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FIVE NEW CHARGES LAID

PROVISIONAL FARMERS' BANK DIRECTORS CONSPIRATORS?

BEATTIE NESBITT SOUGHT

Provincial Archivist Alex. Fraser, Dr. John Ferguson, A. S. Lown, Barrister, and John Watson, Listowel's Former Mayor, Accused of Conspiring to Obtain Unlawfully $10,000 of Bank's Funds Before Charter Was Granted.

UNITED STATES MAY DEPORT THE DOCTOR

Further charges arising out of the wreck of the Farmers' Bank and the confession of guilt of its former vice-president and general manager, W. R. Travers, who was yesterday sentenced to serve six years in Kingston Penitentiary, are coming with a rush. The financial structure of that institution is tumbling like a house of cards. Yesterday four additional charges were laid, adding to the number which has not yet been made public. These are in addition to the warrant issued yesterday, charging Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the bank, with signing false returns to the government.

Four in Conspiracy Charge.

Summonses have been issued calling upon the four surviving members of the provisional board of directors to appear in police court Friday morning to answer to the charge of conspiring to obtain from the funds of the Farmers' Bank in 1906 the sum of $10,000, which sum, taken from the coffers of the then still to be born bank, is alleged to have been divided between them and the fifth member of the board, Gallagher, since deceased.

These summonses will be served to-day upon the following gentlemen:

DR. JOHN FERGUSON, 264 College-street, Toronto.

ALEXANDER FRASER, provincial archivist, "Kineras," 67 Woodlawn-avenue, Toronto.

A. S. LOWN, barrister at law, 175 Wallace-avenue, Toronto.

JOHN WATSON, Listowel, Ont., ex-mayor of that town.

Got $2500 Each?

It is alleged that these men, on one occasion, voted to themselves $2500 each out of the funds of the bank then in process of formation, and that Travers was forced to go out and supply the shortage in the $250,000 cash fund which was necessary to secure the charter for the bank at Ottawa, and that this was done, and other and further shortages made up by the hypothecation of notes turned in for subscriptions for bank stock, which went to make up the $500,000 in subscriptions for stock also necessary for the granting of the bank's charter.

Burden at Outset.

It is said that this and other shortages then made in the fund was the initial burden laid upon Travers' shoulders, the struggle to cover up which led him further and further into the network of criminal acts which finally led to his open downfall and disgrace.

The Bank Act provides that no one may deal with the funds of a bank in process of formation, and that not even the directors may dispense these funds until after the granting of the bank's charter.

Fleeing From Law.

Fugitive from justice on at least one criminal charge bearing directly upon the wrecking of the Farmers' Bank is one more role added to the picturesque career of Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt. He is wanted by the police upon a warrant charging him with, while president of the bank, signing false returns to the government at Ottawa, which he, when he signed them, knew to be false. The genial doctor, used to the last word in luxury, has fled the country after spending the time since the suspension of the bank in seclusion in the wilds of Muskoka, whence he fled Saturday last, just 24 hours before Inspector of Detectives Duncan came upon his hide armed with the warrant for his arrest.

This warrant, and probably others charging the doctor with still further offences was sworn out by Inspector Duncan Saturday noon upon information supplied by Travers and after the conference at the bank offices Saturday morning.

Friends "Tipped It Off."

Inspector Duncan's chase is interesting tho it was fruitless. The result shows that the doctor was in communication with friends here in the city who had access to "inside information" and that he was warned to "fly" as soon as flying became necessary, and before it was too late.

Inspector Duncan, accompanied by Detective Guthrie, left Toronto at 7 o'clock Saturday night, and arrived at Gravenhurst at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. They spent the night there and in the morning took Chief Sloan of Gravenhurst int otheir confidence and the three started with a fast team on a 12 mile drive over the ice. At the island upon which stands an hotel they found Mrs. Nesbitt and her daughter with Mr. Crompton junior and his sister. There they were told that the doctor had left the day previous to go to Toronto, and thence to Buffalo and New York. This seemed scarcely likely, and after a search of the hotel they found that Dr. Nesbitt had received a message the day before, and that on receipt of it he had disappeared into the bush with his grip. They traced him to a little church some three miles thru the woods and across the ice where, after his "Eliza on the Ice" performance, the bloodhounds of the law came up as they did in the great classic, too late, but not too late to

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DR. BEATTIE NESBITT.

Former president of the Farmers' Bank, who is charged with signing false returns to the government. He is being sought by the police.

How a President Was Made.

