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CALVERT SPOKE GOOD WORD TRAVERS NARRATES BANK'S INNER HISTORY TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

Former Manager of Farmers' Bank Declares Present Liberal Whip Aided Him in Securing Charter—Travers Alleges He Paid C. H. Smith \$1800 to Keep Silent.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST TOLD FALSE STORY

Sensation followed upon sensation thick and fast in the hearing of the conspiracy charge against the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank and others in police court yesterday morning. Of the nine charges with which the treasury board of Canada by fraud, six were present, three are fugitives from this and other charges. Those who answered to their names and pleaded not guilty were J. R. Stratton, M.P. president, and J. J. Warren, manager of the Trusts and Guaranty Co.; John Ferguson, Alex. Frazer, A. S. Lown and John Watson, provisional directors. Those absent were Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the bank; W. J. Lindsay, stock seller in the organization, and C. H. Smith, secretary of the provisional board.

Would Add W. H. Hunter. Even the morning session, the largely taken up by the filing of exhibits, was filled with sensation toward the close. At the afternoon sitting, which opened at 3:15 and closed at 4:45, surprise after surprise was sprung until the senses were dulled against all but the most startling developments. During this hearing, taken up with the examination of W. R. Travers, and which was not completed, Magistrate Denison asked why the name of W. H. Hunter, solicitor, had not been included among those charged; it was promised that Travers' statements would be investigated and, if supported, the name would go with the others before the grand jury. Travers charged that William Laidlaw, K.C., had approached him to be appointed solicitor for the bank and to receive a share of Travers' commissions for which he would get his brother to take \$5000 stock and go on the board of directors, failing which he would put the bank out of business.

Got Credited With \$80,000. Travers further declared that to bank the investigation of the Bankers' Associations' secretary, John T. Knight, he had secured a deposit slip from the Trusts and Guaranty Co. for \$80,000, for which he had paid no money into the company, but had manipulated back a former loan (made to secure money to complete the deposit with the finance minister and which had been repaid), to stand as a deposit in order that he might present such deposit slips to Mr. Knight.

Mr. Hunter explained later, out of court, that this had been a purely legitimate transaction in the regular routine of business. The adjournment was taken at this juncture to allow Mr. Travers to find whether any interest had been paid for this extension of the loan and whether any interest had been paid to the bank upon this alleged deposit. The morning session was taken up with the reading and filing of various books and documents by Inspector Duncan as exhibits in the case and with the bearing of the evidence of Secretary Hughes.

For Government Deposit. The cheques of the Trust Company making the loan to the bank were produced and filed, and the money for \$80,000 and \$20,000, and were drawn in such a way that they could be used by the bank only for deposit with the minister of finance at Ottawa. Magistrate Denison remarked upon this evidence, saying that these cheques showed that those who gave them must have known the purpose for which they were to be used. Travers, during his evidence, declared that he had paid \$1800 to C. H. Smith, secretary for the provisional board in Ottawa as a compromise for the \$2500 which Smith claimed as still due in addition to his salary under the agreement in which Travers had agreed to allow the provisional board and Smith \$20,000 for their services.

Case will go on at 10:15 this morning, and the hearing will be continued all day. Travers to Get Funds. Travers was the first witness called at the opening of the afternoon session. He was given the protection of the court against further prosecution. He was asked as to a minute of the provisional board, resolving that cash must be paid upon subscriptions for stock. He said that he had been informed of the motion, and it had arisen out of the way stock subscriptions were coming in. He was asked about a later minute, repeating the former one upon the advice of Messrs. Urquhart & Urquhart, and was then asked with regard to a further minute in the same regard, allowing him to deal with the matter, and replied that these were passed because he had come to a standstill as to getting the

DON'T BE DAZZLED BY U. S. SAYS G. T. BLACKSTOCK 125 COCAINE VENDORS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED

Material Prosperity of Republic Great, But British Public Life is Higher.

