

COURTESY DAY WORK WILL BE RUSHED TO COMPLETION

J. Norton Griffiths Assures Council of Board of Trade that Contract will be Finished on Time—Expert Gives Opinion—May Build Concrete Quays.

J. Norton Griffiths, M. P., met the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday and gave them his official assurance that the work on the Courtesay Bay contract will be finished well within the time specified. Mr. Griffiths was accompanied by P. R. Warren, chief engineer of the Norton Griffiths Company here, and John F. Stevens, chief engineer on the Panama Canal up to the time the supervision of that work was taken over by the military engineers of the United States, and prominently connected with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and other large contracts.

Mr. Griffiths opened his remarks to the Council with the assurance that it was a pleasure to him to meet the members of the Board and discuss with them the work which had been entrusted to him, and that he desired to place himself on record as desirous of giving the fullest information in regard to the work at all times and to co-operate with the Board in the general interests of the city.

Mr. Griffiths said that he realized the progress on the contract had been almost entirely due to relying on sub-contractors. While the breakwater had progressed very favorably, it was a well known fact that the sub-contractor which had the dredging in hand had not had the plant nor been in a position to carry out the work.

When his company took over this contract they had at once ordered two dredges; one unfortunately had met with a serious accident and they were not counting on her to continue the work. They had now practically completed negotiations for a second dredge of the ladder type which should arrive about the end of March and a third to arrive about the 1st of May. In addition to these they hoped to build two powerful suction dredges which would be partially constructed at St. John. Mr. Griffiths called on Mr. Stevens to give an independent testimony in regard to the work, and stated that while Mr. Stevens was not in the employ of his company, he would be engaged to come to St. John during the time when Mr. Griffiths would not be able to give the work his personal attention, to consult with the local engineers and criticize the progress being made on that contract.

Mr. Stevens further stated that probably by evening arrangements would be completed whereby his company would take over the only remaining sub-contract, and that from this out the work would be done by the Norton Griffiths Company themselves, who alone were responsible to the Government.

John F. Stevens

Mr. Stevens then addressed the meeting and told of his work in connection with the Panama Canal. Mr. Stevens said in regard to the Norton Griffiths contract, that the crux of the whole thing is the dredging, and that while the figures in the contract sound formidable, it is only a matter of detail and of plant. Mr. Stevens bore testimony to the fact that a suction dredge is available on this side of the Atlantic, nor for that matter in Europe, and that under those circumstances it is necessary to fall back upon the class of the Don Frederico for the present, but that it is the company's intention to construct two suction dredges to be ready for the first of June and first of July respectively, and with the equipment arranged he wished to go on record as stating that, excluding extraordinary accidents, such as earthquakes and wrecks, and with ordinary, not extraordinary, good business management, the work should be completed, if not before, at any rate, quite within the contract time.

P. R. Warren

Mr. Warren gave some figures in regard to the quantity of work to be done, time for completion and capacity of the plant, and spoke of the handicap suffered by the present dredges on account of insufficient steam horsepower, which had lately been supplemented. The ordinary wooden dredges had been unable to hold the fine silt dredged, and necessitated the work being done over twice.

In regard to work on quays Mr. Griffiths said that an excellent design had been submitted to the government for the construction of these wharves in reinforced concrete, and that, if the government approved the change, his company were willing to undertake the responsibility for their construction, as it would considerably facilitate the work, and the supply of timber for crib work, under the present plan, was one of the most serious problems at present facing the company. Mr. Stevens and other prominent engineers had testified to the superiority of the new design.

The following telegram was sent

Nervous Energy Is Limited

There is only so much energy in the human body. A few people have an abundance, but more have not enough. Hence the necessity of conserving vitality.

If wasted by mode of living, disease or worry there must be a re-energizing, and a more healthy condition. It may be headaches and weak, aching eyes; it may be nervous indigestion, or it may be merely lack of energy and ambition, and feelings of fatigue or helplessness. Of course, sooner or later exhaustion of the nerves leads to prostration, paralysis or locomotor ataxia, but there is no need to let the trouble develop that far.

By using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food you can restore to the feeble, wasted nerve cells the energy they have lost. It will take some effort on your part to give up worry and anxiety, but you should realize your serious condition. Rest and use this great food cure and you are bound to improve in health and vigor.

The Hon. J. D. Hazen in this connection: HON. J. D. HAZEN, Dept. Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.