The story of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's appointment as president of the Farmers' Bank while that institution was but a sickly infant is told y a substantial business man. It is this, and reads like an extract from the "Further Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford":

"Nesbitt declared that he had no money to buy shares to qualify, but proposed that $5000 be given him from the bank's funds for this purpose. This was done by Travers. The money was deposited in another bank and Nesbitt drew his cheque against it and purchased his shares. He was made a director and immediately elected president."

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. TO BATTLE WITH HYDRO

W. R. Brock Charges Government With Supplying Power Below Cost.

W. R. Brock, as a shareholder of the London Electric Light Company, says the company will compete with the Hydro-Electric Commission.

Mr. Brock says the commission is "quoting prices which, it is believed, woll prove entirely too low, as it will be supplying energy below cost."

The company does not expect to clear any dividends, but to maintain its position, as it has a perpetual franchise.

As the city council of London has declined to buy the company out, Mr. Brock says, "we certainly think it is a matter for the prime minister of Ontario to take special cognizance."

Must Shift for Selves.

Sir James Whitney, it is pointed out in this connection, gave a public warning at the Riverdale Rink mass meeting two years ago, that the interests which at that time were relentless in their efforts to damage the credit of the province and kill the power policy of the government, could shift for themselves when their obstructive tactics had been overcome.

OH, YOU, JOSEPH!

Asquith Will Surely Resign When He Reads This.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 16.—Hon. Joseph Martin, M.P., for East St. Pancras, in the imperial parliament, said in an interview here to-day:

"In my opinion, Mr. Asquith is the poorest parliamentary leader imaginable, except Mr. Balfour. Five-sixths of the present Liberal party consists of Radicals, and we are shedding Whigs at every election. While Mr. Asquith remains leader, he is still further away from the Radical point of view than he is from Mr. Balfour."

"Madam Butterfly" in Italian.

The beautiful opera, "Madame Butterfly," with the grand opera star, Esther Ferrabini, as Butterfly, and Ugo Colombini as Pinkerton, will be the attraction at the Princess Theatre to-night.

Madam Butterfly is one of the celebrated composer Puccini's best.

PORCUPINE'S MERITS NEED NO EXPLOITATION

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Sounds Warning Against Methods of Some Boomsters.

"It is much regretted," said Hon. Mr. Cochrane, minister of lands, forests and mines, "that very objectionable methods continue to be used in floating companies for the exploitation of the mining districts of Ontario, particularly Porcupine, which is occupying the public mind at the present time. For instance, a statement is attributed to Mr. Wm. Frecheville, a leading English mining engineer, who recently visited the Porcupine camp, to the effect that two and possibly three mines had already been uncovered which would become the greatest mines the world had ever seen.

"So wide-open a statement was hardly to be expected from a high authority like Mr. Frecheville, known to be a careful and conservative man, and in reply to a wire that gentleman cables as follows: 'I have never said two, possibly three, Porcupine mines would be the greatest the world ever saw.'

"There is enough merit in Porcupine," Mr. Cochrane continued, "to render misrepresentation quite unnecessary."

NOT IRREGULAR

Carnival Promoters Did Not Incorporate to Do Creditors.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—Chief Justice Sir Melbourne Tait to-day dismissed the suit of thte Hand Fireworks Co. of Hamilton, Ont., against a number of Montrealers who comprised tthe committee of management of the winter carnival of last year. The Hand company claimed $656 for balance due on the fireworks contract, and the defendants pleaded non-liability, as the carnival scheme had been incorporated as a limited liability concern.

The plaintiffs urged that this incorporation was irregular and illegal, or, to put it more plainly, that it was a scheme gotten up for the purpose of doing the creditors of the scheme out of their money. With this view the judge did not agree, pointing out that payments made must have shown the creditors that they were dealing with a company, and not with the defendants personally.

WILL SPEND $7,000,000.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—Three additional municipal loans, totaling $7,000,000, were to-day authorized by council. Of these one provides for the borrowing of $5,000,000 for the construction of an underground conduit system; another of $1,500,000 will cover the establishment of a water filtration plant, whilst a third of 1,000,000 will be utilized to increase the working capital of the city in connection with street paving, etc.

POSTMASTER ARRESTED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 16.—Postmaster O'Neil of New Waterford, C. B., was arrested there to-day and taken to Sydney to await trial. The charge against him is the theft of $7500 from the Bank of Nova Scotia. The crown prosecutor says the case will be proceeded with to the fullest extent of the law.

PISCATORIAL TENNIS

BOTH CLAIM THE GAME.

