwell of the Denfield district where the men are alleged to have operated.

It is claimed that the accused are non-treaty Indians from the United States who are not entitled to any privileges in Canada. Indians may fish all they like and at any time on their own reserve, but they must have a license to sell pelts.

The four men will appear in court Saturday morning before County Magistrate Hawkshaw, and will be prosecuted by Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd.

THREE DAYS' CANVASSING BRINGS TOTAL OF \$80,000

More Than \$12,000 Collected Yesterday For Welfare Fund.

FAVORABLE PROGRESS

Amount Is Now Only \$45,000 Below Objective—Four Days Left.

London demonstrated again yesterday that the appeal of big-hearted citizens for a 100 per cent response to the cry of brothers and sisters in distress will not be in vain.

For if progress continues as favorably today and tomorrow as it has the first three days of the campaign, there can be little question but that the \$125,000 objective will be topped.

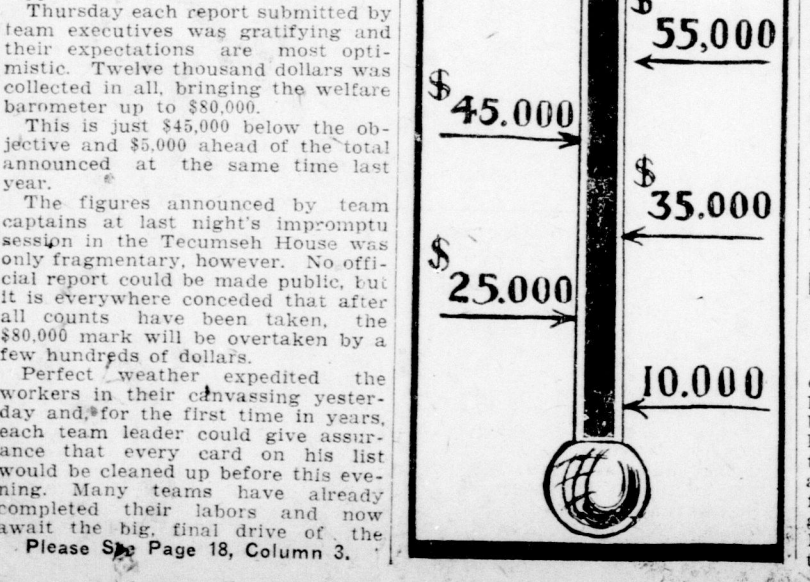
Thursday each report submitted by team executives was gratifying and their expectations are most optimistic. Twelve thousand dollars was collected in all, bringing the welfare barometer up to \$80,000.

This is just \$45,000 below the objective and \$5,000 ahead of the total announced at the same time last year.

The figures announced by team captains at last night's impromptu session in the Tecumseh House was only fragmentary, however. No official report could be made public, but it is everywhere conceded that after all counts have been taken, the \$80,000 mark will be overtaken by a few hundreds of dollars.

Perfect weather expedited the workers in their canvassing yesterday and for the first time in years, each team leader could give assurance that every card on his list would be cleaned up before this evening. Many teams have already completed their labors and now await the big final drive of the campaign.

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BECK GIVES DEFINITE PLANS OF NEW BILL NOW DEAD

Aimed Distinctly at Legislation Passed by the Drury Administration.

PREMIER WILL AID

Will Make It Clear Special 5-Cent Fare Ends on March 8, 1925.

Sir Adam Beck, M. L. A., explains definitely just what his bill respecting street railway franchises constitutes and what it is aimed at.

Canadian Press despatches from the capital state that "it is understood" that the measure is directed at the London Street Railway Company and is intended for lower fares.

There is no "understanding" in Sir Adam's mind as to the purpose of the bill. It is aimed distinctly at the legislation passed by the late Drury administration whereby the London Street Railway Company was given the right, despite bylaw 946, to charge a 5-cent fare in lieu of seven and nine tickets for 25 cents.

"My bill when amended for further consideration in the House will make clear that the special fare of five cents will cease March 8, 1925, the original date for the expiration. Please See Page 18, Column 4.

U.S. Senate Probe Called a Joke

New Hampshire Representative States Evidence Given by Dopes and Divorcees.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Describing the senate investigations at Washington as "a grotesque spectacle," United States Senator Moses of New Hampshire told the Republican women of Philadelphia, in an address last night, that the only thing the investigators have proved was that a "former secretary in a president's cabinet told a lie."

