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### DISAGREEMENT OF WITNESSES

Contradictory Stories Told at Marine Department Inquiry

### MR. BOUDREAU'S POSITION

Bank Accountant Corroborates Manager—Other Evidence Conflicts

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—When the marine inquiry was resumed this morning, Mr. Watson, counsel for the government, continued the investigation into the "Holliday Bros." contract with the government for the use of the steamer King Edward and the alleged payment of \$3,000 to Assistant Accountant Boudreau of the marine department.

Mrs. Thomas, of the marine department, Ottawa, declared that Mr. Boudreau was on duty in the department during the time Mr. Van Felsen claimed to have paid him \$3,000.

James Holliday, recalled, declared that to the best of his knowledge he never signed the cheques in question, and would make his denial as positive but that Van Felsen keeps telling him that he did sign them.

Regarding the conversation Van Felsen claims to have had with him, Holliday says he did not believe the conversation ever took place. He had never heard Boudreau's name mentioned until the marine investigation began in Quebec.

H. E. Lawrence, accountant in the People's Bank at Quebec, where the alleged transaction with Boudreau took place, was the next witness. He had seen Mr. Boudreau in the bank, but did not know in what connection. He remembered a visit to Boudreau came over to the wicket and said: "How do you do?" He had known Boudreau for several years.

In reply to a question by Watson as to how he remembered this passing incident, Lawrence said it was because Van Felsen had come to him after Boudreau went out of the bank and asked him to remember him. He had told Mr. Van Felsen then that he already knew Boudreau.

No very startling evidence was adduced during the afternoon session of the inquiry. Mr. McKelvie, of Kingston, further testified regarding the account of J. F. Fraser, which had been set forth on October 1st, after the inquiry had begun. It had been running since 1904.

R. O. McKay, of Hamilton, stated that he had seen Boudreau at the "grease" department at Ottawa. James Youlden, of Kingston, showed two cheques made payable to cash, declared that he had not paid them, and was a witness to the department. Several other witnesses testified without bringing out anything new.

Tomorrow Col. Gwynne, late deputy minister, will be examined.

### Woman Suffrage.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Ottawa Woman Suffrage Association, which has asked R. L. Borden to declare his views on woman suffrage.

### Toronto License Fight

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Sunday school workers of Toronto have decided upon a unique plan in order to influence the vote in favor of license reduction on Wednesday, December 30. It is proposed to have a monster demonstration of Sunday school scholars, who will be conveyed through the streets. The scholars will wear badges, on which will be printed: "Vote for me," "The Boy or the Bar," "Vote for License Reduction."

### The Passing of Mother.

Where is the old-fashioned mother, who used to tuck us in bed at night after we had said our prayers; who spanked us when we needed it, and then cried with us over the pain whose charity for our faults was infinite, and who, as we came up more and more into a consciousness of life, was an untiring receptacle for all our troubles?

Some of her is on an excursion to California; some of her is in Europe some is attending a concert, and some is at the woman's club; some is besieging a modern intelligence office, some is drinking in the odor of cylinder oil at forty cents an hour, and some is playing bridge.

Mother, while she lasted, was a good thing, but the necessity for her has passed. Her patient, cheerful face her obsolete notions, her habit of her folded hands when resting and her genuine pity have all gone out.

We realize now our mistake. She meant well, but she did not know, we think of her with that kindness, that hearty sympathy, that broad-minded tolerance which we are every ready for someone like her. We didn't know so much then as we do now. We were more or less dependent on mother, as crude as she was. Now, however, that we are educated so early, and there is so much enlightened method about everything, we really don't need help from home. The newly born infant will soon be able to rise from his crib and go himself to the nearest hospital where he will have his tonsils removed, be properly vaccinated and inoculated with the latest serum, and go back to his push button and radiator all ready for business. Life.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. A. H. Mgr. Morgan, of House Waldreider, Montague Harbor, returned this week from Vancouver to spend Christmas with friends in Victoria. Mrs. Morgan will probably spend the winter in town.

