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LONDON WOMAN LEAVES $158,424 ESTATE

Huge Dyke Is Advised To Check Erosion At Niagara Falls

WILL FILED FOR PROBATE OF $158,424

Two Main Beneficiaries Are Named in Will of Mrs. Kate Reed.

SON IS EXECUTOR

Sisters Also Mentioned—Held Valuable Property in City.

Mrs. Kate Reid, widow of Col. W. J. Reid, has left an estate of $158,424, according to the will probated at the court house by Fraser & Moore.

The bulk of the estate has been left to Mrs. Reid's son, Major Walter Reid of Burma, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. (Col.) Frank Reid of London, England, who each receive $68,085.

Col. Frank Reid, although an executor of the estate, was not a beneficiary under the will.

A certain amount of furniture and personal effects were left to Mrs. Reid's sisters, Annie M. Aspinall and Alice Hawley, who were each to receive half the income from $18,000. Miss Aspinall predeceased Mrs. Reid and the will provided that in the event of the death of Miss Aspinall the income from her $9,000 was to go to Major Walter Reid.

The only other beneficiary is Elise Hawley, who receives $3,000.

The will also stated that should Mrs. Frank Reid die before her mother-in-law, her share of the estate was to be turned over to her husband, Col. Reid.

Real estate was valued at $60,400 and includes property on Queen's avenue worth $45,000 and a house on Waterloo street valued at $10,000. Cash in bank was $34,162; bank and other stocks, $35,538; money secured by mortgages, $16,496; securities, $5,825; furniture, $3,500; pictures and plate, $2,500.

The executors of the estate are Col. Reid and the London and Western Trusts Company.

Mrs. Reid died on May 26, 1924.

FERGUSON DOES NOT RECALL TALKING 'WET' WITH WILSON

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—Although Frank W. Wilson, Conservative M. L. A. for Windsor is reported as having announced that he had urged upon Premier Ferguson that a measure be left to the legislature providing for local option for those cities which voted "wet" at the last plebiscite, Premier Ferguson states that he does not recall that Mr. Wilson made any such representations.

The premier tonight said that although he had discussed various phases of the situation with members of the legislature, he did not recall that Mr. Wilson was one of them.

REVENGE GIVEN AS MOTIVE FOR TRIPLE MURDER STORY

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 15.—John Slocum of Rochester, late yesterday afternoon declared to police that his story of yesterday, accusing Stephen Kwikowski of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whaley and Mrs. George Morse at Linden, N. Y., last March, was untrue. The story, Slocum said, was made up by him for revenge against Kwikowski, known to him as "Steve Bloom," who he alleged had eloped with his wife.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Light winds; fair.

Friday — Easterly winds moderately cold with light snow falls.

Pressure is highest of the middle Atlantic states and in northern Ontario, while over the southwestern states there is a depression which is not likely to move to the Great Lakes. The weather is very cold throughout the dominion, except in southwestern Ontario, where it is more moderate.

MODERATE — NO CHANGE — WARMER — FAIR — RAIN — HIGH — COOLER — SNOW — CLOUDY

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	40	32	Fair
Calgary	6	—14	Clear
Winnipeg	—8	—26	Cloudy
Port Arthur	—4	—16	Clear
Soo	6	—8	Cloudy
Toronto	16	—5	Cloudy
Kingston	15	—6	Cloudy
Ottawa	8	—20	Fair
Montreal	8	—10	Clear
Quebec	2	—18	Clear
St. John	20	—8	Clear
Halifax	10	0	Cloudy

(—) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 16; lowest, 4.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 7; lowest, —8.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.59.
Today—8 a.m.—29.62.

DEVELOPING YOUNG LONDON'S INTEREST IN SPORT.

Above is shown a group of officials at the opening of the public school hockey league at Victoria Park last Tuesday. In the foreground are Lawrence O'Hara and Allan McNaughton of Lord Roberts school. In the background reading from left to right, are: Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess, M.M., Inspector G. A. Wheable, M.C., E. V. Buchanan, manager of the public utilities commission; Gerald N. Goodman, supervisor of civic playgrounds; Dr. N. F. Bryant, principal of Lord Roberts school, and head of public school athletics; Referee ex-Ald. John A. Greer, and Inspector-Administrator V. K. Greer, M.A.

Hamilton Quartet's Fate Will Be Known Tomorrow

Crown Claims That New Evidence Justifies Transversion of Trial to March Assizes.