Senator Moses declared that the only testimony submitted to the committee came from "dopes, drunks and divorcees," and dealt principally with rumors regarding alleged statements of dead men.

M'CAUSLAND SAYS CHURCH UNION BILL NOW DEAD

Legislature Member Declares Methodists Will Not Get Their Own Way.

ANGLICANS' ATTITUDE

Maintains Presbyterians Who Were Forced Out Would Join English Church.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 4.—J. A. McCausland, M. P. P., has made up his mind that the Methodists are not going to ride rough shod over everything and everybody in order to accomplish the Union of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches. He said so quite tersely to The Advertiser: "It would simply amount to the Presbyterians being gobbled up by the Methodists."

"And we have a Legislature here that is not going to let that dominating bunch of Methodists have their own way—that bunch that for the last ten years or so has been telling us what we must eat and drink."

"That committee will never change its mind on the amendment," he said. "Do you think the Anglicans are going to let Dr. Chown tell us what we are to do? I'd see him—yes, and then there was an eloquent pause."

"That makes good copy," suggested "The Advertiser" scribe. "Yes, and you can say that if union went through, the Anglicans stand to gain, because many Presbyterians would leave the United Church and go to the Anglicans. Many have done so already."

"The bill's as good as dead," he said.

CITIZENS ARE WARNED ABOUT RUBBISH FIRES

Extreme Caution Should Be Taken at This Time of Year, Says Chief Aitken.

Citizens are again warned by Fire Chief Aitken to be careful at this time of year in the matter of burning rubbish following the usual spring cleanup of backyards and lawns.

No person is allowed to start a fire within 25 feet of any building, declared the chief, and where this rule is complied with it is necessary water must be handy and the fire guarded until it is put out. Any persons starting a fire on a public road or in alleys used by pedestrians are liable to a fine, said the chief.

"We intend to check up closely any complaints of carelessness in rubbish fires," he asserted.

C. N. TO RUN SPECIALS DURING EASTER SEASON

Traffic in 1924 Is Expected To Surpass Records of Former Years.

In order to accommodate the heavy Easter traffic anticipated by divisional officials of the C. N. R. two special trains will be run and extra coaches added to all trains.

Specials will be run between London, Toronto and Windsor on Thursday, April 17th and Sunday, April 20th. A special will leave here at 1:15 for Windsor on Thursday at 1:15 while one will leave Toronto at 5:45 p. m. the same day will reach London at 8:45.

The first section of No. 16, London to Toronto, will leave London on Sunday, April 20th at 6:45, 15 minutes ahead of the regular train.

According to official information received today passenger traffic has been heavy on all lines of the C. N. R. and travel in Toronto is expected to surpass all previous years.

POLICE COURT PROTESTS CLAIM OF GOVERNMENT

The decision of the government to claim the \$200 fine imposed on a local wholesale drug concern for breach of the drug and narcotic act last November will be appealed by the local police department. The attorney-general stated that all such fines should be turned over to the government, but Police Court Clerk Moutz has been directed to protest the decision.



PROMINENT IN TORONTO INQUIRY.

On the right is J. Cooper Mason, late general manager of the Home Bank, whose negotiations with the Hon. Peter Smith have been subject to a keen inquiry. On the left is Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, who is conducting the inquiry into the provincial accounts.

KING GOVERNMENT WINS WEST CANADA'S SUPPORT

Hon. J. G. Gardiner Praises the Service Being Rendered Farmers by Ottawa.

PROGRESSIVES FALL

Reports Members of the Party Favor Abandoning Present Agitation.

In working for free agricultural implements the King government is performing a greater service for the Canadian West than any of its predecessors, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of highways for Saskatchewan, believes.

Mr. Gardiner is spending the weekend with his parents at Exeter before returning to the west. Interviewed by The Advertiser this morning, he was emphatic in condemnation of Progressive policies at Ottawa, claiming that their sudden "backsliding" in connection with the free implement proposal was a deep political game.

"If the King government comes out in favor of free implements there will no longer be any use for a Progressive party," Mr. Gardiner declared. "The Progressives at Ottawa realize this and rather than lose their favor on any more the Liberals may make toward free implements."

Mr. Gardiner was this week in Ottawa, presenting to the federal government a number of resolutions passed by the Saskatchewan Legislature.

The two most important requests made by Saskatchewan were that the unexcused absence from the operation of the wheat board be ceased at the last session, one for \$4,000 and the other for \$11,100 from the public utilities commissioners, who propose to use the building for a hydro sub-station.