This board approves of the suggestion that Norton Griffiths Company provide a concrete wharf instead of timber construction, provided that the design of the structure is entirely satisfactory to the government engineers, and that the change will expedite the construction. It is very important in the interest of the port that this matter should be decided quickly.

SECRETARY, St. John Board of Trade.

Mr. Griffiths stated that he was submitting a diagram of the proposed work on the contract to the government, as soon as possible, after the matter of quay structures should be decided, and that he would have much pleasure in presenting a copy to the board in order that the members might watch the progress made, month by month, and tell just where they exceeded the estimate of work and where they fell behind.

A CHILD'S LAXATIVE IS "SYRUP OF FIGS"

Made from fruit—Can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

If your little one's stomach is coated, it is a sure sign—the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour chills and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Sick children need to be coaxed to take their laxative. Millions of mothers keep handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Don't be fooled!

EXPECT TO DO BIG BUSINESS WITH REBELS

Caranza Besieged with Messages from Arms Manufacturers as Result of Raising of Embargo.

Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, Feb. 5.—As a sequel to the lifting of the embargo on exportation of arms from the United States, General Carranza's headquarters here were flooded today with telegrams from arms manufacturers in many parts of the world. The propositions offered showed the action of President Wilson had aided the credit of the revolutionary party.

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SALVATION ARMY WILL BUILD HOME

No Definite Steps have been taken yet—City to Consider Giving Assistance Monday.

Colonel Rees, social secretary of the Salvation Army, arrived in the city yesterday from the headquarters in Toronto, to take up the matter of providing for the establishment of a home to take the place of the Metropole. Last evening the Colonel said that their plans had not been fully formulated, but that he expected they would be able to make an announcement as to what they would do. "It is the intention," said the army officers, "to put up a new home here that will be equal to any similar establishment in the control of the army in Canada, if a proper measure of support is secured from the public."

Yesterday afternoon Col. Rees and Adjutant Cummings had a conference with Mayor Prink, and pointed out that they would be glad of assistance from the city, either in the way of a site for a new home, or a money grant, or both. The Mayor expressed his sympathy with the project to build a new shelter here, and said he would bring up the matter of giving assistance to the Army at the meeting of his council on Monday. His Worship also suggested that it might be worth while for the Army at the meeting of the council to make a contribution to the building of a new home.

RESISTS ATTACK UPON THE MEN

105 Douglas Avenue.

Editor Daily Standard, St. John: Sir.—A letter in the Evening Times of Saturday, January 24, under the heading "A Woman's Experience," is of a most destructive force in a community where it is to be found genuine. It is certainly in order when the writer warns her sex "not to trust men."

When the writer of this article can gather sufficient mental acumen to prove conclusively that the moral fibre of a man is superior to that of men in the smallest degree we will regard her effort with an essence of truth, referring to the "I didn't know," in her letter. This innocent virgin having visions of her first auto ride with this "horrible creature," why did she descend to accompany him after his second invitation, more especially when the aroma of alcohol was detected? Would not the modern style of the less cultured women cause satan with his host of angels to blush?

In these cases the most brilliant colors of extreme fashion are chosen in order to attract male attention and while the preacher of all denunciations stands in the pulpit appealing to God for forgiveness these senseless super-civilized beings are seen going down to the tongueless silence of immorality.

INVESTIGATION INTO BRIBERY CHARGES MADE BY JOHNSON

Editor of Chicago Paper Produces Telegram from Negro Pugilist that he Left \$20,000 for Officials

Chicago, Feb. 5.—F. W. Lawrence, city editor of a morning newspaper, testified before the federal grand jury today and produced the telegram from Jack Johnson which made charges that Johnson gave \$20,000 to be distributed among federal officials before the negro pugilist went to France. The grand jury is investigating the charges.

WILL FORCE ELECTION ON HOME RULE

Unionists Decide to Bring Question before Parliament Soon after Opening—Promise Drastic Methods.

London, Feb. 5.—The Unionist leaders decided today to raise the question of Ulster and the necessity of a general election upon the Irish Home Rule issue immediately after the opening of parliament. They met at Lansdowne House to draft their plan of campaign for the coming session, and according to their spokesman the fight will be opened "in a way which will mark as memorable British parliamentary procedure."

It has been freely rumored that the Unionists intend to adopt extraordinary methods of warfare in order to "force" the government to appeal to the country.