Canadian and British imperial ideals were extolled at the eighth annual banquet of the literary society of McMaster Hall in the Castle Memorial Hall last night. Hon. Justice Riddell spoke eloquently of Canada and the empire, the empire's glorious past and the Dominion's bright future. G. Tate Blackstock, K.C., described Canadian public life, as exemplified in the cabinet of the first Dominion parliament as contrasted with that of present legislative halls. While the present parliamentary average might be higher he believed the confederation cabinet had a greater array of names of men of sterling eminence. Mr. Blackstock warned the assembly not to allow their admiration for the splendid material progress of the United States to blind them to the defects expressed in their public life and administration of justice, but to remember that within the British Empire had been evolved the nearest approach to a perfect civilization. E. D. Gray presided and several hundred members, ladies and guests were present. The hall was lavishly decorated with flags and flowers.

RUSSELLITES KNOCK PACT Independent Conservatives Don't Lag Behind in Chorus of Disapproval.

Reciprocity was the theme at the East Toronto Independent Conservative Association at an informal smoker held last evening in Prospect Park Rink. The proposed pact came in for much adverse criticism and no praise. Chairman George Laughlin presided, and on the platform with him were T. C. Scott, W. Wirrell, W. Joplin, George Corey, George Gilmore, D. Hillton, and F. R. Hicks, all of whom joined in the merry and witty chorus on the merits of the proposed treaty. It was close upon 11 o'clock when Joseph Russell, M.P., arrived. He declared that he might be considered prejudiced against the proposed pact. He considered the making of any trade agreement with the United States a mistake. The movement for closer trade relations did not come from Canada. It had its origin in the United States. The nation to the south viewed the raw materials, and this was the motive which actuated the desire of Americans for a trade pact. He contended by expressing his unqualified disapproval of the treaty, and in doing so pretty generally voiced the sentiments of the audience.

A SENSATIONAL CHARGE Conspiracy to Tamper With Ballot Boxes is Alleged.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 17.—A sensation was furnished in the legislature to-day by W. Molloy Le Verandry, who charged Conservatives with having tried to steal every seat in the province, and declared that a conspiracy to tamper with the ballot boxes in his constituency was frustrated. A statement that he does not care whether Manitoba's boundaries were ever extended, as the country north is practically valueless, called forth government protests. The reciprocal question did not come up until next Tuesday. It is understood that the government intends to bring in an amendment to the resolution of the opposition, which endorses reciprocity, favoring close trade relations within the empire.

THE WELLESLEY MURDER Clue Believed to Be Found on Discovery of Blood-Stained Coat.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—What may prove to be a clue in the Lobinski murder case has been brought to light here in the discovery of a blood-stained coat. The garment was brought to a local cleaning and pressing establishment yesterday to be cleaned, and when he does not emerge went to work on the found spots of blood. Chief O'Neill was notified and on the return to town this morning of Detective Boyd and Constable Huber, handed it over to them. They are satisfied that the stains are those of human blood, and Detective Boyd says that the find may lead to important discoveries in the case.

WANT BRANCH LIBRARY.

The management committee of the public library board met yesterday and once again the sacred precincts were invaded by a deputation asking for a new suburban library. Aid, McBride and Trust, McTaggart of the board of education headed the party who asked for a building at the corner of Bleor and Davenport to supply Wards 5 and 8, and the Broadview district. On being told by the committee that no money was available they decided with all the former delegations to turn their steps toward the board of control.

125 COCAINE VENDORS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED

New Quebec Bill Contains Stringent Regulations—May Search Premises.

