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JOHN CATTO & SON
King-street—Opposite Postoffice,
TORONTO.**PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS
FLED FROM BATTLEFIELD****Nicaraguans Capture Strong Fort,
But Bonilla Escaped by Boat;
War at an End.**

Managua, Nicaragua, March 24.—Sanctus Ramirez, director-general of telegraphs and telephones, to-day made the following statement:

"The Nicaraguan forces have captured Choluteca, Honduras, which was held by the Honduran and Salvadoran troops, and President Bonilla has fled by boat.

"Steamers will pursue the fugitive president.

"I believe the war is ended."

The government is without further advice concerning the capture of Choluteca. Choluteca is one of the most strongly fortified towns of Honduras. It is on the Choluteca River, about three miles from the Gulf of Fonseca.

**WAR PRACTICALLY ENDS
WITH BONILLA'S FLIGHT**

Washington, March 24.—President Bonilla has fled from the battlefield and the Central American war has practically ended, according to cable dispatches received in Washington to-day by the Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Choluteca, to-morrow, is predicted by the Nicaraguan secretary of foreign affairs, Mr. Gomez.

The cablegrams from the secretary of foreign affairs follow:

"Choluteca taken. Salvadoran and Honduran combined armies defeated. President Bonilla hidden in San Lorenzo, with 200 men. Sent steamers to capture them. Tegucigalpa will be taken to-morrow."

The Nicaraguan minister will ask Secretary Root and the Mexican ambassador, Mr. Cretel, to take some steps to-morrow to force Salvador and Guatemala to keep their pledge of neutrality.

**A Perfect
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A perfect breakfast is almost impossible without Malta-Vita. It gives you real nourishment and renewed vitality. For Malta-Vita is rich in nutrition—every nutritive element of the best white wheat and finest barley malt extract. Maltose is often prescribed by doctors to build up the health and strength of people with weak stomachs and poor blood.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 24. (8 p.m.)—Local thunderstorms during last night in the lake region, and heavy local snowfalls in the Upper St. Lawrence Valley. Pressure movements continue to be of great rapidity.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Montreal, 40 below; Vancouver, 38-48; Calgary, 38-22; Swift Current, 22-30; Winnipeg, 38-44; Port Arthur, 22-40; Toronto, 38-44; Ottawa, 32-38; Montreal, 28-34; Quebec, 24-26; St. John, 24-32; Halifax, 20-34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair at first; showers in some localities towards evening or during the night.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and a little higher temperature.

THE BAROMETER.

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**5 YEARS FOR PHILLIPS
FOR SIGNING A FALSE RETURN
SHOCK TO HIS FRIENDS**

Entered Plea of Guilty in Expectation of Judicial Leniency—Plea of Restitution Availed Him Nothing—Two Other Charges Not Pressed—Friends May Try to Get Term Shortened.

Facing Judge Winchester in the sessions court Saturday afternoon, with apparent calmness and quietly pleading guilty to a charge of having signed a false return to the government concerning the amount of assets of the now defunct York Loan & Savings Company, Joseph Phillips left the room trembling under a sentence of five years in Kingston penitentiary.

The penalty came as a complete surprise to prisoner and counsel alike, and probably to several others of the small gathering, who witnessed the unexpected climax of this cause célèbre.

"I do not deserve such a sentence. It came as a terrible surprise. I was not prepared for it," were the heartbroken utterances of Phillips, after he had been taken into custody.

Y. E. Jones, his counsel, would not be interviewed, but his surprise and disappointment he could not conceal. Yesterday he conferred with Phillips at Toronto jail. No other visitors were allowed, but from intimate friends it was gathered that a strong effort will be made to have the term lessened.

"Phillips was gold-bricked," said one of those who were in the courtroom. "He had been told that he would be let off with a fine, and he had been told that he would be let off with a fine."

This belief in probable clemency was strengthened by the presentation to the court by County Crown Attorney Drayton of a letter from Hon. J. J. Poy, attorney-general, which read as follows:

"I learn from the liquidators of the York County Loan that Joseph Phillips has made full restitution, and has prevailed upon his friends to do the same. He has set out in the letter of the 16th April from Mr. Curry (of which you have a copy), and that Phillips has arranged to satisfy the claims in his power in the winding up of the company. These facts should, I think, be made known to the trial judge, and I should be glad if you will bring them to his notice accordingly."

The letter written by J. W. Curry, K.C., in April last, in his capacity as then city crown attorney, was also read. The effect was that Mr. Phillips had rendered the crown much assistance in the conduct of the case, and had seen to it that a large amount of money had been paid to the various claimants. Mr. Phillips' efforts.

But Judge Winchester, in his address to Phillips, discounted the performance. It was not until long after police court proceedings were taken, he reminded Phillips, that restitution had been made. Fraud must be punished.

"I will only pass sentence on the false statement to which you have pleaded guilty, but I have considered all the others and the fullest penalty of the law should be inflicted," said his honor.

