

## COM. McLELLAN WILL EXPLAIN

Promises Statement Regarding Option on Municipal Home—Hints at Revelations

At last evening H. R. McLellan gave out the following statement:

To the Taxpayers of the City and County of Saint John.

Now that the excitement regarding the municipal home has apparently abated, and in the meantime the council and myself who supported the motion to give the option have been practically condemned without an explanation, I feel it is necessary, in justice to myself and those who supported my motion, to give out a statement such as you are entitled to from those who have chosen to represent you.

This is merely a preliminary statement, enumerating the points I will bring out in a full statement a few days later or just as soon as it is possible for me to write it. In the latter statement I propose to successfully vindicate the action of myself and the councilors who voted with me and demonstrate to you that you should know the facts first before joining in any agitation towards condemning us.

I hope to prove to the utmost satisfaction of the most exacting person that instead of our being chargeable with bad judgment and even something worse, we are entitled to your respect, and those of you who have expressed yourselves too strongly will have reason to apologize, by thought at least, if not by words. You will be given a full description of the relations existing between the Norton Griffiths Co. and the city and the city and county, since the first introduction of this company in our midst up to the present time. This will be offered you in justification of my action in supporting the giving of the first option. Proof will be furnished that any statement made that the council refused an offer of \$150,000 a few weeks ago and had now agreed to accept \$75,000 is absolutely false, as the council was never offered \$150,000 cents for the property.

Reference will be made to the political allies of the Norton Griffiths Co. Some attention will be paid to the real estate operators who, in estimating values, are actuated solely by the fact of their having personal interests at stake in that location, and have been peddling properties all over the country at inflated values, which will not be reached for another generation or more.

I will refer to the politicians who in their eagerness to appear as the sole protectors of the public interests, gave interviews which simply displayed their total ignorance of the conditions surrounding the property and who, if not known to be strictly honest men, would appear as if political or friendly interests were actuating them.

The hurrying and scurrying of local political henchmen will be attended to, as they appeared afraid some future interests of friends would be attacked.

The question of the necessity for selling the home property will be fully discussed, and the proof will be furnished that it was the unanimous opinion of the councilors, my negative voting friends included, that the home should be sold.

A mild allusion will be made to the mayor's statement regarding ring tactics.

As the councilors who supported my motion have been charged with exercising bad judgment, I propose to establish by my final statement the fact that they were not so bereft of horse sense as some of the Solomons who acted as self-constituted censors of the honesty and the capacity of the county councilors.

Reference will be made to the fact that one of the Norton Griffith representatives has intimated "that no other concern could come into Courtenay Bay without conflicting with the Norton Griffiths interests, and therefore would have to come through them," and this idea will be exploded.

That the action of the council in voting for the option will make it possible to secure other concerns without paying tribute to Norton Griffiths will be shown.

That any action of the council, so far, is in the very best interest of all the taxpayers and is certainly opposed to the personal interests of Norton Griffiths.

That the public need have no cause for alarm regarding the giving of an option to the Eastern Trust Co., will be clearly shown.

The different intricacies published by the newspapers will be gone over, and the knowledge of some of those interviewed—if correctly reported—will be questioned.

Yours respectfully,  
H. R. McLELLAN,  
County Councilor.

## LOSING FAITH.

Old Lady—I don't believe this sure cure tonic is a-goin' to do me any good.

Friend—It's highly spoken of in the papers.

Old Lady—Yes; but I've taken forty-seven bottles, and I don't feel a bit better. I tell you what it is, Sarah, I'm beginning to think these newspaper editors don't know everything.—New York Weekly.

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## HOUSE DISCUSSES THE BANKING ACT

A Plea for the Juniors—Supply Taken up Today and Budget Debate Tomorrow

Ottawa, May 17.—The house of commons spent yesterday afternoon and evening considering the Bank act in committee. All the non-contentious clauses and a few of the contentious clauses were passed. The majority, however, stand over for further consideration.

The principal discussion occurred on the clause authorizing loans on grain and ranchers' cattle. Many members, particularly those from the west, thought that the mixed farmer was being discriminated against.

On consideration of the Bank act, Mr. White explained that it had not been substantially modified by the banking and commerce committee from the form in which it was introduced to the house. The chief changes made were as follows:

To the provision in the bill for audit had been added the further provision that auditors be selected from a list of forty named and selected by the general managers of the chartered banks, subject to veto by the minister of finance. The shareholders will select their auditors from these.

Further provision had been made for the register of liens which the new act authorizes banks to take on thrashed grain and on cattle.

Slight modification had been made in the clauses regulating rates of interest and the rates of exchange and agency charges.

Provision has been made under which the treasury board was to provide regulations for the sterilization of bank notes.

