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Hotel McConkey on King West to Cost \$2,000,000 Will Be Started in April

Ernest G. E. McConkey Announces That He Has Secured Property Adjoining Bank of Toronto at Bay Street and Will Erect Twelve Storey Hotel With Six Hundred Rooms, Roof Garden and Other Big Features.

ERNEST G. E. McCONKEY last night announced that he would build a twelve-storey hotel, at a cost of two million dollars, on the land leased by the Dominion Bond Company, adjoining the Bank of Toronto's new building, at the southwest corner of King and Bay streets. Mr. McConkey would not say who were his financial assistants; he will appear as proprietor and manager of the new place, which will be called Hotel McConkey. Local interests are chiefly responsible.

Six hundred rooms and 600 baths will be contained in the new hotel. On the ground floor there will be a ballroom 70 x 100 feet in size, and a buffet to accommodate 200. The big feature will be a grill room to seat 800 guests. There will be also a palm room for afternoon teas.

A new departure for Toronto will be a magnificent roof garden, with all the latest accessories.

Warren & Wetmore of New York will be the architects. This firm has now charge of the construction of the new Biltmore Hotel, and has built the Belmont, the Vanderbilt and the Ritz-Carlton in New York. The foundations will be constructed of sufficient strength to carry three more storeys if they are needed later.

ELABORATE AND IMPOSING.

The entrances will be most elaborate and imposing. One will be from King street, the other from Bay street, adjoining the new stock exchange. Brokers' offices will be placed at the rear of the building. The Bay street property of the site is only a 20-foot strip, and just how high this entrance will be has not been determined.

The King street facade will be treated by the architects simply, and yet in an impressive manner. The transfer of the properties on the site was concluded yesterday afternoon from the Dominion Bond Company, and the land owners on King street, who have given 99-year leases on the land, as told in details and exclusively by The World three weeks ago. The King street front will be 90 feet, and the depth 212 feet. To secure complete light, which they are assured now on three sides, the hotel company may purchase the adjoining leasehold at the west.

Construction of the hotel, which will have a decidedly ornate interior, commences April 1 next year, and will be finished in twelve months.

Mr. McConkey will continue his present place at 29 West King street, running it chiefly as a restaurant.

OPPOSITION NOT EAGER TO DEBATE ON NAVAL PROGRAM

Railway and Fiscal Questions Will Be in Foreground in Discussion to Follow Speech From Throne, Which Will Outline Important Legislation—Bank Act to Be Revised.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—A large number of members are already here for the session, and a striking feature is the absence of interest among the Liberals on the naval question. They called on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon and congratulated him upon his 71st birthday. Perhaps they took their cue from him, but the consensus of opinion among them seemed to be that there will be no reference to the naval issue by the Liberals, at least in the debate upon the address. Railway and fiscal questions will be pressed to the front. The speech from the throne tomorrow will announce that legislation will be introduced as a result of the recent conference of imperial naval defence between the British and Canadian ministers, and will foreshadow bills for the promotion of agricultural education and the improvement of the highways.

Revision of Bank Act.
The revision of the Bank Act will be made to the right of the western provinces to increased representation in the senate.

Naturally the speech will refer to the recent visit of his royal highness to the various provinces of Canada, and express appreciation of the country's prosperity and the continued increase of desirable immigration. The growing trade of the Dominion will be referred to and the recent reciprocity arrangement between Canada and the British West Indies commended. Reference may also be made to the recent cut in cable rates.

LAVERNE RESIGNS AS WHIP.

QUEBEC, Nov. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Armand Laverne this afternoon handed to the opposition leader, Teller, his resignation as opposition whip in the Quebec legislature. The resignation was handed in towards the close of the day's proceedings and Mr. Teller has as yet had no opportunity to reply.

Mr. Laverne was tonight pressed for a statement on his resignation, but refused to say a word. Mr. Laverne also declined to comment upon the Cotter-Doyon contest in Hochelaga, or to say whether the result of the by-election had influenced him in resigning as opposition whip in the provincial parliament.