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JOHNSON CHARGES AND ACTIONS OF SOL DOWNSHORN, BANKER AND BONDSMAN, AND HIS RELATIONS WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS BEFORE HIS RECENT DISAPPEARANCE

The assistant district attorney in charge of the investigation today said "We are not concerned with the publication of the Johnson charge but we want to know about the accuracy of the claims made by the pugilist."

SAYS LEADERS INCITED MOB TO ANARCHY

Minister of Defence in South Africa Says Deporting of Strike Leaders Justified.

Cape Town, Feb. 5.—After speaking for four hours yesterday in the parliament of the Union of South Africa, General Jan Christian Smuts, minister of defence, continued today his justification of the government's action in declaring martial law during the recent general strike and in deporting the strike leaders.

The minister declared that the labor leaders had planned serious military operations, had organized small commands of dynamiters and had deliberately inflamed the spirit of the mob and incited it to crime till the strike had developed into sheer anarchy. Every industry, the minister continued, was to be brought to a standstill by the strikers but the declaration of war by the Federation of Trades was made by the proclamation of martial law and the mobilization of the citizens' defence force by the government.

The situation had been practically one of civil war, the minister continued. Thousands of miners were in possession of dynamite, a native outbreak was threatened and food supplies were scarce. The government, he said, was therefore amply justified in proclaiming martial law, which had proved effective and the threatened great tragedy had passed away without bloodshed.

TWO MEANINGS

He (in a rage)—That man is the biggest fool in the world.
His wife (comfortingly)—Henry, Henry, you are forgetting yourself.

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SECOND ONLY TO BLACK FOX INDUSTRY

H. H. Ramsay, of Truro, Says Skunk Ranching is Destined to Prove a Profitable Enterprise.

Herbert W. Ramsay, of Truro, a director of Ramsay's Fur Farm, Ltd., says that skunk farming as a money making business is second only to the black fox industry, and is running close up to that business. "Skunk ranching," said Mr. Ramsay, in the course of an interview, "is now about where the black fox industry was five years ago. You will remember that when that time people would laugh when they heard of \$2,000 being asked for a pair of the foxes. Today there is not a smile at the price of such a pair being quoted at from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The industry has to go through about the same channel as did the fox business."

The Ramsay's Fur Farm Company, Limited, is organized under the Nova Scotia Joint Stock Companies Act, for the purpose of purchasing, breeding, selling and dealing in black and other skunks and their pelts and products in which business the prospects for large profits seem exceptionally good. The company is capitalized at the moderate figure of \$20,000 in 800 shares of \$25 each, and with its low capitalization the expectation is that the profits earned will pay large dividends, the first of which will be due in November next. Among the provisional directors are Dr. M. A. McAllister, of Halifax, and Leonard O'Brien, and Mr. Ramsay, of Truro.

The concern is purchasing outright a ranch and skunk business being established near Summerside, P. E. I., consisting of a five acre ranch ideally situated and buildings to be erected and equipment installed under Mr. Ramsay's supervision, the ranch to be stocked, under the agreement with 300 skunks, of which 225 are grades A and AA or star skunks, from United States ranches. The capital stock issued is to pay in full of the ranch completed, the animals and all running expenses until November. The concern is fortunate in securing a ranch caretaker H. O. Ramsay, who has made a special study of skunks and experimented with them. Last spring nine females gave him an increase of seventy-five kittens. The company has already sold options to ensure a dividend of 25 per cent. on next year's business.

As showing what can be done in skunk ranching Mr. Ramsay states that a ranch starting with 300 skunks, 225 of them females, the litters are from 5 to 13, but averaging at 8, there would be 1,800 kittens the first year, 800 of which could be marketed at \$25 each, a total of \$20,000, while the output the second year, owing to natural increase would yield about \$38,000, or nearly three times the amount of the capital stock.

Owing to the fact that everything known as Alaska Sable is made from skunk, and to the scarcity of the animal, the demand is increasing daily. At the London fur sales in March last skunk pelts sold at from \$6.50 to \$10. Skunk oil sells at \$5.25 a gallon in the United States, and even the scent of the animal is of value, being used for medicinal and chemical purposes. But on a pelt basis alone the operations promise to show a profit of 100 per cent. the first year, and he states that the investment would seem one of the safest and most remunerative propositions on the market.

A quantity of the stock has been taken by prominent Halifax parties, and only two or three thousand dollars worth is now available for the public. It is issued on 40 per cent. payment with shares and the balance on allotment. The head office of Ramsay's Fur Farm, Ltd., is at Truro, N. S.

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