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JURY VIEWS REMAINS OF SHOOTING VICTIM

Waterloo Youth Held Until the Investigation Into Fatality Is Completed.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, April 4.—The jury impaneled to inquire into the death of Walter Disney, aged 8, shot by Nelson Boardman, aged 17, at Waterloo last night, viewed the remains of the child this morning, and adjourned until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Boardman is being held on a nominal charge of carrying firearms.

TO ASK NEW TENDERS FOR REGISTRY OFFICE

Certain Committee Members Favor Bid For Three-Story Office Building.

New tenders will be asked for a purchase price for the old registry office, members of the finance committee explain. Two bids were received at the last session, one for \$4,000 and the other for \$11,100 from the public utilities commissioners, who propose to use the building for a hydro sub-station.

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QUEBEC CITY WILL VOTE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, April 4.—The city of Quebec will hold a referendum on daylight saving on Monday, April 28. To this referendum will be added the question of the election of the mayor of the city by the council, instead of by the people, as at present.

Free marbles and jacks for every boy and girl in London—at the Winter Garden, 11 o'clock sharp, Saturday morning.

LELANDS STATE FORD AGREEMENT NOT FILLED

Former Lincoln Owners Charge \$4,000,000 Has Not Been Paid.

INTERVIEWS NOT KEPT

Letter Places Different Complexion on Purchase in 1922 of Plant.

Serious charges against Henry Ford, the Detroit millionaire automobile king, are contained in a letter addressed to Mr. Ford by Henry M. Leland and Wilfrid C. Leland, founders and owners of the Lincoln Motor Company, acquired by Ford in 1922.

The letter has just been issued to the 3,000 stockholders of the Lincoln Company as evidence of the endeavors of the Leland plant from that which has appeared in various interviews and magazine articles. In the Leland version ruthlessness replaces generosity and sharp dealing replaces benevolent sportsmanship.

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The Charges Against Ford

The Leland charges against Ford are the agreements which he entered into at the time that he acquired the Lincoln Company, though this was more than two years ago.

That when the legal representatives for Henry Ford came to the Leland plant in order to complete arrangements for the payment of the debt, he added as a condition that they must sign an agreement not to press any further claims on account of stockholders or others.

That the \$4,000,000 said to have been paid by Ford to stockholders of the Lincoln Company has not yet been paid.

That the "cool million" also said to have been paid by Henry Ford to the Leland plant personally was not paid and that these statements are not true.

That several interviews and appointments made by Ford with the Leland plant were not kept.

That when Wilfrid C. Leland on one occasion went to keep one of these appointments he was met by one of Ford's private guards who pointed a rifle at him.

That Mr. Ford by his actions has allowed the stockholders of the Lincoln Motor Company lose their money.

Corroborated By His Father

All these statements are presented by W. C. Leland and corroborated by his father, H. M. Leland, in the letter referred to. The gravity of the claims made can be judged by one of the concluding paragraphs as follows:

"In writing this letter I have confined myself to statements which can be substantiated under oath on the witness stand."

The publication of this amazing letter follows the payment of Mr. Ford. Please See Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Fair and mild.

Saturday — Fair and a little cooler.

The pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and over Manitoba and the Pacific States, and low over the Gulf of Mexico.

Southwest States and Northern British Columbia.

The weather has been fine from Ontario eastward, and a cool day in the West, with light snow in many sections.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	40	Cloudy
Calgary	42	29	Fair
Winnipeg	42	22	Clear
Port Arthur	40	36	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	48	36	Clear
Cochrane	48	39	Cloudy
Toronto	50	29	Cloudy
Kingston	49	24	Fair
Ottawa	48	34	Rain
Montreal	42	34	Cloudy
Quebec	40	22	Snow
St. John's	38	26	Clear
Halifax	40	26	Clear

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES RESPOND TO CALL

J. Spencer, for forty-one years an employee of the C. N. R. and now track foreman, came into the United Welfare offices this morning highly pleased. He had canvassed eleven of his men an hour before to subscribe to the welfare fund and showed the gratifying result of his efforts—\$48.50.

"Every one of them subscribed without a murmur," Mr. Spencer said. "All but one man gave a day's pay to the cause."

\$7,244,000 IN CAPITAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 4.—Authorized capital of \$7,244,000 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended March 29, compared with \$6,554,600 the previous week, and with \$2,463,000 the corresponding week last year.

Barometric Readings

Thursday—8 a.m., 29.37.
Today—8 a.m., 29.42.