BRAND TORONTO AS DISEASE BREEDER

Dr. McCullough and Dr. Nasmith Score City For Failure to Dispose of Sewage Properly at Washington Conference—Partly Responsible For Typhoid.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Terrific were the arraignment of Toronto health conditions thru sewage pollution, which marked the two sessions today of the international joint commission, the startling statements being made by Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, chief health officer of Ontario, and Dr. George M. Nasmith, director of laboratories, health department of Toronto.

A letter was received from Attorney-General Doherty, suggesting a postponement of the decision regarding the construction of a dike on the Detroit River, until full investigations of the existing conditions are made by Canadian engineers. Col. Patrick, the U. S. army engineer, was on hand to show the necessity for the dike.

Pollution Condemned.

Dr. C. A. Hodgets of Ottawa, medical adviser to the Dominion commission of conservation, said: "The waters of the great lakes receive polluting material from the vessels plying thereon, the sewage being discharged therein at any point convenient to the vessels themselves. The sewage from this source has been estimated as that of ten million persons for seven or eight months in each year.

"The total amount of raw sewage and factory waste deposited in the great lakes is becoming greater year by year, consequent upon the growth and development of both countries.

"As a result of this gross pollution the waters of the great lakes have been year by year less suited as sources from which the inhabitants adjacent thereto can derive water supplies for domestic purposes."

Toronto's Bad Example.

Dr. McCullough, representing the Provincial Ontario Board of Health, submitted memoranda on the pollution of the great lakes, declaring that the great lakes and their connecting rivers are subject to constantly increasing sewage pollution of practically all communities bordering thereon, as well as of large boat population. Lake Ontario, in the neighborhood of Toronto, shows contamination to be carried from the polluted Toronto Bay by winds and currents to varying distances, and has been found 15 miles out.

The typhoid death rate in communities on the St. Clair River is the highest in America. The typhoid rate for the boat population upon these international waterways is generally much higher than that of the various ports.

WM. H. BEATTY PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME

One of Toronto's Most Prominent and Respected Citizens and a Leading Spirit in Law, Commerce and Public Affairs, Died After a Long Illness.

HIS LAW FIRM DID MORE BUSINESS THAN ANY IN ALL CANADA

One of His Constant Maxims, Which He Realized, Was Never to Lose a Dollar of Invested or Trust Money and His Clients Saved Thousands.

Another of Toronto's most prominent and respected citizens passed away yesterday in the person of William Henry Beatty at his residence, 3 Queen's Park. In law, commerce and public affairs he was for many years a leading spirit.

He was born in Toronto in 1835, five years after his father, James Beatty, merchant, settled here. He was educated at Upper Canada College and was admitted as an attorney in 1862. In April, 1865, he married Charlotte Louise, daughter of the late J. G. Worts, who survives him with four children, Henry W. Beatty, Mrs. Wallace Nesbitt, Mrs. W. H. Cawthra, and C. W. Beatty.

In politics Mr. Beatty was a lifelong Conservative, and a personal friend of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Charles Tupper, and Hon. Mr. Chapleau. He always declined to take any public office.

In 1896 he was recommended for appointment as queen's counsel by the Upper government.

An Active Life.

His life was a very active one. He was connected with many of the great financial institutions of the city. He began practicing law in 1865, and for many years his firm was Beatty and Chadwick. For some time, on account of failing health he has been confined to his house. Prior to his health failing, he was president of the Bank of Toronto, president of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, president of the Confederation Life Association, vice-president of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and vice-president of Gooderham and Worts, Ltd. He was an Anglican and a member of St. James Cathedral.

Long List of Clients.

Mr. Beatty will long be remembered by the members of the Gooderham and Worts families, by all connected with the Gooderham & Worts firm and its varied interests, by the Bank of Toronto and by a long list of clients who entrusted their affairs with the law firm of which he was head, and which put more business thru its office than any legal concern in the history of Canada. He was one of the best types of Canadian solicitor and had a most varied experience and had associated with him in the handling of that immense business a whole host of lawyers, counsel and office men. He hardly ever went into court. The firm had nearly as many clients outside of Canada as in it, and they represented all kinds of interests and especially large investments made in Canadian lumber, mining, manufacturing. One of his constant maxims, and he realized it, was never to loan a dollar of invested or trust money, and he saved many thousands of dollars to persons other than clients who came later to his firm for advice. He sat on boards of all kinds and devoted his life himself to others' affairs. The firm as a consequence had an immense income.

