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## CROWN ATTORNEY FACES SERIOUS CHARGES

### Investigation of Official Record of Attorney Brennan of Lincoln County Began at St. Catharines—Accusations Include Accepting of Money to Drop Actions.

ST. CATHARINES, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—A varied list of charges against Mr. Brennan, crown attorney for Lincoln County, was read by James Bath, K.C., commissioner appointed by the Ontario Government, for the purpose of investigation, when he opened the hearing in the grand jury room of the court house here at noon today.

One charge was that of accepting \$50 to drop a case of John L. Heaslip, justice of the peace, Gainsborough Township. The most active fighter at the investigation outside of the commissioner, said that this referred to a case in which Nelles Heaslip, of Gainsborough, was the defendant. Nelles was willing to give evidence as well as Albert Jameson, now of Fort Colborne and J. H. Harris of Gainsborough, but all were absent. Mr. Bath said that he would not ask for evidence on this charge until Mr. Brennan had time to learn something about the accusation.

Mr. Brennan believed the charge referred to a case in 1907, when Nelles Heaslip was charged with obstructing a roadway. Magistrate Comfort, of St. Catharines, had dismissed the case. Mr. Brennan had no knowledge of \$50 entering into the matter in any way whatever.

**Fines Not Returned?**  
John L. Heaslip charged that Mr. Brennan had neglected to make proper returns of fines, as justice of the peace. The witness had fined Harpess. The witness had fined in April, 1906, made out a return, brought it to Mr. Brennan at St. Catharines and got a receipt. Witness intended to pay the fine to the township treasurer, but Mr. Brennan informed him that he, (Mr. Brennan) was the proper party to receive it, or else the provincial treasurer.

Mr. Heaslip said his attention was called to the matter by E. J. Hodgins, township auditor, who had discovered the return and whose father threatened to return and whose father threatened Heaslip with an action, because proper return of the fine had not been made. Witness hurried to Mr. Brennan at St. Catharines, with his receipt and was informed that the matter must have been overlooked. It was later published in the return of convictions.

**Additional Charges.**  
Among the other charges were: Failure to give requested advice to justices of the peace, and neglect to issue the necessary forms for the use of the justices, under the crown attorney's act. Mr. Heaslip had been well served in this regard, but Jacob McCaffery and J. W. Lee of Gainsborough.

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## N.W. Rowell's Meeting

The following series of public meetings has been arranged to be addressed by Mr. Rowell and some of his colleagues. It is the intention to discuss various phases of "tax reform" and other important provincial issues:

Friday evening, Jan. 17—Princeton, North and South Oxford, "Tax Reform and the Farmer."

Saturday evening, Jan. 18—Bright, North Oxford, "Tax Reform and the Settler."

Monday evening, Jan. 20—North Toronto (Rowell Liberal Club), "Tax Reform and the Housing Problem."

Thursday evening, Jan. 23—Berlin, "Tax Reform and the Manufacturers and Working Men."

One other meeting to be held in Eastern Ontario will be announced shortly.

## I. C. R. SHOULD RUN TO PACIFIC

### Emmerson and Fowler, Old Political Foemen, United on Policy For Government Road.

MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson, ex-minister of railways and canals, and Mr. G. W. Fowler, M.P., both from New Brunswick, and both strong political opponents, met here today, and while discussing the position of the Intercolonial in a very friendly manner, stated that they could not agree with Matthew Lodge of Montreal, N.B., Messrs. E. M. MacDonald, M.P., and H. J. Levan, ex-M.P., that the government railway should be handed over to a company.

Mr. Fowler went so far as to say that the Intercolonial Railway should not only be extended to the great lakes but to the Pacific Ocean and that the people could not get a square deal till this policy was brought about.

"I have always thought that Mr. Blair was right when he advocated a government-owned road from the Atlantic to the Pacific," chimed in the ex-minister, the member for Westmorland.

## COMMITTED SUICIDE WHILE DESPONDENT

### Elva Walter Drank Carboic Acid in Washroom at Eaton's Factory Yesterday Morning.

Elva Walter, aged 22, committed suicide by drinking carboic acid in No. 3 factory of the T. Eaton Co. yesterday morning. The girl had not been feeling well for some days, and when she came to work in the morning the other employees noticed that she was very despondent.

When she went to the toilet room and was absent from her work for some time, another girl went in search of her. She found her lying on the floor of the room.

Dr. E. E. King was called, but Miss Walter died a short time after he arrived. For some time past the girl had been living at 46 Messey street. The body was removed to Matthews' undertaking parlors.