MONTREAL, Feb. 17.—For three months John Foley, cocaine vendor, has led Constables Daoust and Martin a merry chase thru the red light district, but they caught him last night with the drug on him and he was this morning fined \$25 or ninety days. Since July last, Constables Daoust and Martin, aided latterly by Constable Marsola, have arrested 125 cocaine vendors. Of these cases 125 appeared in the recorder's court, convictions being obtained in every case, some times on double charges. Over \$300 worth of the drug has during this period been seized and analyzed. Sir Lomer Gouin's bill, designed to stamp out the cocaine evil in Montreal, has just been printed. The whole clause provides that none but a wholesale dealer or person duly authorized, "shall sell, give or deliver cocaine, alpha or beta eucaine, morphine or heroin salt," or any compound of such preparations. On the outside wrapper of each package of cocaine the word "poison" is to be inscribed in red ink, and a separate register for each sale of the drug is to be kept. Warrants to search any premises day or night for the drug shall be issued. Penalties provided are: For a first offence, not less than \$50 and not more than \$200, or from one to three months' imprisonment; and for subsequent offences not less than \$200 and not more than \$500, or imprisonment for three to six months.

ROBBED PICTURE SHOW Three Employees Charged With Gathering in \$15 a Day on Ticket Sales.

Audacious men were Wesley Matthews, 482 College street; Earl Lanfink, 85 Gould street, and J. W. Wilson, 110 Amelia street, ticket-seller and ticket-takers of the Crystal Palace theatre at 111 Yonge street, who were kept for over a month by the receipts to the extent of some \$15 a day, gathering approximately \$450 before they were arrested by Detectives Archibald and Tipton yesterday. Manager John Cairns, noted the large crowds coming and the small returns with increasing wonder. Finally he kept tabs on all those who entered the theatre, and last night found that some 275 people had either walked in free or the guardians of the portals had been manoeuvring to the benefit of their own pockets. In the latter surmise he was right, for it appears the ticket "choppers" would wait until the theatre opened, when they would coolly screw off the top, pick up a handful of the tickets, and hand them to the seller, who would resell them, after which they would divide the spoils.

FRENCH-CANADIAN PROTESTS Will Take No Part if Bishop Fallon is in Attendance.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—At a special meeting of the executive of the French Canadian Educational Association, held to-night, it was unanimously decided not to present an address to Archbishop Gauthier on the occasion of his enthronement on Feb. 21, if Bishop Fallon is expected. This stand is taken owing to Bishop Fallon's attitude toward bilingual schools and to French-Canadian aspirations in Ontario, which is termed, "unjust and injurious," in the resolution. The association wrote to Archbishop Gauthier stating their desire that Bishop Fallon be not invited to take part in the ceremonies, but his grace replied that he had already invited Bishop Fallon, and that he had accepted the invitation. French-Canadians generally will be asked to take no part in the honors to the new archbishop if Bishop Fallon persists in being in attendance.

DEATH OF HARRY H. BROWN.

Last evening at his home in Parkdale, 1435 West King-st., one of the most popular and best known of Toronto commercial travellers passed away at the age of 49 years. The ill for nearly a year, the end was sudden and unexpected. The funeral will be held from his late residence, Parkdale, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to St. John's Cemetery, North York. Deceased was widely popular in fraternal circles, among them who will miss his counsel are Orient Lodge, 329 G. R. C., Orient Chapter, 79 G. R. C., Inwood L. G. A., O. U. W., and Broadview Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Commercial Travelers' Association. As traveller for the McAlpine Tobacco Co. for over 14 years, he was known and esteemed from one end of the province to the other.

Deepen Welland First. LONDON, Feb. 17.—The finance committee of the city council to-night decided to urge on Major Beattie, M.P., to press the deepening of the Welland Canal before undertaking work on the Georgian Bay Canal project. Action was taken at the request of Mayor Geary of Toronto.

INDISCREET



Big Bill: S-s-s-h! Not so loud, Champ. Someone's listening.

G. N. W. OPERATORS THREATEN TO STRIKE

Committee Who Presented New Schedule of Wages Dismissed—President of International Telegraphers Union Arrived Yesterday To Take Charge of the Situation—Will Affect Whole System.