This charge was publishing a false statement, viz., the annual statement of the year ending Dec. 31, 1904, in which the company's mortgages on land were overstated by \$446,525, and the liabilities to shareholders were understated to the extent of at least \$1,000,000.

By the false statement to avoid revealing to the government the fact that the York County Loan had been in a state of insolvency, the amount was credited to mortgages. During the enquiry prisoner's counsel had prolonged proceedings six days so that the charge could not be prosecuted under the Ontario act, where only the act of signing a statement must be proved, but had to be taken up under the Dominion act, under which signing with intent to defraud must be proved. This Phillips friends declare the crown would have had difficulty in doing.

Three Charges.

The grand jury returned a true bill on the charge on Friday, and Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Phillips was summoned for trial in the court of general sessions, Crown Attorney

Drayton appearing for the prosecution and J. E. Jones for prisoner. Phillips faced three indictments—for signing the false return, for conspiracy to defraud and for theft of \$250 from the company. Adjournment was requested until 1 o'clock, but at 1 o'clock Phillips' counsel said he was prepared to enter plea and he was taken to the judge's chambers, where, before a small crowd of officials and newspaper men, the final scene was enacted.

Altho his "I plead guilty" was said to be unexpected, it was pointed out as significant that no witnesses had been subpoenaed for the continuation of the case.

"I will only pass sentence on the false statement to which you have pleaded guilty, but I have considered all the others and the fullest penalty of the law should be inflicted. You will be imprisoned in the penitentiary for five years," concluded the judge.

J. E. Jones, counsel for the prisoner, in defence of Phillips, stated that it was amply evident that the government returns did not call for statements of shares in a manner which was possibly the cause of the charge.

The conduct of Phillips was worthy of consideration. His behavior in the courtroom was all that could be desired. He was not shown as a liability, as they should have been.

The evidence shows that Phillips determined to make ventures on his own account with the money of the York County Loan Company. Many were not aware that Phillips was getting large blocks of stock in the Toronto 1898, Lenz Piano Company, etc., and depleting the assets of the York Loan.

The judge understood the company had secured about \$50,000 in shares of the Toronto Life and Mr. Jones claimed credit should be given for this. The judge thought the crown had done so by withdrawing the theft and conspiracy charges.

"It was not until long after police court proceedings were taken against you that you made restitution," commented his honor.

If a person who has ill-gotten gains and has to hand it over, if that makes the case better, it is a serious thing for the community, and any honest lawyer would at once advise his client to hand over any ill-gotten gains," he added.

There were about 122,000 poor people, servant girls, widows and others, who put their savings into this company, and had been disappointed. Had Phillips taken them into his confidence and asked them to wind up the company, when the government took away the shares, he would have escaped these charges.

The evidence shows you were using the funds of the company and the shareholders could not have reached them if you had not left the company. Our national institutions must be carried on with all honor and honesty. In this you have failed.

Phillips was then taken away, photographed and measured by the Bertillon system, and at 2:45 was driven to the penitentiary. He will leave for Kingston to-night or early to-morrow.

"Did not the sentence come as a surprise?" queried The World.

"It certainly did. No one could have been more surprised than I was, and I am sure my lawyer was dumbfounded."

Joe Phillips straightened himself up. "Anything I can say will do me no good now and I have nothing else to say."

"Have you any message or anything you wish done?" asked The World.

The prisoner broke down and talked right ahead.

"I pleaded guilty of making a false return to the government and I do not deserve such a sentence. Oh! I do not know what I did not get a fair deal in this thing and they know it. Anyone who knows me, or has had any dealings with me, knows that I never stole a dollar in my life."

This whole day seems misty. The sentence comes as a terrible surprise. I was not prepared for it. I feel as if I were in a trance since I entered this building an hour or so ago. Everything seems misty. It is too much for me."

He turned his head away as if to hide the feelings that were overcoming him.

A Prolonged Case.

It is about 18 months ago since the York County Loan and Savings Co., of which Phillips was president, was liquidated. Phillips was arrested. Magistrate Denison conducted a rigid enquiry into the company's affairs, and Phillips was committed for trial in the sessions. The case was traversed over until last December, but owing to the absence of a material witness for the crown, adjournment was made until the present sessions. In the meantime a commission was to have visited Chicago to take Burt's evidence, but the trip was never made.

Phillips was permitted to live, rent free, in his Parkdale home until last October. It is claimed that he gave up "every copper" to the liquidators and was left in a position whereby he could not defend himself.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Six Killed and Seventeen Injured in Crash With Limited.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 24.—A special train on the Santa Fe Railway carrying scores of students home from an intercollegiate field meet at Claremont, collided head-on with the out-bound limited train while both were moving at a rapid rate within the city limits last night.

Six persons were killed and seventeen injured, several of them grievously.

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**Yesterday's
SUNDAY
WORLD**

Was a Mine of
Good Things

THERE WERE
Ten Pages of
Fine Halftone
Engravings

Illustrating the following
subjects:

Banquet of St. Patrick Chapter.

Large group of officers of the
Oriental Order of Humility and
Perfection.

Victorious Cambridge eight.