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BANK CASE ADJOURNED AND BAIL RENEWED

Crown Wants a Good Deal of Time to Go Through Farmers Bank Books.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Tall, well groomed and well dressed, W. R. Travers, vice-president and general manager of the Farmers Bank, stood in police court when his name was called. He was not placed in the dock where criminals are herded; he stood beside his counsel, H. H. Dewart, K. C., and listened unmoved while the indictment was read by Magistrate Denison.

A stout man is Mr. Travers, well built and commanding in appearance. In a well-cut gray suit, a light gray vest, and gray tie, he would look more in place in an office than in the dingy court room.

His face was white. Keeping his eyes glued on the magistrate save for an occasional quick glance around the room, he gave no sign of any emotion. Occasionally he threw back his shoulders and took a deep breath. He said no word to his counsel, merely watching and listening to every word that was said.

"We elect to be tried by a jury," said Mr. Dewart when he had heard the indictment.

"Are you ready to go on with the investigation?" the magistrate asked. The court room, which was crowded to the doors, listened to this on tip toe.

"No," said Crown Attorney Corley. "I would ask that you adjourn the case for eight days."

"I can well conceive that it will take my learned friend some time to prepare his case," said Mr. Dewart with a laugh.

"A Matter of Figures," said Mr. Corley. "It is all a matter of figures," said Mr. Corley.

"The indictment covers so many things that it will take a lot of preparation," said Mr. Dewart again, hinting that he thought there was much behind so hasty a prosecution.

"I think that I would give four or five of the counts now," said Mr. Corley.

Alfred Bicknell, K. C., arose suddenly. He is acting for the Farmers Bank, and it was his intention to say something about the hasty prosecution.

MAYOR SUPPORTS FIXED ASSESSMENTS

His Worship Advised the People to Help the Factories at East End Meeting.

THE NORTH MIDLAND RY.

Mr. A. E. Welch Made a Speech in Which He Said People Should Guarantee the Bonds.

The opening guns of the municipal election were fired as the East End Hall last night at a fairly well attended meeting held under the auspices of the East Side Boosters' Association.

Mayor Beattie was present and urged the ratepayers to support the fixed assessment bylaws.

Mr. Arthur White and Mr. Charles McCormick explained matters in this regard. The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. Doyle, of the East Side Boosters.

He called upon Mr. G. N. Weekes to tell the meeting about the association and its objects.

All citizens who are loyal to London and willing to work to help boost it, said Mr. Weekes, are eligible for membership.

The North Midland.

Mr. A. E. Welch asked the electors to guarantee the bonds of the North Midland Railway.

The Southwestern Traction Company, he said, failed because of the contractors, and he wished to correct misstatements that had been made regarding it.

At present, he said, the steam railway running north of London comes within five miles of many places of importance to this city.

It would be a good move to build an electric railway even if it paralleled the steam road, the company merely wished London people to guarantee their bonds.

Guelph people are taking \$35,000 stock, and New Hamburg \$20,000, London, in proportion, should take about \$40,000.

The railway would be a big consumer of Niagara power, and would take probably 1,000 horsepower, which would mean about \$40,000 a year for the city by reducing the rate as it would get the 5,000 horsepower rate instead of the 3,000 horsepower charge now being paid.

Mayor Beattie, who spoke next, thanked the people for returning him by acclamation. He assured them that he would do his best in the future as he had tried to do in the past.

Touching upon fixed assessments, he said he was absolutely and unqualifiedly in favor of them.

"In a city like London," he said, "we have to depend upon our factories. Cities all over are trying to get them away from us. We must deal liberally with them."

"Is 6 cents on every \$1,000 of assessment too much to pay for keeping our factories?" he asked.

Speaking about a new city hall, the mayor said the staff of city officials was greatly increased and the present building was inadequate and insanitary, and some said unsafe.

FIXED ASSESSMENTS.

Mr. Arthur White spoke on the question of fixed assessments. He attacked Ald. Richter's statements made at a former meeting.

He explained that the company wants a fixed assessment of \$25,000 on their east end property alone, as they are only waiting for Niagara power to move the whole plant out there.

"Inside of three years," said Mr. White, "we hope to be employing 400 men. Now we employ about 200."

Continuing, Mr. White said he was glad Mayor Beattie had taken the stand he did, as other Ontario towns and cities are doing everything possible to attract factories.

"Manufacturers now can buy accommodation just as they buy supplies," he declared. "It is not a question of a manufacturer competing with outside firms, but can London compete with other cities. When we were moving our plant we could just as well have gone another half mile further west."

On which the city was receiving practically no taxes, and have built a fine plant on it. We want to pay taxes on that now to the extent of an assessment of \$25,000 in addition they will get the taxes from our old property on King street. I think we are entitled to what we are asking for."

Ex-Ald. Booth.

Ex-Ald. Richard Booth spoke upon Victoria Hospital matters. It is the only institution, he said, which does not give a detailed account of its salaries.