## CANADA LACKING IN MILITARY EFFICIENCY

### General Otter Deplores Decay of Interest in Training For Defence Due to Development of Commercial Spirit—Scheme For Mobilization Assuming Shape.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—The years' work in the Canadian militia is reviewed in the annual report of the militia council presented by Col. Sam Hughes. The one object sought, says the report in part, was preparedness for war, the power to mobilize at short notice a force of adequate strength, well trained and fully equipped. In the scheme of defence a few readjustments have been made, but no important change introduced.

Respecting mobilization, the general scheme is assuming definite shape. It depends for its success on decentralization. Division commanders will be given as free a hand as possible and not required to adopt a uniform system. The peace strength of the militia compared to war establishment is relatively low.

An interdepartmental committee, composed of the director of naval service, chief of the general staff and general officer for mobilization, has been formed. Seventeen officers took instructional courses in England during the year.

The report deals at length with the instructional schools of the militia in Canada, which in the last fiscal year granted certificates to 174 officers. In the year forty officers were appointed to the permanent staff.

The permanent force now comprises 3118 men of which 202 are officers. The larger number, 1201, are from Halifax, Quebec coming second with 494. Toronto with 345 and Kingston with 344. The year's expenditure under vote was \$7,553,281 and by statute \$21,800. This was an increase of \$791,947. A total of 38,894 men received efficiency pay aggregating \$174,068.

The inspector-general reports 15 city corps as good, 21 as fair, three indifferent and two disorganized. In regard to rural corps 1 are classed as good, 29 as fair, 15 indifferent and 3 disorganized. The establishment is 1458 officers and 16,335 non-commissioned men, while the number trained was 1019 officers and 11,558 men.

**Need of Funds.**  
"The main obstacles to our efficiency," remarked Gen. Otter, "present themselves in two forms—lack of money on the one hand and the provision of it in the form of successful enterprises on the other; in the former militating against the provision of arms and equipment, rifle ranges and training grounds, and so placing obstacles in the prosecution of effective training in its full significance; the latter prevents individuals from sparing the time necessary to fit themselves for the military duties they have assumed."

Gen. Otter goes on to say that not enough serious thought is given to neglect of preparation for defence. It is not imperative, he asks, that we possess a military force adequate to bear the first brunt of conflict or at any event cause the invader to stop and think on the threshold? The extension of the belief that the plaudits for church or ceremonial parades may have lulled us into the belief that we are fit and capable for any invasion and that we are encouraging a rude awakening and irreparable loss some day.

## LADY ABERDEEN AND MAYOR HOCKEN



As they were leaving the city hall after the reception yesterday The World photographer "took" this distinguished guest of the city and the mayor.

## SUCCESS OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC MEANS EFFICIENT CONTROL OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

## LAW, LANSDOWNE REMAIN LEADERS

### Unionist Chiefs Definitely Abandon Advocacy of Food Taxation and Party Breach is Healed.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Andrew Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne declared today to retain the leadership of the Unionist party in the house of commons and the house of lords respectively, and to abandon the stand they have heretofore taken on the subject of food taxation in connection with the scheme of imperial preference.

In reply to the memorial addressed to him on Jan. 9 by a representative meeting of Unionists in which the abandonment of the policy of food taxes was advocated, Andrew Bonar Law, who also speaks for Lord Lansdowne, says:

"It would have been more agreeable to ourselves and in our view more for the interest of the Unionist party that a change of method should have been accompanied by a change of leaders."

Mr. Law goes on to say that, as in the opinion of the memorialists a change of leadership would be fatal to the interests of the party and the country, we feel it our duty to comply with the request.

### W. Wegens Supports a State System on This Ground—Sir William Meredith Gives Further Indication That Many-Sided Legislation Will Be Advice Offered to Provincial Government—Capitalized Cost Versus Current Cost.

The latest development in the search for data in the completion of the Workmen's Compensation Act is the question of capitalized cost versus current cost. The former is what the Canadian Manufacturers' Association want. What Commissioner Sir William Meredith will advise is yet hard to say.

The Washington system is a combination of the two systems, "capitalized cost" in the case of death, and "current cost" in the case of temporary disability. The commissioner has demonstrated his liking for this system.

The railways object to what is termed the "grouping system" in regard

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## CONSERVATIVES PLEDGED TO DROP NAVAL AID PROPOSAL IS ASSERTION OF GUTHRIE

### Discussion of Bank Act

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The second reading of the bill to revise the Bank Act will be moved by Finance Minister White at an early day, probably next Tuesday. Mr. W. F. Maclean (S. York) this afternoon gave notice that he and other members desired to discuss the principle of the bill on the second reading, and asked that some announcement be made of the date when the second reading would be moved by the government.

Mr. White promised to make a formal announcement in a day or two.

### Documents Showing Deal With Bourassa Followers Alleged to Exist—British Admiralty Stated to Favor Local Navies and to Scout Suggestion of Emergency

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—The naval debate was resumed today upon the reassembling of parliament. Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the British prime minister, was in the speaker's gallery, and Hon. James Duff, minister of agriculture for Ontario, occupied a seat on the floor of the house.