JURY DISMISSED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Jan. 15.—The fate of Annielisa Baitowicz, Panko and Yakim Shabaha and Mike Robysh, charged with the murder of the woman's husband, Joe Baitowicz, will not be decided until tomorrow morning. Following the hearing this morning, at which the jury who heard the case was dismissed and a stay of proceedings directed by the crown, Justice Mowat adjourned it until tomorrow morning. At the next sitting it will be definitely decided whether or not the prisoners are to be discharged or whether they will be held in custody or under bail for a later hearing of the case. It will also be decided at that time whether the second indictment, that of being accessories after the fact, can be traversed to the next sitting of the assizes.

Counsel for the defence contend that both indictments have been disposed of and that the accused cannot a second time be placed in jeopardy for the one offence. They claim the fact that the four have been arraigned on the second indictment and have pleaded not guilty to it precludes of them facing the charge a second time.

At this morning's sitting Justice Mowat suggested that the true bill of murder be indorsed "nolli prosequi," which means in effect that there is no prosecution. This Mr. Boys refused to do, stating that the instructions he had received in a telephone conversation with the attorney-general was to request the court to give a stay of proceedings. Whether or not the court will give the crown permission to reopen the case is a moot point.

The fifth man, Bill Shermet, wanted in connection with the murder, is in a Nova Scotia prison and has not yet been arraigned.

Mr. Boys announced this morning that the police have unearthed new clues that may help in the prosecution, and it is for that reason he wants the second indictment against the four traversed until next March.

REPORT IS CONFIRMED NEVILLE TURNED PRO

The report that Mike Neville, ving man of the London senior hockey team, had jumped to the St. Pats, Toronto's representatives in the pro. loop, is correct, Gordon Marr, manager of the 7's, told The Advertiser at noon today.

No other players are affected, Manager Marr said, the confirmation of Neville's action coming from Toronto this morning. Neville left the city last night to join the Irish.

The signing of Neville is blamed on a grudge the St. Pats officials bear the London team over failing to land Pierre Bellefeuille.

MANAGER OF LA PRESSE SUCCUMBS TO APOPLEXY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—Henri Robert, business and advertising manager of La Presse and one of the oldest employees of that French language newspaper, died here last night, aged 52. Mr. Robert's death was due to apoplexy. Collapsing in the street, he was conveyed to his home in Outremont, and succumbed before medical assistance could be given.

WILL J. WHITE,

Toronto member of the Lions club, who becomes international convention manager of that body as the result of an appointment made at a special executive meeting of that body in Chicago.

YACHT THOUGHT LOST STEAMS INTO PORT

Two Winnipeg Residents Were Passengers on the Alga—Seaplanes Aid Search.

Associated Press Despatch.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 15.—The yacht Alga, which was reported missing Tuesday in the Gulf of Mexico with five prominent yachtsmen, including Col. Eugene Houghton and Fred Houghton, of Winnipeg, aboard, and for which search was instituted yesterday by seaplanes from the Pensacola naval station and by boats from points along the coast, returned yesterday to Bay St. Louis with all on board safe.

The Alga left Bay St. Louis last Wednesday for the Pass l'Outre game preserve of the Louisiana conservation commission at the mouth of the Mississippi river, and no information concerning her whereabout had been received her since her departure.

The yacht steamed into Bay St. Louis yesterday under her own power after having encountered rough seas off the mouth of the Mississippi river.

AUTHORITY IS SOUGHT TO CONTROL COMPANIES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 15.—The legislature yesterday unanimously indorsed a resolution authorizing the provincial government, in co-operation with other provincial governments, to continue to urge upon the dominion government the necessity for asking the parliament of Canada to pass legislation giving the province power to control and regulate within their own borders the sale of all shares of all companies.

DAWSON PIONEER DEAD.

Associated Press Despatch.

Dawson City, Y. T., Jan. 15.—Michael O'Keefe, 67, well-known pioneer, is dead here. He came to Dawson in 1897.

CONGRESS DELAYS ST. LAWRENCE PLAN

Committee Experiences Difficulty in Obtaining Funds For Engineers.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Confronted with the strong opposition in the house to authorizing further funds to enable the joint engineering board to proceed with their work in surveying the great lakes for the proposed St. Lawrence canal, the administration decided today to wait until the rivers and harbors bill passes the house and gets to the senate before making any move to get the $275,000 necessary for this task.

The plan now is to have the senate appropriation committee add this sum to the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, and take chances on the house withholding opposition to the item, when the bill eventually goes to conference for approval.

The money is required particularly to make borings, without which it cannot be ascertained where the dams for the development of the power and construction of the canal through which navigation would be maintained can be located. Canada has made some borings but needs to make more. Practically none have been made on the American side.

Mercury Drops To Eight Below

Coldest Weather of 1925 Greets Londoners Today.