The Private Subscription dance, which takes place on Tuesday, 22nd, promises to be a most enjoyable function. The ladies who are acting as cheerleaders being: Mrs. J. W. Hunter, H. G. Barnard, Mrs. Gordon Hunter, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. S. Powell, Mrs. Eutaw, Mrs. J. Irving, Mrs. A. Stewart Robertson and Miss Chapman.

Major Hibben on Tuesday evening last was presented with a butter dish, and a bowl and a biscuit tray by the members of No. 3 company, members of their good wishes upon the occasion of his recent marriage. The presentation was made by Capt. Harris, and Major Hibben responded in fitting terms.

### Laborer Killed

Welland, Ont., Dec. 18.—George Aston, employed on sewer construction here, fell into a trench yesterday and was killed.

### Artists Honored

London, Dec. 18.—F. M. Bell-Smith and T. M. Martin, of the Royal Canadian Academy, have been elected members of the Royal British Colonial Society of Artists.

### Brakeman Prosecuted.

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 18.—Brakeman Arthur J. H. Jones, accused of switching open and causing the wreck at Sandbank on Nov. 23rd, resulting in the death of three railway employees, was committed for trial today at the next assize. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

### Only Gave Good Advice

London, Dec. 18.—There is no truth in the rumor that the government of Great Britain has tendered her good offices to compose the differences between the Argentine and Brazil, arising in part from the activity of each country in increasing its naval power. It is, however, a fact that in informal conversations with the diplomatic representatives here of the two powers, the foreign minister has given the attending increases of armaments.

### Improvements at the Coquitlam Asylum

Hon. Dr. Young Leaves for the Place to Direct Commencement of the Work

Hon. Dr. Young left last night for Coquitlam in order to get the work started in the government farm there. There are 460 acres of excellent land lying along the Coquitlam river from the railroad down to its confluence with the Fraser, and it is proposed to devote this to the best advantage, it will be run along the bank of the river behind a small Indian reserve, about eight acres in extent, and set aside for the Fraser river. It will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$14,500.

The contract for doing this work has been let to Courtenay and Cline, two farmers in the Delta district, who possess the necessary dredges and are generally thoroughly well equipped for this class of work. The work will start in right away as soon as Dr. Young gets down to the place.

Dr. Young hopes that once the farm is going properly that the institution will be practically self-supporting. At present the monthly milk bill is \$3,000 but by this time next year, the doctor thinks that the winter will be sufficient herd of cattle on the place to supply the inmates with milk and also enable them to make their own butter. The doctor also has a fine crop of wheat there, as well as a large number of pigs. The latter are fattened and traded for beef and about provide for the meat of the inmates. The doctor has been let to Courtenay and Cline two farmers in the Delta district, who possess the necessary dredges and are generally thoroughly well equipped for this class of work. The work will start in right away as soon as Dr. Young gets down to the place.

### AN EARLY PIONEER

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—One of the oldest of the early pioneers of B.C. in the person of Mrs. William Bunn has just died at her residence at Shoal Lake, Man.

The deceased lady, who was 90 years of age, visited the Hudson Bay Company's fort, which is now Victoria, as far back as 1847. She spent some time there and at other places on Vancouver Island. At that date, there was not even a village or a trading post in the location where Vancouver stands today.

News of the death of Mrs. Bunn was received today in a telegram by her daughter, Mrs. George Ash, of Fairview. The deceased lady was born in Dunvegan, on the Peace River. When she was 14 years of age she travelled with her parents overland from the Peace River valley to the head waters of the Skeena and down to Fort Simpson. From there she came by Indian canoes down to the fort at Victoria.

A few months later on the return of the party kept on by canoe and portage trip and crossed the continent. Dr. Bell's experiments.

