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## PHILIP PROBE IN BIGG'S BOND DEAL

### Philip Leaves Chamber of Commerce for Windsor offer

## TO BRING PRISONERS TO PROBE

Public Accounts Committee  
Decides to Act on Request  
of Liberal Leader.

**BIGGS DENIES ALL**  
Former Minister of Highways  
Will Testify at Later  
Date.

Special to The Advertiser  
by a Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, April 1.—The public accounts committee, after a surprisingly long face on the "toll gate" issue, conservative members of the public accounts committee, at the bidding of Col. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, today voted to allow the committee of Peter Smith, Charles A. Matthews Jun., and several other directors of the Home Bank, voicing the desire of the government not to stand in the way of full investigation of the toll gate charges, Col. Price's attitude of opposition which he had taken last week, although disavowing his stand by the prediction that none of the witnesses in connection would be able to give the committee any evidence of value.

It still appears doubtful whether the necessary arrangements can be made to bring Smith and Matthews to Kingston in time to testify before the committee of the legislature a week from tomorrow.

The bulk of today's session was devoted to a review of the profits of the Provincial Securities Company, and to the relations of George W. Harris, the "master mind" of that firm, with Hon. E. C. Biggs.

The firm, which has been under investigation since a later session, and gave a categorical denial to all suggestions of impropriety in connection with his part in the affairs under scrutiny.

**WILL RECALL PRISONERS.**

Toronto, April 1.—On the recommendation of the provincial treasurer, W. H. Price, the public accounts committee of the legislature this morning adopted the motion of W. E. Sinclair, Liberal leader, that Charles Smith, Casey Wood, R. P. Gough and M. J. Haney, Home Bank directors, and Peter Smith, former provincial secretary, and Charles Matthews, former assistant treasurer, also serving a sentence there, will be called as witnesses to tell what they know about commissions paid by the defunct Home Bank of Canada.

The treasurer said he thought no new evidence could be brought out and that in the budget debate the government had been sustained.

"However, the government will block no member's motion to call witnesses to tell what they know," said the minister.

Mr. Sinclair said he was glad of a change of heart by the government and that it looked to him, however, that the committee was now subservient to the government instead of to the legislature.

**Major Nash Recalled.**  
A. C. Lewis (Conservative, North York) said the calling of the witnesses in the Sinclair motion was a waste of time and accused Mr. Sinclair of playing politics.

A letter read to the committee stated that George R. Harris would be present before the committee on Thursday to give evidence concerning the bond deal with the Provincial Securities Company.

Examination of Major A. E. Nash, accountant, who investigated the Harris account, was continued. The gross profits to the Harris Company were \$123,000, he said.

The Provincial Securities Corporation's profits in the sale of government bonds was \$31,000. With these profits bonds were bought, but Major Nash could not trace the sale of any of them.



DR. H. W. HILL, D.P.H.,  
head of the London Institute of public health, who, according to a statement of the governor, has been appointed to the faculty of the University of British Columbia. Dr. Hill refuses to confirm or deny the report.

## CITY WILL LOSE \$8,000 BY LAW

Tax Exemption Bill Now Before  
Legislature—Toronto  
Protests.

**SPONSORED HERE**

London will lose \$8,000 by the increase in income exemption provided for in a proposal before the legislature now. According to the scheme brought up in the house, and which was originally sponsored by the London city council several years ago, statutory exemption for each child will be increased from \$200 to \$400.

London stands to lose \$8,000 by this measure. Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett says:

"The proposal will not affect the ordinary workman directly, as \$2,000 exemption is permitted any married man now, whether he has children or not."

**BOSS OF BIGGEST RANCH IN WORLD DIES IN TEXAS**

Mrs. Henrietta King Was One  
of Richest Women in the  
United States.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Kingsville, Texas, April 1.—Mrs. Henrietta M. King, one of the richest women in the United States and owner of the world's largest ranch, died at her home here last night at the age of 83.

Almost unknown to the outside world, Mrs. King lived out her life upon a vast estate in southern Texas. This town, with a population of 2,250, is the center of the world's largest aggregate of calves branded each season being over 100,000.

**BOSTON WORKERS' UNIONS STRIKE FOR HIGHER PAY**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Boston, April 1.—Approximately 1,000 members of the local plumbers, lathers and electrical workers unions went on strike this morning to enforce their demands for higher wages rather than sign a new three-year renewal contract with the building trades employers' association.