EIGHT HOUR BILL GETS SECOND READING

On Motion of Dr. Pugsley, an Amendment Was Added, Making the Measure Apply to Day Labor — Further Amendments Will Also Be Brought Down.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The eight-hour bill, introduced by Alphonse Verville (Maisoneuve) had another troublesome time in the committee stage in the house of commons this afternoon. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King made several attempts to explain away the obvious change in the principle of the bill, brought about by the amendments suggested by Mr. Verville. Finally the opposition succeeded in having the minister of labor declare himself as opposed to the original bill, altho a moment before he had blamed the attitude of the opposition as being the cause of the amendment.

Mr. Borden, however, pointed out that when these accepted the principle of the bill on the second reading, the prime minister intimated that certain amendments would be brought down in the committee stage. The mover of the bill was unable to say how many resolutions had been received supporting either the original or amended measure, but Mr. King finally admitted that the Dominion Trades and Labor Council had expressed a preference for the original, rather than the amended bill.

The Chief Objection.

The chief objection to the amendments, A. C. Macdonell (S. Toronto) pointed out, was that, by the introduction of a number of exceptions, the bill would accomplish no more, excepting the proposed penalty of $200, than could be done by order-in-council. The wording of the clause that no man would be "required" to work more than eight hours a day provided a loophole for contractors.

Mackenzie King thought that the clause was not binding, and asked if the clause was changed that a man should not be permitted to work more than eight hours, if it would prevent him, after that amount of time had been served, from taking up any other work.

The house agreed that this was absurd.

A. S. Goodeve (Kootenay) declared that the government should declare its intention with regard to the amendments, and ascertain the opinion of labor bodies and those interested.

Turned the Question.

In reply to Major Currie (N. Simcoe) as to who on the government side was responsible for the bill, Sir Wilfrid turned the question by saying that Mr. Verville introduced his amendments in order to insure the passage of the measure thru the house in a moderate form. He thought the bill, as first introduced, would not be acceptable to the opposition.

Mr. Borden claimed that the bill was virtually a government measure, altho they did not want to be responsible for

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Nationalizing the Phones

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Prof. Dugald C. Jackson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, expert adviser of the Massachusetts highway commission in telephone matters, and president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has been retained by the British Government to advise the postmaster-general in regard to the value of the great telephone property which the government is this year to purchase from operating companies and make a part of the national postoffice organization. Prof. Jackson will sail for England on Jan. 18 by the steamship Lusitania for a week's conference with British postoffice officials.

May Tunnel Mount Royal

C.N.R. Has a Mammoth Scheme for Entrance to the Heart of Montreal—Less Expensive Than Level Entrance.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—Railway men in the city to-day are discussing a mammoth scheme for entrance into the heart of Montreal by the Canadian Northern Railway. It is stated as a fact that the Canadian Northern has now under contemplation a proposal to tunnel right thru from the back of Mount Royal at Sault de Recollet, all the way below the mountain and down below the streets of the city to the Old Hope Coffee House on Craig-st., where the terminus will be.

When doubts were expressed as to the feasibility of such a mammoth scheme, if only from the point of view of expense, it was stated that the C. N. R. had been unable to effect an entrance to Montreal on the level, and, even if they could do so, the expense would be so enormous as to make the vast project of tunneling to the heart of the city comparatively inexpensive.

COMMANDER REES BACK

Will Succeed Commissioner Coombs in Salvation Army Command.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Commander D. M. Rees, who for some years back has been head of the Salvation Army training colleges in England, arrived here to-day on the Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha and to-night left for Toronto, to become territorial commander of the army work in Canada, Newfoundland, Alaska and Bermuda, succeeding Commissioner Coombs.

Twenty years ago Commander Rees occupied the same position, but the work at that time was small as compared with what it is to-day. Since leaving Canada, he has been in South Africa, and for a time was head of the work in Scandinavian countries. He is accompanied by Mrs. Rees, their daughter, Capt. Ruth H. Rees, two sons and two younger daughters.

Coon Coat Weather.

Did you wear a coon coat yesterday? No! Well, you don't know just what a comfort a coon coat is until you strike frigid weather like yesterday. And a coon coat is likewise the most fashionable garment you can wear if you are to accept the exclusive dresses of the cold climate cities of the world. Dineen is showing some new coon coats just turned out, and ranging in price from $40 to $125. Write for catalogue.

UP TO CITIZENS TO PILLORY RAILWAY

Judge Riddell, Determined Upon Thoro House-Cleaning, Calls Upon Public to Make Charges Good—Evidence Shows Overcrowding and Unsafe Conditions.

JUDGE RIDDELL ON STREET RAILWAY.

This prosecution is a matter of great public moment and importance, affecting the daily life of thousands—the comfort and convenience of a hundred thousand people may depend upon the result of the case.

And it follows a great public outcry both in the press and elsewhere.

It is not to be decided in a hurry or in a corner. Everything connected with the complaint will be ventilated in open court, without fear or favor, and the facts will be obtained by sworn testimony, given under the sanction of an oath and in the presence of the people.