Hugh Guthrie, the Liberal member for South Wellington, opened the discussion by a strong presentation of the case against the government. He quoted from Mr. Asquith to show the overwhelming superiority of Great Britain on the sea, and from Right Hon. Winston Churchill to prove that the imperial government desired the dominions to establish local navies instead of contributing to the fleet of the North Sea.

## ALLIES PREPARED TO RENEW WAR

### Terrors of Mid-Winter Campaign Appear Almost Inevitable—Efforts of the Powers Impotent.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(Can. Press.)—Unless unforeseen events should change the current of affairs, the war in the near east will be resumed within a week, and Europe will witness the horrors of a winter campaign.

The allies have fairly made up their minds to take up arms a second time. The Turks last week were threatening to leave London and let matters take whatever course they might. Now the Balkan delegates are convinced that the Turks are merely drifting, without a fixed policy, and they have decided to end the seemingly fruitless debates and wire-pulling and begin the battles anew where they left off more than a month ago.

He disclaimed any desire to talk party politics, and proposed that the government and the opposition get together and agree upon a naval policy. Britain, he said, wished the moral support of Canada above everything else, and that would be lacking if it were known that the vote of \$35,000,000 had disrupted the cabinet and had been thru parliament as a party measure.

He charged that the Conservatives were bound to repeal the Laurier Naval Act by written pledges given to the Nationalists, and professed to believe that the Liberals would carry the country upon the naval policy were the government to grant a dissolution.

**Emergency Admitted.**  
Mr. Maschevo, the Conservative member for North Grey, in a spirited speech, declared that the statements attributed to Mr. Churchill had been made before the passage of the German naval act of 1912, and that the legislation by Germany had greatly increased the striking force of the navy, so that now 80 per cent of the ships were ready for immediate action. The recent Balkan war, he declared, had shown how easily military operations could change the map of Europe; a naval attack could be made with much greater celerity. That an emergency did exist at present was recognized by everyone. The fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers were now ready to vote two feet units, altho a year ago they regarded the suggestion of one feet unit as excessive, demonstrated how quickly events had moved and how serious the empty situation had become.

Mr. Nesbitt, North Oxford, gave a rather grudging acquiescence to Mr. Guthrie's proposed compromise, at the same time suggesting with more fervor the alternative of a general election. He wanted Canadian money kept in Canadian pockets, instead of being sent to England.

He was followed by Dr. J. W. Edwards (Frontenac), who delivered a strong speech in support of the government.

**Foster Political Revivalist.**  
Mr. Guthrie in opening spoke of the effect which had been created by the speech of Hon. George E. Foster immediately prior to the adjournment of the house for the Christmas holidays. He regarded the member from North Toronto (Mr. Foster) as a political revivalist. He had certainly revived the drooping spirit of the government supporters.

In Mr. Guthrie's opinion, however, Mr. Foster had gone to great lengths.

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## FIRE DAMAGED STANDARD BLOCK

### Old Stock and Mining Exchange Burned at an Early Hour This Morning.

After it had been burning for at least ten minutes, a fire was discovered at 12.45 this morning in the building at the corner of Colborne and Scott streets, formerly occupied by the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange. People walking along the street, and some of the guests at the King Edward Hotel, saw the smoke and flames coming from the windows on the upper floors, and at once notified the telephone operator, who rang in an alarm. Almost at the same time Dave Stormont, son of the proprietor of Stormont's Hotel of Colborne st., next to the Standard block, was awakened by the smoke. He did not wait to put on any clothing, but ran in his pyjamas and bare feet, to the corner of Wellington and Scott streets, from where he also rang in an alarm. By the time the firemen reached the spot the flames had made considerable headway. At 1.30 the fire had been extinguished. The loss is \$8000, of which \$4000 is to the building and the remainder to the contents. The Canadian Securities Corporation is the heaviest loser.

## SEVERAL HURT ON PARK SLIDE

### Bob Sleigh Skidded on High Park Hill and Ran Into Crowd of Spectators.

Several people were injured on the High Park slides about 4.30 last night, when the bob sleigh "Marty Ho" ran into a group of spectators. Louis Chaugrand, 100 Yorkville avenue, aged about 21 years, sustained a received injuries more or less serious, and two ladies were badly shaken up. Dr. Dunlop, 294 Bancesvilles avenue, was summoned. He rendered first aid to the injured, and had Chaugrand conveyed to the Western Hospital in No. 6 police ambulance. The others were taken to their homes in motor cars.

The accident occurred on the "half-mile" hill, just near the buffalo and deer pen.

Mrs. James C. Bell, formerly of 24 Soho street, will call at the detective office in the city hall, she will learn something to her advantage.



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