**Delicate Issue Averted When Action is Settled**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Toronto, April 1.—The judges of the appellate court will not have to pass on the delicate question as to the height at which a lady's heel becomes dangerous. They will not have to examine the shoe worn by Mrs. Sadie Leckie of Hamilton, and filed as an exhibit in her action against William Tomes and Alexander M. Lewis. Mrs. Leckie's appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Kelly, dismissing her action against Tomes and Lewis as owners of the building at the corner of King street and Proctor boulevard, Hamilton, has been withdrawn, each party paying their own costs.

## GORDON PHILIP RESIGNS AFTER 12 YEARS SERVICE

Secretary of Chamber of Commerce Accepts Similar Position in Windsor.

**COMPLIMENT TO WORK**

President and Members Praise Efforts of London Official.

Gordon Philip, for twelve years secretary of the London board of trade and chamber of commerce, has accepted an offer from the directors of the Border Cities board of trade, to act as secretary, and will take over his new duties on May 1.

The offer from Windsor, the home of the Border Cities board of trade was made some weeks ago, though it was only a few days ago that Mr. Philip accepted and handed in his resignation to his London directors. He will succeed Mr. Laure Scandlers, who is going to St. John, New Brunswick.

By businessmen in London his invitation to the fastest growing city in Ontario today is considered a distinct compliment to the London secretary, and as something to accentuate his value as an industrial commissioner.

**Loss to City.**

"His going constitutes a serious loss to the city," said R. H. Dowler, president of the chamber of commerce. "He was the most conscientious secretary I have ever worked with, and I do not think Londoners generally appreciate what his worth has been. His place will be very hard to fill. His invitation to Windsor, the fastest growing city in Ontario, is a real compliment and a just measure of his ability. I am very sorry to see him go."

T. W. MacFarlane, who was president of the London board of trade in 1913, when Mr. Philip first came to the city, said:

"Please See Page 13, Column 5."

## GIRL SLAYER MARKS BIRTHDAY IN COURT

Dorothy Ellington Now 17—  
Jury To Decide Her  
Insanity.

Associated Press Despatch.  
San Francisco, April 1.—Dorothy Ellington, accused of matricide, observed her seventeenth birthday anniversary here today by appearing in court proceedings held to determine whether she was insane when she shot and killed her mother last January.

The jury will pass on her sanity. It is composed of three women and nine men.

The prosecution last night denied that it had obtained a signed statement from the young defendant, in which she said she was sane and wanted to plead guilty to a charge of having killed her mother, with a full realization of the seriousness of this admission.

The defence was just as emphatically positive in denying the truth of vague reports that their client had repudiated her attorneys and confessed them for their alleged failure to consult her before demanding her trial on a charge of insanity.

**MOTHER KILLS CHILDREN, THEN SHOTS HERSELF**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Somerville, N.J., April 1.—James Sheridan, 14, died yesterday from a bullet wound inflicted by his mother, who at the same time shot and instantly killed her daughter Helen, aged 17, and then shot herself.

The mother, Mrs. Catherine Sheridan, wife of Edwin A. Sheridan, North Branch farmer, is at the Somerville hospital and is not expected to recover. She attacked her children early yesterday as they slept, and is believed to have been temporarily insane.

In April, 1923, Mrs. Leckie opened the door to Tomes' real estate office, opening off Proctor boulevard, and plunged down five or six steps, injuring herself severely. She said the owners of the building, claiming that there was a staircase there, that there was no landing inside the street door, and that the steps were ill-lighted, and that there was no hand-rail. She asked \$5,000 damages. The jury awarded her \$2,500, and found that the owners were dangerous, but that Mrs. Leckie could have avoided the accident by close observation on opening the door. On the ground of contributory negligence, Mr. Justice Kelly dismissed the action.



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secretary of the London board of trade and chamber of commerce, who has resigned to accept a similar position in Windsor.

## WEST LORNE PLANT BURNS

Dominion Canning Factory Is  
Destroyed at Loss Estimated at \$100,000.

**WAS MAIN INDUSTRY**

Canadian Press Despatch.  
St. Thomas, April 1.—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed the canning factory of the Dominion Canners, Limited, in the village of West Lorne, and all machinery and other contents. The only building saved was the large brick warehouse, which was constructed a few years ago. Loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The canning factory was a two-story frame building, and had been in operation here for several years. It was under the management of J. A. Fuller, reeve of the village, for the greater part of the time. It was owned and operated by Dominion Canners, Limited, and considered one of the village's most important plants. The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock this morning, but had gained such headway that nothing could be saved outside of the warehouse.