For the third time in seven years is the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co. threatened with a strike of its operators. From the temper of the men and the uncompromising attitude assumed by the company, there seems little doubt but that the trouble will at least reach the point of an appeal for the appointment of a board of conciliation under the provisions of the Lemieux Act. International President S. J. Koenekamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, arrived in the city from Chicago yesterday evening, to take charge of the situation. While there was no question, he told The World, of union recognition in the dispute, the union would render the committee appointed by the men every support possible in their fight for a reasonable salary schedule. While the trouble has come to a head in Toronto, three dismissals following the presentation of a new schedule, he pointed out that the entire staff of operators, from Winnipeg to the Atlantic coast, would be affected by any action that might be taken. Twenty-five men have been discharged by the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co. since Jan. 1 as a result of a campaign among the telegraphers of that company which had for its purpose higher wages. Telegraphers' wages have not generally kept pace with the times and the minimum salary remains at \$25 per month, with a maximum of \$70 with the G. N. W.

the same as ten years ago, despite the increased cost of living. The men sought to obtain relief first by petitions and finally by organizing a Discharged Committee. A new schedule of wages, asking for a minimum salary of \$30 per month, was presented to the management on Feb. 2 by a committee holding authority from the great majority of the employees, and the committee asked for a conference. The company replied by first discharging the committee and then dismissing eight of those who refused to sign a paper which stated that they were satisfied with present conditions and that the committee was not authorized to act. This happened on Wednesday. Despite the dismissal of some of those who refused to sign the paper, it is understood only 20 of the 60 telegraphers employed in the Toronto office signed. Some of those who did sign were promised an increase of five dollars per month, to take effect April 1. Approximately 25 employees have been dismissed so far, and it is reported that others will follow as rapidly as men can be obtained from the United States to fill their places. President Koenekamp said that a conference of the general committee, representing all the G. N. W. employees, would be held within the next few days, and that until this took place he did not feel competent to discuss the matter at length. He pointed out, however, that all the committee had done was to submit a proposition on behalf of the employees and ask for a conference. It was inconceivable, he said, that men should be dismissed for such a cause. The schedule presented by the men had been approved by him in accordance with the laws of the union.

Not a Question of Recognition. While nearly all of the telegraphers involved are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, the question of recognition of the union is not a part of the schedule, which is patterned after the employees' agreement in effect with the C.P.R. and with the various railroads of Canada. The C. P. R. at the present time pays from 15 to 20 per cent higher wages than the G. N. W. This is the third time in seven years, or since the present officials were brought from Minneapolis, Minn., to take charge of the company, that labor troubles have been experienced. The men were defeated in 1904 and 1907, but it is believed a strike would have been declared at once were it not for the Lemieux Act. Some of the employees were heard to decry the law which permits wholesale dismissals of employees and at the same time prevents them from retaliating by striking.

ANOTHER BLOW AT RECIPROCITY Ward Six Conservatives Pass Strong Resolution in Condemnation.

A resolution strongly condemning reciprocity was passed at a largely attended meeting of the Ward Six Conservatives in Northcote-avenue Hall last night, on motion of R. B. Orr, with J. W. McGhie as seconder. It was declared that Canada's prosperity has been steadily increasing, and that the country's interests, political and commercial, lay in strengthening the imperial tie. Some of the employees were heard to decry the law which permits wholesale dismissals of employees and at the same time prevents them from retaliating by striking.

SUBJECTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

New Zealand's Suggestion Is an Imperial Council and Secretary of Imperial Affairs.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—(C. A. P. C.)—The government has issued the correspondence with the overseas dominions setting out the subjects for discussion at the imperial conference. New Zealand suggests an imperial council, with representatives from all parts of the empire, and a secretary of imperial affairs instead of the colonial secretary, with separate departments for the dominions and crown colonies, and the high commissioners raised to the status of ambassadors. South Africa proposes that matters affecting the self-governing dominions be placed directly under the premier. Australia raises the question of the Declaration of London, regretting that the colonies had not been consulted, opposing the provisions affecting food supply and the destruction of neutral vessels.