Touching upon the recent ward rule he said that nine years ago the same question came up before the council. The letter in last night's Advertiser he thought that no authentic case of imposture by the outside doctors at the Victoria Hospital was cited.

It was stated that it cost \$2,000 to keep the wards open so that the poor man could have his own doctor when a patient in the institution. He doubted this, but even if it were true \$2,000 could not be expended to better advantage for the comfort of the citizens.

Mr. Charles McCormick.

Mr. Charles McCormick, of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, spoke of the growth of the firm, which now employs between 600 and 700 hands. In 1909 the company paid out over \$228,000 in wages.

"Very shortly," said Mr. McCormick, "we will have to vacate our present factory, as it is too small. We must have more room inside of three or four years. We are pushing out trade in all parts of Canada and the world, and are branching out in all directions."

Mr. McCormick spoke of the difficulties the firm experienced in the past with the poor water supply, and said that the elevators and other machinery could not be operated at times owing to poor pressure.

He urged London people to follow the example of other cities, and show some enterprise and help her factories, and her factories will help her.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson.

Dr. H. A. Stevenson declared that he had qualified as a candidate for the water commission, and asked for the support of the citizens, as he said, his knowledge of electrical questions and waterworks would make him invaluable on the board.

Mr. W. H. Ward, who is a candidate for alderman, was the last speaker, and urged the electors to give him their support.

F. C. B. C. Closing.

One of the most successful terms in the history of the Forest City Business and Shorthand College, of this city, was completed today, and the out-of-town teachers and students are leaving to spend Christmas at the old fireside.

Examinations in all departments have been very much in evidence during the past two weeks, and quite a good deal of good-natured rivalry has been manifest among the students in both the commercial and shorthand departments.

A typewriting contest was held this week in the college rooms between the students who entered during the month of September. Principal Westervelt offered a fountain pen to the student making the highest record on a fifteen-minute test. Miss Humphries, of this city, was the successful pupil from among a class of twenty-eight contestants.

A similar prize was offered the student in the commercial department making the highest percentage in bookkeeping, business penmanship, rapid and accurate arithmetic, commercial law, business correspondence, commercial paper, and spelling, and Samuel Harris, of this city, was the successful student. The class has displayed a keen rivalry throughout the whole of the work.

College rooms after Christmas vacation on Jan. 2.

A Correction.

In a recent issue it was stated that the contribution of the Maitland Street Baptist Church to the sanatorium was \$5.40. This was the sum donated by the Sunday school, the church as a whole giving \$45.77.

The Hughes Fund.

Sergeant Street received the following additional contributions to the Albert Hughes relief fund: Catherine Smith \$1, G. H. \$1, S. A. Buckle \$5, a friend \$1, W. T. C. \$1.

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You can buy your Furs today and have almost as wide a range as you had two weeks ago. You can go into the Men's Wear Store and find everything from a silk dressing-gown to the latest silk mufflers or house coats. You can go to the Furniture, Carpet and Drapery Floor and also find well assorted stocks; you can come down through the various sections of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Goods on the second floor, and through the individual departments on the main floor for linens, dress goods, silks, gloves, hosiery, neckwear, leather and fancy goods, and get a wider range of choice than you have ever got in the Smallman & Ingram store at this late hour in the season.

Hundreds of people over Western Ontario will have to buy their fine gifts today, because they have not had time before. Many hundreds of these will be in London, and the thought we wish to give you is that you can't get what you want at a fungus-growth store, that springs up in December and dies down in July. It is the year-round store that must serve you today, and such a store is SMALLMAN & INGRAM'S.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs

A splendid shipment passed into stock right in the midst of Christmas selling, replenishes the assortment beautifully, and gives last-minute customers a magnificent assortment of fresh, clean stock.

In these lines our stock is still splendidly assorted.

Ladies' Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, with pure linen centres, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

Ladies' Eetz Lace Handkerchiefs, with pure linen centres, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched and scalloped edges, pure linen centres, 15c up to \$2.00

Ladies' Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, 1/4-inch hem with dainty embroidered initial and wreath in corner; box of half dozen \$1.00

Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 1/4 or 1/2 inch hem, each 6 1/4c to 40c

Ladies' Unlaundered Handkerchiefs, pure Irish linen, hand-embroidered, initial and wreath in corner, each 19c

Children's Initial Handkerchiefs (pure linen), boxed, 3 in box, for \$1.00 to \$1.50

Main Floor—Centre Aisle.

In Toy-Town



The greatest assortment of all kinds of Toys, Magic Lanterns, Wagons, Engines, Dolls, etc., for boys and girls we have ever shown so near Christmas.



Furniture—Chairs and tables, at set \$1.00
Unbreakable Dishes, set \$1.25 to \$2.25
Pianos \$25c to \$3.50
Dolls' Dressers and Beds \$2.00 to \$2.50
Dolls' Washing Sets \$2.50 to \$3.50
Dolls' Go-Carts \$4.50 to \$4.45
Dolls' Carriages \$2.50 to \$2.25
Dolls' Houses \$3.50 to \$2.75
Blackboards and Writing Desks \$2.50 to \$1.15
Dressed Dolls \$2.50 to \$4.00
Undressed Dolls \$2.50 to \$2.50
Brass Beds—Special 98c and \$2.98

FOR BABY.