A call for assistance was sent to Rodney, and the fire department of that village quickly responded and rendered valuable assistance in preventing the fire spreading to the warehouse and adjoining buildings and also the lumber yards nearby.

The loss has not yet been officially estimated, but it will probably total \$100,000 or more, as there was much valuable machinery in the factory. The building has been completely destroyed for several weeks, and no night watchman was retained. The management of the factory has been busy for the past month or more, contracting with the district farmers for the season's pack of peas and corn. It is not known whether the fire will necessitate the cancellation of the contracts or not.

## FLOODS NOW RECEDING FROM AREAS IN WEST

Only Two Points in Saskatchewan in Danger—Citizens Ready to Move.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Regina, April 1.—Reports late last night from flooded areas in southern Saskatchewan indicate waters are receding at all points except two, Lumsden and Tantallon. Lumsden citizens have started to leave their homes and others are awaiting the overflow of the Qu'Appelle river. The Qu'Appelle river at Tantallon is overflowing its banks and residents of the town Tuesday night were warned to be ready to move out.

Vanguard had lodged, two of the points badly flooded so far this spring by the freshets, report the Saskatchewan river district, was made last night by E. A. Hodgson, seismologist of the dominion observatory, in astronomical members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

**"CAL" DISFAVORS CHANGE IN POLICY TO RUSSIA**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Washington, April 1.—President Calhoun is still unresponsive to suggestions from any quarter that the administration policy with regard to Russia be changed.

He sees no warrant for present consideration of proposals to recognize the soviet government, as conditions which have continuously prompted denial of recognition remain the same.

## GIRL GETS YEAR FOR FORGERY

Nineteen-Year-Old Elma Tancredi Pleads Guilty to Forgery.

**LEFT BY HUSBAND**

Faints on Being Led From the Courtroom After Greeting Mother.

Elma Tancredi, an Italian girl of 19, was given a year in Mercer reformatory when she pleaded guilty before Magistrate Graydon in city court this afternoon to forging a check for \$175 in the name of J. A. Tancredi on Jan. 13. A like charge in which the amount was \$950, was not pressed by Crown Attorney Judd in view of the plea of guilty on the first charge, and the fact that the illness of Mr. Tancredi would prevent him from giving evidence at this date.

The young girl was arrested by Detective Bolton two weeks ago on a complaint from the Bank of Montreal. Bill restitution has been made, Frank Cousins, her counsel, told the court before sentence was passed.

**Girl Faints.**

Her mother and father were the only spectators in court when the case was recalled at 12:30. Overcome with emotion after embracing her mother as she was being led back to the cells, the girl fainted and had to be carried away by court attendants.

Mr. Cousins asked the mercy of the court on account of the prisoner's youth and previous clear record. For the sake of the mother, leniency should be shown toward the child, he said, telling of the unhappiness that has been her lot since she was married when 17 years of age to a man who soon deserted her.

**Trouble Before.**  
"Unfortunately the girl has been in trouble before," was the magistrate's comment. "The charge of forgery is a very serious one, and might be punished with a fourteen-year term in the penitentiary. The structure of business rests on the fact that checks are assumed to be honest couriers of trade. Anything which tends to break down this confidence in checks is extremely grave, and crime in this regard must be punished."

"I impose a sentence of one year in Mercer reformatory," he said, addressing the girl. "You are extremely fortunate that you are not being sent to the penitentiary."

## CHURCH UNION PASSES P. E. I. LEGISLATURE

Adopt Amendment Calling For Committee To Investigate Manner of Voting.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 1.—The church union bill as originally drafted was passed in the legislature yesterday with an amendment calling for the constitution of a commission, one member to be appointed by the United church party, one by the Presbyterian party, and one by both jointly, or, failing their agreement, by a judge of the supreme court, to investigate the manner in which the federal government is likely to occur in the passing of the act, for amendments and additions if any are recommended. The bill passed without discussion.

**NEW INSTRUMENTS WILL FORETELL EARTHQUAKES**

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, April 1.—Announcement that the federal government intends to install new scientific instruments at St. Anne de la Parade, Que., for the purpose of determining in advance when earthquakes are likely to occur in the Saguenay river district, was made last night by E. A. Hodgson, seismologist of the dominion observatory, in astronomical members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

**JAIL-BREAKER CAPTURED BY SYRACUSE POLICE**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Syracuse, N. Y., April 1.—Thomas H. Jenkins, of Sprucefield, Alberta, who escaped from the county jail here yesterday, was captured late last night in the outskirts of the city. Jenkins was held at the jail pending sentence after pleading guilty to check forgery.

