

SENSATIONAL CASE AT THE CAPITAL

John R. Labatt, Agent of B Brewing Firm, Charged With Blackmail

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The sensation
arrest of John R. Labatt, Ottawa
manager for the Labatt Brewing Co.
of London, Ont., is evidently the be-
ginning of a serious charge of black
mail against a hitherto respectable
business man. Little will develop un-
til he appears at Saturday's police

court, it is alleged that his schemes were cleverly concocted and carried out, except in the case of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, where he used the mails direct. The arrest was effected through the combined efforts of the Dominion secret service and the Canadian mounted police. The president of the latter system T. R. Carling, coming to Ottawa in connection with the affair.

On July 18, 1907, Hon. Mr. Emmerson was arrested. He was charged, by Labatt under an assumption of name, demanding the sum of \$1,500 upon pain of exposure of certain affairs. The case was put in the hands of detectives, and in a few months the case has been quietly prosecuted.

The scheme employed by Labatt was to have the bank manager, who was a friend of his, ask the bank to forward him the deposit book, at the same time sending the bank copies of his signature.

Recently, it is alleged, he followed the usual method in regard to a 2000 dollar deposit. The deposit book was sent to the bank to forward the book was posted in Aylmer, Que., and the book was sent to a box at the Hull postoffice. The deposit book was placed in a box and a watch was kept on the Hull postoffice. Several times a boy called, and there were no letters he went away. The box was opened, the deposit book was taken out, and when the youthful man took it out, he was followed.

bait was arrested as the boy handed him the package. It is said, however, that he successfully worked other cases more cleverly. He wrote letters requesting sums of money to be placed in Ottawa banks to the credit of assumed names, and asking that a personal advertisement be put in the

Labatt then called the Ottawa hotel and asked for the name he had taken. If it had been the name he had taken, he asked that it be opened and the deposit be returned to him. He then wired the Toronto hotel to re-wire the answer to an Ottawa hotel.

to him. Having learned the contents of the message, he vanished without having appeared personally in the transaction, as it was unsafe. If the scheme had worked well, he knew that the way was clear to obtain a deposit through the mails by a method of transfer to an outside bank.

The whole story, when told, would reflect credit on the work of the London police.

NEW COAL MINE

Galbraith Coal Company Commences Operation of Its Plant at Lundbreck, Alberta

Spokane, Dec. 3.—"Coal was hoisted for the first time over the new plant last week, by the Galbraith Coal Company, at Lundbreck, Alberta," said Andrew Laidlaw, president of the company. "The equipment has been

completed at a cost of about \$25, and works satisfactorily. On start 100 tons of coal will be ho daily. The tonnage will be increased rapidly until the capacity of the is reached, about 450 tons being daily maximum. The mine is developed to produce this tonnage, or more economically, but we can scarcely hope to secure sufficient cars to maintain such a production continuously and in fact have based all our

The plant embraces a comprehensive terminal track arrangement leading from the three mine portals to a foot of a tramway 1,750 feet in length, solidly constructed, protected by snowsheds wherever necessary, and equipped with 25-pound steel rails. At the head of the tramway is the hauling plant with tipples and bunkers

joining. The bunkers have a capacity of 400 tons, and are fitted with screening apparatus to screen the lump nut coals to which the mine will confine its output. The structure is 50 feet from the main line of the Cranberry Nest railroad and is served by a four-track 'layout,' the main sidetrack being 1,500 feet long and affording ample car storage room."

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Elevator Burned

Pilot Mound, Man., Dec. 3.—The
vator at Wood bay, belonging to
Smith Grain company, of Winni-
peg, was destroyed by fire yesterday af-
ternoon. The elevator is valued at
\$100,000, but otherwise the loss will not
be heavy, as there was only 200 bush-
els of grain in it.

New Trolley Pole
Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Gerald E. F.
of the British Columbia Parnar

Loan & Savings Company, has taken out patents for an improved trolley. The device does away with the inconvenience and difficulty occasioned by the trolleys leaving the wires, and has a swiftest action as well as being strong and these with a deeper grip rendered it almost impossible for a trolley to get off the wire. The advantage of this to street railway companies is obvious and it does away with a difficulty that has long been a source of trouble.

recognized. It is claimed that the trolley also has greater durability, as a result will last longer, thus insuring the economic feature.

Killed by a Fall

South Battleford, Sask., Dec. 10.—Walter S. Taylor died yesterday at the Battleford hospital from injuries received on Saturday evening on the farm of Henry Simpson in the Es-

The young man was engaged in digging in a well, and while he was being lowered into the well by the derrick to make some connection with the rods, the derrick broke, and young Taylor fell a distance of over 50 feet. Both ankles were badly broken, also one thigh, and the shock was so great that the victim died this morning. The deceased was only nineteen years of age, and resided at

home of his father, Henry T. near the scene of the accident.