The funny chap that likes to tell everyone that "it isn't cold," had mother adjust his muffler before daring out to work today. Even after an hour in the office he hadn't thawed out enough to make his daily boresome remark.

This morning at 4 o'clock the mercury faded to eight degrees below zero, the coldest day of the new year, and at eight o'clock it had only come up to six below. This is a record for that hour of the day for this winter.

With London in the grip of its third really cold spell of the winter people have reached the stage where comment is guarded. Even the coal men are silent; they can't stop grinning long enough to speak.

The weather man, however, promises a higher temperature on the morrow, and, for a change, a little snow may be added.

HANCE LOGAN IS FETED BY COMMERCIAL MEN

Associated Press Despatch.

Georgetown, British Guiana, Jan. 15.—The commercial interests of British Guiana tendered a reception to Hance J. Logan, M.P., special Canadian commission, here yesterday and strongly indorsed his proposal for closer trade relations between this country and Canada. It was the widely expressed opinion of those taking part in the demonstration that the colony, with its enormous potentialities, offers a field where Canadian trade can be greatly increased. Mr. Logan addressed a joint meeting of the chamber of commerce, planters' association and royal agricultural and commercial society, yesterday afternoon.

YOUTH HELD ON CHARGE OF FORGERY

Ambrose J. Clarke Fails in an Attempt to Cash Check For $800.

CALL OF SOUTH

Wanted to Make Trip to Florida — Pleads Guilty.

The call of Florida with its warm lure of semi-tropical loveliness and freedom rang so loudly in the ears of Ambrose J. Clarke, of 79 Edward street, 21, that he tried to cash a check for $800 to help him realize his dream. His vision of southern climes was broken by London police, however, and he stood up in court this morning to answer a charge of forgery.

Cultured, and carrying the air of a negotiator rather than that of a prisoner, Clarke told the court of his plans in well-chosen English. The gravity of the charge did not seem to strike him forcibly, and his attitude of chagrin seemed to say that he had missed his train and now he would have to wait for the next one.

Pleads Guilty.

His plea of guilty was entered without hesitation when Magistrate Graydon explained to him the various methods of trial at his disposal. He wished to betried by the magistrate, he asserted, and was thereupon remanded for a week.

Crown Attorney Judd related that a check made out on the account of William J. Stevenson, 240 Grey street, was presented by Clarke at the Canadian Bank of Commerce yesterday afternoon. It was purported to have received the indorsation of M. D. York, A city grocer.

Called Detective.

Bank officials looked up the account and found that Mr. Stevenson spelled his name, Stephenson. They immediately became suspicious and called Detective Harry Down, who took Clarke into custody.

"Why did you do it?" the court queries.

"Well, I was out of work and I needed some money. The working situation here isn't any too good."

"But $800. You didn't need that amount just because you were out of work."

"I would need at least $200 if I would go to Florida as I desired to do," Clarke came back.

CANADA IS JUSTIFIED IN USING U. S. TREATY

Sen. Robertson Tells N. Y. Audience General Feeling on Water Diversion.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Jan. 15.—Canada would feel justified in asserting her rights under her treaty with the United States dealing with diversions of the water from the great lakes through other than natural channels, if it were necessary, declared Senator Gideon Robertson, speaking yesterday by invitation before a meeting of the Detroit delegation to the Cleveland convention on Chicago drainage.

Senator Robertson remarking that he spoke unofficially, assured the delegation of Canadian support in endeavoring to prevent the lowering of the water by the Chicago intake. He said that it had been the hope of Canadians that the United States would be able to settle the matter as a domestic issue in a manner which would be satisfactory to the Dominion.

MAJORITY TO HAVE CONTROL OF ALL CHURCH PROPERTIES

Bill To Be Introduced in Legislature Would Provide the Necessary Authority.

BITTER FIGHT SEEN

Presbyterian Unionists and the Antis Preparing Arguments on Proposed Measure.

Special to The Advertiser.
by Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Preparations are now being made for the introduction by C. R. McKeown, M.L.A., of a bill in the Ontario legislature, to provide machinery for the division of the property of the Presbyterian churches in this province, following the church union voting.

Attorney-General Nickle, while admitting he knows nothing about the bill's contents, he sees considerable opposition to it.

The proposed bill is a supplementary measure to the Dominion act. Last year the amendment proposed by W. J. Finlayson, Conservative member for East Simcoe, and carried in committee by a vote of 36 to 26, provided that unionist churches might vote themselves into union, but the identity of the three uniting denominations was to be preserved as separate entities. The federal act is the reverse of this. Non-concurring congregations may vote themselves out.

Nine on Commission.