### Canadian Rhodes Scholars.

London, Dec. 18.—The Canadian Rhodes scholars gained the following distinctions at Oxford during the year: J. G. Archibald, Montreal, fellowships of all J. G. Archibald, C. B. Martin, B. E. Bell, for colonial history, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

### Prominent Manufacturer Dies

St. John, N. B., Dec. 18.—T. S. Sims, president of the St. John's Manufacturing Co., and one of the largest manufacturers in Canada, died this morning. He was president for New Brunswick of the Baptist laymen's missionary movement.

### NO RACE NEXT YEAR FOR THE CANADA CUP

Efforts to Settle Toronto and Rochester Dispute by Yacht Racing Union Prove Failure

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Determined efforts to land the trophy of the Canada Cup race in 1909, came to naught today at a meeting of the council of the Yacht Racing Union.

### AIR NAVIGATION MAKES ADVANCE

German Inventor Devises Airship Intended to Carry Explosives

### WILBUR WRIGHT'S SUCCESS

Makes Voyages in Air Breaking Length and Height Records

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Count Zeppelin's airship is to have a rival which may exceed it both in speed and carrying power.

The inventor is Prof. Schutte, of the Technical University at Leipzig, who is a friend of the emperor. The airship will be of the rigid system like that of Zeppelin, but instead of using aluminum for the frame he will use wood. In this way he expects to get both greater strength and lightness. The cigar-like frame will have a length of 285 feet, and a diameter of from 51 to 55 feet. Schutte will propel his airship with two gas motors, each of 160 horse power, and he expects to make an average speed of 45 to 50 miles an hour. The designer expects to be able to carry two tons of explosives in his craft, besides the necessary fuel and other supplies, a statement which clearly indicates the military intent of the invention. The work of building will begin next summer.

### Wright Scores Twice.

Le Mans, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright established a new world's record for heavier-than-air machines today, while trying for the Michelin cup, remaining in the air one hour, 58 minutes and 55 seconds. The best previous record is 1 hour 9 minutes and 4 seconds, which Mr. Wright made on October 10 last. The aeronaut attained an average height of 24 feet today, and the distance was officially measured as 8 1/2 miles, which does not include the wide sweeps and turns made during the flight. He descended only because the oil feeder got out of order. The flight was made in a light breeze, occasionally broken by puffs of 20 miles an hour.

Mr. Wright closed a triumphant day by achieving another record, flying to a height of 300 feet in a strong wind on October 10 last. The aeronaut attained an average height of 24 feet today, and the distance was officially measured as 8 1/2 miles, which does not include the wide sweeps and turns made during the flight. He descended only because the oil feeder got out of order. The flight was made in a light breeze, occasionally broken by puffs of 20 miles an hour.

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1	2:28	2:10	2:07
2	3:10	2:52	2:49
3	3:43	3:18	3:14
4	4:01	3:42	3:38
5	4:17	3:57	3:53
6	4:29	4:08	4:04
7	4:38	4:16	4:12
8	4:44	4:22	4:18
9	4:48	4:26	4:22
10	4:50	4:28	4:24
11	4:50	4:28	4:24
12	4:49	4:27	4:23
13	4:47	4:25	4:21
14	4:44	4:22	4:18
15	4:40	4:18	4:14
16	4:35	4:13	4:09
17	4:30	4:08	4:04
18	4:24	4:02	3:98
19	4:18	3:56	3:92
20	4:12	3:50	3:86
21	4:05	3:43	3:79
22	3:58	3:36	3:72
23	3:51	3:29	3:65
24	3:43	3:21	3:57
25	3:35	3:13	3:49
26	3:27	3:05	3:41
27	3:18	2:57	3:33
28	3:09	2:49	3:25
29	3:00	2:41	3:17
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Pursuant to the order of the Hon. Chief Justice Sifton, dated the 20th day of October, 1908, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of said James McDonald, deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of January, 1908, are required on or before the first day of December, 1908, to send by post paid, or to deliver to Boyle & Parlee, of Edmonton aforesaid, solicitors for the executors herein, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly verified by statutory declaration; and that after said last mentioned date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at Edmonton, this 20th day of October, 1908.  
 Solicitors for the above-named Executors.  
**BOYLE & PARLEE.**