Hon. Lewis Harcourt, the colonial secretary, hopes that the conference will meet fifteen times between May 22 and the coronation, June 22, and that it will decide whether it will sit privately. The all-red route and a state cable with a line across Canada are also subjects. Newfoundland proposes a line of steamers subsidized by Britain, Canada and Newfoundland to link up the three. Another topic for the imperial council is the appeal of New Zealand and Australia suggesting overseas representation in the cabinet. British West Indies raise the questions of labor exchange, uniform design for stamps, the expulsion of undesirable aliens. Canada has no special proposals, but would welcome suggestions for a uniform naturalization law. South Africa cabled January 20, suggesting the consideration of replacing the trade preferences by contributions to the imperial naval and local defence, but these suggestions were withdrawn on Feb. 10.

COULDN'T WORK, ENDED LIFE Pathetic Note Left by Millie Tomlinson Before Taking Poison.

"I have been sick and helpless, and have had to watch mother going out to wash every day. I am only a child of expense to her, and no good to anyone, so I think I'd better put myself out of the way." So read the note left by Millie Tomlinson, aged 22 years, who had been living with her mother in the rear of 614 Portland-street, and who yesterday committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Minnie Foote was the only other person in the house at the time, and she was downstairs. Hearing strange sounds issuing from the room, she hurried to the invalid, too late to stop her. A hurried call was sent to Dr. McCullough, Spadina-ave., who had been attending the girl for some time, and he in turn sent for the ambulance to convey the girl to the Western Hospital. This was at 11 in the morning, and the sufferer lingered on until half-past six, when she expired.

ROUND ROBIN BY THE LIBERAL MEMBERS?

It Is Said that Laurier Will Be Asked to Make a Definite Announcement to Prevent Harm to Reciprocity Measure by Annexationist Talk of Champ Clark.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Many Liberal members, startled by the annexation utterances of Champ Clark will have in their ridings, have made strong representations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier to take a more serious view of the situation as it is developing in the United States, and it is freely asserted here to-night that a round robin is being circulated by the government supporters, particularly from Ontario, which will ask the premier to make some definite announcement in parliament which will tend to counteract the harm done to the reciprocity cause along the side lines, and concessions by the action of the Democratic leader in congress throwing his annexation cards on the table. Stemming the Tide. What action Sir Wilfrid Laurier will take in the matter is problematical. Until the pressure from all sides for some assurance, which will have the effect of stemming the tide of resentment at annexation being the foundation of the Fielding-Taft pact becomes too strong, Sir Wilfrid is likely to continue to regard the spread eagles of Mr. Clark as a bit of humorous by-play. It must not be thought that these Liberal members or their constituents imagine that the United States could or would annex the Dominion. What is making not only these men in Ontario but the electors who sent them here warm under the collar is the thought that the public men of the States should welcome the agreement as a step forward in the march towards annexation. There is, moreover, a keen spirit of resentment that it should be imported into the bargain by the leaders of the party which will shortly have the upper hand in congress.

Government Marking Time. That the new development brought into the discussion of the agreement is most unpopular among the United States to-day, so far as the Liberal members of this parliament are concerned, and some of them are openly expressing the quiet opinion that Laurier went to the country to negotiate the reciprocity issue, it would be condemned by a majority of the thinking electors of Canada. Thinking developments in the battle now being waged.

USED SIMILAR METHODS One of London Anarchist Burglars Believed to Have Been Caught.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The report that one of the Anarchist burglars wanted in London had been arrested at Breslau grew out of an investigation of the operations of a criminal band in Breslau who used methods similar to those employed in London. The men rented a house adjoining one which was robbed, after effecting an entrance by tunnelling from one cellar to the other. They secured booty valued at \$4,000. Two watches found in the possession of the men arrested in London have been identified as those stolen from a Breslau jeweler, and it is now supposed that the same band operated in both countries.

LET CHAMP BEWARE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Col. Sam Hughes left to-day for Washington on private business. He said before he left that he would have a word or two to say to Champ Clark about that scheme of annexing Canada.

"The Spendthrift." The Spendthrift, which is being played at the Princess Theatre this week, is well worth seeing, and is particularly interesting to the ladies, and they, no doubt, will take the opportunity of seeing it to-day, either at the matinee or the last performance to-night.

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