The chief bone of contention in the legislature will undoubtedly be over the manner in which the division of property is to be made. In practically all the other provinces where acts have been passed the legislatures have provided that the commission to be created by the federal law is to have power to apportion the Presbyterian property within those provinces. It might reasonably be expected that Ontario would do the same, as the unionists and the antis are to have equal representation on the commission, and the six men they name are to pick three others. The nine will then take up the task of dividing the church property.

In none of the provinces has it been found feasible to adopt anything but the principle of the congregation as a unit. This means that the majority in each congregation carries the church property with it. To attempt to divide the property of an individual congregation would be absurd and futile, it is argued.

Claims Principle Sound.

"You cannot hand the organ and the pulpit to the minority and leave the rest of the church to the majority," was the way one lawyer put it. "And you cannot sell the whole thing and then divide the cash proceeds, for the church is not a mere commercial asset of a liquid kind. It is clear that the property must follow the majority. In the long run this evens the thing up."

DR. F. E. BENNETT,

president of the St. Thomas horticultural society. Dr. Bennett has been an indefatigable worker in the interests of horticulture in St. Thomas for years and principally through his efforts the Flower City ranks first in point of beauty, among the cities of Ontario. Civic flower beds are among the finest in America.

SEAMEN'S CHIEF ARRESTED IN DRIVE TO BREAK STRIKE

Associated Press Despatch.

Freemantle, N. S. W., Jan. 15.—Further drastic steps were taken by the authorities here today in connection with the strike of the waterside workers, when President Walsh of the seamen's union was placed under arrest on a charge of inciting workmen to strike. Walsh was released on bail.

WEALTH OF UNTED STATES IS NOW $320,803,863,000

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—The wealth of the United States at the end of December, 1922, on the best estimates available of all property classified by the census bureau, was placed yesterday at $320,803,863,000. This was an increase of 72.2 per cent for the decade, since 1912, the census finding the nation's wealth at that time to be $186,299,664,000.

QUEBEC'S LIQUOR POLICY IS SCORED

Mrs. Gordon Wright Refers to Premier Taschereau as the Belshazzer of Quebec.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Strong denouncement of the Quebec government regarding intoxicating liquors was made today by Mrs. Gordon Wright, president of the Canadian National Women's Christian Temperance Union, in her address before the biennial convention of the association today.

"Time has taught Quebec a lesson," declared Mrs. Wright. "Today her government is a hopeless bondslave to the traffic it assumed to control. Excess after excess has sunken into insignificance before the growing effrontery and avarice of the Quebec liquor traffic sans control, until today it reigns and nothing legitimate escapes the withering blight of its legalized supremacy."

"Ere long," said Mrs. Wright, referring to Premier Taschereau of the eastern province, "the Belshazzer of Quebec will read the 'handwriting on the wall' as clearly as did the Babylonian king."

PROMINENT CANADIAN MAY BE PROSECUTED

William S. Anderson Held For Passing Worthless Check in Detroit.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Jan. 14.—William S. Anderson, 32, scion of a prominent St. Johns, N. B., family, arrested recently while living at the Book-Cadillac hotel with Muriel Gilmour, 21, a Toronto model, today faces the prospect of prosecution on charges of passing bad checks.

Robert S. Anderson, supervisor of banks in the Canadian city, and father of the arrested man, has failed to make good a check his son passed for $250 on Albert Peters, secretary of the D. U. R. Peters yesterday obtained a warrant through the prosecuting attorney's office asking arrest on the check charges.

RUSSIAN GIVEN SENTENCE FOR 45-YEAR-OLD CRIME

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, Jan. 14.—Ivan Okladski, the 65-year-old man who has been on trial on a charge of assisting the Czarist police in the extermination of the notorious organization known as Nnardonaya Volio (people's freedom), which 45 years ago sought the liberation of the Russian people from the czarist oligarchy, today was found guilty and sentenced to death. In view of the age of the defendant and the fact that the crime was committed so many years ago, the sentence was commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

WAR VETERAN SUICIDES.

Associated Press Despatch.

Annapolis Royal, N.S., Jan. 15.—With part of his chest torn away from a gunshot wound over the heart, the lifeless body of James Symes was found in his barn at Litchfield, about seven miles from here, by his wife when she went into the barn in search of eggs. A coroner's inquest returned a verdict of suicide. Symes, who was a veteran of the great war, was a native of Newfoundland.

CANADA TO QUIT WEMBLEY IF MOTOR BAN ENFORCED

Government Instructs Official Representative to Make Protest to Authorities.

REGARDED UNFAIR

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Jan. 15.—The Canadian government threatens to withdraw altogether from the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley this year if the proposed ban of the society of motor manufacturers on the exhibition of Canadian-made cars is permitted by the exhibition authorities.

