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"GREAT WRONG HAS BEEN DONE"—WORDS OF COMMISSIONER PRINGLE

"I Want To Know Who is Responsible," Says Investigator of Pinder Road

Amazing Statements Mark Evidence in The Southampton Railway Inquiry at Today's Session—Pinder Referred to in Brown's Evidence—Discrepancy of \$132,000

Frederickton, N. B., July 10.—The climax in the Southampton Railway inquiry, already replete with sensational incidents, was reached this morning. The first witness was Engineer Walsh, who swore to a valuation, erring on the side of generosity, of \$12,550 a mile. He was followed by Engineer David W. Brown, who supplied the figures showing a cost of \$22,950 a mile on which double subsidy was paid.

The closing moments were dramatic. The scene showed the grey bearded engineer in his chair, giving incoherent explanations, while the commissioner, standing over him, the embodiment of righteous indignation, hurried question after question at him, dragging forth the naked truth by main force. Counsel on either side sat quiet on their chairs, neither willing to venture into the storm. The few spectators leaned forward in their seats with breathless interest.

Mr. Brown's only explanation and excuse was that the figures he supplied to his brother engineer were approximate and based on guess work and that he had not signed the estimate. He admitted increasing the amounts at Mr. Pinder's request. Later on he voluntarily returned to the stand and swore that he increased the figures deliberately and without grounds because Mr. Johnson had hinted that a further increase would avoid an audit. This Mr. Johnson indignantly repudiated.

Discrepancy \$132,000

When the court opened this morning, the account for legal expenses in connection with the railway was put in evidence. The legal expenses in connection with the right of way were \$89,181 and other legal charges \$1,877.83.

Edmund Joseph Walsh, civil engineer of Ottawa, was called as the first witness. He said that he had been engaged by Commissioner Pringle with Engineers Kilburn and Milden to make an inspection and valuation of the Southampton Railway. He had been engaged on this work since June 10.

His report of the actual cost of the railway was as follows:—Clearing 65.3 acres at \$26, \$1,732.80; reported, \$5,700; difference, \$1,162.80. Close cutting, five acres at \$30, \$150; reported, \$250; difference, \$100.

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Overhaul, 86,000 yards at one cent, \$860; reported, \$700; difference, \$160. Cedar timber in culverts, 67,000 feet at \$16, \$832,000; reported, \$6,700; difference, \$825,300.

Log on cribs, 28,000 feet at \$36, \$1,008,000; reported, \$1,750; difference, \$845. Timber in bridge floors, 17,000 feet at \$36, \$612,000; reported, \$1,400; difference, \$812.

Concrete pipe, \$1,780; reported, \$2,820; difference, \$841. Rip rap twenty-eight yards at \$2, \$560; reported, \$1,900; difference, \$1,844.

Stone filling or cribs, 153 yards at \$150, \$22,950; reported, \$10,000; difference, \$12,950. Concrete abutments, 347 yards at \$12, \$4,164; reported, \$7,400; difference, \$3,236.

Steel bridge spans, 224,900 lbs. at five cents, \$11,245; reported, \$19,500; difference, \$8,255. Rails and fastenings, \$31,864.44; reported, \$46,900; difference, \$15,035.56.

Telephone line, thirteen miles at \$200, \$2,600; reported, \$3,250; difference, \$650. Iron in drift bolts, 1,890 lbs. at five cents, \$94.50; reported, \$100; difference, \$5.50.

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BEEF AT SIXTEEN CENTS TO BUTCHER

Chicago Packers Say Meat Prices Are to Be Higher Than Ever

Chicago, Ill., July 10.—Meat prices will rise above the recent figures of recent years, despite the bare grain crop, packing houses reports today asserted. They say that the present scarcity of cattle and the effect of dry weather on grazing lands will more than offset the enormous grain yield.

A beef price of sixteen cents to the butcher was predicted as an early possibility, and it was said by one packing house man that cattle, even now are higher than for sometime. Scarcity of grass-fed cattle was referred to as one cause of the predicted advance.

The dry summer in the west last year is the chief cause of the present scarcity of the supply on the hoof. Another factor is that the demand for meat exceeds the supply.

Carson Again in Belfast

Volunteers Accord Military Honors To Leader

Belfast, Ireland, July 10.—Full military honors were accorded by the Ulster Volunteers today to Sir Edward Carson, Irish Unionist leader, when he arrived accompanied by the Marquis of Londonderry, Viscount Castlereagh, Walter H. Long and Ronald McKinnell and other Unionist M. P.'s, to attend a meeting of the Ulster provisional government.

The intentions of the provisional government have not been disclosed, but one object is the arrangement of an impressive celebration of July 12 to show the government and the people of Great Britain "that nothing but the absolute exclusion of Ulster from the operations of the Irish home rule bill will satisfy us."

Major General Sir Cecil Maccarty, in command of the military in the Belfast district, has been in conference with Premier Asquith and the police have been instructed to act with great care so as to give no excuse for an outbreak.