NEW HAMPSHIRE JOINS PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(Can. Press.)—New Hampshire states officials today joined with Massachusetts and Rhode Island in protesting to the department of justice against the alleged traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada and the New York, New Haven and Hartford, petitioning the federal government to interpose under the Sherman anti-trust law, with the purpose of preserving railway competition in New England.

Charles Langford Became Suddenly Ill in Restaurant and Passed Away in the Police Ambulance.

Charles Langford, address unknown, became suddenly ill while in a restaurant at 35 Jarvis street last night about 6.15. The police ambulance was summoned, but Langford died on the way to St. Michael's Hospital. All that is known of him is that he was formerly employed as sidewalk salesman at Patterson's clothing store, King and West Market streets.

Only a few weeks ago Langford was discharged from the hospital after being in a dangerous condition condition from Bright's disease. It is supposed that he suffered another attack of this trouble shortly after entering the restaurant.

Seats on Sale for "Gypsy Love."

The advance sale of seats for the Franz Lehar comic opera "Gypsy Love," which comes to the Princess Theatre next week, begins this morning at the theatre box-office. "Gypsy Love" is Lehar's best opera.

JAMAICA SWEEP BY DESTRUCTIVE TIDAL WAVE

Western Portion of Island Devastated, Two Large Towns Wiped Out and Forty-two Lives Reported Lost—Wave Moved Inland For a Quarter of a Mile.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 20.—(Can. Press.)—The western end of the island of Jamaica has been devastated by a hurricane, lasting five days. A great tidal wave has swept over both the north and south coasts, practically wiping out the towns of Savanna la Mar and Luces, both places of considerable importance. According to a report, brought in by steamer, forty-two persons were killed at Montego Bay.

All the coast roads have been wrecked along the southwestern coast and much damage has been done. Communication between Kingston and the centre of destruction is not likely to be resumed for a week.

The latest reports indicate that the tidal wave swept over Savanna la Mar and adjacent villages for a quarter of a mile inland. The effects of the hurricane extended along the coast eastward to Black River, about twenty-five miles from Savanna la Mar, where the residential quarter was wrecked. Floods which accompanied the storm caused immense damage, a hundred houses being blown down. Telegraphic communication is still suspended.

Gale Landed Days.

The governor of Jamaica has left on a special train, accompanied by a detachment of artillerymen, who have taken with them three hundred tents and foodstuffs, as in certain sections the people are homeless and destitute. The gale began on Nov. 15 and continued in increasing fury for several days. Vessels arriving in port reported that the wind was blowing over one hundred miles an hour.

Luces is a small town of two thousand inhabitants on an inlet on the northwest coast of Jamaica, while Savanna la Mar is a seaport with the same number of inhabitants on the southwest coast, almost directly opposite on the other side of the island.

QUEBEC FAVORS NAVAL PROGRAM

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Now Canada Bound, Draws Conclusion From Hochelaga Result.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(C. A. P.)—Hon. George E. Foster sailed for home on the St. Louis yesterday, in order to be present during the discussion on the naval policy. He expressed great satisfaction at the return of Hon. Louis Cotterre, saying: "His selection gives a strong indication of the sentiments of the Province of Quebec in reference to the naval defence of the empire. All they are not in possession of the details they have voted overwhelmingly in favor of the principle."

CANNINGTON VOTES FOR HYDRO.

CANNINGTON, Nov. 20.—The hydro-electric bylaw voted on in Cannington today carried by 8 vote of 149 for the bylaw and 3 against.

Will Join Hydro Staff

WINNIPEG, Nov. 20.—(Can. Press.)—The resignation of R. A. Sara, business manager of the city power department, was received this morning by the board of control. He will return to his home in Toronto to be identified with the hydro-electric commission in that city.

An offer of the board of control to meet the salary offered by the eastern concern, he intimated, would not keep him in Winnipeg, his main object being to return to his home locality.