It is stated that representatives of several Canadian motor car manufacturers cabled to the government at Ottawa last night with reference to the talked-of ban and that the Canadian government in reply cabled to Canada's commissioner at Wembley, A. W. Tolmie, instructing him to make an official protest against interference with would-be exhibitors by a trade organization. The Canadian government, it is understood, states that if a satisfactory solution of the difficulty is not found Canada as a last resort will withdraw from participation in the British Empire Exhibition.

Gamblers Must Pay Tax to U.S.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Those who gamble must pay the United States government, win, lose or draw. The board of tax appeals recently ruled that persons who win in gaming operations must pay an income tax on their winnings and today Solicitor Hartson of the internal revenue bureau ruled that losses are not deductible from gross income in states where games of chance are illegal.

PADEREWSKI PLAYS IN ROME AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Ignace Jan Paderewski was heard at a concert here yesterday for the first time in 28 years. The concert proved an enormous success.

DIVERSION BY CHICAGO CONDEMNED

American Scientist Declares Water Asked Means Menace to Lakes Navigation.

OFFERS SOLUTION

Smithsonian Institute Report Declares Scheme Would Destroy Cataract Beauties.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The Niagara river, lying between "two friendly nations," presents the question of joint ownership and control and necessity for team work for preservation and further utilization, says a report by Samuel S. Wyer, associate professor in mineral technology of the United States national museum. The report was made public today by the Smithsonian Institute.

Declaring that Niagara Falls should be regarded as "the shrine of two nations," the report asserts that "it is not the inalienable right of any individual to do that which destroys the harmony of this masterpiece of nature."

Power problems and water diversion from the great lakes as proposed in drainage prospects, particularly that at Chicago for sewage disposal and a deeper waterway to the Gulf of Mexico, are discussed in the report. In regard to the Chicago problem, it suggests "complete sewage treatment," which it estimates would cost $157,000,000.

As to plans for any further diversion at Niagara Falls, the report says that these must cope with the "sentimental situation" surrounding the beauties of the falls. Concerning proposed additional canals between Lakes Erie and Ontario, the position is taken that "Welland canal, wholly under Canadian control but available to both Canadian and United States vessels on equal terms, can handle all the traffic."

Seriously Affecting Navigation.

As to the broad problem of water diversion from the great lakes basin, Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, in a preface, says the reports show this "should be handled from a nationally minded viewpoint and not from the provincial aspect of any one community or interest."

Pointing out that the Niagara river is "the dividing line between two radically different methods of rendering electric service to the public, governmentally owned on the Ontario side, privately owned but governmentally operated on the United States side," the report states that the government-owned hydro-electric system in Ontario has failed to be self-sustaining.

How far Chicago's water diversion problem affects navigation on the lakes is shown, the report states, in the fact that the 10,000 cubic feet a second the city is asking for is about equivalent to the amount of water going over the American falls at Niagara.

Chicago has a water diversion problem, the report asserts, because "instead of using modern sewage treatment and disposal methods Chicago is still following the mediaeval method of dumping its raw, untreated sewage into the Chicago river and in order to protect its water supply is diverting raw sewage into, first the Des Plaines river, and then into the Illinois river. There are no grounds for delay because of the lack of information, it says, although "the difficulties in Chicago's sewage problem are probably greater than for any other inland city."

Outlines Ontario's Position.

Summarizing its statement of how the Ontario hydro-electric system has failed to pay expenses, the report says, quoting figures of Oct. 31, 1924:

"The money that has been taken out of the provincial treasury instead of out of earnings is:

"Subsidizing rural lines, $1,194,422;

"General expenses, $2,245,909;

"The accrued deficits in sinking funds that have not been met out of earnings are:

"Hydro-electric commission bonds, $7,749,646;

"From money borrowings out of the provincial treasury, $7,957,046; making a total of $19,147,014.

"The wiping out of the indebtedness incurred . . . can be accomplished only by paying these losses out of the provincial treasury and, therefore, making the taxpayers in Ontario contribute and pay for the below cost service that has been rendered to electric consumers, or marked increase in electric rates so as to get enough income from the electric consumers to not only wipe out the deficits that have accrued but also make the operation self-sustaining for the future.

"When the Ontario governmentally owned hydro-electric system was initiated the hope was held out to the public that the income from electric consumers would pay off the bonds. This has not been accomplished. . . . In the United States the plants must stand on their own feet and there can be no demand on a public treasury. The governmentally owned hydro-electric system supplying 79 per cent of the service in Ontario is not taxed."

The report adds that the United

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