I have set apart this whole week for the enquiry, and if the one week will not suffice, arrangements will be made for further time—no length of time will be considered too much to have all the facts developed and made plain once for all.

It is the duty of all citizens and others in this city who know anything which will help to elucidate the facts to offer themselves as witnesses. It is, of course, well known that there is a class of persons who make complaints, both privately and thru the press, but who will not assist by their evidence in establishing the complaint. These are bad citizens, and worthy the contempt of those who do their duty. They are generally such as when a prosecution or enquiry results in failure, sneer at the manner in which it has been conducted, and by innuendo, and sometimes by express statement, endeavor to give the impression of incompetency or worse on the part of those responsible for the conduct of the enquiry.

The press has said much in reference to some of the matters complained of.

Those responsible for such statements should lay before the crown counsel all the facts upon which they justify them.

We are having a housecleaning which it is hoped will be complete; let everybody who knows anything which will assist the jury speak now, or hereafter hold their peace.

Pretty generally was the service of the Toronto Street Railway Company scored by the evidence adduced at the trial of the company before Justice Riddell yesterday on a charge of maintaining a common nuisance. Equipment was criticized as being a menace to human safety, and the service was reviled in the matter of overcrowding.

Women patrons of the company came forward to tell in suppressed and faltering voice of difficulties met with in getting down town, and little, if any, modification of the statements was obtained by the company's array

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OPERA COMPANY SCORED IN "LA BOHEME"

Puccini's Love Ballad Interpreted Feelingly, and Received by Audience With Marked Appreciation — Principals Admirably Chosen for Exacting Parts.

"La Boheme"

(Opera in Four Acts, Music by G. Puccini).

Rodolpho ..... Ugo Colombini
Marcello .... Giuseppe Pimazzoni
Colline ..... Fernando Autori
Schaunard ..... Hugh Allen
Benoit ..... Natale Cervi
Mimi ..... Esther Ferrabini
Musetta ..... Christine Heliane

Act I.—Rodolpho's Studio.
Act II.—The Cafe Homus.
Act III.—A Gate of Paris.
Act IV.—Rodolpho's Studio.

The permanent company of the Montreal Opera scored a magnificent success in the initial presentation of a week's series of popular operas at the Princess Theatre last night. The theme offered was Puccini's "La Boheme," a pathetic little love ballad of Paris' Bohemia.

If the company of the Montreal Opera willg ive us performances on a par with that presented last night, Toronto theatregoers have before them a treat which should prove vastly pleasing. "La Boheme" was admirably played and admirably sung, and tho there was no Melba to take the part of Mimi, and no Caruso to play Rodolpho, the representations of both these characters were efficient and gratifying from whatever standpoint viewed, and Mlle. Esther Ferrabini, as Mimi, proved so pleasing an actress as to call forth rounds of applause at her every appearance.

But especially pleasing were those in which Mlle. Ferrabini and Ugo Colombini, who played Rodolpho, the dreamer-poet, sang together, the blending of the soprano and tenor giving a sympathetic touch that proved altogether irresistible. Ferrabini sang the limpid recitative, which only Puccini can write, with an ingenuousness and coquetry, coupled with such beauty as

UGO COLOMBINI.

to verily cause every hearer to sit back in his seat and sun himself in the satisfaction of veritable enjoyment.

A Charming Musetta.

Mlle. Christine Heliane was the Musetta, a real Parisienne Musetta, and sang her dainty triplets with a grace and utter abandon that gave greater pleasure with each number, the ensemble at the end of the Musetta melody, in the second act was especially good and roused the whole audience to instant enthusiasm.

Signor Colombini has an excellent operatic tenor, and sang with a verve and fervor that showed he clearly lived in the character, and both in his acting and singing showed himself clearly as one of the great assets of the company.

Signor Pimazzoni as Marcello, the artist of the brush, possesses a superior baritone voice, of vital tone, and his work in "La Boheme" will long be remembered by those who were privileged to hear him.

Fernando Autori as Colline, the philosopher, and Hugh Allen as Schaunard, the great musician, filled their several parts with excellent grace, each proving himself an artist of more than usual talent. Natale Cervi as Benoit also played and sang with genuine pleasing verve, which showed his power in no mean manner.

The episode of the landlord was particularly well done and was exceedingly well received. The merry-making scene in Rodolpho's studio in act four, was another excellent piece of acting, and while possibly lacking something in vivacity, this was more than atoned for in the quality and impressionistic grace of the singing.

Orchestra Triumphs.

But there is another character thruout the opera which commands attention at every phase of the perform-

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