Sir Richard Cartwright's Reminiscences Published Sensation of the Season

Demands an Apology
Principal Hagarty of Harbor Collegiate has written to President Falconer of the University of Toronto, demanding an apology from The Versity, the students' paper, for the statements contained in a letter which appeared in that paper yesterday, written by one of the students. In the letter it was stated that Mr. Hagarty had made statements which were untrue and unbecoming. Mr. Hagarty resents the tone and the substance of the letter, and is determined that a public apology be made.

Not for a Long Time Has There Appeared a Volume With so Intimate a Personal Note or so Remarkably Frank in its Estimate of the Canadian Political Leaders.

Sir Richard Cartwright's "Reminiscences," issued yesterday by William Briggs, will provide the sensation of the season. Not for a long time has there appeared a volume with so intimate a personal note or so remarkably frank in its estimate of Canadian political leaders who are not beyond the scope of living memory. The late Sir Richard Cartwright was a very methodical man, as well as a highly interesting figure in contemporary politics. For forty-nine of the seventy-seven years of his life—1835-1912—he sat in parliament and played a great part in the events of a stirring time. No actor on the political stage knew better the rules of the parliamentary game or surpassed him in the faculty of vigorous and terse yet classic English.

His "Reminiscences" have evidently been carefully set down and are cast in the form of a succession of interviews with an imaginary reporter. The scene is Sir Richard's library, and the style is in keeping with the environment. Perhaps it is too finished for the supposed occasion and the impressions and recollections might have gained in vividness if expressed in the language of ordinary conversation. But in many respects these reminiscences of leading men and events are the best yet published for the light they throw on the last half century of Canadian history.

Gratitude and Devotion.

The preface to the book is written by Mr. T. M. Courtney, at one time deputy minister of finance, an Englishman by birth, one of the best types of civil servant at Ottawa, who knew Sir Richard intimately. Mr. Courtney, at his own solicitation, owed his unsolicited appointment to the late minister, and naturally renounces the name of Sir Richard Cartwright with gratitude and devotion. But even if his point of view is necessarily affected, a few sentences conveying his estimate of the dead statesman may be given.

"I had arrived in Canada the summer of 1869," he writes, "and felt some curiosity about the young man, just at the outset of his political career, who preferred principle to party and who with another member of the party had just gravitated to the cross-bench." Again, speaking of the period from 1878 to 1896: "Looking back and remembering the composition of the house of commons, I am more and more struck with the admirable patience with which Sir Richard, in most admirable English, assailed the principles of the ministry." As a final word: "He never in the hour of success was envious at the exaltation of another, but faithfully gave his great ability to carry out what was his dearest wish, the establishment of good government in Canada."

Sir Richard's main object in compiling his reminiscences, to paper was evidently at once to pay a tribute to Alexander Mackenzie and to vindicate his administration. To Mackenzie the volume is dedicated as follows:

To the Memory
of
ALEXANDER MACKENZIE
Some time Premier of Canada.
This Volume
is
Dedicated
"I have loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore I die in exile."—Dante.

ALGOMA CENTRAL SOON TO BE READY

Will Facilitate Communication With the Head of the Lakes and Winnipeg.

SADLET STE. MARIE, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Government inspection of Algoma Central is taking place today. Mr. Binions, government engineer, is going over the line, accompanied by R. S. McCormick, G. A. Montgomery, and W. C. Franz. When the line will be opened is not known. This is dependent on the decision of the inspector, who will announce the date after he has completed his tour. The party are expected to return to the Soo tomorrow.

That the inspection is going on is a sure guarantee that the line from the Soo to Franz will soon be in operation and when that is so, the journey from the Soo west will be materially shortened. Communication with the cities at the head of the lakes and with Winnipeg will be made much easier.

MABEL HAM STILL MISSING.

Mabel Ham, the young stenographer, who disappeared from her home, 292 Roxton road, several days ago, has not yet been found.

THE CHANCE TO GET EXTRA COUPONS AT A REDUCTION WILL SOON BE GONE. SEE PAGE 2 AND GET BUSY