Rattles, Trumpets and Bugles \$1.00 to \$3.50
Drums \$2.50 to \$1.35
Humpty Dumpty Circuses \$1.25 to \$2.50 set.
Unbreakable Dolls, dressed and undressed \$2.00 to \$1.00
Rubber Rattles, Dolls and Animals \$2.50 to \$1.00

Basement.

Double Dolls, two heads, one body \$1.00
Rubber Balls 15c to 75c
Magic Lanterns \$1.00 to \$2.25
Postcard Projectors 75c to \$2.00
Typewriters \$1.00 to \$3.00
Spring Engines \$50c to 75c
Steam Engines \$50c to \$3.00
Sailboats \$4.50 to \$1.50
Express Wagons \$75c to \$1.85
Small Tin Wagons \$1.50
Wheelbarrows \$30c to \$2.00
Gliderods \$5.00
Daisy Air Rifles \$65c
Vacuum Pistol Games \$40c
Vacuum Guns \$85c
Tops \$10c to 50c
New Color Tops \$45c to \$1.00
Combination Games, six games in one \$1.00
Building Blocks in carts \$25c to \$1.50
Stone Blocks \$50c to \$6.00
Tool Chests \$75c to \$3.00
Mechanical Toys \$20c to \$2.25
Wooden Toys \$1.50 to \$5.25

Cortese Orchestra Tonight

Main Floor Balcony.
Store Open From 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Saturday Deliveries

9 A.M., 2 AND 6 P.M.
All goods purchased Saturday up to 6 o'clock will be delivered. Help us to avoid mistakes by being careful to see that salespeople write the proper address for parcels to be delivered, and please carry as many of the smaller parcels as convenient.

Gift Suggestions for the Home—Tapestry Curtains \$2 to \$10 Pair.

A splendid variety of colors in beautiful qualities, mostly self-colors, to harmonize with the new tones shown in rugs, carpets and wall papers, such as olive, myrtle and sage green, also brown and rich crimson, and very special values.

AT \$2.00 PAIR—Splendid shades of crimson and olive, fringed at both ends, special at a pair \$2.00

AT \$4.50—Big assortment of self-colors, also combination of red and green, green and brown, also two-tone red and green; pair \$4.50

Handsome Portieres \$7.00 Pair

Finished with a fancy edge to match on side and bottom of portiere. These are in self-colors of crimson, olive, myrtle and sage. Can also be used for high arches, being three yards long. Special at a pair \$7.00
Also see our other lines at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 up to \$10.00 pair.
Draperies—Third Floor.



Christmas Gifts for Men

Some special offerings for men and boys come to the front just in time for last day buyers. We have space only for a mere mention of some, together with many suggestions of useful gifts in our Men's store, and direct your attention particularly to Men's House Coats and Boys' Jersey Sweaters. Individual boxes for almost all men's goods.

Men's House Coats \$3.95

35 Men's House Coats, ranging in price up to \$7.50; odd lines and balance of manufacturer's samples, sizes 35 to 42. Your pick \$3.95
Also a few Men's Bathrobes left at \$4.25
Men's House Coats, extra choice \$6.00 to \$10.00
Men's Dressing Gowns, extra choice \$7.50 to \$15.00
Men's Bath Robes, extra choice \$5.00 to \$7.50
Men's Fancy Vests, extra choice \$2.25 to \$5.00

Saturday Specials in Men's Furs

Men's Persian Lamb Caps \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00
Men's Near Seal Caps \$5.00
Men's Persian Lamb Gauntlets \$10.00 and \$20.00
Men's Astrachan Gauntlets \$7.50 to \$10.00
Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats \$35.00, \$42.00 to \$90.00
Men's Fur Coats \$17.00, \$25.00 to \$75.00

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs

BOXED IN HALF-DOZENS. 75 DOZEN FOR SATURDAY SELLING.

We have stocked these this season to last right up to and after Christmas, and with very few exceptions have a good supply in all letters for Christmas shoppers. One of the most popular gifts for men. Prices \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 for box of half dozen Handkerchiefs, or singly 25c, 35c and 45c each

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In navy, red and black, also two-color combinations for boys from 4 to 15 years, extra fine \$1.00 and \$1.25 Sweaters, each 89c
Boys' Coat Sweaters, all shades \$89c to \$2.50
Men's Coat Sweaters, all shades and combinations \$2.00, \$3.00 to \$5.50

Saturday Sale Boys' Hockey Toques

Red, navy, black, brown, etc., also combination colors, also regular long Toques in same at 25c, 35c and 45c
BOYS' SCOUT GAUNTLETS—Napa, tan, back fleece lined, extra strong double-stitched seams with fringe; pair \$1.00
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