## Killed by Driverless Truck

Man Who Left Machine on Ottawa Street Unable To Account For Its Mysterious Starting Away on Mission of Death.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, April 1.—With George Lacey, truck driver, held by police as a material witness, police are today endeavoring to solve the amazing and inexplicable automobile accident which yesterday took the life of Mrs. George W. Bailey, aged 33, wife of a local dog fancier and civil servant, and caused serious injury to Mrs. G. G. McEwen.

Lacey, according to a statement to the police, left his truck outside a house on Lewis street, with the brakes set and the engine running. He expected to be gone only a moment. The empty truck mysteriously started down Lewis street, spreading terror and panic among many children and adults, who made desperate efforts to get the children out of the way.

The truck kept a straight course on the sidewalk and in an even more remarkable manner crossed two intersections, dropping from one curb and mounting the other with practically no deviation of course, and going at a high rate of speed.

When the truck reached Elgin street it spanned the intersection in a breath, narrowly missed a street car and several vehicles, scattered pedestrians right and left, swerved out into the center of the intersection and finally swerved slightly south again to mount the curb and crash against a church, with Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. McEwen and Mrs. Bailey's baby girl, Judith, pinned underneath. The baby escaped serious injury, although her small cart was crushed.

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Co-operation of Public Sought to Clear Up Strange Case.

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The two pillow cases were finely embroidered about the top. They bore no initials marks, however. In all as many as 50 pieces of clothing are contained in the three bundles, which are all being held at detective headquarters for their rightful owners.

**Wood Prepares For Fresh Start**  
Returns to Florida, But Laughs at Bankruptcy Report.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Tampa, Fla., April 1.—Lieut. Osborne Wood returned to his native land yesterday to "start all over again." As for being "broke," however, a junior officer on board the federal shipping board vessel West Chetac said Wood was "loaded with money."

Wood arrived off Tampa yesterday on board the West Chetac and was brought up the bay on a private yacht, chartered by newspapermen. He discussed his reported gambling losses at European resorts, and laughed at the reports that when he boarded the West Chetac in Cuba, Spain, his fortune, estimated at approximately \$1,000,000, had dwindled to two one-dollar bills.

**URGENT MEASURE TO LEGALIZE SALE OF BEER IN P. E. I.**

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 1.—The introduction of a measure legalizing the sale of beer in Prince Edward Island was urged upon the government yesterday by a petition presented to the government by J. A. MacDonald, member for Port Augustus, who asked that the prohibition act be amended to allow the sale of beer under government control under provisions similar to the act now in force in Quebec.

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The men under arrest are August Lehmann, 42 years old, of No. 35 Lovejoy street, a car cleaner employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who is charged with obtaining the United States mails, and Herman Reis, alias Rise, alias Chuck Conner, 43 years old, 471 Elm street. Reis is charged with receiving and passing bills known to have been stolen from the mails.

Postoffice inspectors said that there may be further arrests of persons who peddled the bills after they had been stolen by Lehmann from the mail pouch.

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erly winds; fair  
in west; light  
snow or rain in  
eastern districts.  
Thursday—  
Partly cloudy; no  
much change in  
temperature.  
A depression, which  
was off the middle  
Atlantic coast yesterday,  
has moved northward  
into the maritime provinces,  
causing fresh to strong winds and heavy rains  
from Montreal eastward. The weather  
has been mostly fair and rather mild  
in Ontario and the western provinces.  
Temperatures.  
The highest and lowest temperatures  
previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Stations. High Low Weather  
Victoria. 54 44 Fair  
Calgary. 56 39 Cloudy  
Winnipeg. 54 36 Cloudy  
S. S. Marie. 48 32 Clear  
St. John. 48 35 Cloudy  
Toronto. 46 34 Cloudy  
Kingston. 46 34 Cloudy  
Ottawa. 46 32 Snow  
Montreal. 40 34 Rain  
Quebec. 40 34 Rain  
St. John. 46 34 Fog  
Halifax. 46 36 Cloudy  
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest temperatures  
recorded in London during the 24 hours  
previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Highest, 49; lowest, 29.  
The official temperatures for the 24  
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Highest, 49; lowest, 28.  
Sun rises at 6:01 a.m. and sets at  
6:44 p.m.  
Barometric Readings.  
Yesterday—3 p.m., 29.53.  
Today—3 a.m., 29.11.