Safeguards had been provided over the period between the incorporation of a bank and the issue of the treasury certificate.

Provision had been made by which bank officials would be liable for any corruption in making loans.

## BALKAN DELEGATES MEET IN LONDON

London, May 19.—All the delegates to the Balkan peace conference are now in London and will be formally welcomed today by Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs. The first meeting of the conference probably will be held Tuesday, where a preliminary peace treaty will be signed this week, as was expected, is still doubtful.

The Greek and Serbian delegates have

not received authority to sign a treaty, and it is supposed that Greece and Serbia are pursuing a policy of delay in order to keep the Bulgarian forces before the Tchetatalja and Bulair, while the territorial disputes with Bulgaria are still unsettled.

It is believed, however, that the powers will be able to influence Greece and Serbia to sign.

The relations between the four nations are extremely strained, but it seems that the trouble is due to the military commanders in the field rather than to the attitude of the cabinets. The ship of peace apparently rests almost wholly on Russia, who was appointed by the Balkan League's agreement as arbitrator in the event of differences between the nations.

## Tired and Weak Nerves Exhausted

The feelings of fatigue and languor which overcome so many people at this season of the year tell of the exhausted condition of the nerves.

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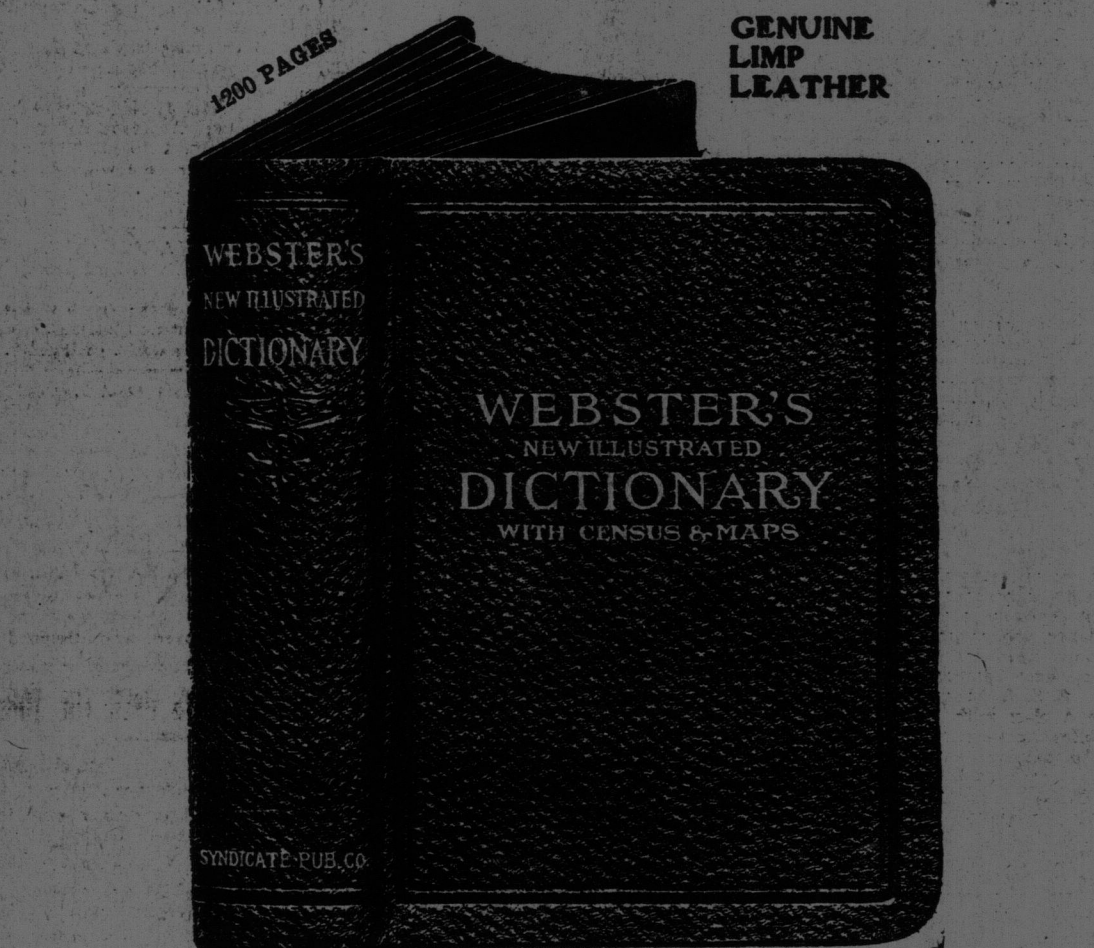
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