New \$2 Bills Reach St. John and They Are Nice Ones

The first of the new issue of \$2 government notes, bearing the likeness of Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, were put in circulation today by S. P. McCavour, acting deputy receiver-general, at the government savings bank. The local banks are expected to receive a supply of the bills and they are expected to prove a most popular issue, of course all \$2 are more or less popular.

The notes are dated January 2, 1914, but that is supposed here to relate to the time the order for their manufacture was given to the American Bank Note Co. The new bill is quite attractive in appearance, but it is nothing unusual with bank notes. The design, color and lettering are considered to be different from those on the old \$2.

New Treaty to Bind Britain and United States More Closely

London, July 10.—The Daily News, commenting on an announcement of United States Ambassador Page at a peace centenary meeting last night, that the United States and Great Britain, looking to the binding of the two countries, was being considered by the British government for aid, but the city has refused, contending that the Hindu colony here should come to the relief of the East Indians.

WANT \$30,000 MORE FOR THE CARTIER MONUMENT

Montreal, July 10.—One hundred thousand dollars have been raised for the Cartier monument which is to be unveiled in Montreal in September, but \$80,000 more will be needed. A special appeal will be made amongst the prominent financial and commercial institutions in this city.

VOYING TODAY IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Man., July 10.—Election eve in Manitoba found both parties conducting a whirlwind fight. Sir Rodman Roblin, premier, has placed before the public a summary of the four years record of his government. T. C. Norris, leader of the liberal opposition, on a platform of what he describes as progressive and corrective legislation, progressive, in introducing new forms of government and corrective in the repeal of what he believes to be unwise legislation, instancing the Caldwell school amendments.

THE NURSES' CONVENTION

Halifax, N. S., July 10.—(Special.)—The fourth annual meeting of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses opened here this morning. The president, Miss Marie Ard MacKenzie of Ottawa, superintendent of the Victoria Order of Nurses, was in the chair. Miss MacKenzie delivered a striking address as president, urging that the nursing profession had fallen short of its duty in the matter of identifying itself with all forms of social service. She urged fearlessly the hospitals should be under the management of experts and that there should be trained instructors of nurses. "We must have vision and faith to fearlessly follow it. This is my message to you today."

Hwang Hsing, minister of war in Sun Yat Sen's revolutionary cabinet, has arrived at Hawaii on his way to the United States and Europe to stir up interest in the new revolutionary movement in China.

KILLED BY HIS TWO SISTERS

Murder in Hayfield Outcome of a Family Quarrel

Stirling, Ill., July 10.—Emanuel Byers, aged 46, was shot and killed in his hay field yesterday by his sisters, Mrs. Leo Hutton and Miss Lillian Byers. Each woman, it is charged, fired two shots from the same revolver. They were arrested.

Ill-feeling among the three, who are the children of David Byers, a wealthy land owner, has been common knowledge for years. There was a quarrel recently over the calling of a doctor for the aged father.

Byers threw his pick-axe at the two, the handle striking Mrs. Hutton in the mouth. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Man Who Originated "Little Egypt" Dinner

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HINDUS HARD PRESSED

Steamship Owners and Vancouver Refuse Food—Aid to Ottawa

Vancouver, B. C., July 10.—The Japanese owners of the Komagata Maru have called refusing to allow the Hindu passengers in provisioning for the return trip. The owners say the charterers are responsible. The charter will not run out until September 7.

The Hindu passengers have appealed both to the city and to the Dominion government for aid, but the city has refused, contending that the Hindu colony here should come to the relief of the East Indians.

FATHER AND HIS TWO CHILDREN DROWNED

Brandon, Ont., July 10.—At Onondaga, ten miles from here, last night, the springing of a leak in their rowboat caused the drowning of Thomas Garnet, his two children, Mansel aged eight and Leona, aged six, and a friend Myrtle Reid, of Brandon.

WOMEN DO NOT LIKE GOVERNMENT COURSE ON MATTER OF VOTES

London, July 10.—Denunciation of the imperial government's attitude toward the constitutional agitation for woman suffrage, and regret for the coercion of the unconstitutional agitators, formed the terms of the chief resolution adopted at the inaugural meeting of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union yesterday.

The imperial naturalization bill now before parliament was condemned by Mrs. Petibek Lawrence advised Australia and New Zealand to urge England and Canada to give women the franchise.

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DROWNED MAN WAS NOT RANCHER MCKINNON

Unknown Identified and Buried Under His Name—A Strange Case

Spokane, Wash., July 10.—Supposed to have been drowned, identified, buried and the grave marked by a tombstone, James McKinnon, the owner of a 700-acre ranch near Hartline, Wash., a large ranch near Deer, Alberta, and a substantial bank deposit, appeared in Spokane this week to the surprise of his friends and acquaintances. Since the report of his death and funeral got abroad, he has been having a distressing experience in establishing his identity.

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Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The barometer remains high over the eastern and southern portions of the continent, and relatively low to the northward of the Great Lakes and in the western provinces. The weather continues fine and decidedly warm from Ontario to the Pacific and fair with moderate temperatures in Quebec and the maritime provinces. Thunderstorms have occurred at a few places in the west.

Fine and warmer Maritime—Light to moderate southerly wind, mostly fair and somewhat warmer today and Saturday.